



Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue

Finding new hope and new homes for homeless collies.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN . . .

Despite the slow start of spring this year, nonetheless it's already flea/tick/mosquito season, and time to protect our pets against these critters that can quickly bring health hazards. Many Web sites offer advice and information about handling the onslaught of spring and summertime pests. PetCareRx (<http://www.petcarerx.com/>) and many other sites are rife with information related to prevention and avoiding health issues.

Fleas can begin to appear as soon as the average temperature exceeds 40 degrees. The length of flea season depends on temperature, and in areas where the temperature reaches at least 40 degrees year round, fleas are year round, too. September is often the worst month for flea infestations. Flea bites are more than an annoyance; one female flea can bite a dog as many as 400 times a day, produce several generations of offspring, and cause a dog to develop flea allergy dermatitis, which can lead to infection, anemia, hair loss, and other skin conditions. If a dog swallows an infected flea while biting and licking to rid itself of fleas, the dog could develop tapeworms.

While flea prevention products have improved significantly in recent years, it's still necessary to be careful about their use, especially with older dogs, those with illnesses, or ones that have shown sensitivity to pesticides in the past. The Environmental Protection Agency site gives this advice to pet owners:

- Monitor your pet for side effects or signs of sensitivity after applying the product, particularly when using the product on your pet for the first time. Do not apply spot-ons to pets known to be sensitive to pesticide products.
- If your pet experiences an adverse reaction, immediately bathe the pet with mild soap and rinse with large amounts of water.
- Keep the package with the product container (such as individual applicator tubes) after treatment in case adverse effects occur. Have the instructions at hand, as well as contact information for the manufacturer.

A PetCareRx article by James Donatelli describes fleas' astonishing jumping ability, which enables them to get onto a dog. Fleas are wingless and do not fly, but they can jump about two feet high, making it easy for them to transfer from grass or soil onto a dog's body. Fleas' six legs are especially adapted to make them efficient jumpers.



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Ticks present additional serious issues for pet health, including Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and Ehrlichia. There are two families of ticks—hard ticks and soft ticks--and at least 800 species. Ticks belong to the same insect class as mites, spiders, and scorpions. Ticks have eight legs and use teeth to cut blood vessels, after which they secrete anticoagulants to keep blood flowing, and they also secrete a cement-like substance that enables them to stick tenaciously to the creature they've bitten. Lots of disgusting information about exactly how ticks bite can be found on the PetCareRx Web site, too. Another article advises on ways to dispose of a tick—not in the garbage, since ticks are efficient crawlers and can escape. Flushing them down the toilet is effective, provided the tick doesn't stick to the side of the bowl and avoid going down the drain.

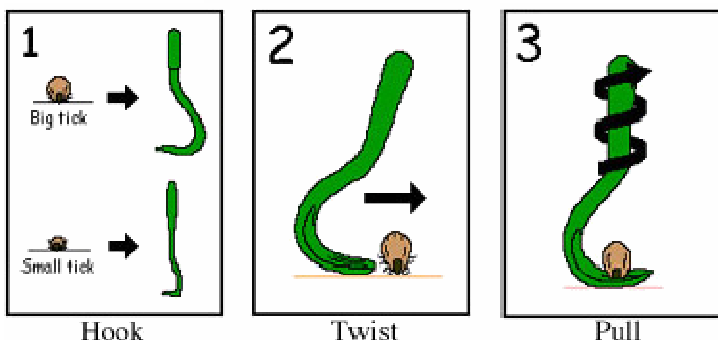
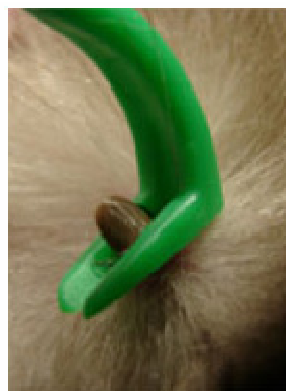
The best way to remove a tick is described in an article by Madeleine Burry, who advises these steps:

- Use a cotton ball or tissue to place rubbing alcohol around the tick bite area.
- Put on gloves, and use either a tick removal device or tweezers to grasp the tick firmly by its head. Aim to get as close as possible to your pet's skin, without pinching the skin itself.
- Pull the tick away from the skin in a slow, upward movement. Avoid crushing the tick's body, since that can lead to bacteria getting inside the puncture wound.
- If you were unable to remove the entire tick apply a warm compress to get the mouth out. Do not use tweezers to dig it out; just leave it in place if the compress does not draw it out.
- Apply rubbing alcohol over the area again.

One of our members, Debbie Franks, recommends the Tick Twister (pictured below): Hook-Twist-Pull. Gets the **WHOLE** tick every time, and Debbie swears by it. The cost is about \$4.50.

