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**Next Meeting**

**Next meeting is  
Saturday, April 16**

**Regular Meeting - 7pm  
at  
Strongsville Fire Station  
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Strongsville, Ohio**

**Please be prompt as a  
courtesy to our speaker  
and program.**

# Spotted Copy

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## Honey Heals: The Sweet Side of Wound Care

### Honey fights microbes in several ways

The use of honey as a healing agent dates to ancient times. In the 4th century BC, the Greek philosopher Aristotle mentioned honey as being "good as a salve for sore eyes and wounds."

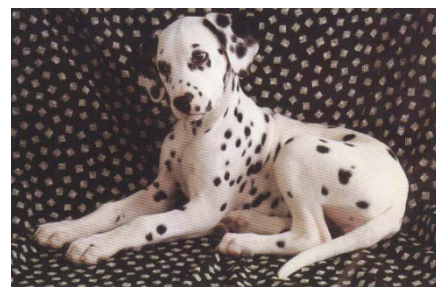
Today, veterinarians use honey and sugar to help heal wounds. Dr. Maureen McMichael, an emergency and critical care veterinarian at the University of Illinois in Urbana, uses these agents frequently in her patients. "We keep sugar and a big jar of honey in the ER since we deal with many wounds that can benefit from them," explains Dr. McMichael.

### How Honey Fights Bugs

Honey's major contribution to wound healing is its antimicrobial properties. "When there is an open wound in a patient, we always worry about infection. Bacteria can easily multiply in the damaged tissue. Honey has antibacterial properties that allow it to clear wound infection by killing the harmful bacteria within the wound bed," says Dr. McMichael.

"Honey has a high osmolarity, it is acidic, and it also creates hydrogen peroxide, which destroys bacteria."

Osmolarity refers to the concentration of particles in a liquid solution. A solution that has high osmolarity will draw moisture from surrounding cells or tissue. Honey, with its high sugar content, has a higher osmolarity than do bacteria. This means that when bacteria encounter the viscous honey, they essentially shrivel up as the water inside them gets drawn out by the sugar. Honey has a low pH, and bacteria cannot function in an acidic environment. It also makes hydrogen peroxide, which disrupts the chemical structure of bacteria.



### More Ways Honey Heals

In addition to fighting bacteria, honey also provides a barrier that prevents bacteria from coming into contact with the wound.

"The honey essentially creates a protective layer when we apply it. It keeps the wound moist and the viscosity and antimicrobial

properties prevent contamination from reaching the tissue," says Dr. McMichael.

Honey has yet another function in wound management: it can speed the healing process of the tissue.

"Honey can attract macrophages, a type of white blood cell important for normal healing of tissue," says Dr. McMichael. "Honey's high osmolarity can also decrease edema, or swelling, in the surrounding tissue, just as it pulls the water from bacteria." Macrophages arrive on the scene of injured tissue and engulf and remove any dead tissue, debris, and foreign microorganisms they encounter so that the tissue can heal.

**Sugar Works on Wounds Too**

Sugar functions in a very similar way to honey in wound healing. Sugar has the advantage of being much cheaper than honey, which helps keep the cost of care down in cases that need the treatment for an extended period.

"Sugar can be especially helpful in degloving injuries, burn wounds, pressure sores, and surgical wounds," explains Dr. McMichael. "It decreases edema at the site, has antibacterial properties, and accelerates wound healing." A degloving injury is one that involves an extensive loss of skin. These often are slow to heal because the body has to gradually regrow its natural covering. It is important to keep the exposed tissue moist and free of bacteria during this process.

The ways in which honey and sugar are applied to wounds are very similar.

"We use honey or sugar in combination with frequent wound cleaning and bandage changes to give the wound the best environment for healing," says Dr. McMichael. With careful cleaning and bandaging, along with continued evaluation from the vet care team, our pets' wounds can find pretty sweet healing when these natural substances are used. If you have any questions about wound care, please see your local vet.

