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by Julene Mathews

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I'm not too sure about the rest of you, but I'm feeling some Spring fever! It's been a cold and a long winter. I hear other members are still pretty buried in snow, as bad as they are back east, bad! We hope the spring comes soon. We need it don't we?

Our Specialties are coming along nicely. What we need from everyone is to spread the word about it. Those of you going to the shows, please mention how wonderful this year will be. We have outstanding Judges, (Jan Haderlie, Nioma Coen) for Conformation and Cindy Wilkinson is doing a terrific job chairing the obedience portion of the show and a Rally show as well. Our mailing list is compromised, and we have to re-build it at this point, so spreading the word every way possible will be of utmost importance. Tricia Harris and Tomi Hamblin are our trophy chairs and our trophy's will be as wonderful as our Judges with Barbara Vann's beautiful stained glass featured. Our other trophies will be some ringside bags filled with goodies for the winners. We are excited for the specialties this year with a new show chairman handling things we are confident everything will come off as expected.

Realize that it is important for each of you as host club members to find a job helping with the specialty. It cannot come together without your help. If you haven't volunteered to do something, then you need to do that. It's a communal effort that brings the benefit that will pay off. Don't look at the next person and say, I have enough to do, they can do it. Instead, ask yourself what else you can do, then follow through. You all are appreciated!

Happy Valentines everyone! Enjoy your month, see you at the **February** meeting at the Sandy Parks and Recreation building just west of the building we usually meet in, on 8680 south and 460 east. *This meeting will be important*, we have urgent business to discuss with members and your vote will count! **Remember that for this meeting only, service dogs only are allowed**, but in March, for those members who cannot attend the National, we will have a puppy play date and treats. Bring your puppies, and your dogs, and come visit and play with us, we'll have a really nice place to meet up at Lone Peak Pavilion on 7th east and 10010 south in Sandy. We will not have a board meeting that day. Board meeting will be announced for a different date which will not conflict with Nationals. We'll put easy to reach directions in the next newsletter, but it's easy to find and a beautiful building Sandy is used to getting 250.00 a day for, but is allowing us to use for the 50.00 we had reserved the usual building for. In April, we will be back in our usual building for the meeting but it will be newly renovated! That will be fun.

Thanks again for all of your support and hard works. We really have a great club and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Your resident president,

Julene Matthews

Heel. Sit. Whisper. Good dog.

Inhumane or protective? Debarking surgery for noisy pups stirs debate



By Sam Dolnick

The New York Times

Nestlé barks when Mike Marder and his wife come home, and he barks when they leave. He barks at delivery boys, he barks at the doorbell, and he barks at the Marders' new puppy, Truffle.

But for all that effort, the only sound Nestlé makes is a raspy squeak.

Dr. Marder, a veterinarian, tells those who are curious that Nestlé, a dachshund-terrier mix, is hoarse from too much barking.

But that is not true. The Marders had Nestlé's vocal cords cut by a veterinary surgeon after a neighbor in the family's apartment building on the Upper East Side threatened to complain to the co-op board about the noisy dog.

Although there is no reliable estimate as to how many dogs have had their vocal cords cut, [veterinarians](#) and other animal experts say that dogs with no bark can readily be found — but not necessarily heard — in private homes, on the show-dog circuit, and even on the turf of drug dealers, who are said to prefer their attack dogs silent.

The surgery usually leaves the animal with something between a wheeze and a squeak. The procedure, commonly referred to as debarking, has been around for decades, but has fallen out of favor, especially among younger veterinarians and animal-rights advocates.

Keeping pets in New York City, of course, has always required delicate negotiations between neighbors and species. The city's 311 line fielded 6,622 complaints about barking dogs last year, while housing officials banned pit bulls, Rottweilers and other large dogs from public housing projects. Real estate experts say that co-op boards large and small always wrestle with pet policies, many of them tied to barking dogs.

Critics of the debarking procedure say it is outdated and inhumane, one that destroys an animal's central means of communication merely for the owner's convenience. Many veterinarians refuse to do the surgery on ethical grounds. Those who do rarely advertise it.

New Jersey bans devocalization surgery except for [medical](#) or therapeutic reasons, as do Britain and other European countries. Similar legislation is pending in Massachusetts, while Ohio restricts the surgery to nonviolent dogs.

But there are still those who perform the operation, and they and other advocates defend the surgery as a useful option for dog owners facing noise complaints and

“Veterinarian Mike Marder had his dog Nestlé debarked after a neighbor threatened to complain to the co-op board.”



Debarking Continued...

possible eviction.

