

# Bluegrass Animal Welfare League, Inc.



*"Dedicated to Responsible  
Pet Ownership"*

## Newsletter

## Fall 2008

### PICNIC WITH THE PUPS, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008!

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is the date for the eighteenth annual Picnic With The Pups to be held at beautiful Keeneland. The gates will open at noon and once inside, get ready to have a great time! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and one part that has been enthusiastically embraced by the pet-loving community. Keeneland is the perfect setting for all the activities involved in this event.

There will be agility training and demonstrations by Mary Ann Zeigenfuse of Best Friends Obedience. Margaret and Marshall Smith will be on the field with their amazing disc dogs, many of them having won national prizes. The 4-H Dog Clubs will have their usual fun and games that everyone loves to watch. Great, live music by some of the best pickers in the Bluegrass will entertain. WE are honored again to have Joe Gierlach and his group, The Blue Dog and also, Pickin' Time will be with us once again. We will have the Blessing of the Animals around 1:30 p.m. with the Pet contests starting around 2:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. we will draw for the door prizes which includes a \$100 Gas Card! We do ask the winner of that prize to be there to receive it.

We expect many of the shelter and adoption organizations to have many of their beautiful animals there and we hope many will find good homes.

People can bring their own picnic fare but we don't know why they would when Linda Campbell and her crew dish out some lip-smacking hot dogs, hot off the grill! She also has coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and all kinds of good snacks.

So, come to Keeneland on September 7<sup>th</sup> and plan to stay awhile. We believe this gathering of people who truly love their pets is a good example to the community...so don't miss it! See you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **FLEAS, FLEAS AND MORE FLEAS ... AND TICKS, TOO!**

Once again, I am hearing from my vet that this is a bad year for our critters. The fleas and ticks are flourishing. We didn't have a severe enough winter to kill the fleas. I spoke with people at two veterinarian offices and they have recommended treating your animals with the flea treatment of your choice at least every four weeks.

I had been using my dog's grooming schedule of every six weeks, as my schedule for treating my Schnauzer, two days after her grooming ... like the instructions say, "24-48 hours after a bath". However, I noticed fleas on her. So, after "bombing" our home, washing all her bedding (and

mine) in hot water, I applied the flea treatment. AND in four weeks, I'll be giving her another flea treatment.

If you don't want to use the flea medications or chemicals, there are alternatives such as; frequent vacuuming to get rid of fleas (put something in your vacuum cleaner bag to kill the little devils), diatomaceous earth (fossilized sea critters that make a soil that kills fleas), nematode worms for flea control in your yard (little parasites that kill fleas), plants that repel fleas and flea traps. You can get more information from the Internet, the library and even your natural health stores. Good luck!

### **WARNING! KEEP GORILLA GLUE AWAY FROM YOUR PETS!**

Gorilla Glue -- it's something you may have in your home right now. When used properly, it can hold just about anything together. But if it gets into the wrong hands, there's a danger that goes beyond any normal glue.

Gorilla brand glue includes the active ingredient diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI), a substance that foams after being exposed to moisture. If ingested in its liquid form, glues made with MDI can expand to many times the original volume, creating a foam-like foreign body that can cause an obstruction in the esophagus or intestines. Ten minutes after adding water, the glue already starts to expand. Almost 24 hours later, the glue is so hard that it can be hit with a hammer.

The problem arises because the smell and taste of the glue is attractive to dogs. A very small amount will expand to many times its volume. Even half an ounce of glue can grow to the size of a basketball inside the stomach. Once in the stomach, the chemical is not toxic, rather it fills the stomach becoming a complete obstructive foreign body. If ignored the dog will not survive. The mass of glue must be surgically removed. This is a serious surgery since opening up the GI tract can lead to peritonitis and other complications.

If ingested, immediately contact your veterinarian. Do not induce vomiting. Do not give anything orally since it will become incorporated into the mass. Surgical removal is considered the only treatment.

Please treat Gorilla glue with the utmost respect. Even licked up glue from a towel or the floor is considered dangerous. Please, please, keep all containers of glue totally out of reach of all of your pets.

Mary Ann Zeigenfuse, LVT, VCA  
Woodford Animal Hospital

## **PET JAMBOREE + PENNY SALE = FUN!**

On April 27<sup>th</sup> we held our Pet Jamboree at the Thoroughbred Center on Paris Pike. We had a new activity that was really a lot of fun. We had a good old fashioned New England Penny Sale. This was directed by our own Sally Chase who is a native of New England. Sally did a masterful job in organizing this activity and in collecting many prizes which caused all sorts of excitement. Undoubtedly, Sally "created a monster" as the topic at the Thoroughbred Center was people asking if we would do this again. We had better start gathering up prizes now!

## **EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPANDS**

Marsha Cassity, our Education Director, sent in the largest order yet for the Kind News Education Program that BAWL donates to many teachers in the Bluegrass area. The teachers all express interest in pet and environmental issues and discuss these issues with their classes. We receive many thank you letters from the children participating and we know that their interest shows the effectiveness of this program. We thank the many teachers that foster humane practices.

## **BAWL FUTURE EVENTS**

At this writing, we do have the dates for our Pictures of Pets/Children with Santa. You can go to our web site or e-mail us closer to Christmas for the dates.

BAWL e-mail -- infoatkybawl.org

BAWL web site -- www.kybawl.org

We all appreciate the efforts of Marianne Sherman in setting up BAWL's web site and in keeping the news up-to-date.

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## **A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. My life is likely to last 10 - 15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainments, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without God's critters.

## **JOIN BAWL!**

Your tax-deductible membership dues will help support our programs to halt pet overpopulation: Humane Education and Spay/Neuter Subsidies. The Bluegrass Animal Welfare League, Inc., meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Mayfair Manor (Integrated Health Services), 3300 Tates Creek Road. All members are welcome to attend, as is anyone thinking of joining.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to join BAWL!  
(\$15 regular annual membership donation;  
\$10 for senior citizens and students)

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to join at this time, but would  
like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print)

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Address

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Would like to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Bluegrass Animal Welfare League  
P.O. Box 4704  
Lexington, KY 40544-4704

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## **PICNIC WITH THE PUPS - BOOTHS FOR BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS**

All businesses and non-profits send the registration slip below to BAWL, P.O. Box 4704, Lexington, Kentucky 40544-4704.

Call 266-5852 or 276-4724 or 494-6728 for info.

Name of Organization

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Address and Phone Number

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Bring your own chairs and tables - tent covering is wise also.

Non-profits - free booth space

Businesses - \$25 donation, please.