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HCA Horizons

Spring 2011

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Feature Article

The 2011 Havanese Club of America National Specialty is being held in Durham, North Carolina from July 20-23, 2011.

Come Join Us!

Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center
4700 Emperor Blvd.
Durham, North Carolina 27703
Phone: (919) 941-5050

Hotel Overview
The Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center has invited you to experience their recent renovation! The redesigned lobby is spacious and inviting with its warm, classic décor. The lobby also features the brand-new Link@Sheraton experienced with Microsoft, a perfect low-key spot for reconnecting with family or friends using our free WiFi, PC stations, and printing capabilities. Refurbished hallways lead to comfortable guest rooms, each now furnished with the irresistible, ultra-plush Sheraton Sweet Sleeper™ Bed with pillow-top mattress and featherweight duvet. Refresh and renew in the morning or evening with superior new Shine for Sheraton® products found in each bathroom.

Nestled in a campus-like setting in southeastern Durham, the hotel offers quick access to the area's major businesses, research facilities, universities, medical centers, and attractions. A complimentary roundtrip shuttle is available to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, allowing you to relax and enjoy your trip. Raleigh, Chapel Hill, and Cary are all within your reach as well.

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We'd love to hav you join us!

For the comfort of their guests, the hotel offers a smoke free environment. The 331 guest rooms are filled with hospitable southern charm. High Speed Internet Access and myriad thoughtful touches keep you comfortable and connected. Outdoor enthusiasts will love the hotel's lighted tennis courts, jogging trail, and outdoor pool.

Put yourself in the middle of the excitement at the newly updated Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in beautiful Durham.

We have a full schedule of events for both exhibitor and spectator alike. Such as..... Agility, Obedience and Rally, Seminars, Conformation, Junior Handlers Competition, Health Testing, Shopping, an Auction, and even a Parade!

AGILITY
Get ready to run! Agility will be offered at the 2011 National on Wednesday, July 20th. It will be an all-day all-breed trial in conjunction with the Moore County Kennel Club. There will be special ribbons and trophies for all qualifying Havanese.

Agility will be held at the Bon-Clyde Learning Center, 3030 Lee Avenue, Sanford, North Carolina 27332.Bon-Clyde is about 45 minutes from the hotel. The club plans to offer transportation. Check back for the exact location and a map from the Hotel to the Agility site..

OBEDIENCE/RALLY
Sit ... Down ... Heel ...
Once again our Havanese will be showing off their skills in obedience and rally at Nationals. The obedience and rally trial will take place Thursday morning, July 21st.
We hope many of you will compete, and even more will come to watch these truly talented dogs.

For more information, contact Sharon Kruger at slkruger@yahoo.com.
Stay ...

For more information and up-to-date information please refer to the HCA website or the HCA Nationals website at

http://www.havanese.org/

http://www.hcanationals.com/

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New This Year!

The HCA HavAgain Sale

A sale of gently used doggie items that you no longer want, need, use, or like. To donate, please bring items with you to National, or mail to the address below.
Suggested items: toys - dog apparel - blankets-quilts - x-pens - crates - books - leashes - collars - combs - brushes - strollers - beds - washable pee pads - dryers.

Contacts...

Stacy Roussos at stacy.roussos@gmail.com

Carole Pellegrino at carolepellegrino@yahoo.com

Ann Barbaccia at barbacciannn@aol.com

HCA Auction/Raffle

It's time to put your thinking caps on and start sending those wonderful donations for the annual live auction, silent auction and raffle for the 2011 National Specialty.

So, when you have that AWESOME item that we'll all be dying to bid on, or put your ticket in the ticket container for the raffle, please contact

Kathy Ambler - havayork@yahoo.com
or
Lisa Workman - carohav@gmail.com

Havanese Rescue Inc (HRI) Auction/Raffle

To donate items to the HRI Auction/Raffle please contact

Karen Peede at karenpeede@gmail.com

Where to send your donations..

