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Mark Your Calendars

When: Wednesday, January 16, 2013
Where: Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Program: TBA (Remember everyone brings a refreshment)

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Montgomery Kennel Club
Minutes – November 14, 2012
(resubmit for approval)

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center and called to order by Kaye Stevenson, President, at 7:10 pm. There were 24 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Kaye welcomed our guest, Theresa Cook (Samoyed).

Note – those guests having attended two or more meetings after receipt of membership application are eligible for membership upon a vote by the board – comments on any prospective member should be addressed to a board member as soon as possible.).

Kaye welcomed new members Suzanne and David Murphy.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September and October meetings were approved on a motion by Dave and second by Erica.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Frakes offered the Treasurer's Report:

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| Income: | \$3,246.14 |
| Expenses: | <u>2,663.89</u> |
| Net Income: | \$ 582.25 |

Milly moved approval of the Treasurer's Report. Christina seconded the motion and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Volunteers: Volunteers are still needed for the shows. Let Corrine know when you are available to work.

Raffle: Please make sure you get your raffle items to Corrine before Friday – that's when they will be put on display.

RV'S: We have reservations and money is coming in. George will mark off the spaces and everything will be ready.

Grounds: We cannot get into the Coliseum until noon. Members needing reserved space should let Frank know.

Trophies: Some trophies still have not been turned in. The blankets are ready to be picked up. Everything will be ready for the show. Unclaimed prizes should be picked up at the trophy table after Best in Show on Saturday. There will be some boxes available.

Luncheon: The menus for Friday and Saturday are set. We will be back in our regular dining room for lunch. Desserts are needed. Jane had a sign-up sheet for desserts and asked that members bring the desserts to the dining room when they arrive at the Coliseum on Friday and Saturday.

Signs: The A-frames need to either be placed off the ground or have something at the base to protect them from spraying dogs.

Judge's Hospitality: Everything is ready to go.

Hospitality: The Christmas Dinner will be at Sinclair's on December 12 (the second Wednesday in December). Please RSVP to Milly so she can get a head count. We will be doing "Dirty Santa".

Awards: Let Kaye know if you have won a title this year. Titles won at our shows can be included. If you already have the logo you will receive the name bars that attach to the logo.

Thanksgiving Lunch: Let Kaye know if you will be attending the Thanksgiving Day Lunch at Eastbrook Café. She needs a head count to make sure they don't run out of food. The cost of the lunch is \$15.00 per person

Vendors: Everything will be ready. If everyone comes through we will have vendors on both curves. The City of Montgomery has taken over the food concession and they will have a number of new items on the menu, including a vegetable tray.

Announcements: Members are reminded that it is Membership Renewal time. Renewal forms are available and dues should be sent to Mike Frakes, Treasurer as soon as possible.

Kaye needs to know how many tables will be needed for each area so she can make sure they are available.

Kaye had flyers for the show and members were encouraged to take them and post them in the community.

Entries for the show are up from last year with a total of 709 for Friday, and 860 for Saturday. Cahaba Valley has a total of 805 for Sunday.

The Eye Clinic will be on Saturday.

The Wine and Cheese will be on Saturday.

The Coliseum will be charging \$5.00 each day for parking. Parking passes were distributed to those members present who will be working at the show and will be available to other workers upon request.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Frank said California offers a cash purse for majors (i.e. \$10.00) and it seems to be popular with exhibitors. This may be something for us to look at in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gamper for Marie Lundbom
Secretary

Volunteers

Please let Corrine at corrine.dreyfus.ctr@csd.disa.mil know if you can volunteer for anything. There are numerous things we need volunteers for. For example, meet the breed, education, and dog shows. Signing up for various things does not mean you are obligated. You will just be contacted when needed and if you are not available at the time, you can just say no. Please consider being a volunteer.

HELP TROPHY CHAIR

WE NEED A TROPHY CHAIRMAN! If you are interested in this position, please contact Kaye Stevenson at cateredcrittercare@charter.net.

Brag

Please email me your brags at cflack12@yahoo.com! When you do send me your brag, please include the dogs registered name and the breed. Also put brag in the subject line.

