

March 2014

The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

The next HOABC club meeting – Saturday March 15, 2014 in Kansas City- following the show at Hale Arena. – Time is TBD - bring a lunch or purchase one from the concessions. Check your email or our FaceBook page for time announcement!

So...you say you **DON'T** have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the **Odd Man** (or woman) out at our next function!??!! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!



2013-2014 Club Members and their New Title Holders

GCH Emerson Breho Soul Patrol of Windwood	<u>BN</u> and <u>CD</u>	"Reuben" (BN) May -13	(CD) October -13	Jim and Karen Emerson
CH Breho Emerson Voodoo Doll		"VooDoo" January - 14		Jim and Karen Emerson\

Remember- April 1 is the cut off for plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates

farmoreboxers@yahoo.com if your dog is missing or information is inaccurate.

February/March Member Brags

•Encore's FarMore Untouchable "Dega" received WB under James Noe at the Jesse James KC #2 February 2, 2014

If you would like to be included in the newsletter brags...please send them to farmoreboxers@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month!

American Boxer Charitable Foundation

Check it out! What a great way to remember the dogs of our lives and our history.

<http://www.abcfoundation.org/ABCF-Online-Wall/index.html>

The perfect way to celebrate life events and the happy blessings that our Boxers provide. Brag about a litter born, a championship achieved, agility and obedience titles earned. Your donation, a special honorarium, can be used as a Wedding, Birthday or Christmas gift. It might be a way to thank a special person, a mentor or to congratulate someone for their achievements.

Donate to Kudos Corner and become a member of the Wall of Celebration, recognized for your contribution to the health of our Boxers. You need not be a member of ABCF to donate and your gift may be in any amount.

Complete the Kudos Corner form and submit via online or print and send by mail. The information you submit will be placed on the Kudos Corner area of the ABCF website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Garden City Kansas Kennel Club	Garden City	KS	Mrs. Patricia A Hess	7-Mar-14
Garden City Kansas Kennel Club	Garden City	KS	Mrs. Polly (Mrs. Robert) D Smith	8-Mar-14
Garden City Kansas Kennel Club	Garden City	KS	Dr. Robert D Smith	9-Mar-14
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club	Columbia	MO	Professor Douglas C Taylor	8-Mar-14
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club	Columbia	MO	Joseph Napolitano	9-Mar-14
Leavenworth Kennel Club	Kansas City	MO	<i>Event Not Approved</i>	13-Mar-14
Leavenworth Kennel Club	Kansas City	MO	<i>Event Not Approved</i>	14-Mar-14
Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.	Kansas City	MO	Mr. Robin L Stansell	15-Mar-14
Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.	Kansas City	MO	Mrs. Gloria Geringer	16-Mar-14
Scottsbluff Kennel Club	Mitchell	NE	Ms. Charlotte Clem McGowan	28-Mar-14
Scottsbluff Kennel Club	Mitchell	NE	Mr. Jon R Cole	29-Mar-14
Scottsbluff Kennel Club	Mitchell	NE	Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman	30-Mar-14
Clinton Iowa Kennel Club	De Witt	IA	<i>Event Not Approved</i>	29-Mar-14
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Claremore Kennel Club of Oklahoma	Claremore	OK	Mr. Edd E Bivin	29-Mar-14
Claremore Kennel Club of Oklahoma	Claremore	OK	Mr. Charles L Olvis	30-Mar-14
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.	Valley Center	KS	Mr. William (Bill) P Shelton	4-Apr-14
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.	Valley Center	KS	Mr. Charles E Trotter	5-Apr-14
Salina Kennel Club, Inc.	Valley Center	KS	<i>Event Not Approved</i>	6-Apr-14
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.	Valley Center	KS	Mr. Jon R Cole	7-Apr-14

ABC is fast approaching!!!

