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DOBERMAN RESCUE

A Non-For-Profit Organization Dedicated to the Doberman Pinscher



From the Presidents Desk...

Thanks to our talented Newsletter and Calendar Editor, Julie, for the Spring Edition!

We hope to see you at Dog n Jog and Paws in the Park this summer. Unfortunately Pet Expo at the American Royal Building was cancelled. There was a different Expo in Overland Park, but due to Vendor costs to 501C3 groups, we opted not to attend.

Please remember to keep your dogs on heartworm preventative year round. I'm always surprised at how many applicants don't have their dogs on it. They give many reasons and one I hear a lot is that their dog doesn't spend much time outside. I then ask them if they have ever seen a mosquito inside?

There are many heartworm preventatives available. Discuss with your vet the best oral option for your dog. Avoid the 'every six months' injectable preventative that can cause allergic reactions or death.

Thankfully KCDR has only had to treat 2 heartworm dogs in several years. The most recent one was Duchess, a girl who spent her life tied to a dog house in Southern Missouri.

Another thanks to our volunteers, adoptive families and supporters for making all we do possible.

Janice Thom, President KCDR



Foster Home Update

We'd like to thank the two people who stepped up to foster "just one dog".

Wilma brought 5 year old Abby into her home to foster. She saw how much a mature dog has to offer and decided to adopt her. Also thanks to Pat, who is on her second foster dog. Her first, Shriener, found a great forever family. Pat now has Duke at her house, waiting for his new home. Thanks to both for saving these dogs.

We've had a few cases of people contacting us to turn in "senior" dogs (7-10 years old). It breaks our heart to tell them we can't tie up a foster home with a dog that may never be adopted. To help those dogs, we're looking for "a few good homes". People who can take a senior or a special needs dog to foster until we place them or give them a good "rest of their lives". We'll provide the food /medical care and be there to help every step of the way. We'll also provide a spot for them during family vacation time. Senior dogs have so much to offer. They're grateful for the chance and are eager to fit in.

Please contact us if you'd like to help one of these special dogs that have lost their homes or are available for a short-term foster dog. You don't have to be at home all day. Many foster homes are single or couples with jobs. We'll provide a dog crate, food and anything else the foster dog needs.



To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring, it was peace...

Milan Kundera



Spring Tip #1

Time to let your garden grow!

But beware, many popular springtime plants—including Easter lilies, rhododendron and azaleas—are highly toxic to pets and can easily prove fatal, if eaten. For a complete list of toxic plants go to

www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants

Be Watchful For Abandoned Pets

The economic times are making everyone pull their belts in a little tighter, and people are having trouble taking care of their pets or keeping them if they've lost their home.

Many pets are victims of these 'hard times' and are simply 'left behind' to fend for themselves...basically abandoned. People shouldn't assume others will take action or do the right thing. If they see a situation, they should take action themselves and call their local Animal Control or nearest rescue group to pick-up the animal(s).



Save a Doberman, volunteer to foster a dog!



A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself. ~ Josh Billings

A Dog Named O'Rourke—Update

We've had a lot of inquiries on our big blue guy. O'Rourke is still facing some challenges. He's now off of steroids, in preparation for a neuter. We tested him for vWd, a clotting disorder in dogs, unfortunately he has it and will need precautions taken before surgery. His doctors believe he'll come through it with no complications.

He still is testing positive for Masticatory Muscle Myositis. It's a matter of waiting for the disease running its course. We expect in the next few months it'll be gone. Once it's gone, it doesn't come back.

He still faces life with happiness and optimism. Sometimes things still scare him (yesterday it was the ironing board coming into the room) and he WOOFs loudly at the intruder! We show him that "it's ok" and he goes back to sleep.

We're hoping to place him into a special foster home when he's ready to be adopted. We need to free up space here for another dog that needs to get to rescue.



What Would Happen, If You Did Not Come Home...