Dr. Sharon L. Vanderlip has been performing debarking surgeries for more than 30 years as a small part of her veterinary practice in San Diego County. She calls herself a “big, big, big proponent” of the procedure if it is done the right way, for the right reasons.

“They recover immediately and they don’t ever seem to notice any difference,” she said. “I think that in certain cases it can certainly save a dog from ending up being euthanized. If properly done, they behave totally the same afterwards and don’t seem to have any [health problems](#).”

Rarely practiced

The surgery can be relatively simple. The doctor anesthetizes the dog before cutting its vocal cords, either through the mouth or through an incision in the larynx. Dogs generally recover quickly, veterinarians say, and while they usually can still make sounds, their barks become muffled and raspy. Dr. Gary W. Ellison, of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, cautioned that the procedure can lead to complications. He said he has had to operate on debarked dogs after excess [scar tissue](#) built up in the throat, making it difficult for the dog to breathe.

“I think it’s probably going to be a procedure that’s done by fewer and fewer veterinarians” in the coming years, said Dr. Ellison, the curriculum director at the University of Florida’s veterinary school. He said professors there do not teach the surgery, and that he has not come across recent veterinary school graduates who have studied the procedure.



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

- 1 Judith Williamson
- 10 Doug Sorenson
- 11 Pam Parry
- 19 Denny Daffron
- 27 Barbara Edelberg



For Sale...

Dog Bath Tub - \$250.00
 Excellent Shape - Exactly like the one pictured only it is yellow rather than green. Made of heavy duty plastic like the outdoor playground material is made out of. Comes with bottom rack, faucet, and a special hair catcher drum. If you want a great tub at a fraction of the cost of buying one online and paying for shipping give me a call.

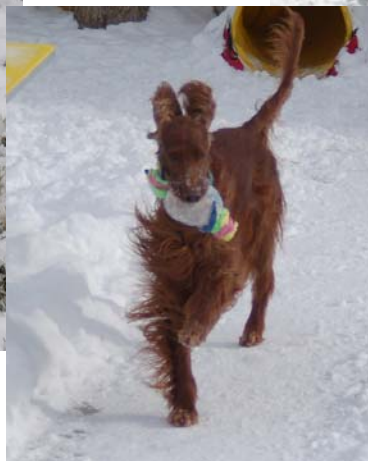
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Snow Photos



Chance



Tennille



Bella

Thanks to those who sent pictures.

This month's theme: **Friends (your dogs and their buddies)**

Again, here's the deal:

Please send a favorite picture or two according to the chosen theme to be included in the next newsletter. If you have ideas for themes, send them too. You can chose what you send... pretty pictures of the dogs, the dogs at work, or just a fun picture of the dogs being dogs. Any dog that you own or bred... any breed! Please send pictures to ussanews@yahoo.com

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's favorite photos,

Kristin



USSA Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2010

In attendance: Julene Mathews, Mike Cornella, Jim Melton, Sarah Bagdoian, Tomi Hamblin and Kathy Cain, Cheryl Sorenson (via phone conference)

Meeting called to order at 6.02p.m.

Cheryl Sorenson excused due to weather, but participated via phone conference to give her Corresponding Secretary Report, but did not participate in any votes.

The November minutes were discussed and Mike made a motion to accept the November minutes as is, Jim seconded and motion approved by board.

President's Report:

- Due to Peggy Newman's resignation the Board needs to appoint a new Vice President.
- Tomi Hamblin volunteered to be Vice President.
- The board will need to ask a Club member to serve on the Board to replace Tomi's seat.

Jim Newman: Julene to contact Jim about the payments and the promissory note.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Via conference call with Cheryl Sorenson

- Cheryl reported that The Club received an ASSA Bulletin.
- Cheryl received confirmation from Nioma Coen to judge the junior handling the morning of the specialty.
- Cheryl mailed a letter to Jim Newman reminding him of his \$100 monthly payments due on the 5th of each month.

As of the night of this board meeting, Jan 20, 2010 no payments have been made on the promissory note.

It was suggested that another copy of the signed promissory note to be mailed to Jim.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported the finances.

- Payment has been made for the February and March meeting locations. The Centennial Park Pavillion is scheduled for renovation during February and March so alternative sites were found. In February the Board and Club meetings will be in Room 204 of the Sandy Parks & Rec building – NO DOGS ALLOWED (due West of current pavilion). March's meeting will be at the Lone Peak Parks Pavillion – 700 East 10010 South, Sandy (dogs allowed). It was also mentioned that the March meeting is scheduled during National's so attendance for both the Board meeting and Club meeting might be light.

- Finances were discussed for expenses related to the upcoming specialty. Due to the lack of funds in the checking account it was suggested that the \$10,000 CD be used for available funds.