HCA HavAgain Sale
Karon Fowler
115 Highland Dr
Angier NC 27501

HCA Auction/Raffle
Lisa Workman
105 Trophy Dr,
Statesville, NC 28625

Havanese Rescue Inc (HRI) Auction/Raffle
Karen Peede
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...THANKS from all of us in advance!

Feature Article

Spring Pet Safety

http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2011/03/17/six-ways-to-keep-your-pet-safe-this-spring.aspx

This comprehensive article was just too good not to share in its entirety!

After months of wild winter weather here in the U.S., spring is right around the corner.

Now is the perfect time to remind pet owners eager to throw open the windows and doors and get outside with their furry companions, that warmer weather and outdoor activities can present certain hazards to beloved pets.

According to Suite101.com:

Knowlege and awareness lay the foundation for prevention, so before letting their pets run completely wild, pet owners should be aware of these springtime dangers, some of which might seem trivial, but can have fatal consequences.

Sources:

* ASPCA.org
* Suite101.com February 6, 2011

Dr. Becker's Comments:

This winter has been a beast in many areas of the country.

Like me, I'm sure most of you are looking forward eagerly to the warmer temps and sunny days of spring. I can't wait to feel the warmth of the sun on my skin again, and my first hike of the season with my pack.

But while it's still nippy outside, before balmy weather arrives, it's a good idea for all of us to refresh our memories on the hazards of springtime that can pose a threat to the health and safety of four-legged family members.

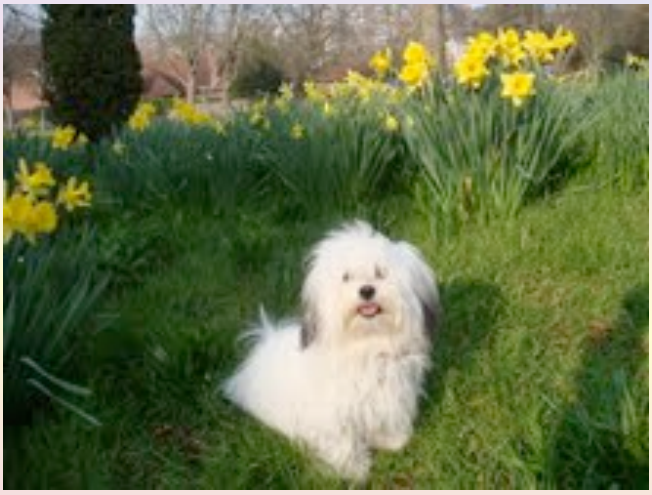

Photo By Claire Allchorn

Six Tips to Help You and Your Pet Sail into Spring

1. Block the exits. Many cats sustain injuries or run away never to be seen again after falling out an unscreened window or one with a loosely fitting screen. Be sure all your windows have secure, sturdy screens before you open up your house on the first warm day of spring.

You should also make sure screen doors are in good shape and close securely so your pet can't wander outside by himself, and to prevent stray pets or local wildlife from finding their way into your home.

Photo By Anna Faust

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Photo By Laurie Frangione

2. Cleaning solutions and home improvement products. If you are planning a thorough spring cleaning of your home, be aware that almost all commercial cleaning products contain toxic chemicals that can make your dog or cat very sick, or worse. Follow label directions carefully and use these products safely. Better yet, make your own non-toxic spring cleaning kit.

If you're also planning to do touch-ups around your home, remember the majority of paints and refinishing products can be toxic if ingested by your pet, and can also cause severe skin irritation and burning. To stay on the safe side, I recommend you confine your pet away from the cleaning or renovating activity while you're using chemicals and tools of any kind.

3. How does your garden grow? If you use fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides or herbicides on your lawn or in your garden, be aware many of these products are poisonous to pets. Any chemical capable of eliminating pests also has the potential to be fatal for your pet. Keep your companion animals a safe distance from any product intended to kill living things, even weeds.

Also, there are many popular, colorful springtime plants that are poisonous to pets.

4. Springtime sneezing and itching. Some pets suffer from allergies in the spring just like people do. If your dog or cat seems to have seasonal allergies, make an appointment with your holistic veterinarian to discuss the severity of the condition, treatment options and preventive measures.