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Revamped Web Site

Beginning June 1, MWCR's Web site will have a new look, since long-time Web master Deb Smith found the time demands to be too great. Tom and Bonnie Ansley and others are assisting in development of the revamped look. The site will be a work in progress for a while, so we ask for everyone's patience.

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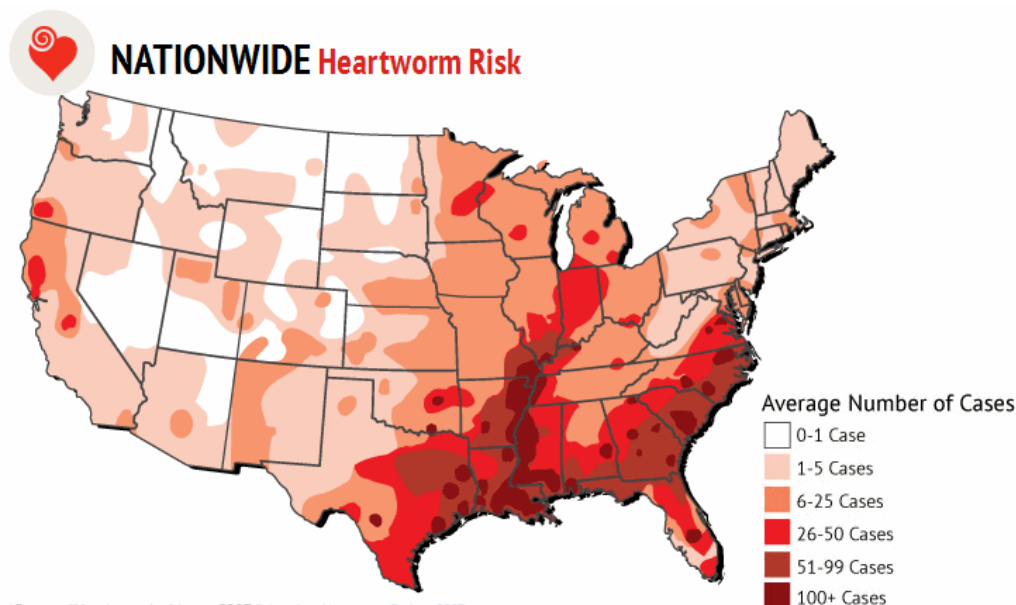
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The third of the dangerous trio of creatures that affect our dogs' health is not another insect, but rather worms spread by that most pestiferous of insects, the mosquito. The only way for a dog to contract heartworms is via a mosquito bite; there are no other means of transmission, for example, from one dog to another. All it takes is one bite by an infected mosquito. The presence of heartworms in a dog is insidious; eventually most infested dogs will die if the dog is not treated.

Heartworms have spread to additional territory in the U. S., with heartworms found in all 50 states. At one time places like Arizona or various desert areas were thought to be free of heartworms, but that is no longer true. A WebMD article about heartworms states bluntly that "if you have mosquitoes and you have animals, you're going to have heartworms. It's just that simple."

After a dog has been bitten by an infected mosquito, it takes about seven months for larvae to develop into adult heartworms that lodge in the dog's heart. Female heartworms can grow to about 12 inches long, while male worms are usually shorter, around four inches. Heartworms can live for five to seven years, according to the article in WebMD, and as many as 250 worms can live in a dog's heart. At first there are no apparent symptoms of heartworms, but eventually the worms cause serious damage to a dog's heart, resulting in coughing, shortness of breath, becoming winded easily, retaining fluids, and even passing out from loss of blood to the brain.

Although it is possible to treat heartworms with the usual monthly protection such as Heartgard or Interceptor (no longer available in the U.S.) that method is not recommended because it takes as long as two years to rid an infected dog of heartworms, during which time a lot of damage is done to the dog's heart and blood vessels. The best thing to do for our dogs is, of course, to give them a monthly heartworm preventative, preferably year-round.



*Source: "Heartworm Incidence 2007," American Heartworm Society, 2007

Pet Poisons From A to Z

By Dr. Mary Fuller, <http://www.vetstreet.com/>

It can happen to even the best pet owners. You turn around for one second and the dog is into the chocolate that was sitting on the counter, or the cat has discovered the Easter lily you thought was safely out of the way.

"We just don't realize how determined our pets are to eat the things they shouldn't," says Dr. Tina Wismer, DVM, medical director for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (<http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/poison-control/>).

Of the more than 180,000 cases that the organization handled in 2012, most of them involved pets who'd ingested human prescriptions. "Many children with ADHD don't want to take their medications, so they leave pills on their plates, where pets can get at them," Dr. Wismer says. "Even nonprescription medications, such as ibuprofen, can be a problem because many brands have a sweet coating, so it's like candy for dogs."