Have you ever wondered what would happen to your dog if you became the unfortunate victim of an accident or you suddenly die?

Did you know that dogs are considered part of your estate and without specifically designating a guardian your dog will be given to your next of kin, just like any other property?

Unfortunately at KCDR we have seen many instances where family members inherit a dog, and even though they have good intentions in the beginning, they just don't have the time, money or expertise to take care of the dog. Some of these dogs can get lucky and find a home somewhere else such as a rescue but sometimes, there is not a happy ending to the story. Fortunately, there are ways you can

Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut with your favorite cookie cutters. Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes.



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We have a new procedure in place to insure we don't leave anyone out next time!*

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DRUG ALERT!

Dobermans appear to be more susceptible to the adverse reactions that can be caused by Sulfa drugs.

Therefore, it is probably best to avoid using them. So, for the love of Dobermans, please do your research before putting your beloved companion on any drug. There are many vets who are not familiar with the doberman's sensitivity to Sulfa drugs!

Deramaxx—is also considered an NSAID but it has very similar properties to that of Sulfonamides, so beware!



Our Wish List

Postage Stamps
Dog Shampoo and Flea Control
Weight Circles from Purina
Pet Food
Premium Dog Food
Medium Size Prong Collars
Buckle Dog Collars Size 16-20
Kuranda Dog Beds, Dog Toys

KNOW THE SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE!

Sun + humidity = heatstroke

Heatstroke is a medical emergency. If you suspect your dog has heatstroke, you must act quickly and calmly. Have someone call a veterinarian immediately. In the meantime, lower the animal's body temperature by applying towels soaked in cool water to the hairless areas of the body. Often the pet will respond after only a few minutes of cooling, only to falter again with his temperature soaring back up or falling too well below what is normal. With this in mind, remember that it is imperative to get the animal to a veterinarian *immediately*. Once your pet is in the veterinarian's care, treatment may include further cooling techniques, intravenous fluid therapy to counter shock, or medication to prevent or reverse brain damage. Even with emergency treatment, heatstroke can be fatal. The best cure is prevention. They are depending on you to keep them out of harm's way!

Signs of Heatstroke

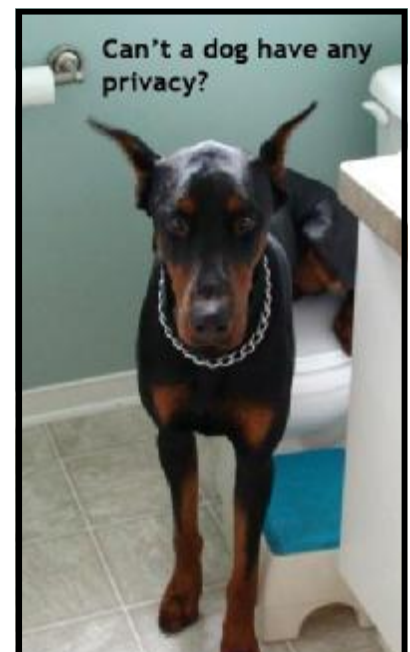
- Panting
- Staring
- Anxious expression
- Refusal to obey commands
- Warm, dry skin
- High fever
- Rapid heartbeat
- Vomiting
- Collapse



MDR-1 Screening for Chemotherapy

Most vet oncologists agree that agents used in dog chemotherapy may cause toxic reactions. Something you don't want to have to worry about if your dog has cancer. That said, some breeds have a genetic mutation in a gene called MDR-1. This mutation makes the dog more sensitive to some chemotherapy drugs. If he's more sensitive, he will get more toxic reactions.

You can have your dog tested for the mutation and your vet can send the sample to Washington State University College of Medicine to get the results. If your dog tests positive for MDR-1, your vet will want to choose a chemotherapy protocol that takes this into account.



Doberman Health Tips—Could Laser Therapy Help?



