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Coton's Rocky
Mountain Thunder
aka Butter Boo

Coton Blossom's
CoCo Chanel



Hello Members,

I hope each of you has had a wonderful holiday season.

As we enter 2009, USACTC wants to remind you that we are here for every member. Our club is a success because of the dedication and loyalty of its members. We all share the common bond of loving our Cotons. In their interest, we dedicate ourselves to moving our club forward in 2009. USACTC is the place where working together for the breed brings knowledge and friendship.

As we are taking a look at the New Year ahead, perhaps we can find ways to share our love of Cotons with all of our members. As Coton owners, we experience the crazy antics, loving touches, and Coton joys that are brought to our daily lives because of our beloved breed. Having the Coton Monthly, we can now share this part of our lives with each other.

Cotons are "joy-makers"! It is always fun to see and hear how they are enriching lives across our membership. We happily look forward to the sharing of everything Coton to come throughout 2009.

Best wishes to all for a delightful New Year,

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from a member....

Hi Everyone, I took my puppy, Hercules to the IABCA show and he won puppy Best in Show! This is the puppy that I was worried about since Gabby was not producing enough milk and nursing the little guy. All of you were very supportive and gave wonderful advice and support. Thanks to the USACTC,

Cheryl Bernstein

Cheryl is a USACTC Code of Ethics breeder and subsequently is a member of the USACTC COE Online email list



If you would like information on serving on any of our committees please contact the appropriate chair person. We greatly appreciate your help and participation!

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Another book to add to our training list

“DOG FRIENDLY DOG TRAINING” by Andrea Arden. She follows the principles of Ian Dunbar, and is one of the few fully certified Dog Trainers in the US. She is in NYC and her website: www.andreaarden.com

Rabies Challenge Study

In 2008 our club contributed to the Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust. Some of the members may not know about this fund, but it is a very good project that is underway to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines. The goal is to extend the required interval for rabies boosters to 5 and then to 7 years. This project is the first of its kind in that it depends primarily upon grassroots gifts for funding the costs of conducting the requisite vaccine trials.

This study is underway at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in Madison. Dr. Ronald Schultz, a leading authority on veterinary vaccines and Chairman of the Department of Pathological Sciences is heading up this study. This will be the first long-term challenge study on canine rabies to be published in the United States.

Contributions to this trust have come mostly from kennel clubs and private individuals.

The Challenge Fund is a federally registered 501(C) (3) charitable organization.

For more information visit
<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org>



sugar baby and lola enjoying their warm bed

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

If you live where there is snow and you and your Coton go for walks in the snow and ice, be sure to check between your dog's toes for snow and ice buildup when you come back inside. Try not to walk on the street or sidewalk where there is salt or other chemical “de-icers” as these products can burn your dog's paws.

Winter Health Woes

Be Mindful of Existing Pet Ailments that Could be Exacerbated in the Changing, Cold Weather

Cold, damp weather aggravates existing conditions in pets, such as arthritis, especially in older or overweight animals. Pet stores and veterinarians can provide natural and medicinal treatments for a number of conditions.

Water Requirements

While most of us pay close attention to our Cotons behaviors and activities, it is important to remember to monitor water intake during winter months. Dogs may not be inclined to drink as much in winter for several reasons. Spending more time indoors, less strenuous activities and of course colder temperatures all tend to lead to less water intake. Pets also lose moisture through breathing and the effects of cold temperatures are magnified by dehydration. Be sure that your Coton has access to fresh, room temperature water at all times. If you notice that your Coton is drinking a lot less water, you can often encourage them to drink by adding a tsp or two of chicken broth to their water bowl. This will require that you wash the bowl and change out the water at least twice daily. If you notice that their urine is darker than normal, this can be an indicator that their urine is more concentrated, and your Coton is not drinking enough. If this occurs, please contact your vet.

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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!



Obao des echo d'elingués - 11 yrs
owned by Kent and Barbara Adcock



Lily Hill's Chocolate Chip - 6 yrs
owned by Janis Weiner



Carole Awalt's smiling Beau of
Woodland Cottage - 16 yrs!