As part of National Poison Prevention Week (March 17-23), Vetstreet has compiled an A to Z list of some common pet poisons that should be on your radar. This list is not all-inclusive, so for more information on these and many other toxins, check out the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center website and talk with your vet.

MILD TO MODERATE TOXICITY

- **Detergents** and **fabric softener sheets** can cause ulcers in the mouth, esophagus and stomach in dogs and cats.
- **Fertilizers** can contain poisonous amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, iron, zinc, herbicides and pesticides. Keep dogs and cats away from treated lawns until they are dry. Check the product packaging, though, since some products must be rinsed into the lawn before it is safe to walk on.
- **Onions, garlic, leeks** and **chives** can be toxic in dogs and cats. When chewed or swallowed, these ingredients can cause anemia and gastrointestinal upset.
- **Queensland nuts** (right), also known as **macadamia nuts**, can cause lethargy, vomiting and difficulty walking in dogs.
- **Windshield wiper fluid** (left) can contain methanol or ethylene glycol. Ingestion of methanol can cause low blood sugar and drunken walking in dogs and cats.



MILD TO SEVERE TOXICITY

- **Insecticides** in flea and tick products can cause problems if not used according to labels. Insecticides that are meant for dogs can cause severe toxicity in cats, leading to signs such as vomiting, seizures and difficulty breathing. Products intended for treating the yard or house should not be used on pets.
- **Rodenticides**, such as mouse and rat poisons, can contain a number of different toxins, which have different effects on dogs and cats. Several common ingredients, like warfarin and coumarin, can cause blood clotting problems and hemorrhaging.
- **Unbaked bread dough** can expand in the stomach. If the stomach twists, cutting off the blood supply, emergency surgery is needed. The yeast in the dough can also produce alcohol, leading to seizures and respiratory failure.
- **Xylitol** is a sugar-free sweetener commonly found in chewing gum, breath mints and toothpaste. In dogs, it can lead to dangerous drops in blood sugar and liver failure.



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Pet Poisons From A to Z . . . (Cont'd from page 4)

MODERATE TOXICITY

- **Jimson weed**, also known as **devil's trumpet** (right), can cause restlessness, drunken walking and respiratory failure in dogs and cats.



MODERATE TO SEVERE TOXICITY

- **Acetaminophen**, which is found in **Tylenol** and other medications, can cause liver damage in dogs. Cats are even more sensitive: Ingestion of a single 325 mg tablet by a 10-pound cat can cause anemia and even be fatal.
- **Batteries** can be toxic to both dogs and cats, leading to ulcers in the mouth, esophagus and stomach.
- **Chocolate** can cause seizures and death in dogs and cats. Darker chocolate, such as unsweetened baker's chocolate, is more toxic than milk or white chocolate. Even cocoa bean mulch, when eaten in large quantities, can be a problem.
- **Grapes, raisins and currants** - even **grape juice** - in small amounts can cause kidney failure in dogs.
- **Lilies** - **Easter, day, tiger, Japanese** and **Asiatic** varieties - can cause kidney failure in cats. **Lilies of the valley** can cause heart rhythm problems and death in dogs and cats.
- **Tobacco** can be toxic to both dogs and cats. Ingestion of nicotine in the tobacco plant or in cigarettes or patches can lead to vomiting, tremors, collapse and death.
- **Veterinary prescriptions**, such as arthritis medications, are often meat-flavored, which can be enticing to dogs. Ingestion of large quantities can result in stomach ulcers, liver failure or kidney failure.
- **Zinc** toxicity can happen when dogs and cats eat metal or coins. Ingestion of even a single zinc penny can be fatal. Zinc can cause anemia, as well as liver, kidney or heart failure.



MODERATE TO SEVERE TOXICITY (Potentially Life Threatening)

- **Kerosene, gasoline and tiki torch fluids** can cause drooling, drunken walking and difficulty breathing in dogs and cats. If these products contain antifreeze, they are even more problematic.
- **Mothballs**, especially if they contain **naphthalene**, can be toxic to dogs and cats, resulting in vomiting, diarrhea, increased drinking and urination, and seizures.
- **Nonprescription medications**, such as **ibuprofen**, can lead to severe ulcers and anemia, as well as liver and kidney failure in pets.



SEVERE TOXICITY

- **Sago palms** (right) are one of a number of toxic plants for dogs and cats. Ingestion can lead to vomiting, diarrhea and seizures, as well as liver failure in dogs.



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SEVERE TO FATAL TOXICITY

- **Ethylene glycol** is found in **antifreeze**, windshield de-icing agents and motor oils. Dogs and cats are attracted to its sweet taste, but as little as a teaspoon in cats or a tablespoon in dogs can cause kidney failure. Recently, antifreeze and engine coolant manufacturers have agreed to voluntarily add bittering agents to reduce the products' appeal to pets and children.



