

MPDBA NEWSLETTER

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November 2018

NEXT MEETING

**November 15th - at the Libby Conference Center
Minnesota State Fairgrounds**

November 2018 greetings from your president.

The elections are over and the elections are coming up. Judy Dove is the chair of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to be on the Board or make suggestions, contact Judy.

Plans are in the works for the next Minnesota Purebred Junior support program.

I am preparing a note to Krista with feedback from the Board regarding some assurances we want from the Fair for next year's benching and demos. The content of that email will appear in next month's newsletter.

Barbara Bartholomew is working on our annual meeting.

The Fair will provide us with a new location for our meetings next year.

In the meantime, see you on the 15th of November at the Libby Center, Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

John Armour sundog4@popp.net

2018 Meeting Dates

November 15

December 20

Minutes of MPDBA Board Meeting October 18, 2018

Called to Order

7:00 pm by John Armour at Libby Center, Fairgrounds

Attendance:

Board members present:

John Armour, Barb Bartholomew, Nona Dietrich, Judy Dove, Kris Hassig, Wendy Olson, Carol

Ouhl, Lois Walton,

Board Members Absent:

Bobby Moore-Reibel , Cinda Waller

Members Present :

Barb Armour, Bill Lozito, Adam, Alyssa & Daisy Morris, Diane Prange

Guests:

Celia Vaerst

Reports:

President:

John commented that members asked he be more proactive in curtailing multiple conversations at once so that all of us can hear. He noted he and Cinda have formed a committee to start an initiative to find founding members of the club for interviews on the history of the club.

Judy Dove and John have started a committee to begin strategic planning for the future. Anyone in the membership is welcome to join either of these committees.

Secretary:

Carol moved; Barb B 2nd to accept minutes as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer:

Lois provided the report via email for our review prior to the meeting. State Fair paid us \$500 more than last year for a total of \$8,000. Storage unit was also paid for 6 months. We do have a storage locker on the Fairgrounds. Need to find out how to access it and when. Would like to know before our benches are moved outside of the Pavilion.

Sept beginning balance was \$21,860.12; ending balance \$29,257.15. The 3 largest expenses were \$410 for the Junior Handler Seminar, \$75 for our booth at the Twin Cities Cat Fancier event and \$55 for State Fair supplies.

Junior Handler Program:

Wendy noted the September 29 seminar had 22 attendees of youngsters, junior handlers, and 4-H children and their parents.



We also had a representative from AKC observing how we ran the seminars as they were interested as a model for future similar AKC events.



We received positive feedback; will be holding a full debriefing in the future. They will be asking for feedback from the judges.



Wendy thinks we came in pretty close to \$1000 expenses; the swag bags were roughly \$1 each. A final complete financial report from the Junior Handler Seminar is still waiting for more charges to come in.



The committee is already looking at what they can do for the next one.



There was discussion on the rented location being dirty when our people arrived to set up and the effort they put into cleaning it before they left.

Committees:

Membership:

Barb A



Member Applicants - Shawna & Michael Matheson, Maple Grove (Boston Terrier). Barb A

contacted them to ask if they would like to change their application to single membership so that their approval can proceed. They said they would like to do that and will be refunded the \$5 difference between a joint and individual membership.



John suggested taking our MPDBA business cards to other shows so we can invite more people to join us.

Sunshine Committee -

no report

Events:

Nona and Chris G had a MPDBA table at the Twin Cities Cat Fanciers show on Sept 22 at the Crystal Community Center. They received lots of interest.

Community Outreach:

Judy will place ads in the catalogs for both the Mpls Kennel Club and Land O Lakes upcoming shows. We will not staff a table at these events.

State Fair:

Krista emailed us a chart of comments received from our membership of likes and needs at the new Pavilion and included the State Fair's response to those comments. Overall the response to the new location was good. We had additional comments / concerns about some of the State Fair responses.



We will email John with our additional concerns and he will condense them to be sent to Krista for discussion with Pam, State Fair supervisor.



State Fair needs a list of our requests / needs prior to the time the State Fair has to finalize its budget.



Judy discussed her first draft of an incident report we should have at all of our functions. She noted it includes information from several different reports used by other organizations and that ours is much shorter. Judy was given some comments from Board members. Any Board member should send additional comments to Judy if you have them.



We will ask the State Fair if they still have their own incident report as well as a dog bite procedure that needs to be followed.



Kris H moved and Judy 2nd a motion to give Mike a \$100 gift card to thank him for going above and beyond in helping us with many things at the State Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee:

Judy Dove, Chris Gabel and Rose Hallman have agreed to be on the committee. Anyone else

wishing to join that committee should contact either John or one of the 3 people on the committee.



We can have up to 4 more new people on the Board to bring us up to our allowed 13. We need to make sure any new members for Board are (1) knowledgeable in all things concerning their breed (2) knowledgeable in how MPDBA works, what we can and cannot do and how we interact with the State Fair (our biggest event) and (3)willing to commit to the time and effort needed by Board members.



We need to determine who on the board has 1 yr left in their term and who has their term

expiring at the end of 2018.

Annual Meeting:

Date is confirmed - Feb 10 at Helping Paws in Hopkins. Dr Margaret Duxbury, DVM, DACVB will speak on Animal Behavior Issues. She will need a projector for a power point presentation. Diane and Bill will loan us theirs.



Barb B has contacted several vendors for interest in having a table at our meeting.



Kris H graciously agreed to again prepare the food.



