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## Canine Dental Hygiene

Here are some facts and tips on dental hygiene for your dog. The information comes from [vetinfo4dogs.com](http://vetinfo4dogs.com).

**Dog dental** hygiene is extremely important to securing a healthy future for your dog. The mouth is the wettest and most moist location in all of the body and thus a place that bacteria love to hide. Because the effects of unmaintained dental hygiene can be very unfortunate for your dog, it is important to implement a dental hygiene routine.

### Effects of Poor Dental Hygiene

Poor dental hygiene can lead to gingivitis, periodontal disease, kidney failure and heart disease. Gingivitis is a condition which occurs when the gums begin to swell as a result of too much bacteria in the mouth. As the bacteria invade the gums, it can eventually lead to the loss of teeth and a more serious condition, periodontal disease.

When periodontal disease arises, the bacteria slips underneath the gums and begins to infect the roots and the teeth can rot from the inside out. The bacteria can become so lodged down into the root structures that severe measures are required to get it out. It is also important to note that periodontal disease is irreversible and something that your dog

will continue to suffer with indefinitely.

Many dog owners think that the problems with a dog's mouth are limited to his mouth. But this is simply not the case. Infection is a powerful thing which has the capability of spreading anywhere in the body that it can get to. The mouth is a perfect setting for bacteria because it is moist, which enables bacteria to thrive and grow, and it is an entrance way leading to all other areas of the body.

Although it is rare, a very severe case of poor dental hygiene (or periodontal disease), can cause the bacteria to find its way into the bloodstream. When this happens, vital organs like the kidney and heart become very vulnerable. If the condition is allowed to progress without treatment, it can eventually lead to kidney failure and heart disease.

### Dental Signs of Infection

While it is true that a dog's breath is naturally not pleasant, it becomes quite foal smelling when there is a serious infection at hand. Extreme bad breath may be the first sign to tip you off that there is a problem, but it is certainly not the only sign to look for. Some of the other signs of dental infection include:

- Rotting of the teeth

- Swollen or bleeding gums
- Reluctance to eat meals
- Appearance of pain while eating
- Yellowish tint of the teeth

### Dental Care Tips

Good dental hygiene consists of daily maintenance and a plan of prevention to help your dog avoid serious conditions of the mouth. While it may not seem like common place to brush your dog's teeth everyday, it is something that your dog requires to maintain good dental hygiene.

If you begin by brushing your dog's teeth at a very early age, it will become a normal routine for your dog and he will be less likely to fight you on it. You will need to purchase a toothbrush that is made for use on dogs and toothpaste that is specially formulated for dogs. It is important that you

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
7:00PM

**Gus and George's**  
4312 VA Bch. Blvd.  
Shopping Center  
Virginia Beach, VA

757-340-6585

Cross streets:  
Thalia at VA Bch. Blvd.

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never allow your dog to use human toothpaste because there are toxins in it that your dog cannot tolerate and that can be very harmful to your dog.

You should also invest in some good dental chew toys. Chewing is an excellent way to help keep the teeth clean. When dog's chew, the toys erase a lot of the calcium and plaque build-up on their teeth. Dental chew toys are very effective because there is no extra effort required and they are specially formulated to help keep your dog's mouth clean.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### All Breed Conformation

May 1 & 2 Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fanciers ..... Chesapeake, VA  
May 22 & 23 Mattaponi Kennel Club..... Manassas, VA  
May 28 & 29 Langely KC ..... Hampton, VA

### Club Events

September CTC Fun Match ..... Hampton, VA

Please check the AKC website for up dates and registration

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## Leona Helmsley's Dog "Trouble"

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Trouble initially inherited a \$12 million trust fund, which was later reduced to \$2 million by a Manhattan judge in 2008, at the request of Trouble's trustees. (The remainder went to charity.)

That's "enough money to pay for Trouble's maintenance and welfare at the highest standards of care for more than 10 years, which is more that twice her reasonably anticipated life expectancy," said the general man-

ager of the Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel, where the dog now resides, in an affidavit.