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TOXICITY VARIES

- **Household cleaners**, such as **bleach**, **drain cleaners**, **ammonia** and **toilet bowl cleaners**, can cause gastrointestinal ulcers and other problems in dogs and cats.
- **Prescription medications**, such as **antidepressants** and **ADHD** and **cardiac drugs**, are commonly ingested by pets when pills are dropped on the floor or left on counters. Even a small dose can cause problems.
- **Yard products**, including **snail** and **slug bait**, **herbicides** and **fertilizers**, are never good for pets. Signs will vary by the ingredient.

Collie-Amities: [events that bring terrible loss or great misfortune as a consequence of the actions of Collies; see *calamities*]



I am a Daddy's girl! I willingly go into my crate, but at various times during the night I feel the need to howl, wail, sing, ululate, yodel, keen, and carry on until Mom or Dad comes to let me out. If they'd only let me sleep in their bedroom with the other dogs, maybe I wouldn't feel the need to communicate like this. Just sayin'. . . But you know the saying, "Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets. . ." Fortunately, I have Dad wrapped around my little paw, so I can do no wrong in his eyes! A-roooooooooooooooooooooo!

-- Lola, Daddy's favorite Strawberry Blonde (don't tell Cody!)



I have a little problem since I have reached my Golden Years, and occasionally I leave telltale "evidence" of it on Mom's best living room rug. I don't use the cheap, consign-them-to-the-trash-heap, ratty rugs in the kitchen – that would not be befitting a Queen, you know! Only the best for the Queen Bee! And under the table affords me some queenly privacy, you know!

Well, the other night Mom wasn't watching where she was vacuuming, and uh, well, um, she ran through one of my piles! Suffice it to say, Mom now needs a new vacuum! Ooops, my bad!

-- Allie Mae, AKA the Queen Bee
I guess we can call this a Mommy-Amity caused by a Collie-Amity!



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Pause 4 Paws Beer & Wine Tasting Event . . .

By Terry Libro

MWCR has been affiliated with Pause 4 Paws for several years, and we participated in their first Wine and Beer Tasting fundraiser at the Nicollet Island Pavilion in Minneapolis on May 2. The elegant event included a string quartet providing music during the tasting followed by an entertainment program. Once again, MWCR's Milo was featured during the presentation on animals who have been helped by the affiliated rescues. Thank you to MWCR's Mary Ann Statz (pictured in front of our booth below) for helping both the Pause 4 Paws organizers and for helping at MWCR's table.



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Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games . . .

By Terry Libro

Despite a cool, drizzly start, the 2013 Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games turned out to be another fun event for MWCR and its Collies. Willie and Allie Mae Riegger, Maui and Lilo Olund, Laddie Luke and Emily Esther Rose Gibson, Molly and Folie Libro, and Cindy Statz charmed all who stopped at MWCR's booth. Our dogs visited with sheriff's deputies, Scottish clan members, children, adults, and other dogs.

In addition, our dogs visited the Highland Cattle on display, visited other booths, watched the herding demonstration, watched the Scottish dancers, enjoyed the music of the bagpipe bands, and enjoyed the yummy Scottish food on sale at the Fair, especially the Scottish meat pie that Cat Olund shared with them.

Thank you to Linda Riegger, Cat Olund, Barb and Dave Gibson, and Mary Ann Statz for sharing their delightful furry family members with the crowd and staffing MWCR's booth.



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Folie Libro & Fan



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Willie Riegger & Fan



Cat Olund & Terry Libro



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Terry Libro with Emily Gibson



Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games . . . (Cont'd from page 10)



Cat Olund & Friends



Lilo & Maui Olund



Dave Gibson with Laddie



Molly & Folie Libro



Barb Gibson, Laddie, Emily



Molly Libro (above) Folie Libro (right)



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**Maui & Lilo
Olund**



**Laddie & Emily
Gibson**



Cindy Statz & Molly Libro

Paws on Parade . . .

By Terry Libro

MWCR member Robin Kashuba secured a place for MWCR at the annual Paws on Parade event sponsored by the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Hutchinson natives Robin with Harley and Brenda Pulkrabek with Eddie staffed the booth along with Arnie Hilk with Tristan and Daphne and Terry Libro with Molly. Eddie, formerly known as Edoha, made his debut as an MWCR ambassador and did a beautiful job representing MWCR. Great job, Eddie! Crowds were drawn to the sight of three gorgeous white Collies along with stunning tri Tristan and adorable sable Daphne.

