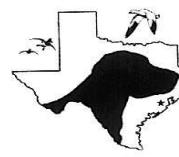


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NEXT MEETING * AUGUST 10, 2011 * BASS PRO SHOP * PEARLAND, TEXAS

Minutes

CRRC's *June* meeting was held Wednesday, June 8, 2011. Kyle Grant, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Kyle Grant, Steve & Maria Jefferies, Sloan Landry, Randy & Peggy Crable, Ken Burge, Don Straitwell, and Jerry King.

Officers Report:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Historian:

Old Business:

Kyle Grant reported that the 25th Anniversary Fall Hunt went well. We ran 203 dogs for the weekend. The Raffle brought in \$780 and the Winger brought in \$420. We then paid \$382.50 for UKC fees and \$839.50 for HRC fees. The Judges dinner turned out great, we spent \$231 at Smithhearts in Angleton. Thank you to Randy Crable for taking on the duties of Hunt Chairman and to Maria Jefferies for Hunt Secretary. Thank you to Peggy Crable for cooking the lunches for the Judges and Bird boys. Thank you to Steve and Maria for the use of the barn for the tailgate party. Thank you to Ken Burge, Roy & Beverly Barnes for the preparation of the tailgate dinner. Thank you to Steve Jefferies for Bird Stewart duties, to Ralph Linkenhoker for getting the boy scouts for bird boys, to Brandy Grant for the bird boy snacks, to Kyle Grant, the equipment manager, to Niki Brennon for heading up the raffle and to all who donated raffle items, to all of the site marshals...Rodney Copeland, Jerry King, Leo Conejo, Leslie Gourley and Glynn Parent. We cannot thank our Judges enough for giving up their weekend to judge our 25th Anniversary Hunt...Rob Somers, Mike Akeroyd, Barbara & Lee Seymore, Ralph Linkenhoker, Jimmy Nealy, Robert Hines, David Brannon, Randy Crable, Mike & Lisa Nutter and Clint Zentic. Randy Crable thanked everyone that helped with the hunt test and said that it would not be possible without all the members that donate their time to make it flow as it did. All equipment was in good shape, but the club may consider a

purchase of new radios. We will definitely need poppers and ribbons before the next hunt test. We may also consider looking for a cheaper motel to serve as our hunt headquarters.

New Business:

Steve Jefferies reported that Mr. Roberds is asking \$13.00 per duck and will need \$4.00 per duck deposit by October, for the February Hunt Test. We can choose to buy ducks from Roberds or look elsewhere for them. We can get them from Kansas for \$10.00 a duck, but will pay \$500 for delivery and must sign a 2 year contract with them. After some discussion, it was decided and voted to purchase the ducks from Roberds. It was also discussed not to order as many ducks as usual; we will purchase 130 birds for a total of \$1690, for the February Hunt. Brandy will get a check to Steve to send to Mr. Roberds for the deposit on the ducks.

Ken Burge made a suggestion that we create a place where people can take picture with their ribbons and or dogs. He suggested that we use a CRRC banner and maybe put some hay around. Another idea was brought up to use our club trailer as a back drop for the picture taking.

Kyle reported that Southern Flight HRC is hosting a Tower of Hope Charity Event. The Tower of Hope is a non-profit organization that provides service dogs to wounded veterans and people in need. CRRC made a donation of \$100 for this event.

A motion was made by Steve Jefferies and a second by Peggy Crable to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.



Quote: “Dogs love company. They place it first in their short list of needs.”
J. R. Ackerley



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Dog Topics

Handling Heatstroke

Overheating, or heatstroke, is a serious condition in dogs that can rapidly lead to coma or death. The temperature doesn't have to be very high for your pet to suffer heatstroke. Heatstroke is possible whenever the outside temperature is warmer than your pet's internal temperature. Working sled dogs in Alaska begin to suffer from the heat at 20 degrees because of their level of physical activity. Breeds with flat faces can suffer heatstroke even on mild days. Puppies also are more susceptible to heatstroke.