Event Dates:

Saturday, May 3, 2014 - Friday, May 9, 2014

Closing Dates:

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Event Location:

Wyndham West

2544 Executive Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46241-5013

Website: <http://www.wyndham.com>

Telephone Number:

Toll Free: 877-361-4511

In Indianapolis: 317-248-2481

Judges:

Futurity Judge - Tami Mishler
Specialty Judges - Butch Engel
& Pat Mullen



Helpful Links

Kansas all breed clubs

<http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/>
<http://www.heartofamericakc.org/>
www.wichitakennelclub.com
www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com
www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/
www.ljkc.com/
www.salinakennelclub.org/
www.TopekaKC.org

Kansas Obedience Clubs

www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com

Missouri all breed clubs

www.JCKC.org
<http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/>
www.missourirhinelandkc.com
www.heartlandkc.org
[iopindogs.com](http://www.iopindogs.com)

Missouri Obedience Clubs

kansascitydogtraining.com/
www.gsltc.org
www.mcotc.org
www.showmek9.com

Important Links- health/clinics

BLUE PEARL

<http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/>

www.offa.org

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>
<http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm>

Overland Park

913.642.9563
11950 West 110th St
Overland Park KS 66210

Kansas City North

816.759.5016
139 NE 91st Street
Kansas City, MO 64155

NORMA SMITH HANDLING SEMINARS

Now is the Time to Learn to Show Your Dog Like a Professional

2014 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Fox River Valley Kennel Club
Happy Tails Ranch: Island Lake, Illinois
January 11-12, 2014
Contact: Norma Smith
Email: norma@normasmithhandlingseminars.com

Northstar Working Group Association, Minnesota
Tails Up Dog Training
May 3-4, 2014
Contact: Diane Levin Email: SerendipityDanes@aol.com



<http://www.normasmithhandlingseminars.com/>

CLUB HOLTER

The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ sabrina@lattahomes.com for availability

Officers & Directors 2013-2014

President: Janet Ewing (2014)

Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2014)

Secretary: Amber Gates

Board Member: Karen Emerson (2015)

Board Member: Joyce Peckham (2014)

Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)

Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

Committee Assignments for 2013-2014

Show Chairperson: Joyce Peckham

Photographer: Jeannine Millard

Hospitality: Amber Gates, Daniel Gates, Nicki McFarland and Scott Reiser

Trophies: Karen Emerson and Mark Ewing

Fundraising: Jeannine Millard, Carol Latta and Hailey Feldkamp

Topeka Show Site/Judges Liaison: Tom Latta

Advertising/HOABC ads: Amber Gates

Public Education/Programs: Karen Emerson and Jim Emerson

Nominating: Jeannine Millard

Cards & Flowers: Sabrina Jay

Historians: Karen Emerson and Peyton Richardson

Website/FB: Thomas Latta

Breeder Referral: Carol Latta

Boxer Rescue: Elizabeth Phillips

2014/15 Zone B Director: Karen Emerson

Newsletter: Amber Gates and Tom Dobbs

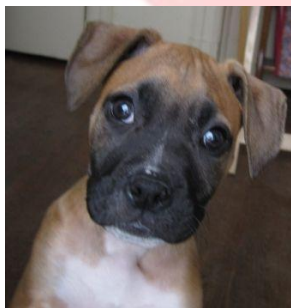
Legislation: Joyce Peckham

Rescue Corner



WE NEED HOMES!

Puppy Boxer Mix, \$100.00 adoption fee. Fenced yards; willingness to do at least one, possibly two fun obedience classes; placements only in KS, MO, NE or IA, after successfully going thru the home visit. Spay/Neuter deposit will also be required if not done at the time of adoption.



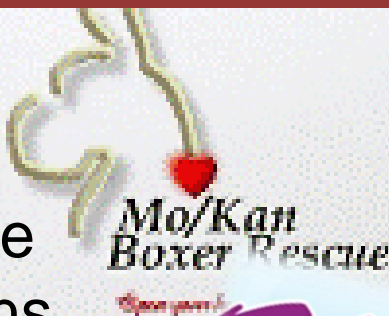
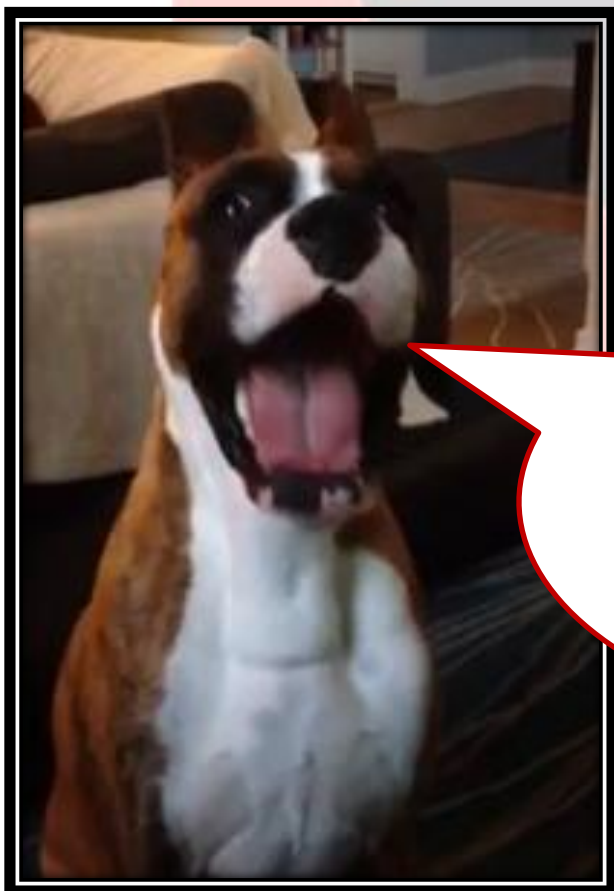
Contact mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net