During the event, Robin served as the "caller" for her Therapy Dogs International group's demonstration of square dancing with dogs. Very impressive! The McLeod County Mounted Posse was on hand to assist with the Parade and visit with attendees. Our Collies were very respectful of the big horses! The event included several demonstrations, dog games, a humorous clown, and a large silent auction to benefit the Animal Shelter. Everyone had a fun time.

Thank you to Robin Kashuba and Harley, Brenda Pulkrabek and Eddie, and Arnie Hilk with Tristan and Daphne for staffing the booth and making the event so successful!

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**Harley
Kashuba**



Eddie



Molly



**Beans the Clown
with Eddie**

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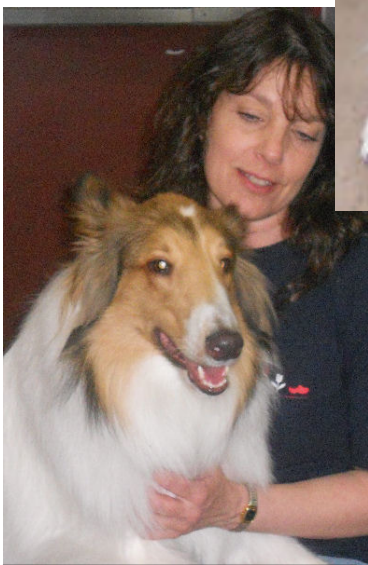
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Molly Libro



Molly Libro & Beans the Clown



Brenda Pulkrabek with Eddie



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TC Volunteers Help Celebrate Earth Week

By Linda Riegger and KJ Early

Our society is becoming increasingly aware of the plight of Minnesota and Wisconsin's indigenous peoples, and a lot of folks are trying to help dogs in need on area Indian reservations. In that spirit, MWCR helped my big Collie guy Willie, who lived the first two years of his life on the Nett Lake Indian Reservation. His family had named him Mr. Wilson. The Indian children in his family loved him very much, but due to a family crisis, Willie had to leave his first home and young friends, becoming an MWCR Collie in 2006. Poverty, unemployment and related social problems are part of everyday life on the reservation lands that Indians were allocated by the government after the U. S. – Dakota War of 1862. Attempts by Indians to retain their homeland and culture clashed with newly arriving settlers' desire to homestead and farm in the area. The U. S. Government broke treaty after treaty with the Indians in its quest to acquire land and resources for settlers and development, and it tried to either assimilate and/or eliminate the original inhabitants, with the end result being today's reservation Indians having the poorest living conditions in America. Willie saw past the poverty he endured and into the hearts of the people he called family. It wasn't their fault.

My interest in the Indian culture began at an early age. One summer day in the 1960's, while driving around Como Lake in St. Paul on a family outing, my mother commented from the front seat, "Oh, there's a car full of Indians." I bolted upright. "Indians? There's really such a thing as Indians?" Sure, I'd watched The Lone Ranger. I knew about Indians. But I thought they were an extinct species. The nuns didn't talk about them in school, so they must not exist anymore, right? From the moment I realized that Indians were indeed still living, breathing human beings, I became fascinated with them. My parents indulged my obsession by bringing me to powwows, and neighbors long remembered me stomping down the sidewalk to jingle the bells attached to ankle bracelets my folks had purchased for me from a powwow vendor. The wool on the ankle bracelets eventually got infested with fleas that my kitty had picked up, and my mother, to my great horror, 'ditched' them. Life went on, but my interest in Native American culture did not diminish.

Many of us remember the tumultuous years of Civil Rights demonstrations and riots, the Vietnam War protests, and the formation of activist groups such as the American Indian Movement (AIM), co-founded by Clyde Bellecourt. Since 1973, AIM has been fighting for protection of the rights of Native Americans. At age 76, Mr. Bellecourt remains vitally active in pursuing the goals of AIM. When, during a college course I was taking at North Hennepin Community College, I was offered the opportunity to work with this historical figure on a Tipi Raising event for this year's Earth Week celebration, I grabbed it. Being able to meet and develop a friendship with this warm, caring man was a huge honor for me. He loves to teach others about his culture, and I asked MWCR volunteer Chris Norman if her son KJ would be able to join me in working with and learning from him. KJ helped raise the tipi during the beginning of a spring snowstorm, and joined Mr. Bellecourt and several family members for breakfast a few days later. I'll let KJ fill you in on his experience.



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I didn't really think about what it actually was. I knew I wanted to go. Linda Riegger invited me to come to a tipi raising at North Hennepin. Clyde Bellecourt (pronounced bell-court) would be officiating.

The day started out rather nice weather-wise. Chilly, but okay. The tipi raising was supposed to be in the morning as an event to kick off Earth Week. Mr. Bellecourt was delayed with family obligations, a funeral of his nephew. By the time the actual time was set, the weather had taken a turn for the worse, in typical Spring-that-never-was 2013. Snow and ice!