Recognizing signs of heatstroke

Dogs suffering from heatstroke may display these symptoms:

- ✓ Rapid panting
- ✓ Excessive salivating
- ✓ Glazed eyes
- ✓ Staggering gait or trembling muscles
- ✓ Lethargy or listlessness
- ✓ A rapid and weak pulse, and difficulty breathing
- ✓ A high temperature (above 104.5 degrees)
- ✓ Watery or possible diarrhea
- ✓ Vomiting
- ✓ Seizures
- ✓ Pale Gums

If not remedied, heatstroke can result in coma and death.

Treating heatstroke

If you suspect your pet is suffering from heatstroke, you must act quickly.

Remove collars or anything else that can restrict your pet's breathing.

If your dog has no pulse and/or isn't breathing, perform CPR or mouth to nose resuscitation and take him immediately to your vet or an emergency care clinic.

If your pet is conscious, move him into a shady area that has good airflow and start giving him fluids. Encourage him to drink cool water or unflavored pediatric electrolyte beverages, such as Pedialyte, but don't force it. You can add broth to make the liquids more appealing if you have to.

Cool your pet in tepid or cool water and apply cold compresses to his head. Soak towels or blankets in tepid water and drape them around him. You can submerge your pet in water if your dog is conscious, you can easily lift him into and out of the water and if you can supervise him the entire time he's submerged. Another alternative is to soak your pet's fur with rubbing alcohol to help lower the body temperature and dilate the capillary vessels to help cool the body.

Keep him wet until his temperature reaches 103 degrees. Take his temperature to monitor his body's cooling. When his temperature reaches 103 degrees, remove the wet towels and dry him off. Encourage but do not force him to drink water.

If you don't stop cooling your pet once the body temperature has returned to normal, you run the risk of causing hypothermia.

Preventing heatstroke

Even on a mild day, the temperature in a car in the sun can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. Every year, thousands of pets die of heatstroke after being left in cars for "just a minute." When talking about heatstroke, most people know they should never leave their pets in a parked car in the sun, even with the windows down. However, dogs also can suffer heatstroke in other ways: too much exercise in warm weather, not enough available water, confinement in small spaces where no cool air flows and so on.

You can prevent your dog from getting heatstroke simply by following a few guidelines:

- ✓ Never leave your pet in the car in the summer, even with the windows down.
- ✓ If he's outside when the temperatures soar, keep him in cool and shady places or make sure he has access to shady places.
- ✓ If he's crated and you live in a house that isn't air conditioned, turn a cooling fan toward him. Don't leave your pet in an enclosed sunroom.
- ✓ If you take your dog hunting, limit his activity during unseasonably warm conditions and give him frequent breaks and water.
- ✓ Always make sure to have fresh water available.
- ✓ When you bathe your pet, keep the bath water temperature tepid or slightly on the cool side.



June Birthdays

Texas Southern Starr

“Starr” 6-4-05

Owned by Ron Friudenberg

Jefferies Riptide Cash Force

“Tater” 6-8-02

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Charles Getin’ Bizzy Angel

“Izzy” 6-24-09

Owned by Rob Somers

Story’s Maggie Girl

“Maggie” 6-19-04

Owned by Deborah Story

Castlewood’s I Like Ike

“Ike” 6-4-05

Owned by Jim & Gerda Witt



Did you Know?

In most cases, a dog suffering from heatstroke is also suffering from dehydration.



Messages from the Secretary

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address...if you have a "new" canine family member, please let me know. I am going to recognize our four legged friend's birthdays, but cannot do so unless I have your info. My email address is mljefferies@hotmail.com .

LET US KNOW!!

Passes Earned Titles Earned Judging Assignments

Remember, we cannot acknowledge your accomplishments, if you don't let us know. We need this information for the newsletter and for the awards dinner at the end of the year.

Email us at:

Maria Jefferies mljefferies@hotmail.com Brandy Grant brandyb27@yahoo.com

It's About That Time!

Please start thinking about the Titles you earned for 2011.

We will need this information for the awards dinner at the end of the year.

More information coming soon.



It's a FACT

Dangers lurk indoors and out.

Keep your curious Labrador Retriever from investigating your shed and garage. Antifreeze and fertilizers, such as those you would use for roses, will kill a Lab. Keep these items on high shelves that are out of reach for your low-sniffing retriever.

Reminders

July Meeting

*The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday,
July 13, 2011
Bass Pro Shop in Pearland.
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.*



Stay Cool !