

# Bluegrass Animal Welfare League, Inc.



*"Dedicated to Responsible  
Pet Ownership"*

## Newsletter

**Fall 2007**

### PICNIC WITH THE PUPS AT KEENELAND!

Mark your calendar for September 9<sup>th</sup>! That is the date of the 2007 Picnic with the Pups. The setting is beautiful Keeneland, right inside the main entrance just off Versailles Road. The gates will open to the public at noon and the fun will go on until 5 p.m. This seems to be everyone's favorite event because of all of the activities plus the continuous music by real professionals. The Blue Dawg and Pickin' Time will be there. Both groups are so good— it really gets the toes to tapping. We will have the usual fun events such as agility with Best Friends led by Mary Ann Zeigenfuse, several 4H dog groups livening things up, Disc Dog contests, and other exhibitions entertaining you. We have thirteen contests with great prizes in which you can enter your talented or well-dressed pet. We will again have the Dog Queen and King of Lexington chosen from among the contest entrants. There will be door prizes galore, as usual. A special raffle will begin for a beautiful quilt with a doggie motif! This quilt, created by Kentucky-based professional quilt designer Cate Tallman-Evans, is so desirable that we will be selling raffle tickets on it until we draw the lucky winner at our last session of Pictures of Pets with Santa at Joseph-Beth's. Won't that make a wonderful Christmas gift! And here's a huge thank you to Cate for the donation.

People always ask when the Pet Blessing will be offered at the Picnic. It will be at 2 p.m., delivered by our favorite chaplain, Jesse Baldrige. Linda Campbell and her crew will be there with their wonderful treats. There is something for everyone!

We do have a rain date of September 30; please put both dates on your calendar.



### PET JAMBOREE A REAL SUCCESS

It was a good gathering of pet people at the Thoroughbred Center on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We seemed to have a most congenial group of booth owners who entertained the crowd so well. Of course the 4H Dog Club livened things up, as usual, but this time they brought some baby goats. What beautiful sounds they made! Tommy Lorrison's chili hit the spot, as usual, as well as the surprise birthday cake for our treasurer, Phyllis Bieber. It disappeared quickly, with help from the entire group! The Jamboree is such a good event to inform the public about humane issues, while being just plain fun to be together.

### VETERINARIAN'S CORNER

This important warning to pet owners has been edited to fit the space in our newsletter. The medical facts were extensive and if someone would like the complete information, just ask a BAWL member for a copy. Dr. Morris is no relation to our director.

Written by Laurinda Morris, DVM, Danville Veterinary Clinic, Danville, Ohio: "This week I had my first case of raisin toxicity. My patient was a 56-pound, five year old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins. Several hours later he started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking. The owner didn't call emergency for about seven hours. We contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they gave directions for treatment, which we followed. The dog went into renal failure despite the directions we had followed and after the many hours of their beloved pet suffering, the owners elected to euthanize. I ask people to alert pet owners of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as seven raisins or grapes could be toxic. Even if you do not have a dog, you might have friends who do. This is worth passing on to them."

**KRAMER'S COZY CORNER- a book review by CONTACT \_Con-3FCDA3A51B \c \s \ Gloria Browning**

*Young at Heart: 120 Things You Can Do Right Now to Give Your Older Dog a Longer, Healthier Life* by David Alderton

The book is published by Readers' Digest, so I expected and received an overview of various issues in older dogs' lives. In chapter four, titled "Playful as a Pup," the author does a good job of describing ways to evaluate exercise needs and activities for dogs past eight or nine years old; I was particularly impressed that he stressed evaluating your own dog's physical capabilities in terms of health, breed, and other individual circumstances. I also found the sections on "The Importance of Body Warmth" and "Supplements" helpful and well thought out. I have rarely come across much on body warmth in dogs, beyond the basics of avoiding extreme heat. The reader can jump to the sections of the book that are most interesting and relevant to him or her, or peruse the 153 pages pretty quickly (which contain lovely photos of senior canines). Either way, *Young at Heart* offers sound information that can be further explored, and which is increasingly needed as our dogs live longer and longer lives into old age, like their human counterparts.

**PICTURES OF PETS WITH SANTA**

Christmas will be here before we know it and we are planning more sessions of Pictures of Pets with Santa for this winter than ever before. We can hardly contain the Santa's, Terry Browning and Doug Maxson. We will publicize the dates and locations closer to the time, so be alert! The schedule is usually available by the first of November; call a member of BAWL to get that information.

**HUMANE EDUCATION UPDATE**

Marsha Cassity, our Education Director, did her usual good job in enlisting teachers in the Bluegrass area who will devote time in their school schedules to humane education. This is a very popular and effective way of teaching children the proper way to treat animals. The students write to thank us every semester. We certainly enjoy the cards they make with their pet drawings. We usually include some of these at each of our events.

**JOIN BAWL!**

Membership dues 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, 3300 Bates 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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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**SOME CUTE QUOTES:**

- Cats are magical. The more you pet them the longer you both live. –Anonymous
- Your cat will never threaten your popularity by barking at three in the morning. He won't attack the mailman or eat the drapes, although he may climb the drapes to see how the room looks from the ceiling. –Helen Powers
- The problem with loving is that pets don't last long enough and people last too long. –Anonymous
- If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man but deteriorate the cat. –Mark Twain