By Melissa Giese



**AKC Breed Breakdown**

Labrador Retrievers are again the most popular breed in the United States for the 25th consecutive year, the longest reign of any one breed, according to 2015 AKC registration data. Although the popular family-friendly breed has remained at the top for some time, a few breeds are closing in on its spot. The French Bulldog jumped up three spots, from ninth in 2014 to sixth in 2015.

BREED	2015	2014	2013
Retrievers (Labrador)	1	1	1
German Shepherd Dogs	2	2	2
Retrievers (Golden)	3	3	3
Bulldogs	4	4	5
Beagles	5	5	4
French Bulldogs	6	9	11
Yorkshire Terriers	7	6	6
Poodles	8	7	8
Rottweilers	9	10	9
Boxers	10	8	7
Pointers (German)	11	12	13

Shorthaired)			
Siberian Huskies	12	13	14
Dachshunds	13	11	10
Doberman Pinschers	14	14	12
Great Danes	15	15	16
Miniature Schnauzers	16	16	17
Australian Shepherds	17	18	20
Cavalier King Charles Spaniels	18	19	18
Shih Tzu	19	17	15
Pembroke Welsh Corgis	20	22	24
Pomeranians	21	20	19
Boston Terriers	22	23	23
Shetland Sheepdogs	23	21	21
Havanese	24	25	25
Mastiffs	25	26	26
Brittanys	26	27	30
Spaniels (English Springer)	27	28	28
Chihuahuas	28	24	22
Bernese Mountain Dogs	29	32	32
Spaniels (Cocker)	30	30	29
Maltese	31	29	27
Vizslas	32	34	34
Pugs	33	33	31
Weimaraners	34	35	33
Cane Corso	35	48	50
Collies	36	36	35
Newfoundlands	37	37	37
Border Collies	38	40	44
Basset Hounds	39	42	41
Rhodesian Ridgebacks	40	39	39
West Highland White Terriers	41	38	36
Retrievers (Chesapeake Bay)	42	41	43
Bullmastiffs	43	45	40
Bichons Frises	44	44	40
Shiba Inu	45	47	46
Akitas	46	46	45
Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers	47	49	51
Papillons	48	43	38
Bloodhounds	49	50	48
St. Bernards	50	51	47
Belgian Malinois	51	60	60
Portuguese Water Dogs	52	52	49
Airedale Terriers	53	57	56
Alaskan Malamutes	54	54	57
Bull Terriers	55	53	52
Australian Cattle Dogs	56	55	58
Whippets	57	56	59
Scottish Terriers	58	59	55
Chinese Shar-Pei	59	58	54
Spaniels (English Cocker)	60	62	62
Samoyeds	61	68	67
Dalmatians	62	66	64
Dogues de Bordeaux	63	63	65



## Lady Maxine's Book of Quotations



**Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside a dog, it's too dark to read.**

**Groucho Marx**

**MAJOR – Born a dog, died a Gentleman**

**Epitaph on a dog's gravestone**

**If a dog doesn't put you first where are you both? What is your relation? A dog needs a god.**

**It lives by your glances, your wishes. It even shares your humour. If this doesn't happen, you are only keeping an animal.**

**Enid Bagnold**

**Dogs are better than human beings because they know, but do not tell.**

**Emily Dickinson**

**The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.**

**Andy Rooney**

## Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday..



### April, 2016

Ch Dashing's Fire Flower OAJ CGC  
4/10/2007 – Cindy Chaytor

Sparks Fly, After the Fire  
4/13/2013 – Greg & Martha Brown

Charley  
4/16/2014 – Barbara Brandon

Zdar n Ivadals B Girl Meant To Be  
4/21/2012 – Cindy Riggans

Ch Folklore's Sparkling Star  
4/24/2005 - Pam & Steve Weisman

GCH Cassiopea's Summer in the Spring  
4/29/2005 – Bob & Diana Smith

#### NON-SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

Diana Smith – April 9

Alan & Joanne Shupp  
April 23, 1988

Send your birthday/anniversary information to the editor



## 2016 Committees

### Awards

Cindy Chaytor, Cindy Riggans

### Awards & Holiday Banquet

Scot & Tammy Edmondson

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### Hospitality

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### Membership

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### 2016 Puppy Match

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### Specialty Show

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## Trophy Donations

Please remember to help out our club by donating for trophies for our August 12 Specialty Shows.

