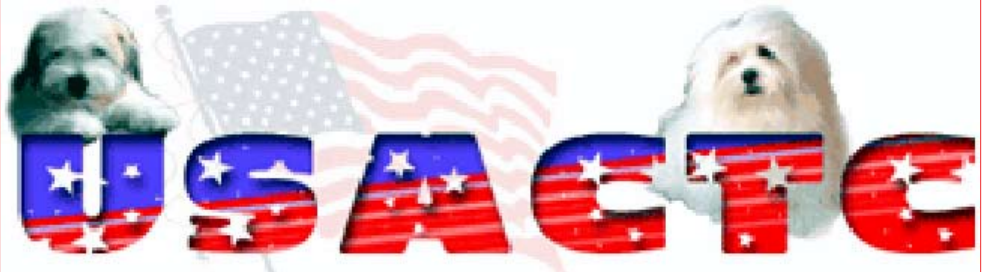


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Quick Tips for Keeping your Coton safe on Halloween

1. Keep your pet in a safe place, away from trick-or-treaters or other Halloween activities.
2. Place live flame decorations like candles and jack-o'-lanterns out of the reach of pets.
3. Keep candy away from pets, especially chocolate, which can be toxic to dogs.
4. Resist the urge to put your pet in a costume. You may think your pet looks adorable in a costume, but most pets don't like the constraints of costumes. If you do decide to dress your pet in a costume, make sure the costume is safe for your pet and doesn't constrain movement, hearing or ability to breathe. Check the costume for parts that could be chewed off by your pet and cause them to choke and look for dangling pieces that could injure the pet.
5. Don't let the family dog go on trick-or-treating with the children. Children may have a difficult time handling a pet during the festivities and your dog could get loose, especially if spooked by strange sights and sounds of trick-or-treaters.
6. Keep decorations that pets could chew on, like streamers, fake spider webs, and cords and wires from electrical decorations out of reach. Should your dog chew on an electrical cord, they risk a potential deadly shock. Pets can also become tangled and injured by dangling cords or decorations.



Beautiful Katie of Sirius
Cotons enjoying an Autumn Day

Sophie says - trick,
treat or me?



Casablanca's Louis Chandler
ready to trick or treat!

Club Update

Hello,

I hope your Cotons are ready for their cute costumes and you are planning a fun Halloween for the whole family!

We would like to introduce you to our new USACTC Monthly! This will come to your e-mail monthly with club updates and Coton information you may enjoy. The USACTC Coton Monthly is in addition to the quarterly Coton Courier. We need adorable Cotons dressed in Christmas attire for our website at www.usactc.org. Please send them to us. We will also be running contests that will require cute Coton pictures so stay tuned.

Our annual membership renewal will be going out in the mail this week, so watch your mailbox. We appreciate your loyalty to our club and look forward to any suggestions or input you would like to share. Your membership means everything to us. We are working for you and our beloved Cotons. If any of you would like to help in any area we welcome you all!

The holidays are coming. Take special care to protect your Cotons from Chocolate and the many other things that could harm them during this holiday season.

Have a Happy Halloween,

Barbara Adcock
USACTC President



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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The Sandi Ramsthal Coton de Tulear Health and Education Trust

In April 2007, the Coton world and the USACTC lost a devoted member, Sandi Ramsthal, unexpectedly. In her memory, this 501c3 Trust was formed to help fund the USACTC health and education programs as well as other breed related projects focused in these areas. If you would like to make a contribution to further advance these health and educational programs for the Coton de Tulear, please send your tax deductible donation payable to:

Sandi Ramsthal Coton Trust
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Introducing our new Community Outreach Program JAN WEINER & CHIP

My name is Jan Weiner and I live in Sandwich on beautiful Cape Cod, MA with my Coton: Lilyhill's Chocolate Chip (Chip for short!).

I can always remember having a dog and indeed, once brought home 7 puppies in my bicycle basket. My dear father, God bless him, found homes for them all!