Life is good for Trouble, infamously dubbed "rich bitch," by the NY Post: "Trouble is no trouble. She is alive and well and thriving," says Howard Rubenstein, the spokesman for the Helmsley estate.

The dog's security costs the Helmsley estate \$100,000 a year.



# Colonial Terrier Club Minutes of March 9, 2010

**Location of Meeting:** Tuscany, Newport News

**Members Present:** Ginny Geghan, Lynne Ward, Lynn Hembree, Pat Delany, Julie Jordan, Kathy Robillard, Roxanne Huckstep, Marty Straw, Margee Rader.

**Guests Present:** Alva Chopp, Jeannie Goldberg

Lynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed members and guests. She requested the agenda be followed, as she discovered Tuscany has a two hour maximum for the room, beyond which there is a \$200 room rental fee. As members started arriving at 6 PM, the room must be cleared by 8 PM. Minutes from the February meeting as printed in the Lamppost were posted with two corrections needed. Julie noted that Margee Rader's name had accidentally been deleted and the Treasurer's report was amended. Marty moved and Rox seconded that the February CTC minutes be approved, stipulating the changes discussed, as printed in the Lamppost. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Treasurer's Report for February 2010 is as follows:

|         |   |           |
|---------|---|-----------|
| 2/1/10  | Beginning Balance                                 | \$1810.92 |
|         | Deposits/Credits                                  | 0         |
| 2/15/10 | Payments/Debits<br>(Lynne Ward, accounting paper) | 8.39      |
| 2/29/10 | Ending Balance                                    | \$1802.53 |

Pat moved and Julie seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read. The motion passed and the Treasurer's Report for February 2010 was approved. Lynne reported that the 2009 taxes were ready.

## Unfinished Business

### Website Update

Lynn requested the report be deferred, as Dick and Judy were not present. Send updates/news/pictures to Dick.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** March 13, 2010

Lynn provided an information sheet to individuals needing more details/directions. Be at Northside Mid-

dle School (Granby Street/Ocean View) by 9:30. Parade starts at 10:30. After the parade, CTC will lunch at Kelly's (Colley Ave./Ghent). Lynn stated that if members have crates, their dogs can be housed with her during lunch. Unfortunately, rain is again in the forecast (two years in a row!), so CTC participation will be dependent upon the weather. Lynn gave her cell phone number to members to check with her Saturday morning if there is any question whether CTC will march or not. For new members, try to wear green tops/black pants for uniformity, and feel free to dress your dog(s). Lynn described the lovely float she has constructed, with cascades of spring flowers, with the theme of "Spring into Spring." Thank you Lynn for all your hard work on the float, and Roxanne for donating her trailer and driving talent.

## New Business

### Fun Match:

Discussion postponed until next month, as Glenis was not available. Lynn reminded members that Lynne Ward had again offered her time/expertise to co-chair the match, but only on the condition that another person also co-chairs.

### Fun Day:

Lynn reported that Family Dog Club (Chesapeake, VA) was available Sat. June 12, 2010 from the hours of 10-4.

### Photo Album:

Julie checked with Central Library (Virginia Beach) for room availability for May and June for members to work on the CTC photo album. Unfortunately, weekends have already been closed out, and only four dates are open for an evening reservation. There is no charge for the room through June, but room rental fee will begin in July. Another option would be to meet at someone's house, if someone would like to volunteer. Available dates at Central Library were passed to Lynn Hembree and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Dog Walk:** (Williamsburg, April 25)

Lynn confirmed the dog walk (good way to showcase our terriers and CTC) will be Sunday, April 25 on Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg. More details next meeting.

### New Member Application:

Alva Chopp has submitted an application for CTC membership. Lynn read her application. Alva has three Lakelands and a member of USLTC since 1980. She is sponsored by Glenis and Pat. Her application will be posted in the [Lamp-post](#) and voted on next month.

## Good of the Order

Lynn announced Dick's brother passed away, and he and Judy have gone up North for the funeral.