Another allergic reaction you'll want to prevent in your pet is flea allergy dermatitis. The spring and summer months bring pests like fleas, ticks, flies and mosquitoes. Now you can protect your pet with a safe, non-toxic flea and tick repellant I recently introduced called Natural Flea and Tick Defense.

5. Beware the Easter Bunny. Easter celebrations pose a number of dangerous temptations to the family pet. Easter lilies can be fatal if ingested by your dog or cat. Chocolate in any form is toxic to pets, and brightly colored candy wrappers and Easter basket grass and trimmings can cause digestive upsets – even obstruction of the GI tract.

It's also not a good idea to add an Easter-themed pet like a rabbit to the family simply because it's that time of year and the bunny is adorable. The decision to acquire a pet should be conscious and well thought-out rather than impulsive.

6. Keep your pet safe away from home. Warm weather means many pets will be outdoors more, whether just catching some rays on the patio, going for hikes and car rides, or even traveling on vacation with you. Make sure your pet is wearing an up-to-date ID tag with a secure collar so if you are separated, he can be returned to you. Also keep a photograph of your pet with you to assist with identification in case he is lost.

When traveling in the car with your pet, make sure he's secured in a crate or a seatbelt harness. As much as some dogs love to ride with their heads out the window, it isn't a good idea. Debris and even bugs can fly into your pet's eyes or ears, and it's not uncommon for unrestrained dogs to tumble out the windows of moving vehicles.

Kitties should always be in a crate to prevent them from trying to escape or wedging themselves under a seat or worse, the brake pedal.

Photo By Cindy Lisai

Feature Article

Nail Trimming

Written by Jarbas Godoy
The Dog from Ipanema.
"Where we make you proud of the natural beauty of your adopted baby."

Nail trimming: How do they do it?

For most of our readers this is a subject of much discussion.

To Dremmel or not?

For this professional groomer with over 30 years of experience (my first Best in Show was in 1974) the scissor type nail trimmer is the best for it affords the most degree of control.

Nails clippers are usually of two types: the guillotine and scissor. It is agreed among professionals that the scissor type it is the easiest to handle.

Among Show Breeders it is very common the use of electric grinders. It is super fast and it leaves the nails not only short but smooth as well. One just needs to be very careful due to their speed. I'll share some tips here.

One of the biggest dangers of using electric trimmers is that hair can be trapped around the axle and you can imagine the suffering it could cause to our long haired babies. But the use of a stocking can prevent that. Dress your subject little paw with one. Just poke the nails trough the weave so no hair can wound up around the axle at high speed.

But let's go back to my preferred method: using the scissor type cutter together with an acrylic nail file.

The goal should be to trim the nails as short as possible without cutting the vein. That is easier said than done principally when the nails are black.

On a black nail trim until the little white dot in the center of the nail bed appears. Go in a bit at time to avoid disaster. With white or pink nails the vein should be very visible and therefore easier to avoid.

Occasionally one needs to trim the quick (the vein that feeds the nail) to bring the nails back into proper length. In those cases the use of a product to stop the bleeding is needed. There are several in the marketplace and they all need to be applied with pressure to the nail bed for at least 30 seconds. There are many home remedies that will also do the trick: corn starch; flour and even ashes or a bar of soap. To clean the mess without having to wash the dog Hydrogen Peroxide is usually used.

Now let's file the nails because the outer layers of the nail has a tendency to splinter when cut leaving some really jagged and sharp edges. Using an acrylic nail file (you can find them dirty cheap at any pharmacy) file the edges of the nail in only one direction to avoid splitting the nail. At the same time be careful not to file on the center of the freshly cut nail since the file can damage the vein.

Any professional groomer will be happy to show you how to do it. Just ask. Most of us are very happy to meet owners that have the welfare of their little darlings front and center in their lives.

Photo By Cindy Lisai

Snacks, Treats, Food ... Yum!

Birthdy Treats!

http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Birthday-Bones/Detail.aspx
and
http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Doggie-Birthday-Cake/Detail.aspx

We found a couple of fun recipes for celebrating birthdays at this great site...