The signup sheets to sponsor classes for our Friday, August 12 Specialties are out.

Please contact Nancy Abbott to see what classes are still available.

## WRDC 2016 Tentative Schedule

<b>January</b>	No meeting
<b>February 20</b>	Board meeting Regular meeting
<b>March 20</b>	Regular meeting Pot Luck dinner at Pam & Steve's
<b>April 16</b>	Regular meeting.
<b>May 21</b>	Board meeting Regular meeting
<b>June 18</b>	Regular meeting follows Puppy Match
<b>July 3</b>	Brunswick Parade
<b>July 19</b>	Board meeting Regular meeting
<b>August 12</b>	2 Specialty shows
<b>Sept. 20</b>	Board meeting Regular meeting
<b>October 15</b>	Regular meeting & Officer election
<b>Nov. 15</b>	Board meeting Regular meeting
<b>December</b>	Awards Banquet

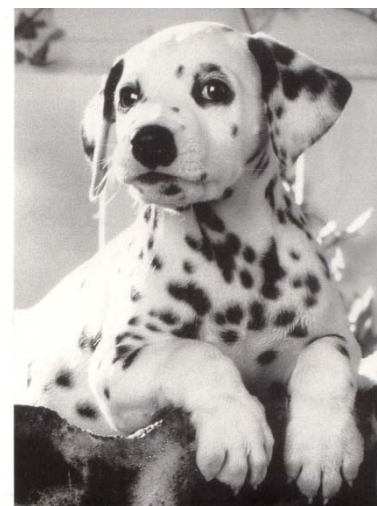


### **For all WRDC members who participate in Dal Rescue**

Attention Breed/Parent Clubs: If your club actively rescues dogs, we encourage you to apply for the AKC Humane Fund's grant.

This program reimburses breed rescue programs for some of the expenses associated with rehoming dogs, including veterinary care and supplies.

If your Breed/Parent Club does not perform rescue services and wishes to recommend an organization that does so on behalf of your breed, please encourage them to apply. (A letter of referral from the parent club on behalf of the applicant is required.) To apply, visit [www.akchumanefund.org](http://www.akchumanefund.org).



### **Getting the Goo Out**

Sooner or later, your dog will get chewing gum, tar, tree sap, burrs or some other sticky or tenacious substance in her fur. To get rid of sticky stuff without cutting the hair, work some vegetable oil into the goo with your fingers. The oil will help break up the goo into smaller pieces, which you can gently pull out of the fur. When you're done, bathe your dog with a mild shampoo to remove the vegetable oil. Never use paint thinner, turpentine, nail polish remover or other solvents to remove messes from your dog's fur. They are toxic and absorbed through the skin.

## FEAR FREE VETERINARY VISITS BY NANCY KAY, DVM

Dr. Marty Becker is one of the most enthusiastic vets I know, and he is an amazing advocate for the veterinary profession. Not only does he run a small animal practice in Idaho, he is a nationally recognized speaker, columnist, and television and radio spokesperson. Most recently, Dr. Becker has been busy promoting his concept of "Fear Free veterinary visits" by encouraging his colleagues to focus on their patients' minds as well as their bodies. After all, the calmer the animal, the more successful the visit is apt to be. Dr. Becker writes, we must change to provide emotional care and compassion for pets to go along with great medicine. Here are the ten steps Dr. Becker recommends to achieve Fear Free veterinary visits:



**Arrive with a calm pet.** Arriving with an animal that is relaxed sets the tone for a calm visit. This might involve the use of pheromones, sedatives prescribed by the vet, cat carrier covers, and playing special calming music. I'll throw in my two cents here by saying that, the calmness of my client (the human in the exam room) usually influences the calmness

of my patient. Playing some special calming music for both species might be just the ticket!