I have trained dogs in obedience and shown Boxers when I was younger. I have done some agility and within the past few years found my newest passion: Canine Musical Freestyle, aka, dancing with your dog.

I have also been involved in pet therapy and have been a member of the Companion Animal Program here on Cape Cod. I recently served four years as president. I am an active pet partner with Chip and my Golden Retriever, Tobey.

I enjoy incorporating tricks and dancing into our visits and I think the dogs do not consider it a "real" visit unless they get to entertain too!

My husband and I also have a rescued Lab, Golda, who feels it is her job to take care of the boys and let me know when it is time to go out or eat!

I thank you for this opportunity to work with all of you and share some visions of what we can do with our Cotons in Community Outreach



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Happy Halloween!!!



Bluebell Beau Geste



Simply Grand Hocus
Pocus at Majik



Lilyhill Fairy



Windcrest Puppy



Windcrest Princess



Jim's Cosette and Mandarin



Lily Hill Gabriella with Bichon friend Taffy



Jim's Mon Pastis



Cotonnerie Icy Truffles as the Red Baron



Jim's Three Muskateers



Cottonbal Rodeo Man with friends

Helpful Canine Books



- Genetics**
- Control of Canine Genetic Diseases - George A. Padgett, DVM
 - Genetics An Introduction for Dog Breeders - Jackie Isabell
 - The Dog and Its Genome Edited by Elaine A. Ostrander, Urs Giger, and Kerstin Lindblad-Toh
 - Breeding Your Own Show Dog by Pat Hastings
 - Another Piece of the Puzzle by Pat Hastings
- Whelping**
- Canine Reproduction and Whelping - Myra Savant Harris
 - Puppy Intensive Care - Myra Savant Harris
 - The Dog Breeder's Guide to Successful Breeding and Health Management
Margaret V. Root Kustritz DVM, PhD. DACT
 - The Whelping and Rearing of Puppies - Muriel P. Lee
 - The Joy of Breeding Your Own Show Dog - Ann Seranne
 - Breeding A Litter - The Complete Book of Prenatal and Postnatal Care -
Beth J. Finder Harris
 - Successful Dog Breeding - The Complete Handbook of Canine Midwifery -
Chris Walkowicz and Bonnie Wilcox, DVM
 - Canine Reproduction - The Breeder's Guide - Phyllis A. Holst, MS, DVM
 - Whelping & More - A Comprehensive Guide to Delivering Your Litter of Puppies
- Training**
- Therapy Dogs: Training Your Dogs to Reach Others - Kathy Diamond Davis
 - Good Dog! Kids teach kids about dog behavior/training - Evelyn Pang & Hilary Louie
 - Play Together, Stay Together - Patricia McConnell and Karen London
 - Positive Training for Show Dogs - A relationship for Success - Vicki Ronchette
 - When Pigs Fly - Training Success with Impossible Dogs - Jane Killion



Baxter - loved by Desiree Terrebonne celebrates his 1st birthday! Happy Birthday from your friends at USACTC!

We'd like to feature your Coton in the USACTC Coton Monthly during his or her birthday month. Please send a photo of your Coton the 15th of the month PRECEDING your Coton's birthday. We need a cute photo and your Coton's full name. Please send via email to juli@coton.cc with "Monthly Birthday" in the subject line.

LOST DOG!!!

Oh no, my Coton is missing, what do I do now???

Act immediately. The longer you wait, the farther your dog, cat or any pet can travel and the chances increase that it may become injured.

Post signs at intersections within a 2 mile area of where your pet was lost. In addition, post signs at grocery stores, community centers, pet stores, veterinary offices, churches and apartment complex laundromats.

Advertise in local newspapers and check "Lost and Found" for at least three months.

Search the neighborhood. Walk, ride a bicycle or drive slowly through your neighborhood several times each day. A lost pet may hide during the day, so be sure to go out again at night with a flashlight and call for him.

Ask neighbors, letter carriers and delivery people if they have seen your dog, cat or pet.

Visit all animal shelters and file a lost pet report with every shelter in your city. Check with the shelters every few days. Notify the police if you believe that your pet may have been stolen.

