Thanks to all of you who help us in so many ways! We’re grateful for the help of something as simple as being sent postage stamps - it helps us send out this newsletter (Thanks John, Susan & Brix); having strong hands and vehicles to load and unload 3,000lb of donated dog food - it feeds KCDR dogs and we can also use it to help others (Thanks Lori, Paul and Kathy); Susan donated her talents in quilting and eBay - bringing in enough to spay and neuter 4 dogs. John sent 100 Kongs for the enjoyment of foster dogs and dogs going to their new homes. Brix’s parents brought stamps, dog food, toys and a HUGE box of dog biscuits. We’re also thankful for having the best veterinary care for our rescued dogs.

Our donors generosity makes it possible for us to occasionally take a dog to a specialist. I’m sure I’ve left someone out, it gets busy here, but believe that we are very grateful for any donation or help we receive. While foster homes are still our biggest need, we couldn’t do it without everyone else’s contributions.

On another note, after several years of not having any heartworm positive dogs, we’ve had to treat three this past year. More appalling is that we’ve received many applications to adopt from people that haven’t kept their dogs on HW preventative. We turn them down. If they’ve put their dog’s life at risk in the past - they’ll do it again.

While donations in ‘kind’ are always welcome - a donation of ‘time’ is even more valuable. I’d like to ask readers to think about fostering just 1 dog in 2013. Do it in honor of a dog you’ve lost or just to help a dog “down on its luck”. KCDR provides food, medical care and whatever else you need. All you add is “love” and a secure environment. If half of our readers did that, I don’t think we’d have to turn dogs away.

On the behalf of many Dobermans - Thank you. They don’t know what happened to make their life better... but they’re glad it is.

Janice Thom, KCDR President

Great Dog Treats— Sweet Potato Chews

1. Preheat oven to 250º F
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
3. Cut off one side of the sweet potato lengthwise, as close to the edge as possible. Cutting the side of the potato first allows you to then turn the potato onto this flat surface that you have just created. Having a stable area to rest the potato will make it easier to cut the potato into slices. Don’t discard that first piece, it comes out just as yummy as the rest!
4. Cut the rest of the potato into 1/3” slices, no smaller than 1/4”.
5. Place them on the prepared baking sheet.
6. Bake for 3 hours, turning half way through.

I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source.”

Doris Day
Foster? Are you nuts? According to the ASPCA, there are approximately five thousand community animal shelters in the United States. Five to seven million animals pass through their doors annually with more than half of them ending in euthanasiation. While the shelters provide the best possible services with their limited funding that they can, they still end up euthanizing far too many animals. Twenty five percent of these animals entering shelters are purebred, meaning somewhere, someone invested in that animal and was not able to follow through. Only ten percent of these animals have been spayed or neutered. According to the Doberman Pinscher Club of America’s website, there appear to be around thirty rescue groups specifically focused on saving Dobermans without homes. These groups are heavily populated on the coasts and very scarce in the Midwest. It explained to me why we seem to always struggle to find foster homes - we help out many areas - and why we are always full.

My husband grew up with many Dobermans throughout the course of his life and we began discussing finding a Doberman pup when our older Australian Shepherd passed. I researched the Midwest for breeders and we decided on purchasing a Doberman puppy to train as our Search and Rescue/Recovery partner. What I did not plan on was the two year process. We chose to wait it out until the puppy would be conceived. The best laid plans... Paul and I both began noticing posts on Craigslist about Dobermans needing homes or for sale (puppy mills) and we also found KCDR on line. We watched that sight nightly. And then - there she was. I knew when I saw her picture that she was going to be our new girl. I have never adopted an animal before. They have tended to adopt me. So the process was enlightening. We filled out a very long application and waited for the phone call. I did not sleep the night before our home visit. We cleaned the house from top to bottom and we were approved and brought our red girl home. Puppy school and nightly training educated all of us. Chapter two began with a young male needing a foster home. Foster homes are something I have learned are few and hard to come by. We agreed that we would ask to be a foster home to a younger dog and we were blessed within the week. This Thanksgiving we entertained five humans and six dogs. It was the best day ever. I think it has been easier to foster a younger dog with the example of the other dogs in our house. Our pack is varied and all well behaved. I know that we will always foster as we are able. We highly recommend it and have come to love our “little man of the house.” I know it will be difficult when we send him to his forever home but we hold on the knowledge that we will have helped him become an asset wherever he may land and that KCDR will make sure his forever home is a great one.