**Withhold food.** Dr. Becker recommends no food after 6:00 PM the night before the office visit (unless the animal's medical condition dictates otherwise). This way, the dog or cat is more likely to respond to food rewards offered by the veterinary staff.

### **Minimize the use of the waiting room.**

Waiting in a private exam room or even in the family car may create less anxiety than spending time in a busy waiting area.

### **Have species-specific exam rooms.**

Dr. Becker recommends species-specific places to examine the animal, pheromones, calming music, wall coverings, and even adjusted temperatures.

### **Promote a sense of calm in the exam room.**

Actions such as using a lower voice, avoiding direct eye contact, providing treats, allowing the animal to check the veterinarian out first rather than vice versa, and wearing pheromones can have significant calming effects.

**Offer a choice of where to examine the patient.** Some animals feel far more comfortable on the floor than up on a metal exam table. (I find this to be particularly true for larger dogs.) Dr. Becker recommends exploring alternate places, on a yoga mat or towel on the floor, or on the pet owner's lap. I agree wholeheartedly and would add that for some dogs, performing my exam outside on the lawn,

inside the car (the animal's home away from home), or in the back of the family pickup truck can help create calm.



### **Determine one best method of positional compliance.**

What this means is working with each animal to determine which method of restraint has the most calming impact. Once the method is determined, it is wise to make note of it within the medical record along with the pet's preferred place to be examined and favorite treats. My own experience has taught me that many animals do best with a "less is more" method of restraint.

### **Make vaccinations less pain/more gain.**

This means using smaller needles, distraction techniques when the needle prick occurs, and administering vaccinations via less stressful measures. For example, a kennel cough vaccination can be administered orally rather than into the nose.

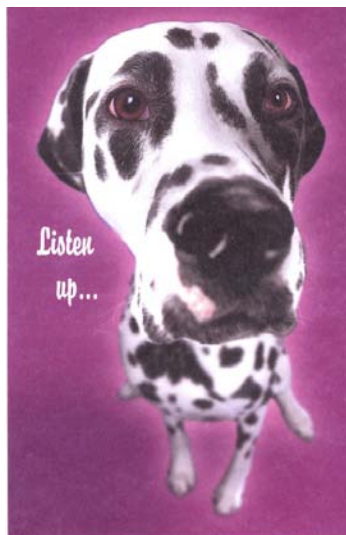
### **Use sedation early and often.**

If an animal appears anxious, Dr. Becker recommends administration of sedation and then waiting for it to take effect. When sedation is warranted, I encourage selecting a drug that is a true anxiolytic (reduces anxiety) rather than one that simply produces a sleepy dog.

**Cradle every pet's physical and emotional well-being.**

Lastly, Dr. Becker encourages beginning the office visit with the animal's emotional well-being. Only after a calm attitude is achieved should assessment of the animal's physical well-being begin.

I will add my belief that some dogs are less fearful about being taken beyond the exam room and into the bowels of the hospital when their favorite calm human is allowed to accompany them. Keep in mind, this applies to some but not all animals..



**Presidents Message**

Hi All;

Wow, I think spring has sprung! We're really getting some nice days so it's time to get out and work/train/enjoy the dogs without battling the cold. Lizzie's been doing some tracking practice and enjoying it. Hope everyone had a happy Easter. I would like to wish anyone traveling to DCA safe travels and for those competing good luck.

March was a well-attended meeting with some guests and a lot of wonderful food.

Hats off to the clubs great cooks and a very big Thank You to Steve and Pam Weisman for opening their house to the club. Please keep in mind our upcoming events such as the Medina County Pet-Tacular, a rally demonstration, the Brunswick parade, our puppy match, and tentatively speakers for April and May meetings. We've also been invited to the NFL Hall Of Fame parade in Canton.

There are still some committees' open such as Hospitality, Public Education, and a volunteer to oversee supported entries. Also another reminder that Debbie is still seeking someone to step up and volunteer as the clubs historian so if you would consider doing so please let Debbie know. Our April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Strongsville fire station with a speaker before the meeting starts so please mark your calendars.

