

# Dog Bytes

WVESA Newsletter

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## Cold Nose Facts

Dogs are truly amazing creatures! Here are a few anatomy and health facts about our four-legged friends that might surprise you:

- Sweat glands in dogs are between their paw pads.
- Dogs are left or right 'handed,' just as humans are.
- A dog's normal body temperature is between 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Dogs trained to guide the blind cannot tell a red light from a green one. They watch the traffic flow to tell when it is safe to cross.
- One of the top canine health problems in the U.S. is overweight dogs.
- Dogs instinctively turn around before they lay down because in the wild this action turns long grass into a bed.
- The gestation period in a pregnant female dog is normally between 61 and 63 days, but can vary between 58 and 68 days.
- Dogs have twice as many muscles for moving their ears as humans.
- Puppies have 28 teeth, while adult dogs have 42 permanent teeth.
- A dog's heart beats 70 to 120 times per minute, while a human heart beats 70 to 80 times per minute.
- The hearing range of a dog is ten times farther than a human's hearing range.
- Dogs share nearly 90% of the genetic content of humans and they inherit many of the same diseases.
- Dogs do not have an appendix or a collarbone.
- A dog's nose has over 200 scent receiving cells, 44 times more than humans.
- Dog's nose prints are as unique as a human's finger prints and can be used to accurately identify them
- It is a myth that dogs are color blind. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.
- Dogs do have better low-light vision than humans because of a special light-reflecting layer behind their retinas
- Most dogs are lactose intolerant.
- The Bloodhound is the only animal whose (sniffing) evidence is admissible in an American Court of Law.
- Bloodhounds are prized their ability to single out and identify a number of scents simultaneously.
- A dog's nose is kept moist by fluid from a gland inside his nose. This moisture helps them detect odors.
- Dogs and humans are the only animals with prostates.
- The average dog's mouth exerts 150 to 180 pounds of pressure per square inch. Some dogs can apply up to 450 pounds. In comparison, a six-foot alligator exerts a force of about 1,540 pounds between its jaws. (Hint: Don't let your dog chase alligators!)
- 70% of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards.
- 58% put pets in family and holiday portraits.
- Dogs have no sense of "time"
- Dogs judge objects first by their movement, then by their brightness, and lastly by their shape.
- All dogs are identical in anatomy; 321 bones and 42 permanent teeth.
- Smaller breeds mature faster than larger breeds.
- The longer a dog's nose, the more effective it's internal cooling system.
- The Ancient Chinese carried Pekingese puppies in the sleeves of their robes.
- If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate, and their puppies could product over 66,000 dogs in 6 years!

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## Gift Guide

The holiday season is almost upon us, here is a small gift guide.

There are a couple of new shops on etsy feature dog artists:

- Wildthings features colorful pet portraits and jewelry. Dottie Dracos has three different ESSs on her site: [www.wildthings.etsy.com](http://www.wildthings.etsy.com) or [www.wildthings.com](http://www.wildthings.com). Dottie is a local Portland artist.
- John's Paintings features oil portrait by John and British artist. His shop has three ESSs, two are old-fashion English bench springers and one field type on point. [www.johnspaintings.etsy.com](http://www.johnspaintings.etsy.com)
- Another local artist is LaurieJ Grove. She has an Etsy shop: [www.artbyljgrove.etsy.com](http://www.artbyljgrove.etsy.com) and website: <http://artbyljgrove.com/>. She sells t-shirts, bags, mousepads and portraits.
- A beautiful ESS intarsia from Tom's Wooden Arts: <http://www.etsy.com/shop/TomsWoodenArt>

Lladro has some beautiful figurines featuring spaniels. They are not cheap, but oh so pretty.

- Oh Happy Day featuring two girls and a puppy: [http://www.lladro.com/figurines/01008353-oh\\_happy\\_days/](http://www.lladro.com/figurines/01008353-oh_happy_days/)
- The Snowman features two girls making a snowman with the help of their spaniel: [http://www.lladro.com/figurines/01005713-the\\_snow\\_man/](http://www.lladro.com/figurines/01005713-the_snow_man/)
- Fishing with Gramps features a young boy, a spaniel and Gramps in a fishing boat: [http://www.lladro.com/figurines/01005215-fishing\\_with\\_gramps/](http://www.lladro.com/figurines/01005215-fishing_with_gramps/)

## Braggs & Wags

- In July Bondir's Victorie en Vol was BOW for 5 points at Wild Rose ESSA and at the all-breed show to finish his Canadian championship. In August Victor went BOB over 4 specials at Santa Rosa all breed show. On Saturday he went WD and BOS for another major to finish his AKC championship title.
- Oxbow's Gold Medal has been giving us some fun times in the ring. He was WD, BOW and Best Puppy at the Eugene KC show on September 6th with judge Ann Yuhaz. He went on to win Sporting Group I Puppy. Baker is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- Oxbow's Sweet Dreams was WB and BOS. EmmyLou is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp.

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## Nominating Committee

The committee nominated the following persons for the 2010 offices:

- President: Ken English
- Vice President: Marcia Moquin
- Corresponding Secretary: Chris Alver
- Recording Secretary: Betty Schwartz
- Treasurer: Carol Callahan
- Board Members: Art Stewart, Janeé Kemp, Carol Jansen, Debbie Kirsch, and Sue Smith

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers will be voted in during the November meeting.