Birthday Bones

Ingredients
2 cups whole wheat flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 cup unsalted natural peanut butter
1 cup skim milk

Directions
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. Stir together the flour and baking powder; set aside. In a medium bowl, mix together the peanut butter and milk. Stir in the flour mixture until well blended. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into shapes using cookie cutters. Place 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

Photo By Claire Allchorn

Photo By Joan Ambrose

Birthday Cake

Ingredients
1 egg
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup cooking oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup honey (optional)
1 cup shredded carrots
1 cup whole wheat or white flour
1 teaspoon baking soda

Directions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 6 cup ring mold. Combine the egg, peanut butter, oil, vanilla, and honey, if desired, in a large bowl; blend well. Stir in the carrots and mix thoroughly. Sift together the flour and baking soda and fold into the carrot mixture. Spoon cake batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes. Let cake cool in pan for 10 minutes; then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

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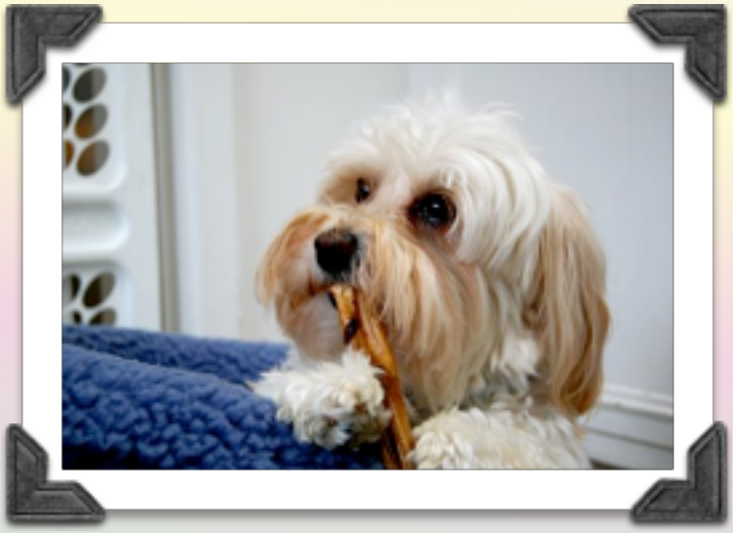
Special Tribute

In Loving Memory of Oliver

May 16, 2002 - Feb. 26, 2011



Loved and owned by Sally Minton

NEW FEATURE TO HAVANESE HORIZONS

Tributes

We invite you to send us your loving tributes.
Please send picture and information to Cindy Lisai at clisaipeekaboo@gmail.com

Book Review

The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein

Submitted by Claudia DeVita
Quote from "Harper"

'I highly suggest you add this wonderful "Dog Book" to your summer reading list. Stein's third novel is told through the eyes of his beloved dog as the dog lays dying. As he looks back at his life with his beloved family you wonder if your own dog is internalizing the family dynamics as this devoted and loving pet is. Hard to put down and truly touching, I highly recommend this book to all, especially the dog lover." Claudia DeVita

"A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, The Art of Racing in the Rain is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life told as a dog would see it." -- Harper

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Seasonal Tip

Thunder and Lightening

Submitted by Jan Smith

Along with April showers comes lightning in many areas. Remember the 30 30 rule. If you hear thunder within 30 seconds after a lightning strike, it's too close and go indoors with the dogs. Wait 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder you hear before thinking all is clear and it's safe to be back outside.

Roundtable Topic

Bequest to Havanese Rescue

Submitted by Jan Smith

Question....
I'd like to include HRI, Havanese Rescue, in my will. Can you tell me how to do this?

Answer...
Information on how to make a bequest to Havanese Rescue Inc is now available on our website:

http://www.havaneserescue.com/about-havanese-rescue-inc/bequests

To locate this information you can go to the main menu under About Havanese Rescue Inc > Bequests or click on the Donate button at the top and scroll down to the link for "Bequests."

Fun Fotos

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