Thank You Letters

Mike:

I would like to extend my appreciation to you and all your members for including me on your panel.

It is always a pleasure to come and do your shows. Thank all for the hospitality.



we had a great time. Well run show. Everyone was very friendly.

Excellent RV parking too!
Thank you George Lemaster.

we'll be back -

Ken & Glen

Article

FDA Investigates Animal Illnesses Linked to Jerky Pet Treats

September 14, 2012

What is the issue?

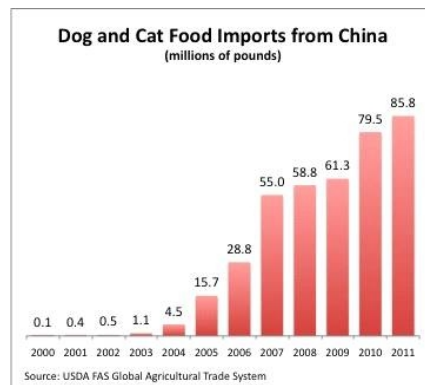
Since 2007, the FDA has become aware of increasing numbers of illnesses in pets associated with the consumption of jerky pet treats. The majority of complaints involve chicken jerky (treats, tenders, and strips), but others include duck, sweet potato, and treats where chicken or duck jerky is wrapped around dried fruits, sweet potatoes, or yams.

The FDA has received approximately 2,200 reports of pet illnesses which may be related to consumption of the jerky treats. The majority of the complaints involve dogs, but cats also have been affected. Over the past 18 months the reports have contained information on 360 canine deaths and one feline death. There does not appear to be a geographic pattern to the case reports. Cases have been reported from all 50 states and 6 Canadian provinces in the past 18 months.

Although the FDA has been actively investigating the reports of illnesses, no definitive cause has been determined. The ongoing global investigation is complex, multifaceted and includes a wide variety of experts at the FDA including toxicologists, epidemiologists, veterinary researchers, forensic chemists, microbiologists, field investigators and senior agency officials.

In the past 10 years, there has been a dramatic increase in importation of pet food from China. Human consumption of poultry in China largely consists of dark meat, leaving a large amount of light meat poultry products available for export. From 2003, when China first approached the USDA about poultry exports, to 2011, the volume of pet food exports (regulated by the FDA) to the United States from

China has grown 85-fold (see table). It is estimated that nearly 86 million pounds of pet food came from China in 2011. Pet treats, including jerky pet treats are currently considered the fastest growing segment in the pet food market.



What are the signs of the illnesses?

The majority of the cases in dogs report primarily gastrointestinal signs, including vomiting and diarrhea, sometimes with blood and/or mucus, and can involve severe signs such as pancreatitis or gastrointestinal bleeding. The next most common signs relate to kidney function, including frequent urination, increased urine, severe thirst, kidney failure and some cases resemble a rare kidney related illness called Fanconi's syndrome. Typically Fanconi syndrome is found in certain breeds of dogs that are pre-disposed to hereditary Fanconi syndrome (e.g. Basenji).

Progression of the investigation: What is being done about the problem?

Since 2007, the FDA has been actively investigating the cause of illnesses reported in pets which may be associated with the consumption of jerky pet treat products. Beginning in 2007, samples of products – collected at import, at retail stores, and submitted by consumers and veterinarians - have been tested by FDA laboratories, by the Veterinary Laboratory Response Network (Vet-LRN), and by other animal health diagnostic laboratories in the United States for multiple chemical and microbiological contaminants. The Vet-LRN program is currently focused on testing products that have been submitted by pet owners whose pets have experienced adverse effects following ingestion of the treats. In addition, starting in 2007, the FDA reached out through the veterinary community to solicit tissue samples (blood, urine, feces, necropsy, etc.) that have been associated with active jerky pet treat cases, but to date; none of the testing results have revealed the cause of the illnesses.

