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A Message from the President



Our March meeting will have some important discussions concerning our dog shows. I hope most of you can attend so we can get input from as many members as possible. Also, there are some new things I would like to see implemented next year that I would like to discuss also.

We probably need to start discussion on our Christmas party. If you have some suggestions, or liked the last place we had it, please let us know. I know it seems early, but we usually need several months to make up our minds. See you soon.

Mary Manning-Stolz



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

From the Corresponding Secretary Meeting Notice

The next **General Meeting and Board Meeting** of the Tampa Bay Kennel Club will be held on **Thursday March 14, 2013 at the Apex Publix 16560 N Nebraska Ave Lutz, FL 33549-6172 at 7:30 PM.**

Hospitality
Will be provided by **Connie Delaney** for the March meeting.

Notice from the club Treasurer to all Members

Please see the Dues Notice for 2013 attached to this newsletter.

If you have any changes to your club information please complete the form. Please return with your dues payment to:

Lucy Granowicz
6547 Bonnie Blue Drive
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

Delegate's Report



I will be attending our March delegate's meeting before our meeting and will report on who gets on the Board as well as discussion from

the meetings. Anyone who has some input, questions, or issues you would like addressed, please let me know

Mary Manning-Stolz

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Around The Ring



Bull Terrier Rescue of Florida, Inc

Represented the Bull Terrier Club of America at Eukanuba Meet the Breed and won 1st in Terrier Group and Best Booth in Show!

PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER

Heart-Songs Last Dance, JE (7 months)
Sara Bay Kennel Club 2/18/13
went Breed over Specials for a 5 point major

Tampa Bay Terrier Club

3/3/13 She received her Junior Earthdog Title!
Judges: Linda Cockburn & Teri Beverly

Breeder/Owners: Randy & Lorrie Limitone



Notice to All Members

Your nominating committee submits the following list of nominees for the slate of Officers and Board of Directors to serve for the Club Year April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

President Mary Manning Stolz

First Vice President Bruce King

Second Vice President Joseph Napolitano

Third Vice President Kathy Cloonan

Treasurer Lucy Granowicz

Recording Secretary LaWayne Wyatt

Corresponding Secretary Jeanne St. John

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Phil Riek

Daniel Stolz

Georgann Wyatt

Connie Delaney

Lorrie Geyer-Limitone

Kerri Leeman

Election of Officers and Board of Directors will take place at the March meeting 2013.



Tampa Bay Kennel Club Officers and Board

President.....Mary Manning Stolz
1st Vice Pres..... Bruce King
2nd Vice Pres.... Joe Napolitano
3rd Vice Pres.....Kathy Cloonan
Corresponding
Secretary.....Linda Lopez
Recording
Secretary.....LaWayne Wyatt
Treasurer.....Lucy Granowicz

Board of Directors

Anthony Lopez Vesta Hevia
Charlene Niles Dan Stolz
Georgann Wyatt Jeanne St. John

Notice to the Membership

The Classified Section has
new items listed please
see the attached
Classified for these new
items.



Probiotics May Help Pets

Pet Column for the week of January 21, 2013

Holly Richards

Information Specialist

Source - **Dr. Maureen McMichael**

In recent years, the popularity of foods and supplements containing probiotics has grown amid claims that consuming these products improves health. Dr. Maureen McMichael, a veterinarian at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, says there is good evidence to suggest that our pets might benefit in the same way.

In the 1960s, researchers coined the term probiotic, which means “for life” in Greek. And today, probiotics are defined as “live microorganisms that when given in adequate amounts, improve the microbial balance of the host’s intestines.”

Dr. McMichael says the stomach and intestines of all mammals are lined with specialized tissues that together represent the largest immune organ in the body. Hundreds of types of bacteria normally occupy the digestive system and assist in maintaining the quality and function of its inner membranes, known as GALT (gut-associated lymphoid tissue). This lining provides protection from foreign bacteria and viruses.

“The good bacteria are essential to the health of the gut. When the gut is dysfunctional or out of balance, the immune system cannot do its job properly and illness can result,” says Dr. McMichael.

Also called “beneficial bacteria,” these microbes are thought to exclude disease-causing bacteria by directly competing with them for nutrients and space in the intestinal system. Having a healthy, enriched microbial population in the gut indirectly improves the body’s response to introduced dangers as well.

Dr. McMichael, who specializes in veterinary emergency and critical care, said that a large study in

Denmark using probiotics in children in day care centers revealed that probiotics reduced the incidence of diarrhea. But the more surprising finding of the study was that the kids who received probiotics also had much lower rates of upper respiratory infections, such as colds and flu. This suggests that the probiotics not only boosted the health of the gastrointestinal system, but by strengthening the entire immune system, protected children from getting other types of illnesses too.

In addition, some debilitating conditions, including Crohn’s disease and irritable bowel syndrome, are alleviated with the use of probiotics in humans. Dr. McMichael thinks pets suffering similar conditions are likely to benefit from using probiotics too.

“In most instances, when we compare human and animal medical studies, it is not a good idea to assume that what’s good for people is also good for animals,” she warns. “But for probiotics, it appears to be safe to give these to your pets. Probiotic products designed specifically for pets are available on the market.”

Dr. McMichael cautions that the bacterial strains that are native to each species of animal differ, and one that is beneficial for dogs might not be safe for people and vice versa. So she reminds owners to follow the advice of their veterinarian and make sure to use a product that is intended for the specific type of pet, whether horse, rabbit, dog, cat, or other.

Dr. McMichael adds that as researchers continue to explore the scientific value of probiotics, the Association for American Feed Control Officials and the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine have established basic classification and labeling requirements for pet animal probiotics. So although large-scale studies have yet to be conducted in animals to confirm their efficacy, probiotics that are designed and labeled for pets should be safe to use and may have a positive effect on their health.

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**Tampa Bay Kennel Club
General Meeting & Board Meeting**

**Thursday
March 14, 2013**

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Next Due Date:
March 25, 2013**



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