Lori Schneegass
A complete diagnostic blood screening is one of the easiest things you can do for your Doberman’s health and provides a veritable treasure trove of diagnostic information for your vet. These tests, when done regularly (it is suggested by our KCDR vets to be done every year at age 5 and older), will monitor trends and allow your vet to compare the panel readings from year to year. Blood is composed of different types of cells, and the status and percentage of type of cell present in the mixture communicates important facts. There are a variety of ways to examine blood; each examination method reveals specific information. A morphologic inspection consists of looking at the shape of the blood cells under a microscope. A complete blood count (CBC) is just what it sounds like - an actual count of the various types of red blood cells (RBCs), white blood cells (WBCs), and platelets present in a specific volume of blood. The goal of measuring blood by means of a hematocrit (HCT) or packed cell volume (PCV) is to determine the amount of RBCs. A chemistry profile identifies and quantifies other agents in the blood, including enzymes, glucose, proteins, electrolytes, cholesterol, and other substances produced by the internal organs. A “chem profile,” as it is often called, can tell a veterinarian how well these organs are functioning. For example, a lack of albumin, which is produced by the liver, can alert you to decreased liver function; a high amount of amylase, which is produced by the pancreas, can indicate pancreatic and/or kidney disease. Typically, 28 different chemical values are yielded from each blood sample, and, studied together, these tests can help identify the location and severity of disease in the body. So remember, KCDR vets recommend a yearly blood test at age 5 and older. You should also consider having blood tests done if your Dobie is going to have surgery because if the dog’s liver and/or kidney function are impaired, normal usage of anesthetic drugs can have deadly consequences for the dog. Also, if your dog is not quite feeling like him or herself then a blood test might reveal subtle signs of disease before your dog has an opportunity to display symptoms. With early intervention and treatment, it could prevent permanent damage to your Dobie!

Prong Collars 101...

1. Prong collars all come in a standard length which is adjusted to fit the neck of the dog by removing or adding links to the collar.
2. Prong collars are meant to be put on and taken off before and after daily training sessions. They should never be left on all of the time.
3. Snug fits are mandatory.
4. Positioning of the prong collar is crucial. The collar should sit right behind the ears and up under the jaw. Not down at the shoulders.
5. Attach the leash to the dead-ring for normal dog training. The dead-ring is when the trainer attaches the leash to both the swivel ring and the stationary ring. This will allow the Prong collar to remain the same size when training and provide less force.
6. Attach the leash to the live-ring for more stubborn dogs. The live ring is the swivel ring alone and allows the Prong collar to tighten further on the dog when training. Do not use the live-ring method of training unless you have first tried the dead-ring method.

Blood Tests Give A Wealth Of Information

Is Your Dobie’s Tag Current?

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 on 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

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In Loving Memory
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Cali Latz-Meyer, Konner Osborn, Buddy Albert
Rocky Kelley, Abbie Cook, Belle Anderson
Adobe Parson, Cindy and Debbie Pereira

Health Alert—Do You Know The Signs Of Bloat?

Bloat actually refers to two conditions. The first is gastric dilatation, in which the stomach distends with gas and fluid. The second is volvulus, in which the distended stomach rotates on its long axis. The spleen is attached to the wall of the stomach, and therefore rotates with the stomach. It is the second leading killer of dogs after cancer. Death can occur within two hours.