Remember to send us
photos of your Birthday Coton!

"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person."
-- Andrew A. Rooney

Microwave Dog Biscuit Treats

From the very friendly folks at RecipeGoldmine.com

INGREDIENTS

1 cup whole wheat flour
3/4 cup dry milk
1/4 cup cornmeal
1/3 cup shortening
1 tablespoon bouillon granules
1/2 cup plain flour
1/2 cup quick-cooking oats
1 teaspoon sugar
1 egg slightly beaten
1/2 cup hot water

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine flour, cornmeal, milk, oats and sugar. Cut in shortening.
Add egg, bouillon and hot water. Knead 5 minutes.
Roll 1/2-inch thick and cut out into favorite shapes. Microwave at 50% power for 5 to 10 minutes, rotating plate. These don't last long, so make a bunch.

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." -- Robert A. Heinlein

if I didn't have a pet

anonymous

submitted by Barbara Adcock

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.
When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.
I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
I would have money and no guilt to go on a real vacation.
I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.
My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
I would not talk 'baby talk.' 'Eat your din din.' 'Yummy yummy for the tummy'.
My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.
My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L,, F-R-I-S-B-E- E, W-A-L-K,, T-R-E-A-T,, B-I-K-E,, G-O,, R-I-D-E
I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.
I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.

I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.
How EMPTY my life would be!!!



a Lake Jem puppy and "his" family!

We LOVE this product! It is an indoor dog potty, made with a pheromone enhanced, artificial grass surface - so it is an easily cleaned, indoor area for your dog or puppy to use when it is just not convenient to go outdoors. It is simple to use and designed for daily use. For more information, please go to www.pottypark.com



snow cotons



bandit and bogey- blast off!



cotton blossoms romeo



cowboy's rodeo jazz



sandee puppy



muffin in the snow



lexie in the snow



one of the ramsthal girls

rainbow bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together... Author unknown

Jeff Balint's lovely Monet right before she went to the rainbow bridge.

Monet was almost 16 years old in this photo.

We are so sorry for the loss of your much loved Companion



In an effort to provide safe, outdoor fun for their Cotons, the Ramsthals created "Snow Mazes"

it is a good idea, but can you say "SPOILED ROTTEN"?



entering the maze



traveling the snow maze

To Chew or Not to Chew

Chew bones can be a dog's best friend but the wrong one can be their worst enemy.

Chew bones are often given to dogs as soon as they start teething. Dogs have a natural instinct to chew on anything. If you provide the right sized chew bone and watch your dog, they can chew on this bone for a couple for hours and be perfectly content not to chew on you or your furniture.

Chew bones are good for keeping the dog's teeth clean when a toothbrush is just not possible.

Dog bone chews such as rawhide bones CAN BE DANGEROUS to your dog if you are not buying quality USA products. Some countries use toxic ingredients when making their rawhide chews for dogs. Regulations for rawhides in some countries may NOT BE AS REGULATED as they are in the USA. Some countries use bleaching chemicals in their ultra white chew bones and some rawhides contain arsenic based products. Another point to remember is that rawhides from some other countries may be cured or tanned incorrectly and can cause salmonella poisoning for yourself and your dog.

Unfortunately, many rawhides that say that they are made in the USA are actually made in other countries and the only thing that the US regulates the package print how the knot is tied. This could make it very difficult to find a good healthy rawhide for your dog.

There is another very important reason why rawhide chew bones are not good for your dog unless you are supervising them while they are chewing. While chewing on the rawhide, as the pieces get smaller, your dog can swallow a chunk of the rawhide that is JUST TOO LARGE for their intestinal tract or it COULD BECOME LODGED in their throat and THEY COULD CHOKE.

Dogs do have a gag reflex, but they do not have the ability to help themselves if the gagging cannot bring up the chew bone. Aside from the potential of CHOKING and INTESTINAL BLOCKAGE risk, rawhides that are eaten too fast can cause diarrhea and vomiting because the rawhide does not digest fast enough. The rawhide pieces can sit in the GI tract undigested for long periods of time.