For those wanting to get your puppies out for a fun match I see Medina Kennel Club is having two AKC Sanctioned Matches on Saturday April 9, 2016 10am & 1pm.

Hey folks, any web site updates for Lesley? Please send to Lesley Sinwald at [lesley.mac@mac.com](mailto:lesley.mac@mac.com).

Want to brag about those new titles? If so what about a spotted copy ad? Full page color \$20.00, Half page black and white or half page color \$10.00. Don would be happy to assist with ad layout. He can be emailed at [dgotsch@glwb.net](mailto:dgotsch@glwb.net)

Sincerely,  
Linda

**Dog Yawning - It's Contagious!**



Research indicates that your yawn could prompt your dog to do the same, especially if it's an audible yawn. A study published in "Animal Cognition" suggests that just the sound of a human yawn can trigger a yawn from a dog. The study also showed that dogs yawned more often in response to yawns from people familiar to them than from strangers, according to a report in Scientificamerican.com.

Twenty-nine dogs involved in the University of Porto (Portugal) study were played recordings of yawns from their owners, a stranger, and "control sounds" (formed by reversing the yawn recordings) while their owners were in a separate room. Dogs were four times more likely to yawn after hearing a familiar yawn than an unfamiliar one. Scientists say the dogs' behavior suggests contagious yawning could be empathetically or emotionally based. The findings build on previous research using gelada baboons, chimpanzees, and stump-tail macaques, which yielded similar results: Contagious yawning occurred most often when prompted by an animal familiar to the test subjects.

**WESTERN RESERVE  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 2016**

Linda opened the meeting at 4:06p.m. Roll call was read, with 19 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Debbie Gotsch made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Kathy Szomoru seconded. Carried.

Linda Lombardi thanked Pam and Steve Weisman for their hospitality and everyone for the great food.

Sunshine: Debbie Gotsch stated that Diana Smith is home and recovering from knee replacement surgery. Discussion on the Holiday party with many suggestions. Tammy and Scott Edmundson have volunteered to chair the event.



Programs. Tammy stated that we will have a program in April about oils for dogs health.

Membership: There are still license plate holders available. Also membership pins.

Specialties 2016. Cindy Riggans asked that everyone please try to come out to help. It will be a long day with 2 shows. We will be making a correction to the ad in the Spotter stating the superintendent change. An ad will be put in E-Dals soon. Leslie Sinwald is checking into having first aid people at the show.

The hospitality bins need to be checked for supplies for both the puppy match and shows.

Puppy Match: Pam Weisman stated that everything was approved. Linda Lombardi is judging sweeps and Greg Brown

is judging conformation. We will have a pot luck and the club will provide hamburgers, dogs and brats.

April Hospitality. Debbie Gotsch and Diane Kompier.

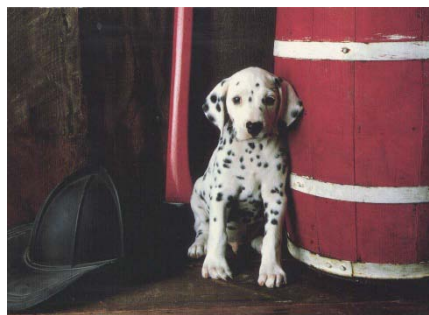
OLD BUSINESS: Cindy Riggans talked about the Hall Of Fame Parade. It is Saturday August 6. She said that it would be wonderful to have 50 dogs to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Hall Of Fame.

Pet-Tacular. Debbie Gotsch has volunteered to do this again. The application has been sent. It is May 7.

Barbara Brandon reported that there is a pet expo at Lake Farm Park the second weekend in June. We can set up a table at no charge.

Debbie Gotsch checked into the costs of the new Medina facility. The new charge is \$350.00 per day with a \$150.00 deposit. We probably won't use this until sometime in 2017.

Debbie also stated that Medina's puppy match is April 9. Medina KC is pulling out of the Crown Classic and will be holding shows at Summit County Fairgrounds March 4 and 5 2017. Obedience July 23/24.