Roxanne announced video/audio streaming will be available from March 11-14. Go to Eukanuba website.

Julie announced Tootsie is pregnant, but only one pup, so most likely a C-Section will be needed. Due date 3/22.

Ginny announced she is available for petsitting.

Pat announced that her recent experience with Max emphasizes the need to be diligent in terms of dental health for our dogs. Max went in for a dental, was expecting to have a tooth removed, but it turned out he had 3 tumors in his mouth (ALL BENIGN!!!), an abscess that had eaten the root, and another tooth bonded. The dental vet was Dr. Burian (Providence Square Shopping Center, VB). He emphasized dental problems can affect heart, stomach, and liver. Pat was extremely pleased with Dr. Burian, but noted he's a specialist and only takes referrals from vets. Lynn held Pat's paw, while Pat held Max's paw. All three got through the experience in great shape!

Rox wanted to let everyone know Ken says "hi." He's in Louisiana close to where his sister is. He sold

the truck and trailer, and has bought an Escape. He seems to be doing well.

Julie asked if members wanted to do a "road trip" to Belroi May or June to Gloucester to watch Lynn, Rhett, and Scarlett do an agility trial. Nice location and great place to bring a picnic (but no outside dogs not competing). More discussion next month.

## Braggs

None reported

## Adjournment

With no further business, Pat moved and Ginny seconded the meeting be closed. The motion passed. Next meeting will be at Gus and George's (Va. Beach) on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. With the official meeting closed, Lynn sponsored a St. Patrick's Day party with a delicious cake and "test your knowledge" Irish trivia quiz. Many thanks, Lynn!

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Jordan,  
Recording Secretary

## Gunner

He graduated from bomb-dog school in Virginia. He could hunt and tolerate gunfire. He could sniff out explosives, including the homemade ammonium-nitrate fertilizer bombs that inflict most allied casualties in Afghanistan. But he was skittish even before he arrived in the combat zone in October and was posted to a front-line battalion. He reached a crisis soon afterwards.

He reacted so nervously to the rattle of gunfire and deep boom of artillery commonplace around military outposts that he never even got a chance to test his mettle on a real patrol. His handlers aren't sure what pushed Gunner over the edge. His official record is damning, however: Gunner, it reads, "is not mission capable and is a liability if he is to leave the wire."

Capt. Michael Bellin, an Army veterinarian working with the Marines, says he's seen canine post-traumatic stress disorder cases before. "I think it's possible, depending on what they went through," says Capt. Bellin, 33, from Delafield, Wis.

Gunner was sent to the main kennel at Camp Leatherneck, a rear base. There, bomb dogs recuperate from illness or injury, under the care of Cpl. McCoy, a 25-year-old member of the famed feuding clan from Hickman County, Tenn.

Cpl. McCoy, a sandy-haired man with sunburnt cheeks, tries to strike a balance between encouraging the dogs' natural whimsy and keeping his own emotional distance. The handlers can't grow so fond of their charges that they hesitate to send them into danger's way.

Still, it's hard to stay very aloof from the slobbering, enthusiastic Labs. Although the dogs generally live in 9-by-9-foot aluminum cages, Cpl. McCoy sometimes lets Gunner sleep on a camouflage-patterned sheet on a cot in his tent.

The Marine Corps gives each

dog a military rank, one notch above his handler's, to reinforce the idea that the dogs deserve respect. Gunner is formally assigned to a gunnery sergeant, so he's a first sergeant, a high rank among enlisted Marines, human and canine.

For weeks after he arrived at Camp Leatherneck, Gunner refused to leave the kennel compound. Even now almost any sound sends him into a panic. If a shipping container door slams somewhere nearby, Gunner hunches down and bolts for an open cage door. If an artillery round goes off in the distance, he races into Cpl. McCoy's tent, then weaves around the cages, his tail low and twitchy. Even the click of a camera shutter can send him flashing back to some bad experience only he can recall.