SHOULD YOU AVOID RAWHIDE CHEW BONES FOR YOUR DOG?

According to experts, the answer is yes and no. If you are positive that the rawhide is made in the USA and you SUPERVISE your dogs chewing, then you may choose to allow your dog to chew on a rawhide bone.

Many people have used rawhide bones for many years with our problems. This of course only pertains to owners who can reach for a bone and take it away from the dog when it becomes too small for the dog to chew on anymore. If you are not watching your dog or your dog is not trained to allow you to take the bone away, THEN NO, the rawhide is not for you or your dog.

If you are not sure that the rawhide is made in the USA and you will not be supervising your dog with the chew bone, THEN NO, do not allow your dog to chew on it. In most cases, you can check with the company that sells the rawhides to find out where it was manufactured.

WHAT CAN YOU GIVE YOUR DOG TO CHEW ON INSTEAD OF THE RAWHIDE OPTION?

Dogs love to chew and there are many chews that are just as fun for a dog to chew on without ingesting anything.

Nylabone Durables are very durable for your dog to chew on. These come in various shapes and there are different sizes for every breed. The dog does not actually eat the bone. There are several other similar ones available and it may be wise to discuss this with your Vet.

You may also choose to give your Coton a bullie stick, cow hoof or similar product. Please use with caution, and always under your supervision.

As with any dog chew bone or toy, make sure to read the description and know what you are giving to your dog.



dolly henderson with an unauthorized chew - a corncob!

Coton Corner Round Table Discussion

Last month : Can you describe the differences among the Coton coats? Some seem softer, coarser, smoother, etc. And how does one choose the best products for handling these differences?

No one sent in a reply to last month's round table discussion. It is repeated here in hopes that someone will send in their reply



Sir Oliver, Nymphaea and Petey



casablanca's bandit
staying inside on a wintry day!

New USACTC Champion

Prince Wilbur de Polana

Owner: Annika Kronstrom
Breeder: Marie France Prayal

CONGRATULATIONS

from your
friends at USACTC





Delilah's Diary



Dear Delilah

I went on my first adventure to Pet Smart today & Mom said I was a very good boy. We walked all over and I got to smell lots of different things. All the clerks were petting me and I saw BIG dogs in the day care (glad there was a glass wall between us). My favorite aisle was the bone one but I did enjoy looking at green birds in a cage. And I never peed like Mom says Travis would do. I also got my first ride in my doggie seat. Aren't I cute? I have lots of new adventures to share with my puppy class on Thursday. I can't wait to go back to Pet Smart!

Love, Riley

Riley in his car seat



health hint

Medication in pill form can be tricky to administer. The easiest way to get your dog to swallow a pill is to hide the pill in some sticky food such as peanut butter or cream cheese. If the pill is wrapped well in the sticky food, your dog will likely swallow the pill/treat without any fuss. However, if your dog has a sensitive stomach, it may not be best to wrap his pill in some food. If this is case, here is a step-by-step guide to giving your dog a pill.

With one hand, gently grasp your dog's upper jaw and pull it up so that his mouth opens and his head is angled slightly backwards.

With your other hand, place the pill as far back as you can on your dog's tongue. Hold your dog's mouth closed until he swallows. Sometimes, gently rubbing your dog's throat will stimulate him to swallow

oral medications

helpful hints

Storing Dog Treats

In general you should store dog treats the same way you would homemade people cookies. That being said, there are two main variables that determine storage time - the amount and type of fat in the recipe and your local weather conditions. If your recipe uses fats such as butter, or meat bits or juices then it will be more prone to rancidity than a recipe that uses some vegetable oil or shortening. Your treats may mold or spoil much faster in humid or very hot climates.

Refrigeration and Freezing - Refrigeration will prolong the life of more fragile dog treats. Make sure to store in a tightly sealed container or zip lock bag. You can also freeze most treats in zip lock freezer bags. Allow to thaw completely before use.