Diane and Bill will work on advertising the meeting



Wendy will coordinate door prizes



Barb A will again staff the welcome/sign in desk.

New Business:

Discussion of where and when we will hold our meetings for 2019. Suggestion to change the date of our June meeting now to avoid our usual last minute discussion to avoid conflicts with the Cambridge shows.

Adjourn:

Barb B moved; Nona 2nd to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

A short closed Board meeting was held following the general meeting. This is documented separately.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates interested in serving on the MPDBA Board of Directors. Terms are for two years. The Board meets monthly on, typically, the third Thursday of the month at the Libby Conference Center on the State Fair Grounds convening at 7:00 PM and ending by 9 PM.

We are looking for people who are: Very knowledgeable about their breed; know how MPDBA works, what we can and cannot do and how we interact with our largest event, the State Fair; and, will to commit the time to serve on the Board and participate in the activities MPDBA is involved in. (See minutes of October meeting. Thank you, Carol!).

It would be wonderful if people who participate in dog sports would like to join the Board! You do not have to breed dogs to be on the Board, but you must be very knowledgeable about your breed. With the range of activities we can participate in with our dogs, it will contribute to our growth as a club to have dog sports represented on the Board.

A short questionnaire will be emailed for completion by those interested in serving to let our members know something about the candidates and the current Board members. The responses must be received by November 28 to be emailed to the membership.

As per our Constitution, no nominations can be accepted at the Annual Meeting nor can the President appoint people to fill vacant terms.

As a board-run club, we do not have membership meetings other than the pre-fair barbeque and the annual meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend Board meetings, but the purpose of the monthly meeting is to conduct the business of the club.

Please contact me at judy.dove2@outlook.com or Chris Gabel at sheltievetmn@gmail.com for more information about serving on the Board and to indicate your interest in becoming a candidate for the Board.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!
Judy Dove

DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"
look away/head turn



STRESSED
yawn



STRESSED
nose lick



"PEACE!"
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE"
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED
scratching



STRESS RELEASE
shake off



RELAXED
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"
play bow



"READY!"
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIIOUS
head tilt



HAPPY
(or hot)



OVERJOYED
wiggly



"MMMM...."



"I LOVE YOU,
DON'T STOP"



Important: Below contains information about **2 recall events**.

Nutrisca of Saint Louis, Missouri, is recalling one-formula of Nutrisca dry dog food due to **elevated levels of vitamin D**.

To learn which products are affected, please visit the following link:

[Nutrisca Dog Food Recall | November 2018](#)

In addition, Natural Life Pet Products of Saint Louis, MO, is recalling Natural Life Chicken and Potato Dog Food due to elevated levels of vitamin D.

For details, please visit the following link:

[Natural Life Pet Products Dog Food Recall](#)

How to have a FIDO-FRIENDLY THANKSGIVING



— Share (in moderation) —



White Meat Turkey
(in treat-sized portions)

Cranberries
(no sugar added)



Plain Pumpkin



*Plain Yams &
Sweet Potatoes*

Mashed Potatoes
(without the butter & fixin's)



*Carrots &
Green Beans*

— Do Not Share — (toxic to pets)

Sage & Nutmeg



Turkey Bones & Skin

Nuts
(especially Macadamia)



Grapes



Onions

Gravy





The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations

- Oh, Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.
- Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- Tinsel-less Town: Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

- **That Holiday Glow:** Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!
- **Wired Up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

- **Skip the Sweets:** By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.
- **Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.
- **Careful with Cocktails:** If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- **Selecting Special Treats:** Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.





Remember getting your photo taken with Santa at the mall when you were a kid?

Whether you went willingly or had to be dragged by your hair like yours truly, photos with Santa are a time-honored Christmas tradition... for human children.

@ PETSMART

But if your only babies are furbabies, you can still participate in this slightly awkward Yuletide ritual. And it won't cost you a thing.

[Santa Claus is coming to PetSmart](#), and he'll pose with your pet for a free photo.

Head to PetSmart for a Photo With Santa Claus

If you want a Christmas keepsake photo of Fido or Sassy on Santa's lap, it's easy to participate. **All you have to do is head to a participating PetSmart on Dec. 9-10 or Dec. 16-17 between noon and 4 p.m. local time.**

Santa will gamely smile while holding your furry companion, but we're still no sure whether he's granting any wishes. He'd have to speak pet, after all.

@ PETCO

Saturday, December 8th and 15th, the Petco Foundation and local animal welfare organizations are inviting you to make a memory and get a picture of you and/or your pet with Santa for a donation of \$9.95! 100% of the proceeds benefit lifesaving animal welfare organizations in your local community through the Petco Foundation. This is the perfect opportunity to include your dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in the family Christmas card! Check with your local store for additional dates.

Upcoming Shows

Onofrio – St Paul, MN dates January 4th-6th closes December 19th

Roy Jones – St Cloud, MN dates December 15th and 16th closes November 28th

Oshkosh, WI dates January 12th & 13th closes December 26th

Foy Trent – nothing closing before 12/31/18

The above shows are mostly conformation. Some offer obedience & rally. Below are websites to find all types of events

www.infodog.com – you can search shows by state

www.onofrio.com

www.royjonesdogshows.com

www.foytrentdogshows.com

Wanted – For Future Issues

I would like to feature profiles of members in each newsletter that I write. To be included, please email me at 1109NITRO@comcast.net. I am hoping to receive enough to feature a couple in each newsletter. I will also be adding a Brags, Litter Announcement and Memorial section. If you have something for me to add please email me.

Deadline will be the last day of each month.