



Tall Tails



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A Message from the President



I reported at the last TBKC meeting that I was going to a meeting where the program was a demo on dog teeth cleaning with no anesthetic. The process is done with water, much the same as our own dentists use to clean our teeth. The person who did the program said she would be happy to meet with us and we could have our dog's teeth cleaned for \$35.00 each. However, we cannot have dogs in Publix and I am afraid she wouldn't be able to clean many dog's teeth (she said it takes about 15 minutes each but I would say she worked for 1/2 hour). I would like to suggest, if there are enough people interested, that we either hold one or two of our meetings at someone's house, invite her and she can clean teeth while we hold the meeting or we could have a special get together just dedicated for teeth cleaning. If there are enough people interested, we could have one in the North part of the county and one in the Brandon area.

She lives in Plant City but she came to a meeting in Pinellas County. Please email me designsplus@tampabay.rr.com.

We will be discussing two important topics at the May meeting: the Christmas Party and the August picnic. Penny said she will contact Michaels where we went last year but we need to decide on the date so we aren't competing with Eukanuba.

Hope to see you there!
Mary

From the Corresponding Secretary Meeting Notice

The next **General Meeting and Board Meeting** of the Tampa Bay Kennel Club will be held on **Thursday May 9, 2013 at the Apex Publix 16560 N Nebraska Ave Lutz, FL 33549-6172 at 7:30 PM.**

Board meeting take place on the following months: March, April, June, September, November and December.

Hospitality

Will be provided by Connie Delaney and Anthony Lopez for the May meeting.

Delegate's Report



Mary Manning-Stolz

Nothing to report this month

Around The Ring



PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER
Treasure Coast Kennel Club Of Florida
Judge: Martin D, Doherty

Heart-Songs Last Dance, JE
On Saturday 4/27/13
3 pt. major from BBE (her 2 major @ 9 month)
Owner/Handler
Lorrie & Randy Limitone

Dogs, Cats, and Automobiles

Andrea Lin
Information Specialist
People are on the go, and increasingly, they are taking their pets along for the ride. While some pets seem born to ride, for others the loud noises and strange motions involved in traveling can be a real problem.

Dr. Kelly Ballantyne, a veterinarian at the University of Illinois Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, advises owners on issues related to animal behavior. She offers these tips on how to make traveling a safe and

pleasant experience for your pets.

"The first step is to watch for signs that your pet is stressed," advises Dr. Ballantyne.

That is easier said than done, because not all animals express distress in the same ways. Some animals that are very anxious show obvious signs, such as pacing and vocalizing, whereas other, equally stressed pets may give much more subtle indications.

"For dogs, you should watch for excessive salivation, panting, a furrowed brow, holding their ears back, and frequent lip-licking or yawning," says Dr. Ballantyne.

"Cats may crouch or try to hide when stressed," she says. "They may also twitch their tails and pull their ears back. These all can be signs that your pet is anxious and not enjoying the trip."

Your veterinarian will be an important partner in finding a way to manage your pet's anxiety while traveling. There are many options, and you may need to try several approaches to discover what works best for your pet. Dr. Ballantyne recommends experimenting with different approaches when taking your pet on short trips so you can find out what works before taking your pet on a long road trip.

One option available for both dogs and cats is a synthetic equivalent of a natural pheromone with stress-relieving qualities. Feliway® is a pheromone product for cats that comes as a spray or in a diffuser. A similar product for dogs is a DAP (dog appeasement pheromone) collar or spray.

For dogs, specially made clothing that applies gentle, constant pressure on the torso is marketed to produce a soothing effect on stressed dogs. Lavender aroma therapy has also been found to help calm anxious dogs.

For some pets, prescription anti-anxiety medications or sedatives may

be the best alternative.

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In addition to addressing your pet's stress level, you should ensure that your pet will be safe while traveling, according to Dr. Ballantyne.

"Cats should always be in a carrier," she says. "You can't predict how your pet will react while traveling. A carrier will keep her safe and ensure that she can't accidentally get away from you."

Dogs should also be secured in a carrier or harness when riding in a car. Special harnesses and seats that attach to seat belts are marketed to ensure safe car travel for your dog. If your car has airbags, your dogs should not be placed in the front seat, just as small children should never ride in front.

Nausea is another problem that plagues pets that travel. In dogs, drooling and looking sick to their stomach are likely signs of carsickness. Owners of pets prone to carsickness wonder whether or not to feed their pet.

"It probably isn't a good idea to feed your pet a large meal before a trip, especially before a plane flight," says Dr. Ballantyne. "When going on a long car trip, try feeding small meals during rest stops and feed the biggest meal at the end of the day. If your pet has been carsick on a trip before, talk

with your veterinarian about anti-nausea medicine."

Your veterinarian can also advise you on how to handle a long trip if your pet has a special medical condition that requires controlled feeding times, such as diabetes or inflammatory bowel disease.

A final piece of advice from Dr. Ballantyne is for people on the go who are getting a puppy or kitten: "Start when your pet is young. Let him get used to traveling and learn that it is a positive experience."

So get going, and bring your pet with you! Just be sure to work with your veterinarian to find safe and low-stress strategies that will make the experience enjoyable for you and your pet. Happy travels!

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

**Thursday
May 9, 2013**

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