STORK DELIVERIES

DECEMBER & JANUARY

Breeder: Cotons of Lake Jem
Website: <http://www.cotonoflakejem.com>
DOB: December 7, 2008
Litter: 1M, 2F
Sire: Cody of Lake Jem
Dam: Lake Jems Dee Dee

DOB: January 24, 2009
Litter: 2M
Sire: Cody of Lake Jem
Dam: Maddie of Lake Jem
Contact: Anita Jones
352.385.0026
adjones@mpinet.net

Breeder: Lots of Love Cotons
Website: <http://www.lovecotons.com>
DOB: January 15, 2009
Litter: 2M, 2F
Sire: Bar-Ken's Goliath at Lots of Love
Dam: Bar-Ken's Lydia at Lots of Love
Contact: Shannon Birch
520-731-8004
lolcotons@cox.net

Breeder: Bar-Ken Cotons
Website: www.coton.com
DOB: December 10, 2008
Litter: 2F
Sire: Bar-Ken's Black Bart
Dam: Bar-Ken's Sugar Baby
Contact: Barbara Adcock
254.772.7060
barbara@coton.com

Breeder: Cowboy Cotons
Website: <http://www.cowboycotons.net>
DOB: December 8, 2008
Litter: 1M, 2F
Sire: Mi-Toi's Tonka Toy of Sirius
Dam: Bar-Ken's Tiffany Blue

DOB: January 26, 2009
Litter: 1F
Sire: Mi-Toi's A Ladys Man
Dam: Awaka Du Domaine De La Rouviere
Contact: Brenda Magnon
813.982.0461
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Breeder: Peachtree Cotons
Website: <http://www.peachtreecotons.com>
DOB: 12/15/08
Litter: 2M, 4F
Sire: XYankeeboo of Woodland Cottage
Dam: Tangary Zoey of Savikko
Contact: Barbara Ferrigno
770-393-4137
cotontango@bellsouth.net

Breeder: Casablanca Cotons
Website: <http://www.coton.com>
DOB: 12/22/08
Litter: 2M, 1F
Sire: Bar-Ken's Casablanca Cottoneyed Joe
Dam: Azmir's Sugar 'n Spicy
Contact: Juli Renois
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juli@coton.cc

Breeder: Cedarwood Cotons
Website: www.starcottage.com
DOB: December 4, 2008
Litter: 2M, 3F
Sire: Cotonnerie Mathis at Helmvine
Dam: Cedarwood's Dark Star of Berengaria
Contact: Aisha Cameron
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CedarwoodCotons@wildblue.net

Each month we will feature all litters reported to us from our USACTC Code of Ethics Breeders. To be included in this listing, please provide us with the following full litter information:

Kennel Name, Sire/Dam, Website URL, Telephone, Email, Puppy Info (1m/2f)

training your dog to sit

Training your dog to sit on command is a good place for you and your dog to start your obedience training. It's a nice easy command which your puppy or dog will master very quickly. This will increase your dog's confidence and provide a foundation on which to build more advanced skills and commands. Another benefit of training your dog to sit is that it gives you a good alternate behavior to request of your dog. If your lovely dog likes to greet visitors to your home by jumping up all over them, or charges out the front door every time it opens, you can gain control of him by applying your "sit" command.

You can start with this obedience command as soon as you bring your new puppy home, or any time after that. Before you start training your dog to sit (or any other obedience command) ensure that your dog is confident and comfortable around you - lets you touch him, gives you his attention etc.

General Rules To Remember When Training Your Dog To Sit

Keep your training sessions short, ten minutes is plenty to begin with.

Any time is a good time to practice really, you don't have to structure all your lessons. Incorporate the training into your daily routine. Get your dog to sit before you feed him or make him sit before you throw his ball at the park. When applied in this manner obedience training will be fun in your dog's mind, and rewarding.

Make it perfectly clear to your dog what you are asking of him. Specifically showing him what you want him to do.

bandit demonstrating proper sitting position



Make training your dog to sit fun, don't make it feel like a chore, for you or your dog.