## Future Meetings

### November Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Paddington Pizza, 5255 Commercial Street S, Salem, OR.

### December Meeting

The annual Christmas Party and gift exchange on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at The English's, Ridgefield, WA.

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## Holiday Pet Hazards

Be sure to protect your pets from the following holiday hazards:

- Candles and hot wax
- Candies, chocolate and foil wrappers
- Alcoholic beverages
- Electrical cords (uncovered or untaped)
- Ribbons and strings
- Metal ornament hooks
- Fireplace flames and color salts
- Tree tinsel and confetti
- Carving and kitchen knives/blades
- Outdoor fireworks and other loud noises
- Rich, fatty foods and table scraps
- Stagnant tree stand water and chemicals
- Intricate or fragile ornaments
- Rock salt and antifreeze
- Poultry bones and meat drippings
- Small holiday lights
- Angel hair (spun glass)
- Poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe
- Rich food stocks and seasonings
- Artificial snow and snow flock
- Toys, especially with small parts
- Slippery outdoor ice and snow

We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time after the unexpected loss of Rita (A/C CH Marcur's Ariel Lovely Rita). Words cannot describe how much she meant to us.

She was such a sweet, sweet girl... Rest well little Ri Ri.

— Curt and Marsha

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# Show Results

## **McKenzie Cascade DF, 9/3**

**BOB** CH Tara's Master Of "D" Game

**BOS/WB** Avonleah Bewitched at Tradewinds

**BOW/WD** G&J's Navajo Spirits

**WD** G&J's Navajo Spirits

**RWD** G&J's Spirit Of Cochise

**RWB** G&J's Apache Spirits

## **McKenzie Cascade DF, 9/4**

**BOB** CH Tara's Master Of "D" Game

**BOS/BOW/WB** G&J's Apache Spirits

**WD** G&J's Navajo Spirits

**RWD** G&J's Spirit Of Cochise

**RWB** Avonleah Bewitched at Tradewinds

## **Eugene KC, 9/5**

**GP2/BOB** CH Tara's Master of "D" Game

**BOS/WB** Avonleah Bewitched At

Tradewinds

**BOW/WD** Lakeviews Twilight Magic

**RWD** Oxbow's Gold Medal

**RWB** Oxbow's Sweet Dreams

## **Eugene KC, 9/6**

**BOB** CH Tara's Master Of "D" Game

**BOS/WB** Oxbow's Sweet Dreams

**BOW** Oxbow's Gold Medal

**RWD** G&J's Spirit Of Cochise

**RWB** G&J's Apache Spirits

## **Wenatchee KC, 9/12**

**GP3/BOB** CH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy

**BOS** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOW/WD** Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

**WB** Alynn's Solitaire MH OA AXJ

## **Wenatchee KC, 9/13**

**BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS** CH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy

**BOW/WD** Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

**WB** Alynn's Solitaire MH OA AXJ

**RWB** Pawmarc's Highland Fling

## **Lizard Butte KC, 10/8**

**BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS/WB** Alynn's Solitaire MH OA AXJ

**BOW/WD** Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

**RWB** Fairhaven Wildrose Read My Lips!

## **Lizard Butte KC, 10/9**

**BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS/BOW/WB** Alynn's Solitaire MH OA AXJ

**WD** Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

**RWB** Fairhaven Wildrose Read My Lips!

## **Idaho Capital City KC, 10/10**

**BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS/WB** Fairhaven Wildrose Read My Lips!

**BOW/WD** Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

**RWB** Alynn's Solitaire MH OA AXJ

## **Idaho Capital City KC, 10/11**

**GP4/BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS/WB** Alynn's Solitaire MH OA AXJ

**BOW/WD** Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

## **Vancouver KC, 10/24**

**GP3/ BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS/WB** Ramblewood Walkington Sunshine

**BOW/WD** Ramblewood My Way At Geneire

**RWD** Oxbow's Gold Medal

**RWB** Oxbow's Mum's The Word

## **Vancouver KC, 10/25**

**BOB** CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale CD RN

**BOS/BOW/WB** Darkover'n Pawmarc Maple Sugar

**WD** Mar-Ric Sir Jackson Stonewall

**RWD** Oxbow's Gold Medal

**RWB** Ramblewood Walkington Sunshine

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# Coming Events

## **Conformation & Obedience**

### **November 7-8, 2009**

Willamette Valley Kennel Club  
Salem, OR

Saturday: Lowell K. Davis

Sunday: Sam Houston McDonald

### **November 12-15, 2009**

Wild River Cluster

Roseburg, OR

Thursday: Barbara Dempsey Alderman

Friday: Valerie Gervaise

Saturday: Roger R. Hartinger

Sunday: Dr. Alvin W. Krause

### **November 14-15, 2009**

Whidbey Island Kennel Club

Saturday: Leta B. Graham

Sunday: Gary L. Andersen

### **December 5-6, 2009**

Greater Clark County Kennel Club

Ridgefield, WA

Saturday: Claire K. Steidel

Sunday:

## **AKC Agility**

### **November 6-8, 2009**

Auburn, WA

### **November 13-15, 2009**

Ridgefield, WA

### **November 27-29, 2009**

Olympia, WA

## **Tracking Test**

### **November 8, 2009**

TD, TDX – St. Paul, OR and Bow, WA

### **November 15, 2009**

TD, TDX – Rickreall, OR

### **November 22, 2009**

TD – Bow, WA

### **December 6, 2009**

TDX – Yelm, WA

### **December 13, 2009**

VST – Eugene, OR



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