Debbie Gotsch still wants to find someone to take all the WRDC history items.

Nancy Abbott is the new Sunshine Chairman.

Greg Brown made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Chaytor seconded. Carried. Meeting ended at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted.  
Martha Brown

**BRAGS:** Lesley Sinwald gave some sad news about Chance. He has the dog type of ALS. Debbie bragged that Don Gotsch took Rio to a barn hunt and she found that rat. Cindy Chaytor reported that Blue took 2 legs in open jumpers and 1 leg in open standard. Kathy Szomoru bragged on Sully. He took another point in Arizona and 2 others in Kansas. And 2 reserve winners.



*April meeting will have  
a speaker and  
program*

Micki Frederick will be at our April meeting to discuss various alternative methods of canine health using essential oils and other techniques. Please be on time as a courtesy to our speaker. Thank you.



## Seek Help to Address Aggression in Pets

Aggression in pets is managed, not cured. Every year, about 1.5 percent of the U.S. population will be injured by an aggressive dog.

Aggressive behavior has negative consequences for pets as well, sometimes leading to the pet being relinquished by its owner or even euthanized.

According to veterinary behaviorist Dr. Kelly Ballantyne, owners can take steps to prevent aggressive behaviors from developing by socializing puppies and kittens at a young age.

Dr. Kelly Ballantyne, a board-certified veterinary behaviorist who practices at the University of Illinois Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, defines aggression as a threat of harmful behavior that is directed at an individual.

When a pet is exhibiting aggressive behavior, its owner will be able to see that the pet's facial expression and body language are different from its normal behavior, and the pet may be vocalizing.



Behaviorists have identified distinct categories of aggression in cats and dogs. For dogs, categories include play, predatory, and affective (associated with a negative emotional state) aggression. "Play-related and predatory aggression are considered non-emotional," says Dr. Ballantyne,

"while most other forms of aggression are referred to as affective, meaning the behavior results out of frustration or from a threat. Aggression in cats and dogs is most commonly caused by negative emotional states and anxiety."

Affective aggression can be further divided into conflict aggression (this is aggressive behavior towards the pet's immediate human family), resource guarding, fear based, territorial, and interdog aggression.

If a pet is being consistently aggressive to people or other animals in the household, a thorough work-up from a vet may help address the problem. As with any behavioral issue, a detailed history is very important. Explaining to a veterinarian what the behavior looks like, the intensity and frequency, animal's body language, and how the problem progresses will help the vet have a better picture of the animal's aggression and possible causes for it.

A thorough physical exam, complete blood count, chemistry panel, and urinalysis are routinely performed to see if there are any health problems that could be contributing to the behavior.

"It is important to realize that aggression in animals is something that is managed and cannot be cured," stresses Dr. Ballantyne. "Even though there is no cure, management can significantly improve the situation."

There are several ways to approach treating aggressive behavior in cats and dogs. Dr. Ballantyne recommends techniques such as avoidance, relationship-building through positive reinforcement training and consistent interactions to maintain the human-animal

bond, behavior modification, and medications. Medications may be indicated if the pet has high anxiety and/or cannot avoid exposure to a stimulus that incites the aggressive behavior.



A veterinarian must determine if an animal should receive a medication for its aggression. Whether aggressive behaviors can be managed sufficiently to keep the animal as a household pet depends on many variables, including the presence of young children in the household, multiple forms of aggression in the pet, and multiple situations that trigger aggressive behaviors.

Ideally, owners will take steps to prevent aggressive behaviors from developing in pets. Dr. Ballantyne recommends socializing puppies and kittens at a young age and using reward-based training methods. Reward-based training can help teach animals what behaviors are desirable and will strengthen their relationship with their owners.

"Be consistent and kind in your interactions with animals and when enforcing rules," advised Dr. Ballantyne. "Most importantly, always supervise interactions between young children and pets."

For more information about aggression in pets, speak with your vet.

By Sarah Netherton