Training sessions should be full of consistent repetition, praise and positive reinforcement.

Don't expect your dog to immediately learn this, or any other obedience command and then never forget it. It's up to you to reinforce the meaning of your command through repetition and consistency throughout your dog's life.

Gradually faze out the food rewards you may use in the learning period of a new command. Giving a food treat or reward every now and then doesn't hurt your dog though, even if he respects your commands without one.

When training your dog to sit for the first time, make it easy for him/her to succeed. Start your training sessions in a familiar environment to your dog, free from other distractions. Master the command in this setting, then slowly make it harder for your dog. Add other variables, throw a challenge out to your dog such as taking the training session to the park or increase the duration of the sit.

Training Your Dog To Sit - My Favorite Techniques

I have three techniques I like to use when teaching my puppies or dogs to sit. I've had a 100% success rate with these techniques and I'm sure you will too. Pick out the one that

best suits you and your dog, and you'll be well on your way to having a well trained dog.

Technique 1

This first training technique is great for young puppies. When you are with your pup and you see him about to sit or in the act of sitting, say "sit" in a clear and firm tone. As soon as your dog's rear end hits the floor, give him praise and maybe a bit of a scratch behind the ear. In your dogs mind you are building an association between your verbal "sit" command and the act of him sitting. Most puppies make this connection very quickly. Before long you will be able to say "sit" at any time, and your puppy will understand what you are asking of him. Remember to always reward and praise your pup as soon as his behind hits the floor. Your pup will love it, he'll be thinking "all I have to do is sit down and I get attention, treats and praise!"

Technique 2 - Off Leash

For older puppies and dogs this training technique works every time. With your dog standing right in front of you, grab a small tasty treat in your hand. Guide the treat from his nose level up over his head, the treat should be a few centimeters away from your dog at all times. Your inquisitive dog will follow the treat up with his nose and at the same time his rear end will hit the ground. As soon as his behind hits the ground give him the treat and lavish him with praise. If your dog backs away or jumps up at the treat you are taking your hand too far back over his head, or holding it too far away from his nose. Repeat this step until your dog gets it, then you can introduce the verbal part of the command. Just before you begin to move your hand (the one with the treat in it) say "sit". Your dog will soon respond to your verbal "sit" command without you even moving your hand. Remember to practice/reinforce this command at any time throughout the day, in any situation.

Technique 3 - On Leash

If your dog doesn't respond to the methods outlined above, or if you prefer to use a col-

lar and leash in your training, this technique will do the trick. Stand next to your dog, both of you facing the same way. Hold the leash straight up, directly above the collar. At the same time gently press down on your dogs back (down near his hips) and say "sit". As soon as your dog is in the sitting position, reward and praise him. Within no time you won't need to press down on your dogs back or even hold the leash up. He will understand that your "sit" command means that you require him to plant his backside on the ground. And he'll be happy to do it for you because he knows that he receives praise and attention when he does.

It's a VERY good idea if you live with other people to teach these commands to them as well. They can then apply the exact same commands to your dog - your dog will appreciate this consistency.

Top reasons "You" should train your Coton

Training helps to build a strong relationship, based on trust and mutual respect.

Helps you have confidence in, and control of your Coton in any situation.

Most importantly to have a happy, outgoing Coton that is properly socialized and trained.

Absolutely no cruelty or harsh "old school" training techniques. A loving owner understands that your NEVER have to "break a dogs spirit" in the training process.