Club and Rescue Events...Mark your Calendars!!!

The rescue folks are putting together plans

for **2**

AMAZING
Hamburger Mary
events this year!!!



Mark your calendar...
HOABC Annual meeting is
June 7

*We will be having a Photo Booth
(courtesy of Jeannine) and
something educational...and of
course the glorious food!!*

Learning Stuff... Oh ya...

CANCER... a Dreaded dirty ugly killer of our beloved Boxers... but research is constant and ongoing... hopefully...in our lifetimes we WILL see continued improvement and eventual elimination of this killer!

Compound Derived From a Mushroom Lengthens Survival Time in Dogs With Cancer, Penn Vet Study Finds

PHILADELPHIA — Dogs with hemangiosarcoma that were treated with a compound derived from the *Coriolus versicolor* mushroom had the longest survival times ever reported for dogs with the disease. These promising findings offer hope that the compound may one day offer cancer patients — human and canine alike — a viable alternative or complementary treatment to traditional chemotherapies.

The study was conducted by two [University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine](#) faculty. [Dorothy Cimino Brown](#) is professor and chair of the [Department of Clinical Studies](#) and director of the [Veterinary Clinical Investigation Center](#). [Jennifer Reetz](#) is an attending radiologist in the [Department of Clinical Studies](#). They published their findings in an open-access article in the journal [Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine](#).

The *Coriolus versicolor* mushroom, known commonly as the Yunzhi mushroom, has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for more than 2,000 years. The compound in the mushroom that is believed to have immune-boosting properties is polysaccharopeptide, or PSP. In the last two decades, some studies have suggested that PSP also has a tumor-fighting effect.

“There have been a series of studies looking at groups of people with cancer,” Cimino Brown said. “The issue with those studies is that they weren’t necessarily measuring what most people would think is the most clinically important result, which is, do people taking PSP live longer?”

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To address this critical question, Cimino Brown and Reetz pursued a study in dogs with naturally occurring hemangiosarcoma, an aggressive, invasive cancer that arises from the blood cells and typically affects the spleen. It commonly strikes golden retrievers and German shepherds.

Fifteen dogs that had been diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma participated in the trial. Divided into three groups of five, each group received a different dose — 25, 50 or 100 mg/kg/day — of [I'm-Yunity](#), a formulation of PSP that has been tested for consistency and good manufacturing processes.

The owners were instructed to give their dog capsules of I'm-Yunity, compounded by Penn pharmacists, daily. Each month, the owners brought their dogs to Penn's [Ryan Veterinary Hospital](#) for follow-up visits. There, the researchers took blood samples and conducted ultrasounds to determine the extent that tumors developed or grew and spread in the dogs' bodies.

Based on the ultimate endpoints — how quickly the tumors progressed and how long the dogs actually lived — the results of the researchers' trial suggest that the I'm-Yunity was effectively fighting the tumors.

"We were shocked," Cimino Brown said. "Prior to this, the longest reported median survival time of dogs with hemangiosarcoma of the spleen that underwent no further treatment was 86 days. We had dogs that lived beyond a year with nothing other than this mushroom as treatment."

There were not statistically significant differences in survival between the three dosage groups, though the median survival time was highest in the 100 mg group, at 199 days, eclipsing the previously reported median survival time.

The results were so surprising, in fact, that the researchers asked Penn Vet pathologists to recheck the dogs' tissue biopsies to make sure that the dogs really had the disease.