Laser therapy is used on dogs to treat pain and swelling and to speed up healing in muscles, tendons, skin, and other soft tissue. It also

can reduce the amount of bacteria in affected areas.

Laser therapy stimulates the immune cells, decreases infection and decreases pain. The invisible light puts laser energy into cells causing them to reproduce faster

and any wounds treated, heal more quickly with less pain. Lasers also dilate vessels which increases blood flow to the area treated, resulting in reduced swelling.

Laser therapy doesn't just accelerate healing, it actually improves repair, regeneration and remodeling of tissue.

Common conditions that laser therapy is used to treat include muscular injuries, tendonitis, post-surgery sites, lesions from excessive licking, open wounds, neck and back pain trauma, fractures and arthritis. Laser therapy won't cure arthritis, but can help reduce pain and swelling and increase the dog's range of motion.

There is also optimism for neurologic trauma including concussions, brain ischemia, stroke and nerve damage. Dobermans with wobblers have been shown to benefit from laser therapy.

With laser therapy the potential for re-injury is greatly reduced. Dogs can get back to their daily routines and become active members of the family again after injury. So why not consider laser therapy, it might just help!

Ever wonder where you'd end up if you took your dog for a walk and never once pulled back on the leash? ~Robert Brault



If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give your dog only two of them.
-Phil Pastoret

Flea and Heat Reminders!

- It's that time of the year again to worry about those pesky fleas and ticks! See your vet for the best preventative recommendations!
- Don't forget your heartworm preventative meds every month!
- Cracking the windows does not cut it! Your car can become a **death trap** with temperatures inside rising to well above 120 degrees! Never, ever leave your dog inside the car. If your dog cannot come with you when you get out of the car, leave them at home!
- If you are going out with your dog always to take water along for them. Also, make sure to provide extra water outside in a **shady spot** where the bowl cannot be tipped over.

Have You Moved?

When was the last time you checked your pets' ID tags? Is all of the information on it correct? Address? Phone number? The aqua bone tag that we sent you has KCDR's phone number as a second contact in case your dog gets lost and the person who finds him can't reach you.

If that happened, would we be able to reach you? Do we have your current address and phone number?

If the information your Doberman's ID tag is not correct, let us know and we will order a new name tag for you. Call our bark line, 816-505-BARK or e-mail us at: admin@kcdoberescue.com

In Memory Of...

Susie Stice 1954–2011



KCDR lost a good friend in March, Susie Stice. She worked in animal rescue. She was a friend to all, especially Dobermans and House Rabbits. She had a life full of friends, human and animal. She left behind 2 grown human daughters, 2 Dobermans (1, a Katrina survivor) and senior bunnies. She also left the world a better place for her time here.



Angel Brodie Walker
2003–2011



Angel Sadie Falcone
2000–2011

"A Dog's Last Will and Testament"

When humans die they prepare a will in order to leave their home and everything they own to all those they love.

If I were able to write, I would also make out such a will.

To a poor, lonely, full of longing, stray, I would leave my happy home, my food

bowl, my cozy bed, my soft pillow, my toys and the beloved lap. The gently stroking hand, the loving voice, the place I had in someone's heart and the love, which, at the end, will help me towards a peaceful, painless end while being held in

loving arms.

And when I die, then please don't say: "Never again will I have a dog, the loss is much too painful."

Find yourself a lonely, unloved dog and give it my place in your heart.

Dear God,
Please find me a home today.
I'm scared
and lonely
and I heard
them say
something
about my
time being
almost up.



Love, Cage #275
(once known as Jake)

Random Thought...

I have sometimes thought of the final cause of dogs having such short lives and I am quite satisfied it is in compassion to the human race; for if we suffer so much in losing a dog after an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, what would it be if they were to live double that?

One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.
~Author Unknown



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785-532-5679 or 785-532-5690

JUST A REMINDER!

We are always here to help you. If you have questions about behavior or health problems with your adopted pet, please call us! 816-505-BARK

