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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CLUB EVENTS

Sunday, October 15, 11 – 4

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 17, 7:45 pm
Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 pm
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SHOWCASE OF DOGS

Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
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Nittany Mall

Comfort Suites
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Mall Showcase of Dogs: Sunday, October 15, 1 to 4 pm. We will once again be providing information to the public on dog ownership. Contact Bonnie K at 814-355-5259 if you would like to help out. We'll be set up in the wing of the mall in front of J.C. Penney (where we were last time). Please enter on the Garfield's side of the mall. You can talk all afternoon about your breed and have fun with your dog. We'll have a ring set up to introduce the breeds, and for a Rally demonstration

Chile Cook-off: The NNKC participated in the first Chili Cook-Off held in State College on October 7th. And not only that, the club took TWO prizes! Information on dogs and the workings of the club were also conveyed to the attendees. Steve Brightbill made his famous Colorado-style Chili. Steve, with the assistance of President, Jim Kustanbauter, planned and organized the Club's participation in the event and did all of the cooking. NNKC got 2nd place from the judges (a trophy) and 3rd place in the people's choice (\$250). We were competing against 5 other non-profit organizations. NNKC was the only group that won on both categories!



Inspired booth decor included a wagon loaned to us by Chuck Young, and a nearly life-size golden retriever toy dog. Additionally, we provided educational materials for visitors. The dog was a huge hit with the children who stopped by to pet him and try on his cowboy hat. Thanks to Vicki Brightbill, Bonnie Kustanbauter, and Renie Adrian for help serving the chili. Renie's sister (who should become an honorary club member for helping out at our events) and daughter, Elizabeth also helped out.

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Brags: Sharon Mayes reports: “My puppies won at the Nita Nee shows WD and WB and BOB (on the bitch for) for their first majors and then the bitch was WB again on Saturday and the other dog was WD for his first major. It was a great weekend.!”

John, Tara & Anna Gerber report “It has been a busy show season for the Gerber dogs. Teddy, below won his second straight Winners Dog in Harrisburg, also winning Winners Dog at the Nita-Nee Kennel Club Show in July. Rocky, our Norwich Terrier began his show career this spring and has won to date, 14 points and three majors in 6 shows.



Teddy, a 14 month old Newfoundland Dog, handled by owner, John Gerber. Harrisburg Kennel Club, August 2006



Rocky, 18 month old Norwich Dog winning his 3rd major this season at the Harrisburg Kennel Club, handled by Margery Good, owner, John, Tara and Anna Gerber.

Robert Horner passes along this information that was recently posted to one of her lists:

Vetiquette By Peggie Arvidson-Dailey

1. You're not the only one with a sick animal who is nervous at the office. Try to take into consideration the fact that every person in the waiting room has a sick animal - or at least one that's not necessarily pleased to be there.
2. Remember people go to the vet for different reasons. Some may be getting over a devastating diagnosis while sitting quietly in the waiting room. Some may have just put their companion to rest after battling an illness. Even if you have the cutest puppy in the world, they may not really be in the mood to be reminded of happier times with their own pet.
3. Not everyone is a "dog person" or a "cat person." Don't assume that folks in the waiting room want to play with your pets or appreciate being slobbered, kissed, or purred on by your pride and joy.
4. Vet Clients are entitled to the same privacy as people-doctor clients. When you head to the doctor and you're getting ready to pay, you don't expect to have other patients leaning over the counter, looking at your receipt or listening to your diagnosis, do you? When you leave the examining room, realize that it will take a bit to process your receipt and if the front desk staff is busy with another client, respect their privacy and let them finish before you elbow your way up to the desk. Remember, financial stuff that isn't yours isn't your business.
5. Don't offer treats to pets that don't belong to you. This is a plain petiquette rule. No matter where you are, please don't feed someone else's dog or cat. Even if it is your pet's favorite homemade liver treat. Remember, one of the reasons that pet may be at the vet's office can be tummy trouble!
6. Keep your cat in the carrier. I thought this was a no-brainer, but I've been assured that there are lots of people who insist that "Pookie" just hates the carrier and is perfectly behaved in all situations. Generally this assurance is coming as the owner is proudly watching Pookie walk across the front desk.
7. You are as important as the next person. Meaning, you and your pets needs are of equal importance as those of every other client at the clinic. Speaking rudely, disregarding rules (like cats in the carriers), and pushing other clients' paperwork out of your way do not make you a more important pet-owner. In fact, it may make some people utter, "there's an attitude only a pet would love!"

The staff at every clinic goes out of their way to treat each and every pet with care, attention and tenderness. Sharing that attitude with your fellow vet clients can go a long way to keeping you out of 'vetiquette' jail!

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