

**Watertown All Breed Community, Inc.
Watertown, WI**



Agenda for Associates Meeting March 11, 2015

- 1) Call to Order 7:20p.m.
- 2) Roll Call: Laurie, Kris, Kathy, Kim, Robyn, Linda

Training Committee Guests: Lorri
- 3) Notes from the February meeting review/approved
- 4) Reports of Committees:
 - a. Spools for the Boomer dog park will be painted March 26.
 - b. Dog Training
 - i. Referrals for consultations for community calls for help with:
 1. Aggressive dogs will be sent to Kim Waugus (Dodge County Canine)
 2. Non-aggressive dogs will be sent to Kathy Wolff.
 - ii. Training Committee expansion to include new training assistants
 - iii. Training Class and In-service Schedule:
 1. Trainer and training assistant seminar will be held at 7:30p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the Senior Center.
 - a. This event is for WABC trainers, but is open to the public. There is no cost for attending.
 - b. Kathy will write a press-release for this event.
 - c. Laurie will ask a photographer to take photos for the press release.
 2. Puppy Classes
 - a. Taught by Kris Kerr and Kathy Wolff
 - b. Will be held at the Recycle Center at 6:30p.m.
 - c. Starts on April 14, 2015 and lasts 6 weeks.
 - d. The first class is a people-only orientation class.
 - e. Cost for the class is \$65 for people with a Watertown address, \$80 for people outside Watertown.
 3. Basic Family Dog classes
 - a. Taught by Kris Kerr and Kathy Wolff
 - b. Will be held at the Recycle Center at 7:30p.m.
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4. Relax Rover Classes

a. Taught by Kim Waugus

b. Class description:

People assume incorrectly their dog will eventually “get over” a fear. However, in most cases, the opposite occurs – the dog becomes more afraid. Being anxious all the time is not fun for humans and it’s not fun for dogs either. Our Relax Rover class will teach you how to help your dog overcome unfounded fears, such as loud noises, meeting new people, etc. and feel more secure in your presence. You will learn how to recognize when your dog is stressed and how to handle scary situations, such as going to the vet, and how to help your dog be more relaxed.

c. Will be held at the Recycle Center at 6:30p.m.

d. Starts on April 16, 2015 and lasts 4 weeks.

e. All people signing up for this class will bring their dog to meet the instructor for a private lesson/behavior consultation (included in the class fee) before the first day of the group session.

f. Cost for the class is \$100 for people with a Watertown address, \$125 for people outside Watertown.

5. Feisty Fido Classes

a. Taught by Kim Waugus

b. Class description:

Having a dog that overreacts to anything or everything is very difficult to live with. In the feisty Fido class, you’ll learn how to react when your dog reacts (it’s the opposite of what occurs naturally) and management and handling skills. You’ll learn how to recognize when your dog is stressed, how to keep your calm in potentially explosive situations, and how to get your dog to focus on you and not what s/he is stressed about. Several instructors will be present to provide one-on-one instruction. Participants in this class must meet with the instructor(S) privately before the group classes begin. The private lesson is included in the fee.

Note: This class is for dogs that overreact to stressors. For dogs that exhibit considerable behavior problems we recommend private behavior consultations instead.

c. Will be held at the Recycle Center at 7:30p.m.

d. Starts on April 16, 2015 and lasts 4 weeks.

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- e. All people signing up for this class will bring their dog to meet the instructor for a private lesson/behavior consultation (included in the class fee) before the first day of the group session. Cost for the class is \$100 for people with a Watertown address, \$125 for people outside Watertown.
 - iv. Scholarships for all classes are available to those in need. We also sponsor a shelter dog in our classes.
 - c. Events
 - i. Making Enrichment Toys for Shelter Dogs
 - This project is taking time to get off the ground since WABC volunteers are working on other projects and are still gathering and testing enrichment toy ideas.
 - 1. Greg made special treat-dispensers for the kennels at the Shelter, at the request of the Shelter Manager (Amy). They mount on the outside of the kennel and allow shy or deaf dogs to get treats from people without being startled and without the barrier frustration that results from people sticking their hands through the chain link. The kennel-treat-dispensers worked well and were a big hit at the Shelter.
 - 2. Rolling treat -dispensers have tested well with our own dogs once we found the right size treat-dispensing hole.
 - 3. Waiting for samples of Braided Rope and Braided Fleece dog toys. Kris is working on the samples.
 - 4. Kim noted that old Tuperware containers make excellent and durable enrichment toys.
- 5) Old Business:
- i. Tee shirt payments and pick-up
 - ii. Events:
 - 1. Report on Annual Meeting with the Public
 - 2. Brat House for the Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin (AMCW) Weight Pull at Glenn's Meat Market on Sunday, March 22, 2015.
 - 3. Flier Distribution –Greg had the fliers printed
 - 4. Volunteer sign-up 9a.m.-3:30p.m. (Greg's cooking)
 - iii. Dog food pantry Project Update
 - 1. The food pantry is just getting started, but we were already able to donate 150# of dog food to families who needed help feeding their dogs.
 - 2. We have more dog food (and treat-bones) available for others in need.

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iv. Future Plans & Events

1. Vouchers for nail clipping & ear cleaning from vets, groomers, and the Watertown Humane Society dogwash fundraiser –This idea was part of the Dog Food Pantry initiative, and will be added to the project as time permits.
2. Dog Park Education for the Boomer Dog Park Location (We will need to coordinate with the City on these.)
 - a. Tips from the Trainer Event
 - i. A special time/day where a trainer will be at the dog park to offer training tips on how to make the dog park a good experience.
 - ii. There will be a small fee –possibly \$5 with Kongs or other toys as part of a package to send home.
 - b. Small Dog Social Event
 - c. Signs for the Boomer Dog Park
–Kris has been working on info. that will help people learn how to manage their dogs properly in a dog park environment.
Kim has already made signs for a dog park in another town, and Kim and Kris will be working together on this project once their training classes are underway.

6) New Business:

- a. Pawsitive Reinforcement Program:
Rewarding people who demonstrate responsible dog ownership by, picking up their dog's poop, walking their dog on-leash, etc. with a coupon for an item, such as a pizza, at a local business
 1. We will ask local businesses to donate coupons.
 2. Kathy and Kris will be working on this project, but all Associates are invited to help implement the program.
 3. We will send a press-release to the paper once we're ready to launch the program.

7) Meeting adjournment: 8:30p.m.