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“They reread the samples and said, yes, it’s really hemangiosarcoma,” Cimino Brown said.

Chemotherapy is available for treating hemangiosarcoma, but many owners opt not to pursue that treatment once their dog is diagnosed. “It doesn’t hugely increase survival, it’s expensive and it means a lot of back and forth to the vet for the dog,” Cimino Brown said. “So you have to figure in quality of life.”

While l’m-Yunity is not inexpensive, if proven effective, it would offer owners a way of extending their pet’s life without regular trips to the vet. As an added benefit, Cimino Brown and Reetz have found no evidence of adverse effects from the PSP treatment.

The researchers are now getting ready to pursue further trials of l’m-Yunity in dogs with hemangiosarcoma to confirm and refine their results. One trial will compare l’m-Yunity to a placebo for those owners who opt not to pursue chemotherapy in their pet and another will compare the compound to standard-of-care chemotherapy.

Depending on those results, veterinarians could eventually prescribe the compound for treating hemangiosarcoma, and perhaps other cancers, in dogs. The company that manufactures l’m-Yunity may also pursue large-scale clinical trials in humans.

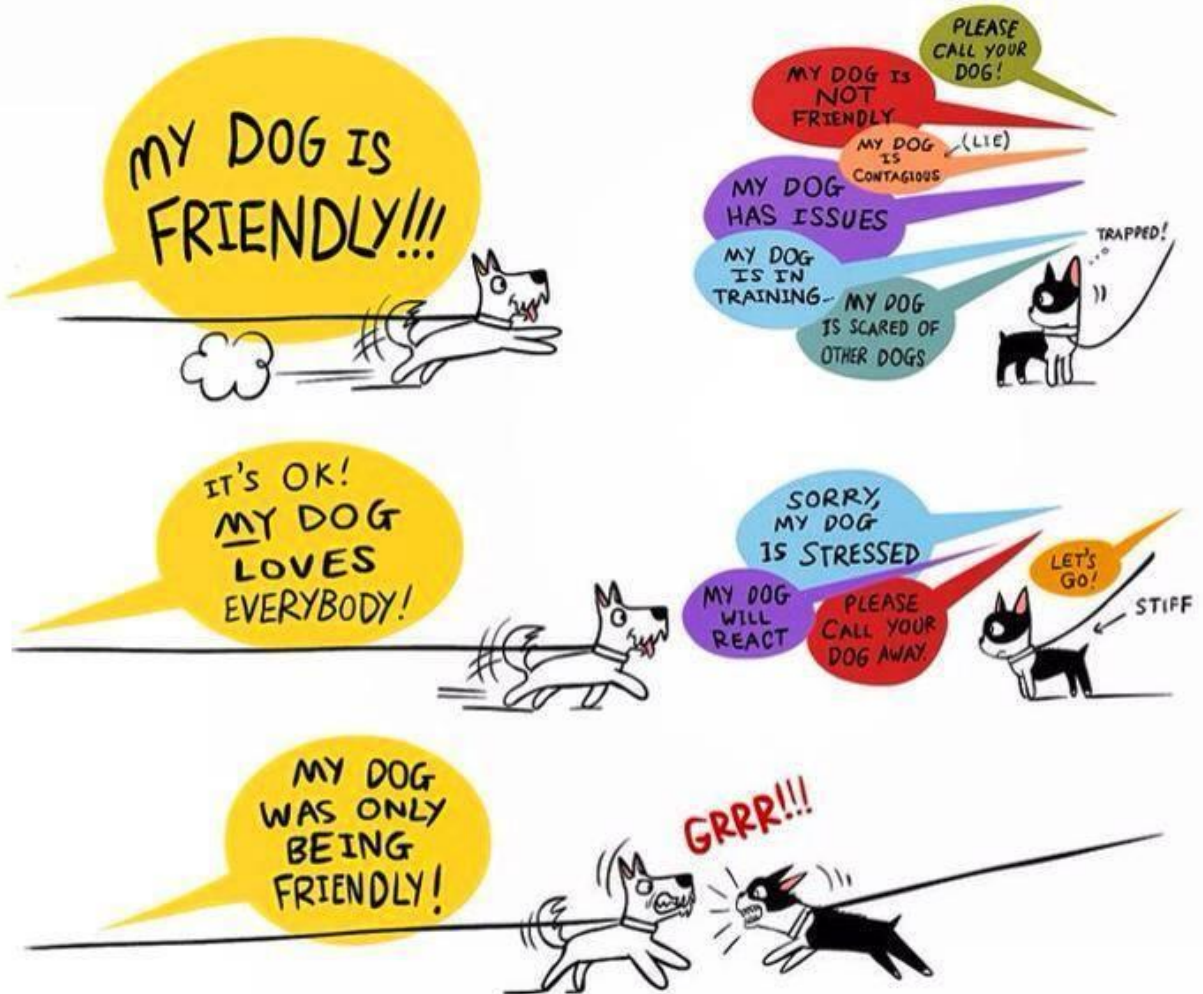
“Although hemangiosarcoma is a very sad and devastating disease,” Cimino Brown said, “in the long term, if we prove that this works, this treatment can be a really nice alternative for owners to have increased quality time with their pet at the end of its life.”