Tomi made a motion to cash in the \$10,000 CD and use \$2,500 from the CD for the Specialty. The \$7,500 balance will then be reinvested in 3, 6, 9 and 12 month CD's in \$2,500 increments. The money made from the Specialty will also be reinvested. Mike will check on the maturity date of the CD and any penalties for early withdrawal. Kathy Cain seconded the motion, motion carried.

Specialty Report:

Specialty Show Chairman (Kevin): All of the show is approved pending judges panel, but AKC approved sweeps and we didn't want sweeps, we wanted Best Puppy and Best Veteran, so we are correcting this with AKC.

Julene had a list of trophy donations for the 2 shows (morning and afternoon shows). We need sponsors for the trophies. Trophy list will be listed in the newsletter. Send all money with a letter of explanation as to which trophy you are sponsoring to Mike Cornella, Treasurer. All money for the specialty needs to be sent or given directly to Mike Cornella and Mike only, with a detailed explanation of what money is for. All donations for trophies are due by **MARCH 15, 2010**.

Committees still needed:

Set-up and take-down: need someone to Chair

Raffle – need someone to Chair

Hospitality – Ava Jane Pickering, Ava needs people to help her with this, especially physical help.

Catering – Sarah volunteered to make catering arrangements for the dinner.

Jim Melton asked for donations for ASSA Trophies.

Mike made a motion to adjourn meeting and Kathy seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.

USSA General Club Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2010

In attendance: Julene and Kevin Mathews, Mike Cornella, Sarah Bagdoian, Tomi Hamblin, Kathy Cain, Cherie Hyde, Ava Pickering. Guests: Marissa Hyde and Bryce Bertola, Jeff, Kayla & Monet Watanabe (and Shea – 13 week male Blue Merle from Cherie Hyde).

Meeting called to order at 7:20p.m.

November's minutes were discussed, no corrections were noted. Tomi made a motion to accept the November 2009 minutes, Mike seconded, motioned passed.

President's Report:

Julene mentioned that Peggy Newman has resigned from the Board and that Tomi agreed to take her seat as Vice President. Julene asked those general members present if they would be willing to serve on the board? She then asked Cherie Hyde if she would fill Tomi's seat on the Board, Cherie accepted the position.

The locations of the February and March meetings were mentioned due to the current pavillion's renovation.

February will be in the Sandy Parks & Rec building in room 204 (the brick building due West of the Centennial Pavillion). No Dogs Allowed in February.

March's meeting is at the Lone Peak Park Pavillion 700 E. 10010 South. Dogs are allowed at the Lone Peak Pavillion.

Treasurer's Report:

- Please sponsor trophies for the specialty! List of awards that need to be sponsored will be e-mailed to members and/or listed in Newsletter.
- Deadline for trophy payments: March 15, 2010 to Mike Cornella, Treasurer
- ALL payments related to the Specialty go directly to Mike as Treasurer with a note of explanation for each payment. Please specify what the money is for in writing for Mike so he can track all payments.
- Julene explained that The Board accepted a motion to cash in the CD worth \$10,000 and use \$2,500 toward the show. The balance of the CD as well as any money made from the show will be reinvested in increments over time. Sarah made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Kevin seconded, motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary Report:

- Cheryl reported that The Club received an ASSA Bulletin.
- Cheryl received confirmation from Nioma Coen to judge the junior handling the morning of the specialty.

Unfinished Business: Specialty

- We are waiting to hear back from AKC regarding the following classes: Best Puppy and Best Veteran. We cancelled the Sweepstakes because it would require us to hire more judges.
 - Sarah to check with the caterer Myer's Meats to see if they can do the chicken dinner again for the same price \$10/person.
 - Awards: Stained glass gifts for the morning show and embroidered ringside bags filled with goodies for the afternoon show.
 - Tomi Hamblin agreed to be Raffle Chair for the specialty.
- Julene to contact Jim Newman regarding his payments and the promissory note.

Motion made by Kevin to adjourn meeting, Cherie seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**CLUB MEETINGS ARE AT THE CENTENNIAL
PARK BUILDING**

**8680 South 500 east WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THE FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETINGS
(renovation of building).**

FEBRUARY 17, 2010 CLUB MEETING

10140 S 700 E Sandy, UT

**MARCH 14-21 2010 ASSA NATIONALS
TUCSON, AZ**

MARCH 17, 2010 CLUB MEETING

Sandy City Parks and Recreation Building Rm 204

APRIL 21 2010 CLUB MEETING

**MAY 5, 2010 CLUB SPECIALTY
SL COUNTY EQUESTRIAN PARK
SOUTH JORDAN, UT**

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