

# "The Latest Scoop"

CHESAPEAKE VIRGINIA DOG FANCIERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

## **September Meeting Notice**

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Monarch Bank Meeting Room  
1034 S. Battlefield Blvd. (intersection of  
Hanbury Rd. & Battlefield Blvd.)

Chesapeake, VA 23322

Take Hanbury Rd. WEST exit off the By-pass.

Board Meeting 6:15 PM.

Board members please advise Phyllis Sayers if  
you cannot attend.

## **Greetings from the President's Desk!!**

August has quickly passed us by and September is here on the heels of earthquakes, storms and flooding. I trust that all who will read this are now with electricity and those services that matter greatly in our lives.

We have enjoyed great attendance at our handling classes with an average of 8-10 dogs per class. Hats off to Sara Wooten and all of her volunteers who have provided the instruction. Several folks have attained new titles on their dogs this summer and hopefully some of these titles can be attributed to our classes. We will continue our classes through the month of October. The classes will run from 7pm- 8pm now that the sunlight diminishes much earlier. We will keep you posted if the time needs to be moved back to 6 or 6:30pm depending on the sunlight.

The August meeting provided the members with great information on Canine Dentistry from Dr. John Harvey from Great Bridge Animal Hospital. A big thanks to all who came and enjoyed his presentation. We are looking forward to learning more about Canine First Aid and CPR at the September meeting which is being presented by Susie Parsons. Learning is something we can do on a daily basis and we want to be prepared in

case we have such an event with our dogs. Our November meeting will host Al Bianchi, an AKC judge. Al will enlighten us to the issues of dog shows "Through the Eyes of the Judge".

October 2nd marks our annual AKC Sanctioned Match under the guidance of Karen Latham and Carol Cooke, in conjunction with the City of Chesapeake's Bark in the Park. What a great way to practice those skills that you learned in handling classes for the show ring. Thanks to the City of Chesapeake for printing our flyers and providing avenues for their distribution. Volunteers are still needed for the match so give Karen or Carol a call and volunteer. Do remember that our events are only as successful as the amount of work we invest in them.

Our Annual Awards dinner is being held on October 12th at Traditions Grill which is a part of the Chesapeake Golf Course club house off Cedar Road. Some of you may remember when it was An Affair To Remember. We will have a "gathering" at 6pm with a buffet dinner to follow at 7pm. Information on the menu and cost will follow later in the month. I do want to encourage those of you who have attained titles this past year to go to our web site and print the form. You can bring them to the September meeting or send them to me by October 1. I will need to get our awards ordered so your timeliness is important.

Last but not least, we are kicking off our year of preparation for our September 22 & 23, 2012 Dog Show. We now have all approval documents in hand and are ready to begin the process of letting folks know of our change of date. We have been promised the Park not only by the City of Chesapeake, but by the general contractor as well. The committees are just about in place and we will be having a meeting with them where responsibilities will be assigned and department budgets established as well a monthly timeline for what needs to be accomplished. Please take a look at each committee and commit to help with those jobs. Carol Cooke, Karen Latham, and Craig Mills have chosen our judges so that huge step has been accomplished. Carol and Warren Cooke also willingly accepted Judges'

Hospitality. I have met with the Chesapeake Convention and Visitors Bureau who is assisting in the task of getting hotel rooms for judges as well as participants. I am asking that everyone accept responsibility for one task so no one will be over taxed with too many jobs. Our date is receiving a great deal of excitement and interest. The progression of travel is from Pinehurst, North Carolina the previous weekend, to Chesapeake, Virginia for the next one and then on to the Millwood Shows in northern Virginia. That should interest the professional handlers as well those of us who love showing our dogs. We will keep you updated as we travel each step on the path of making this a great show.

If anyone has items that they would like to insert in our newsletter, please get in touch with Jill Wright. She does such a great job of maintaining the website as well as publishing the newsletter. Our next newsletter is due out the first of November. Send your items at any time during the month of October.