If lost anywhere near a busy highway or road, contact your local transportation department, to see if a car has hit your pet.

Contact veterinary clinics both in your area and surrounding areas. An animal could be injured, rescued and taken out of the area in any direction for some distance.

Leave items with a familiar scent outside your home. A litter box, pet bed or a sweatshirt recently worn by a loved one can attract a pet who has strayed and become disoriented.

If your dog, cat or animal is a purebred, contact breed rescue groups in your area.

Don't give up your search - even when you have little hope. Dogs, cats and all animals who have been lost for months have been reunited with their families. If you find your dog, cat or pet, make certain to inform all places you contacted and remove flyers. Otherwise, valuable time is wasted which could be used for animals who are still lost.

We very recently learned of a service called 'Find Toto'. It is quick, easy and extremely effective. You enter info about a lost pet and the computer will call all your neighbors to give them a heads up."

"I just got an automated call to my home stating that one of my neighbors had lost his dog, and all the key facts. Then it stated to go to www.findtoto.com if you have any questions, or leads."

Please check it out yourself and if you are impressed with it, share this information with friends and family.

The cost is \$105 for calls to 500 numbers within about a 1 mile radius.



Templeton is 15 years old!

Happy Birthday Templeton - your friends here at the USACTC wish you many more! We are interested in finding out who has the oldest living Coton de Tular. If you believe that your Coton may qualify for this esteemed title, please send the information and a photo of your Coton to juli@coton.cc

November 1	Southbridge, MA All Breed Heart Screening Clinic Dr. Nancy Morris Southbridge Veterinary Hospital Dr. Kristine Sklenak, Southbridge, MA
November 2	Aurora, CO Arapahoe County Fairgrounds 25690 E Quincy Ave Aurora, CO 80016 Arapahoe Kennel Club Health Clinic CERF/OFA Cardiac Auscultation & Echocardiogram
Nov 5, 2008	Coeur d'Alene Dog Fancier Club Cardio Clinic 11105 E Dishman Mica Rd, Spokane Valley, Wa 99206 Hours: 4 to 9 pm
Nov 9, 2008	CERF Dr. Terah Robbin Webb OFA Cardio Dr. Karsten Schober Auscultation Buckeye Region Agility Group Training Center, 810 Distribution Dr., Columbus OH 43228
Nov 15, 2008	All Breed Heart Screening Clinic w/Dr. Nancy Morris ACVIM Carden Kennels, 880 Ohio St Bangor, MA All Dogs MUST Preregister at www.Heartlightdobermans.com . Send check made out to MVC to: Sue Krom, 8 Cranberry Dr., Holyoke, MA 01040, or fax Credit Card info to 781-826-7608 Cut off Date: Friday November 7th.
Nov 15, 2008	Brazoria Kennel Club Health Clinic Houston Farm & Ranch Club, 1 Abercrombie Dr (@ Highway 6), Houston, TX 77084 Hours: 8am-4pm Preregister by Mon. Nov. 10 Jennifer H. Kyle, DVM, dogdoc2001@hotmail.com, (979) 417-4048 leave message if no answer
Nov 16, 2008	CERF- Dr. Nancy Bromberg, DACVO Cardiac Exams - Dr. William Tyrrell, DACVIM Hip/Elbow Radiographs/Microchipping Patellar Luxation Examinations/Thyroid Screening Thyroid Screening/Heartworm/Lyme/Ehrlichia Tests Loudon Vet Srvc All Breed Health Clinic Purcellville, VA Pre-registration is required . For more information, or to register, contact: Jenifer Witkowski, 540-888-9309, crystalkennels@hughes.net Or Ann Parris, 540-825-4358, dovehill@hughes.net
Nov 23, 2008	All Breed Heart Screening Clinic 65 Mill St. Agawam. MA Dr. Nancy Morris ACVIM Cardiology All Dogs MUST Preregister at www.Heartlightdobermans.com . Send check made out to MVC to: Sue Krom, 8 Cranberry Dr., Holyoke, MA 01040 or fax Credit Card info to 781-826-7608
Nov 23, 2008	Red Bank Veterinary Hospital Physical Rehab Center 210 Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, NJ 07701 CERF: Michael J. Ringle, DVM, Diplomate ACVO - \$30 HEART Carl Sammarco, BVSc, MRCVS, Diplomate ACVIM - \$40 Appts by pre-registration only and are scheduled on a first come/first-served basis upon receipt of payment- Deadline Nov. 10, 2008 For more information contact Sarita Gellman - 917-353-1956 or shastalabs@gmail.com