To date, product samples have been tested for contaminants known to cause the symptoms and illnesses reported in pets including, Salmonella, metals, furans, pesticides, antibiotics, mycotoxins, rodenticides, nephrotoxins (such as aristolochic acid, maleic acid, paraquat, ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, toxic hydrocarbons, melamine, and related triazines) and were screened for other chemicals and poisonous compounds. DNA verification was conducted on these samples to confirm the presence of poultry in the treats. The FDA's testing of jerky treat product samples for toxic metals including tests for heavy metals have been negative.

In 2011, samples were also submitted for nutritional composition, including fatty acids, crude fiber, glycerol, protein, ash and moisture and other excess nutrients. The purpose of nutritional composition testing is to verify the presence of ingredients listed on the label. To date, none of the testing results have revealed an association between a causative agent and the reported illnesses.

The FDA is now expanding its testing to include irradiation byproducts and is consulting with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) experts to discuss this possibility further.

After increased complaints began in 2011, the FDA conducted five plant inspections in China during March and April 2012. These firms were selected for inspection because the jerky products they manufacture were identified with some of the highest numbers of pet illness reports. The FDA conducted the inspections to get a greater understanding of the manufacturing processes used to make the jerky pet treats and to see if this would help further the public health investigation. The FDA did identify that one firm falsified receiving documents for glycerin, which is an ingredient in most jerky pet treats. As a result of the inspection, the Chinese

authority, the Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), informed the FDA that it seized products at that firm and suspended exports of its products until corrective actions were taken by the firm.

The FDA has also reached out to U.S. pet food firms to enlist their help in this public health investigation and is seeking further collaboration on scientific issues and data sharing. No specific products have been recalled. However, if the FDA identifies the cause, or a recall is initiated, the Agency will notify the public.

What can pet owners do?

The FDA is reminding pet owners that jerky pet treats are not necessary for pets to have a fully balanced diet, so eliminating them will not harm pets. Commercially produced pet food, which is very safe, contains all of the nutrients that pets need.

The FDA is advising pet owners who choose to feed their pets jerky pet treat products to watch their pets closely for any or all of the following signs that may occur within hours to days of feeding the products: decreased appetite; decreased activity; vomiting; diarrhea, sometimes with blood; increased water consumption and/or increased urination. If your pet shows any of these signs, stop feeding the jerky pet treat product. Owners should consult their veterinarian if signs are severe or persist for more than 24 hours, as it is important that your pet receive prompt medical attention. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure (increased urea nitrogen and creatinine). Urine tests may indicate Fanconi syndrome (increased glucose). Although most pets appear to recover, some reports to the FDA have involved pets that have died.

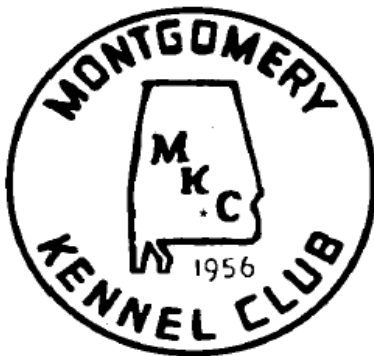
In addition, pet owners may want to continue to monitor information as it is posted by the FDA. The agency has continually updated the [Questions & Answers document](#) on its web site and will add information as it becomes available.

How can you help our investigation?

While your veterinarian will tend to your pet's condition, you or your veterinarian can learn how to help the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) investigate your pet's illness. Dr. Bernadette Dunham, director of CVM, shares how you can report a pet food illness on her [blog](#) from August 21, 2012. Cases of animal illness associated with pet foods can be reported electronically through the [Safety Reporting Portal](#), or by calling the FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinators in your state.

The information in this update reflects the FDA's best efforts to communicate what it has learned from the manufacturer and the state and local public health agencies involved in the investigation. The agency will update the public as more information becomes available.

DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS JANUARY 31, 2013! LINDA NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO UPDATE THE ROSTER. THANK YOU.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

MKC's fiscal year begins on November 1, which is also membership renewal time. Please fill in all of the information below so we can make sure everything is current and correct in the roster. If you have changed addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or breeds, this is especially critical. Lifetime members please just update your information and send it in, but payment is not needed.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012-2013

Name: _____ Spouse/Sig. Other: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Breed(s): _____

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