The SUV pulled up with poles on the top overhanging both ends of the truck. With Mr. Bellecourt supervising, his son and daughter-in-law, my mom and I and Linda got the poles onto the ground. Three were tied together toward the top and stood up in a tripod. We then each took a pole, lifted it skyward, placing it under the previous pole while Mr. Bellecourt wrapped a rope around the poles. Around once, add a pole, around again, add a pole, and so forth. Then the cover goes over the poles. This one was hand-painted and dated by a friend of Clyde's.

Linda Riegger & Chris Norman



Linda Riegger, KJ Early, Chris Norman



KJ Early & Chris Norman



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The door faces east. “We believe our lives follow the sun,” said Mr. Bellecourt. “We are born in the east and we die in the west. When we are buried, our feet point west so we can follow those who have gone before us.” He also quipped that the morning sun’s warmth helps wake us up! I love listening to people’s stories, especially old people who can give me first-hand information about history.

The following morning I had the privilege of having breakfast with everybody again. I couldn’t help take the tipi down as I had to get to school, but during breakfast, Clyde shared numerous stories about his history with the American Indian Movement (AIM), which he co-founded in 1968. It was spellbinding listening to him talk about being in Wisconsin at a fishing protest. He and his team were in the woods off the lake drumming for three days.



He was born Clyde Howard Bellecourt in northern Minnesota on the White Earth Indian Reservation, the largest and poorest of northern Minnesota’s Ojibwe bands. He is the 7th of 12 children. His Indian name is **Nee-gon-we-way-we-dun** which means Thunder Before the Storm--a great name for someone who figuratively provides some thunder before a storm.

When I Google him, all kinds of stories pop up of his arrests for protesting. He is a man of honor and is willing to stand up for what he believes in. He co-founded AIM with Dennis Banks, Herb Powless, and Eddie Banai in Minneapolis and was named the first chairman. He is probably most famous for AIM’s occupation of the town of Wounded Knee in South Dakota for 71 days. AIM was invited to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by its local civil rights leaders to help in getting better treatment from the police in the border towns. Protesting the poor living conditions on the reservation led to the occupation of the town. As the town was surrounded by FBI and U.S. Marshalls, Mr. Bellecourt became a negotiator, ending with a meeting with a Presidential representative. They negotiated an audit of tribal finances and an investigation of abuse.

Upon leaving the reservation, the group was arrested in Pierre, S.D., had a bail set at \$25,000 and were served restraining orders forbidding any of them to come within five miles of Wounded Knee.



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Linda, KJ and Clyde



Linda, Clyde, Terry





What Our Stars Are Doing Now...
Duke: of Collie Isle Winery Fame
 By Duke Soressi

Well, I have to say that I've still got it!

Yep, that's right--after 13 years my eyes may not see that great nor my ears hear that great, but I can still help herd baby chicks. I know, they're not full grown and speedy and all, but neither and am I, so we work well with one another.

The story goes like this ... Our 8-10 week old chicks escaped their safe habitat in the barn and were in the barn-yard, scared as can be with all my 7 brothers and sisters running about. My other Mom called them inside, but my Mom called me to help gather the chicks back in the barn.

My Mom said I did really good because of my slow my reaction time--and she told me I was such a good boy that I didn't nip at them, either!! I guess my days of killing them are over--bummer!--that was good fun.

As you see me here, I'm napping with my favorite stuffed animal after a grueling afternoon of herding the chicks. That kind of concentration can tire out an old guy. I hope you all are enjoying my Merlot!

Sincerely,
 Duke

Duke's Merlot and the wines of the other Wine Dogs can be purchased at
http://www.benefitwines.com/mwcr_s/461.htm?Click=4667
\$6 from every bottle purchased is donated to MWCR.



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Due to the travels of one of the Newsletter Editors, there will be no July issue of the MWCR Newsletter.

Enjoy the next two months!

**Coming Attractions Featuring MWCR!!!
Mark Your Calendars!**

June . . .

The 2013 Collie Frolic

Sunday, June 9
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The Canine Carnival

Saturday June 15, 2013
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Take your Dog to Work Day!

Friday, June 21, 2013



2013 Walk, Run, Wag for MADACC

Saturday June 22, 2013
5K Run or a 1 or 2 mile walk; dogs welcome
Register on our website Events page

Central Bark Fido Fest to follow

Milwaukee's Ulti-Mutt Day out with your Pooch
Hart Park in Wauwatosa, WI

2013 Super Adoption Event!!!

Saturday, June 22
Olmsted County Fairgrounds (indoors)
Rochester, MN



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June . . .Continued

CBS and The Urban Dog's Pet-A-Palooza

Saturday, June 29



July . . .