Lately, the corporal has been able to persuade Gunner to take walks around camp, though the dog tugs at his leash in fear and appears to take no pleasure in the activity.

There are moments, however, when Gunner resembles his old self. On a recent day Cpl. McCoy drove him out to the training area to try his nose at finding hidden bombs. The corporal buried three sticks of C-4 plastic explosives in a few inches of dirt.

"He won't make it 20 feet," Cpl. McCoy predicted, letting Gunner off the leash some 100 yards from the hidden C-4.

But Gunner surprised him. Despite the roar of helicopters

overhead, he ventured out in the direction of the buried explosives, dodging left and right in response to the corporal's whistles and hand signals.

At no time, though, did he drop his nose to the ground to sniff for explosives. "It's a miracle he did that well," the corporal said afterwards, tossing Gunner his red-rubber toy as a reward for his effort.

Next he let another Lab, Mag, give it a try. Mag was in rehab for a condition from which he tired quickly and lost mobility in his tail and legs. But Mag is an enthusiastic bomb hunter.

At Cpl. McCoy's command—"Back!"—Mag sprinted across the rocky desert, sniffing and searching in instant response to the signals. Soon he caught a whiff of something and dropped to his belly—directly on top of the spot where Cpl. McCoy had buried the C-4.

The corporal assured him he was a good dog and let him play

fetch for a few minutes. "This is a constant game to them," says Cpl. McCoy. "They don't know it's life or death."

Gunner gives the impression that he understands exactly what's at stake. On the next trial, Cpl. McCoy dispatched him to find explosives buried under a soda can on the side of a dry ditch. There was machine-gun fire audible in the distance, and Gunner got no more than 20 or 30 feet before he changed his mind and circled back to the corporal's side.

"Gunner's a lover," Cpl. McCoy says. "Mag's a fighter."

The corporal holds out little hope that Gunner will one day be fit for combat, searching for hidden bombs amid the din of war. He'll consider it a success if Gunner casts his demons far enough aside to be a good pet for someone back home.

"We're trying to get him into the dog mind-set," Cpl. McCoy says.



# Canine Seasonal Allergies

**Canine allergies** can be seasonal, just like yours. Hay fever, or **atopic dermatitis** in dogs, tends to be hereditary, and some dog breeds are affected more than others. Do you know how to tell if your pet has allergies?

**Dog seasonal allergies** are just that – seasonal. They become apparent when pollen, mold and other allergens are actively in the environment. The **allergens** (the particles that your dog is allergic to) enter your pet's body through the respiratory tract or gastrointestinal tract when she breathes or eats.

Hay fever in dogs, like that in people, is seasonal and lasts for the period that the allergen exists. For example, if your dog is allergic to locust tree pollen, he will have symptoms while the locust trees are in blossom. If he is allergic to newly mown grass, he will experience allergic symptoms during the growing season for grass.

The **most common seasonal allergens for dogs** are grass and weeds. If your dog is allergic to grass and weeds, he will show symptoms every year at the same time and they will disappear every year at about the same time (fall or early winter).

## **Seasonal Canine Allergies Symptoms**

Pollen or mold sensitivity often cause some eye and/or nose discharge. You may also find some sores on your dog's face and front legs. Most of the little sores that you will see are caused by

your dog's scratching and biting himself.

An allergic pet with atopic dermatitis, or dog seasonal allergies, will often lick her paws and rub her face with her paws. Her saliva keeps these areas moist, and, over time, the hair on light colored dogs will turn a rust or pink color from the moist saliva.

Common canine allergy symptoms that you should look for include sneezing, eye discharges, face rubbing, foot licking and scratching of armpits.

Rarely, you can see a dog with asthma. When it does occur, the symptoms are similar to those in people.

When you see these symptoms, keep track of them and report them to the veterinarian. This will help the vet determine the exact cause of your dog's symptoms. Make sure you write down when you first notice the symptoms and when they disappear.

## **Chronic Dog Allergies**

Sometimes, for an older dog, the seasonal symptoms continue and become chronic. In other words, they don't go away during the winter months.