The study was funded by a grant from Chinese Medicine Holdings LTD.

Helpful Hints

SPACE ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

To: People with "Friendly Dogs", Off-Leash Dogs, & Retractable Leash Dogs



NEWSFLASH: Running up to another dog and ignoring requests to go away is not "friendly", it is rude. Just like people, **DOGS NEED PERSONAL SPACE**. If a stranger came up and put his hand on your body, you'd be allowed to step back, yell, and push him away. Dogs have the same right to enforce their boundaries. Some dogs are called "reactive" because they are more sensitive than others. Reactive dogs are good dogs, they just need more distance and compassionate training. You can help them by honoring their need for personal space.

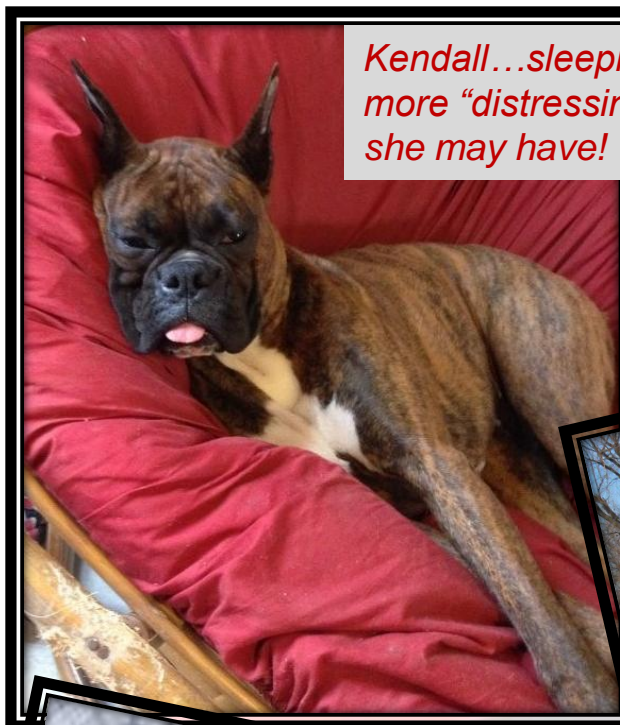
- 1. NEVER LET YOUR OFF-LEASH DOG GO UP TO AN ON-LEASH DOG.**
- 2. LOCK RETRACTABLE LEASHES WHEN YOU SEE OTHER DOGS.**
- 3. ASK BEFORE APPROACHING OR PETTING ANY DOG.**
- 4. HAVE COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE WITH SHY OR REACTIVE DOGS.**

Please do not chase us. Let us pass without interaction, and keep your judgements to yourself.

CAN MY DOG SAY "HI"?

SORRY, NO. I HAVE A DOG THAT NEEDS SPACE. THANK YOU.

Fun Stuff!



Kendall...sleeping... and dreaming of more "distressing" of wood options she may have! ☺



Farmer Karen!



Snowmageddon 2014 at the McFarland house!



Ellie and Bubbles- Snowmageddon 2014

Thanks!



I don't think the words "Thank You" can adequately express our appreciation for the gift to help with Bubbles' expenses. I was so afraid of losing my precious baby; the cost of saving her was very immaterial at the time (and still is). I do would do the same thing again without even a hesitation. However, with your gift the burden of paying expenses isn't weighing quite as heavily on us and I can focus on bringing her back to full health so we can continue our performance career. I only hope that as I become more fiscally balanced again I will be able to help another boxer as you have all helped us. Thank you again for your generosity.

Lee and Linda Graham

In Memory