The Dog Days of Summer

Saturday July 27, 2013
11 AM to 3 PM
Alimagnet Dog Park
1200 Alimagnet Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337-4773



August . . .

Dog Days of Stockholm

Saturday August 3, 2013
Stockholm, WI



Dog Days of Westonka

Saturday August 17, 2013
Mound, MN



If you wish to help at any event, please contact Cat at cat_chisago@yahoo.com



Zeppa Rescue Project . . .

Dog artist, M.K. Zeppa has some wonderful specialty items available on her website. While a number of her items (note cards, message boards, coasters) are for sale in the traveling MWCR **Collie Shop**, she sells a wide variety of custom items in your choice of breed design and will even apply your photographs to some objects. Her available merchandise includes ceramics made to order, cookie jars, Whine Coolers, ceramic jars, cutting boards, signs, mini sun catchers, leash racks, plates, and platters, tiles, keepsake boxes, and many other wonderful, one-of-a-kind gifts. Her Catalog of available items can be found at <http://www.zeppastudios.com/catalog.html>. The best part is, if you enter **MWCR** at checkout (or provide it to the customer service operator), **you will get 10% off your order, and MWCR will earn 20%**! It is a win-win situation (or should that be Whine-Whine?)

Hint: The Whine Coolers would look wonderful with a bottle of Collie Isle Winery Wine in them! See details at <http://www.zeppastudios.com/rescue.html>, and happy ordering!



2013 Collie National – Herding in March . . .

By Andi Wulff

One might ask, why would a National Specialty which includes outdoor herding in March expect that the weather might be decent in the northern Midwest? I did inquire about this from some of the Collie people and the consensus is that the Conformation, or as I like to call them “the pretty dog,” people want to have their dogs in their fullest of coats. More folks participate in Conformation than herding, so I guess they choose the time of show.

MWCR alums Sabrina and Leo along with current foster dog Milo participated in the herding portion of the Collie National on March 30 & 31 in Fort Atkinson WI. Due to the agonizingly endless winter, the trial venue had to be moved from the planned outdoor location into a horse arena where conditions, although weather friendly, in some respects were more challenging. For one thing, they run cattle and horses there, so the smells were new and different for the dogs. And because some of the courses were not regulation sized, the AKC had to provide special permission to even hold the trial at this new venue.

The harsh Minnesota winter curtailed our outside training since fall because the deep snow restricted the areas on the farm where we could practice, as well as the skills we could work and the livestock we could use. Ducks can't work in deep snow! In addition, cold temperatures would cancel class a number of times over the winter, so we went into competition feeling less than prepared.

Our trialing experience had some highs and lows – typical of herding where there are so many variables.

On A course ducks – an arena course where there are obstacles along the fence lines – the ducks saw wavy tarps covering the cattle panels and simply refused to go near the tarps or through the obstacles. All the competitors struggled on that particular event. Unfortunately, I found myself in the way (blocking the ducks) much of the time. My only consolation is that I now recognize that I am challenged in this area and see my mistakes – even if it is often too late to do anything about it! Working ducks is totally different from working sheep because ducks don't fetch to you like sheep do. In fact, the handler is as much of a threat to the ducks as the dog so one needs to be aware of the effect on the livestock. Leo took 1st place on Sunday, as this was his 3rd qualifying score to earn his Started title on A course ducks.



Sabrina (pictured at the top of page 22) did very well both days on B course ducks (an open ranch course) at the Intermediate level. On this course the handler stays at the cone sending the dog to pick up the livestock and the dog must bring the stock back around the cone and handler, then driving them through a set of panels before the handler can leave the cone. Driving (pushing stock away from the handler) is particularly difficult for Sabrina as her natural instinct is to fetch – or bring the stock to me. A very good reason why I won't try working her on cattle! She took 1st place both Saturday and Sunday and took the 2nd highest score for ducks on Saturday and the highest scoring rescue on both days. Sabrina LOVES her ducks and is always very impatient to have her turn. While we waited for our runs, she was on the sideline literally quaking with energy and eagerness to get out there and get working.



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Leo took 3rd place on Started A sheep on Saturday. On Sunday his A course sheep run began well, and as he was picking up the sheep to bring them to me he took a little detour over to “visit” the judges at the side of the arena. Naughty Leo!! It was a very calm and controlled stroll through the Y chute and then through the Z chute, but then we arrived at the runway panel, which is a wide corridor along the fence line where the dog must take the sheep but the handler is not allowed to walk through. We jokingly call the runway panel “the runaway” panel because this is a spot where the

sheep often escape and run back to the exhaust gate to be with their friends. It is wise for the handler to flank the dog into a position to cover the stock to prevent them running away. So as the sheep were going through the runway panel I gave him the “come bye” command to Leo telling him to move up into position to cover and...no Leo. I turned and looked and he was busy sniffing the cattle panel which was used for the runway panel. Meanwhile, the sheep took this lapse of attention to gallop across the arena to the exhaust gate. Oh, Leo!