Do You Know The Signs Of Gastric Dilatation?
1. Excessive salivation and drooling
2. Extreme restlessness, pacing
3. Retching
4. Rapid breathing
5. Attempts to vomit and defecate
6. Evidence of abdominal pain
7. Abdomen feels hard to the touch
8. Distended stomach

Unfortunately, not all cases of bloat present with typical signs. In early bloat the dog may not appear distended, but the abdomen usually feels slightly tight. The dog appears lethargic, obviously uncomfortable, walks in a stiff-legged fashion, hangs his head, but may not look extremely anxious or distressed.

A good thing to have on hand is colic drops for bloat. Colic drops buy you time to get to the vet...

Bloat and Torsion are Veterinary Emergencies and you need to get to the vet ASAP!

The Creation

When God had made the earth and sky the flowers and the trees,
He then made all the animals the fish, the birds and bees.

And when at last He’d finished not one was quite the same.
He said, “I’ll walk this world of mine and give each one a name.”

And so He traveled far and wide and everywhere He went, a little creature followed Him until it’s strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth and in the sky and sea, the little creature said, “Dear Lord, there’s not one left for me.”

Kindly the Father said to him, “I’ve left you to the end. I’ve turned my own name back to front and called you dog, My friend.”

Author Unknown

“Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished.”

Dean Koontz

If you are interested in fostering or helping, please contact KCDR!
816-505-BARK or e-mail us at: admin@kcdoberescue.com

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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

PICTURES PLEASE!

We need pictures of KCDB Dobermans for next year’s calendar! We need photos of your Doberman doing only what Dobie’s do. If you can do close ups or get their entire body in the picture it helps with cropping for the calendar. Holiday pictures are also needed. Please send photos to: admin@kcdoberescue.com
KCDR People We Recommend

**Argostar**
Weaver Art - Logos - Canine Clip Art
www.argostar.com

**Miles & Miles Dog Training**
7027 N. Oak, Gladstone, MO 64118
www.milesandmilesdogs.com
816-436-2310

**Pete AND Mac's**
Daycare • Boarding • Grooming • Training
5860 N.W. Prairie View Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64151
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“**If your dog doesn’t like someone, you probably shouldn’t either...**”
Unknown

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**In Memorium**
To A Special Doberman
Amelia Davis

Sadly Missed By
Mary Davis

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I don’t judge others. I don’t hate. I don’t discriminate. I don’t care about money. I don’t hold grudges. I DO know how to love unconditionally and that’s all I want in return. I’m a furever friend!
**BIG NEWS for 2014!** The DPCA (Doberman Pinscher Club of America) will be having their National Show in Topeka in 2014. It’s a “must attend” for any Doberman lover. It’s a weeklong show. The vendors have ALL THINGS DOBERMAN to see and purchase. Rescue will have a booth there.

There will also be an event to benefit rescue. There will be a banquet and before hand... a PARADE OF RESCUES. If you’re a KCDR adopter or have a Doberman from a shelter, please join us. You’ll receive a Winner’s Ribbon and have a very proud feeling, for you and your dog.

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America is the parent club for Dobermans in the show ring, performance ring and they support Rescue. Not all AKC Clubs can claim that.

You’ll see beautiful dogs, meet nice people and support your favorite breed.

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**Vets We Recommend...**

**Dr. Tom Welsh DVM/Parkville Animal Wellness**  
*KCDR’s Veterinarian!*  
6446 N. Crooked Rd.  
Parkville, MO 64152  
816-505-5500

Animal Emergency Center,  
8141 N. Oak Trafficway  
Kansas City, MO 64118  
816-455-5430

Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners  
(Formerly Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center)  
11950 West 110th Street  
Overland Park, Kansas 66210  
913-642-9563  
Also locations in Lee Summit and the Northland

**Dr. Jeff Van Petten DVM**  
Meriden Animal Hospital (Acupuncture)  
7146 K-4 Highway  
Meriden, KS 66512  
785-484-3358

**Dr. Parsons DVM/Barry Rd Animal Hospital**  
3911 NW Barry Road  
Kansas City, MO 64154  
816-436-6700

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**Our Wish List**

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

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You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you...  
*Anonymous*