"You" are the best person in the world to train your Coton

Upcoming Canine Seminars Feb. 2009

Date	Location	Speaker/Description
February 7, 2009	Austin, TX Town Lake Animal Shelter, Davenport Bldg	Animal Behavior Lecture by Behaviorist Consultant, Shari Elkins. The discussion will cover normal/abnormal animal behavior, factors associated with those behaviors, and management techniques. To register call: 512-223-7542. If you get voicemail, they will return your call.
February 21-22	Warwick, RI	Canine Reproduction and Whelping/Puppy Intensive Care. Myra Savant Harris Seminar Hosted by the Patriot Papillon Club. For more information contact Kim Walsh, email: kim@walshab.necoxmail.com
Feb 28-March 1	Langley, VA	Canine Reproduction and Whelping/Puppy Intensive Care. Myra Savant Harris Seminar. Hosted by Langley Kennel Club. For more information contact Pat Harris, email: prharris@cox.net

BUSINESS SUCCESS IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Get a road map to running a successful dog business in one information-packed, fun weekend. This seminar is for dog pros, including trainers, walkers, sitters, vet techs, day care operators, boarding facility operators, and groomers AND for dog lovers who dream of working with dogs for a living.

We're bringing success to you-- we'll be on the road for over three months, hitting 13 cities. Sign up early for the one closest to you to avoid late registration fees and to ensure your spot-- space is limited in many cities. For more Information see www.dogtec.org/business-tour

1.LOS ANGELES Sunday, February 8, 9am-4:30pm This seminar will be held at the Los Angeles SPCA. The cost for this section is \$90. Please email info@dogtec.org or call 510 525 2547 to get the one day price.

2.SAN DIEGO February 14-15, 10am- 4:30pm This seminar will be held at The Educated Pet at 2525 University Ave., San Diego, 92104. Cost: \$175.

3.PHOENIX February 21-22, 10am- 4:30pm This seminar will be held at House of Hounds at 19616 W. Hwy 85, Buckeye, AZ 85326 Cost: \$175

4.ARLINGTON, VA February 21-22, 10am-4:30pm This seminar will be at WOOF! Dog Training Center at 4160 S. Four Mile Run Dr., Arlington 22206. Cost: \$175

5.CHICO, CA February 28- March 1, 10am- 4:30pm This seminar will be held at The Canine Connection. Cost: \$175

thoughts on winter...

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant:

if we did not sometimes taste of adversity,

prosperity would not be so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet

Upcoming Health Clinics Feb. 2009

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<p>Feb 15, 2009</p>	<p>Golden Retriever Club of Greater St. Louis Health Clinic All Breed 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Eyes-Heart-Hips-Elbows-Patellar Luxation-Thyroid-CBC-Microchips-Tattoo's</p> <p>DON'T DELAY!! APPOINTMENTS FILL QUICKLY FOR THIS CLINIC!!!! PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.</p> <p>Deadline is February 7, 2009 PAYMENTS ARE DUE IN ADVANCE .</p> <p>Contact Sandy Primovic for an appointment 314 961-0649 cherushgld@earthlink.net</p>
<p>Feb 21, 2009</p>	<p>Wilmington Kennel Club Health Clinic at Wilmington Training Facility 2035 Sunset Lake Rd., Newark, DE 19702 Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm</p> <p>CERF, Cardiac Exams (echocardiogram ultrasound, ECG, auscultation), Blood Work, Rabies, DHPP, Bordatella, Microchips, Tattoos, AKC DNA Certification, International Canine Semen Bank, CGC Test, Canine/Human Masseur, Animal Communicator, Chiropractor</p> <p>Registration form return deadline is Feb. 6, 2009</p> <p>For more information and/or registration forms go to: www.wilmingtonkennelclub.org</p>
<p>Feb 21, 2009</p>	<p>DPCTZ All Breed Health Clinic Time: 9 am to 5 pm Location: AnimERge Emergency Clinic, 21 Route 206 South, Raritan NJ.</p> <p>Direction available at www.animerge.net</p> <p>Cardiac: Nancy Morris, DVM DACVIM (Cardiology) – echocardiograms and 24-hour Holter will be available.</p> <p>OFA Thyroid: Antech Laboratories. Please bring AKC registration and proof of permanent ID. Please include a separate check made out directly to the OFA.</p> <p>CERF: Michael Brown, DVM MS DACVO – dogs must be over 7 weeks old. Please bring registration and proof of permanent ID. All results confidential, CERF forms included.</p> <p>CGC testing available on a limited basis. Microchipping available as well.</p> <p>Forms available at the club website at www.dpctz.com</p>