Or, if your dog has allergies that last throughout the year, he might be allergic to mold or dust. The breeds most affected by these allergens are Dalmatians, poodles, terriers, and dachshunds.

While **dog allergies** certainly are a nuisance and can be very uncomfortable for your dog, they are not life threatening. If you keep track of the symptoms, when they come and when they disappear, you and your vet will be able to determine what your dog is allergic to.

There are many safe, healthy and natural products on the market now. And using a natural product for seasonal canine allergies may help your pet to be more comfortable during the allergic months.

## New Puppy

Julie Jordan proudly announces the birth of a 12 and 1/2 ounce Scottie to Tootsie.

## Cairn Terrier Needs Help

Mara Quinn is concerned about Sam a male Cairn Terrier. Sam is in the VBSPCA and has some behavioral issues but Mara feels they can be dealt with.

If you know of anyone looking for a Cairn and is willing to work with Sam please contact Mara as soon as possible.

# Colonial Terrier Club

## Application for Membership



I hereby apply for membership in the Colonial Terrier Club and agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the club. Attached is the sum of \$15 for the current year's dues if this application is approved and I am accepted for membership. Membership Dues: \$15/yr, \$10/yr junior membership (under 17)

Name: Alva Chapp (If under 18 yrs of age, please give date of birth.)  
 Address: 1112 Worthington Ct. City: Va. Beach State: Va Zip: 23464  
 Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (W) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to be a member of the CTC? (brief statement) I want to meet other owners of Lakelands and other terriers in the area and share in some club activities.
2. The breed(s) that are/is your interest: Lakelands
3. Are you or have you ever been a member of a breed/kennel Club?  Yes  No  
 (If so, please list clubs) USLTC since 80's
4. Have you ever been suspended or refused membership by any breed/kennel club?  Yes  No
5. Have you ever been suspended by the American Kennel Club?  Yes  No
6. Have you ever been cited by the SPCA, Animal Control, or the Health Department?  Yes  No
7. How long have you been associated with Terriers? since 1980
8. Do you exhibit at AKC recognized shows?  Yes  No
9. If you have a kennel, please give its name or prefix: NA
10. Have you bred a litter in the past year?  Yes  No --- In the past 5 years?  Yes  No
11. Do you hunt with Terriers?  Yes  No If so, type of game hunted: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you have any specialized canine qualifications? If so, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Would you serve on a committee for the club?  Yes  No NOT AT THIS TIME
14. Please expound on any of the above questions or give additional information you feel is important in determining your membership. I've owned three Lakelands through the years on a pet basis. I'd love to share info and advice with other owners.

Submitted by: Alva Chapp Date: 2-16-10  
 (Signature)

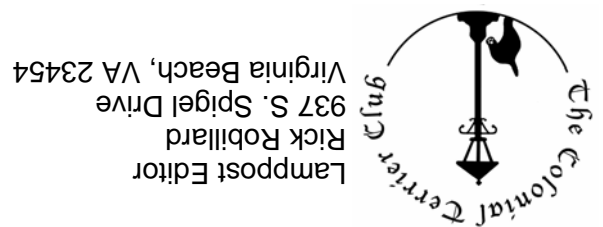
Recommended by Colonial Terrier Club Member/Sponsor: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) (Name)

**For the Sponsor:** I have been to this proposed member's home or kennel: **Sponsor 1)**  Yes  No **Sponsor 2)**  Yes  No

Colonial Terrier Club Member/Sponsor: 1) Glenis Skaype Date: 2/16/10

Colonial Terrier Club Member/Sponsor: 2) Lynne Ward Date: 2/16/10  
 (Signatures)

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## The Colonial Terrier Club

was founded for the purpose of enriching the Founder's relationships with their dogs and with other people who also love Terriers.

While intended primarily to promote the exchange of ideas and information among breeders and owners of Terriers, the following additional functions are served:

**Public Education, Public Relations, Animal Welfare**

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