Milo made many new friends from across the nation over our herding weekend. Many people knew of his story before our arrival due to a clip in the Collie Health Foundation newsletter. We displayed a poster which featured photos of his progress in photos month by month – and sent it on to La Crosse for display. Naturally Milo took the opportunity to charm all he met. When it was Milo’s turn to participate in the herding instinct test, a crowd of his new friends and fans began cheering, “Milo! Milo! MILO!” The tester took him into the round pen on rope. This was the first time that a stranger was in the sheep arena with him, and my fear that Milo might find this too stressful was unfounded as he was straining on the rope to get to the sheep. He very much favored his “come bye” or right hand side. Dogs are right or left handed just as people are and typically have a side that they favor. Milo quickly showed that he has very strong instinct for herding and needed no coaxing at all. He had a grand time during the weekend.



One non-herding activity in which we took part was a trip to an amazing dog park situated a few miles up the road from the trial site. Several other herding participants brought their Collies, and the dogs all romped and played and blew off some steam being silly. There were about 14 or 15 Collies running like mad. Some dogs, male and female, were intact but all got along and behaved nicely. The amazing thing is that on two visits to that park we encountered local Collies and one was an MWCR dog! How fun!



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I had to laugh because often when I leave my dogs crated in the van I can hear that Collie bark from quite a distance (Leo!). At this particular event it took me aback because if there were Collies barking from a vehicle, for once there was a fair chance that they weren't mine!

Herding is one of the most fun, addictive and at times, the most humbling activity in which I've participated. I love being able to provide my high drive Collies with the job which they were bred to perform. It is a true partnership experience, and though I often make mistakes, whether the dogs do well or not, they have a fantastic time doing what they love. I was pleased with all the dogs given the challenges we faced going into the trial.

Bacon Flavored Dog Biscuits
From the Kitchen of Monty & Veronica Witt

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 10 tablespoons bacon fat, melted
- 5 cups whole wheat flour



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a cookie sheet. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in milk, water, salt, and bacon fat until well blended. Gradually stir in flour to make a stiff dough. Pinch off pieces of the dough and roll into 2 inch balls. Place on prepared baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool on racks. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator. I put this Recipe in old dog bones. Our kids love them and it keeps them busy for about one hour.

--from my app 'Dog Training Guide' on Google play.



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Fond Farewells . . . To Rockman

Eileen Stephenson's Collie Rocky, AKA Rockman, died last month not long after his appearance in the May Newsletter. Eileen and Shadow, Rockman's Sheltie friend, miss Rocky a lot, and Shadow was so very sad that Eileen picked up another Sheltie to keep him company. Eileen and her vet tried everything to deal with Rockman's health issues at age 13. Eileen says that though she didn't have Rocky for very long, he was such a good friend, the gentlest Collie and the funniest dog she ever had. Though it's hard to lose Rocky, Eileen treasures the wonderful moments with him along the way.

. . . To Reilley

Kitty and Arnie Hilk's Reilley died on May 19 after suffering from declining health the last few months. In Kitty's words: True to Reilley's personality, he continued his courageous behavior and devout love for us to the very end. He had lost his bowel function and the use of his rear legs during his last two weeks. We know he didn't want to leave us, no matter how bad he felt. Reilley was the bravest dog Arnie and I have ever known. We knew this day was near, but somehow you are never prepared for it. I know in time we will recover from this loss and our smiles will return. Tristan & Daphne have already begun to recover from their grief and depression.

Reilley was rescued from an abusive family in 2003. Reilley had lived with this abusive family for a year and a half, and had been beaten and abused during the time he lived with them. During the two years he was a foster in MWCR he had been fostered unsuccessfully in seven different foster homes. Because of the abuse he suffered he was a defensive and unsociable Collie. Many people tried to help him, but to no avail. Since he couldn't be adopted out, and MWCR had used up the available foster homes, the possibility of euthanasia became the final solution.

This is when Arnie and I became part of the equation to the solution of Reilley. We had heard all the horror stories about Reilley, and read all of the e-mails about him. We were prepared to meet an 80-pound monster with fangs dripping blood. The Reilley we met was affectionate, intelligent, and playful. During the eight years he was our boy he never disappointed us and was forever our loving boy. He always remained cautious and suspicious of people he did not know.

Reilley's remains were returned to us the other day. He will be buried by the fish ponds where his friends who preceded him in death rest in peace. As of this coming July he would be 13 years old.

Rest in peace, our faithful friend.

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