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March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President, Mike S.

Julie G. moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.

The motion was seconded by Paul S. and passed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

President's Report

Mike reported that we still need foster homes and people to do dog visits. Since we always need these, it was requested that we continue to post this in every newsletter.

We are still low on dogs. Pet flipping is becoming more popular which is when people buy dogs and then turn around and sell them for a profit. This seems to happen a lot on Craigslist. If we get a call from the more rural areas, please keep this in mind when interviewing potential adopters.



Treasurer's Report

Lynn S. reported on our accounts from the previous month:

Beginning Balance: \$3,731.68
Income: \$1,269.33
Expenses: \$450.00
Ending Balance: \$4,605.63

Flash Fund: \$23,941.53

Membership/Volunteer Report

Tim M. reported that we had 2 membership/volunteer inquiries and one new members. Welcome to Michelle G. our new member!

Intake Report

Michelle F. reported that we had zero dogs come in in the previous month.

Adoption Report

Penny M. was not present to give her report.

Website Report

Paul S. did not give a report.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to help out by doing a Dog Visit or Home Visit in 2015? Want to Foster a Golden in your home?

Contact our President, Mike S. to find out how you can help!

GRRR Events



Greentree Festival

The Greentree Festival will be held September 18th—20th in Kirkwood Park. Mark your calendars now.

Scottish Games

The Scottish Games will be held September 25th and 26th.

Upcoming Events

Next GRRR Meeting

Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m., at the Dog Museum in Queeny Park.

Treats Unleashed—Saturday, June 6th

We will have a table set up at Treats Unleashed to pass out information on our group. We will be there from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. More information to come on this event.

APA Carnival—October 2015

The APA Carnival will be held in October. More info to come on this event.



Old & New Business

Old Business

We have received our AG license which will be posted on our website soon.

Still looking for new ideas and events to get our name out in the public view. Please let us know if you have any ideas.



New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

A motion was made by Julie G. and seconded by Tim M. to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Why Dogs Nudge www.ceasarsway.com

By Josh Weiss-Roessler

If your dog is wagging his tail, it's probably a safe bet that he's happy. If she's growling, there's a good chance she's upset about something. But what about nose-nudging? What does that mean?

While I wouldn't necessarily call this a subtle form of

communication, it is certainly a more nuanced one in that a dog nudge can have a wide variety of meanings depending on the context. Below are just a few of the possible things that your pooch may be trying to tell you.

Come on, let's go

Dogs that are bred to herd animals often use nudging to tell those animals where to go. When dogs with this instinct are put in a domestic situation, they will sometimes "herd" people (usually children) with some nose-nudging.

You're the boss

When dogs push their nose up against the mouths and noses of other dogs, it's a way of showing them submission and saying that they know that the other dog is in charge. Why do this? Because it helps them to avoid fights and arguments that they're not interested in having, or know that they can't win. It's also a way for dogs to say, "Hey, let's be friends." A submissive dog might nudge you on the butt, hip, or even your own "muzzle" as if you were another dog.



I'm in control here, buster

Just as it can convey a submissive attitude, a dog nudge can also be a way of expressing dominance. How do you know the difference? Well, when dogs are nudging to

show dominance, they tend to do it a lot and do it to get things that they want from you. If this is the case with your dog, you'll likely notice other signs such as mounting, excessive barking, and blocking your path. Talk to a professional to get help in dealing with this kind of behavior.

What's up?

One of the most common reasons that many dogs nudge is simply to say "hi." So if you come home from a long day at work to some nose-nudging, it might just be your pup greeting you.

I want this, please

This one is a broad category that covers everything from a dog nudging food bowls that are empty ("Waiter, I'd like more!") to nudging toys toward you ("Let's play!") to nudging you if you were giving them affection and suddenly stopped ("Don't stop!"). They want you to pay attention and, often, to do something specific for them.



What You Need to Know About Dog Cancer

By Josh Weiss-Roessler
Cancer. Even the word is terrifying. It causes images of loved ones slowly wasting away while going through seemingly endless rounds of treatment, tempered only by the hope of recovery. From portrayals in popular media and possibly even through witnessing it in our own friends and family members, we have a pretty good idea about what cancer looks like in people — but what about dogs?



That's right. As horrible as it is to think about, your furry, four-legged companion can potentially suffer from cancer just like you can. In order to help prevent cancer in dogs and catch it as early as possible, there are several things that you should know.

Dog cancer: common types

Just as there are many different types of cancer that people can suffer from, it is also possible for dogs to contract cancer in a number of ways.

Bone cancer

The most common type of bone cancer in dogs is osteosarcoma, which typically affects older, large-breed dogs and involves abnormal bone production. This incredibly aggressive disease can be treated, but almost all dogs who suffer from it eventually succumb to it.

Skin cancer

It's not uncommon for dogs to get mast cell tumors (MCTs), where cells create nodular skin tumors. Usually, these degenerate and can cause ulcers or lesions, but sometimes MCTs become malignant and spread. Alternatively, if you find a firm mass on your dog's chest, mouth, or legs, it is possible that it might be a soft tissue sarcoma — tumors that appear in the connective tissue and commonly affect older, larger dogs.

Lymphoma

This type of cancer is the most common in all of veterinary medicine and involves the lymph tissue. Often vets have to treat the liver, spleen, lymph nodes, and even the bone marrow if the disease progresses too far.

Mouth and throat cancer

Various types of cancerous tumors may appear in your dog's mouth and throat. Aggressive treatment is required to eliminate them.

Hemangiosarcoma

Also known as blood vessel cancer, this starts in the lining of blood vessels and can spread to the skin, liver, heart, spleen, and more. Male and female dogs are equally likely to contract it as they age.

Breast cancer

Over half of all cancerous tumors in female dogs are mammary tumors, which makes breast cancer the most common type for females. To put this in perspective, breast cancer is three times more common in dogs than in people. Female dogs are more likely to suffer from breast cancer if

they were never spayed or were spayed after their first heat cycle, if they eat diets high in meat, and if they are overweight and more than a year old. It also seems to be more common in German shepherds, pointers, English springer spaniels, and miniature and toy poodles.

Signs of dog cancer to watch out for

Pet owners should keep an eye out for the following signs that may indicate your dog is suffering from some form of dog cancer:

- Trouble going to the bathroom
- Swelling
- Bad breath
- Lameness that comes on suddenly
- Stools that are tarry and black
- Sores that don't seem to go away
- Lumps
- Sudden weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Difficulty breathing
- Abnormal discharge (from anywhere on the body)
- Loss of energy/sudden lethargy



What You Need to Know About Dog Cancer (Continued...)

Treatment options for cancer in dogs

Cancer in dogs can be treated in many of the same ways that human cancer is treated. It really depends on two things: what type of cancer your dog is suffering from, and what stage the cancer is at. If you believe your dog may have cancer, take them to the vet immediately. They may suggest a number of different treatment options:

- Surgery
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Immunotherapy

If you decide not to have your dog go through treatment, it is still possible to offer them pain relief and other kinds of palliative care to ease their discomfort. The most important thing is to have them examined by your vet so you know what's going on and understand your options.



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We love having happy healthy Goldens
at our meetings! Please make sure your
dog is up to date on shots and
vaccinations please!

To Adopt or Surrender a Dog Call the GRR Phone Lines: (314) 995-5477

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