Best wishes to all as we enter the fall season where the trees remind us of all the beauty that really surrounds us.

Phyllis Sayers  
CVDFPA President

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## **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!**

### **Plan for Pet Disaster Needs**

- Identifying shelter. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which motels and hotels in the area you plan to evacuate to allow pets -- well in advance of needing them. There are also a number of guides that list hotels/motels that permit pets and could serve as a starting point. Include your local animal shelter's number in your list of emergency numbers -- they might be able to provide information concerning pets during a disaster.

- Take pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, can opener, food

dishes, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they're not available later. While the sun is still shining, consider packing a "pet survival" kit which could be easily deployed if disaster hits.

- Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. If possible, attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site. If your pet gets lost, his tag is his ticket home. Make sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes.

- Make sure you have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness for your pet so that if he panics, he can't escape.

### **Prepare to Shelter Your Pet**

- Call your local emergency management office, animal shelter, or animal control office to get advice and information.

- If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located. Be sure to research some outside your local area in case local facilities close.

- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current. Include copies in your "pet survival" kit along with a photo of your pet.

- NOTE: Some animal shelters will provide temporary foster care for owned pets in times of disaster, but this should be considered only as a last resort.

- If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger! Confine your pet to a safe area inside -- NEVER leave your pet chained outside! Leave them loose inside your home with food and plenty of water. Remove the toilet tank lid, raise the seat and brace the bathroom door open so they can drink. Place a notice outside in a visible area advising what pets are in the house and where they are located. Provide a phone number where you or a contact can be reached as well as the name and number of your vet.

## During a Disaster

- Bring your pets inside immediately.
- Have newspapers on hand for sanitary purposes. Feed the animals moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink.
- Animals have instincts about severe weather changes and will often isolate themselves if they are afraid. Bringing them inside early can stop them from running away. Never leave a pet outside or tied up during a storm.
- Separate dogs and cats. Even if your dogs and cats normally get along, the anxiety of an emergency situation can cause pets to act irrationally. Keep small pets away from cats and dogs.
- In an emergency, you may have to take your birds with you. Talk with your veterinarian or local pet store about special food dispensers that regulate the amount of food a bird is given. Make sure that the bird is caged and the cage is covered by a thin cloth or sheet to provide security and filtered light.

## After a Disaster

- If after a disaster you have to leave town, take your pets with you. Pets are unlikely to survive on their own.
- In the first few days after the disaster, leash your pets when they go outside. Always maintain close contact. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet may become confused and lost. Also, snakes and other dangerous animals may be brought into the area with flood areas. Downed power lines are a hazard.
- The behavior of your pets may change after an emergency. Normally quiet and friendly pets may become aggressive or defensive. Watch animals closely. Leash dogs and place them in a fenced yard with access to shelter and water.

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm>

## QUICK AND EASY DOG TREATS

2 jars strained meat baby food  
¼ cup non-fat dry milk  
½ cup wheat germ

Combine all ingredients and shape into little balls. Arrange on greased cookie sheet and flatten with fork. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. Store in refrigerator when cool.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 14 7PM** General Meeting  
Suzie Parsons: Canine First Aid

**October 2** AKC Sanctioned Match in conjunction with Bark in the Park at Chesapeake City Park.

We will be presenting an AKC grant check to the Greater Atlantic Search and Rescue. We will also be providing information on AKC Responsible Dog Ownership.

**October 12 6PM** Awards Dinner at Traditions Grill, Chesapeake Golf Course

**November 9 7PM** General Meeting  
Al Bianchi: “From the Eyes of a Judge”

**December 14** Holiday Party

CVDFA Website: <http://www.cvdfa.org>

Club Members: Send Brags to [wrightus4@cox.net](mailto:wrightus4@cox.net). Include your name, dog's name, award, show, show location, date, and picture (if available).