Coton Corner

Round Table Discussion

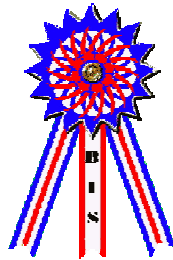


We all need to learn from one another! This area will be a member driven question and answer section that will revolve around your interests and concerns. Please e-mail Shannon Birch at lolcotons@cox.net with "Coton Corner" in the subject line and let her know any questions or concerns that you would like addressed by other members. Each issue will feature one question and we will ask you, our members, to give your answers, thoughts, or tips you feel would benefit others. We will list several of the answers submitted in the next publication. This is our opportunity to share the knowledge we have learned. Please participate!

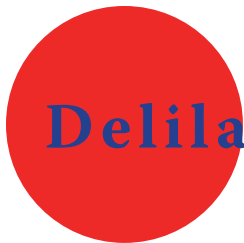
Our question this month is : How do you trim black nails?

Please e-mail your answers, thoughts, or suggestions to Shannon. Thanks!

New USACTC Champion



Kevin Cattedrivers Castle
Owner: Michelle Miller
Exhibitor: Karen Black
Breeder Wilma Vershut-Poor
Sire: Cartoonland's Tzigane
Dam: Azmirs Jewel from Azmirs



Delilah's Diary



Dear Diary,

No one -- and I mean no one wags their tail like I do. It goes so fast side to side that it keeps my people awake at night if I am in the whelping box in their bedroom! Whap!, whap!, whap! it bangs the sides of the box! I'm just a happy girl, who loves everyone and especially my toys! I like to run around the room carrying the toys in my mouth and make little Coton noises so everyone can see what a smart, happy girl I am.



Please share with me your favorite Coton things to do. We are a special breed and have our funny little mannerisms that we all can relate to. I've shared mine--not what are yours??? I would love to include your story in next month's diary excerpt.

With love always,
Delilah

HEALTH HINT

Normal temperature for dogs ranges between 100 – 102.7 F. To take your dog's temperature you need to use a rectal thermometer. It is best to use a pediatric digital thermometer which can be found at most drugstores.

Lubricate the thermometer tip with some petroleum jelly.

Keep your Coton in a standing position and hold his tail up.

Carefully put just the tip of the thermometer into your dog's rectum until the required time for your thermometer to measure temperature has elapsed.

Remove the thermometer and read his temperature.

taking temps

“HOWL-O-WEEN” HEALTH MUFFINS

Preheat oven to 425. Line muffin tins with foil/paper muffin forms.

- 1 1/2 cups oat flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup oat bran
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup honey
- 3 Tbl. vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup milk
- “optional ingredients”
- apples/banana's blended together
- shredded zucchini and carrots
- shredded cheddar/jack cheese
- cooked chicken



Mix dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, mix the egg, honey and oil. Mix the milk in with the dry ingredients, blending well. At this point mix your “optional” ingredients into the honey mixture, then mix the honey mixture into the flour/milk batter. Put in muffin tins and bake for 15 - 20 minutes. These muffins freeze well. You can top with frosting - use sparingly!

STORK DELIVERIES

SEPT. & OCT. 2008



Breeder: Casablanca Cotons
Website: <http://www.coton.cc>
DOB: October 5, 2008
Litter: 3M, 1F
Sire: Bar-Ken's Black Bart
Dam: Casablanca's Bahama Mama
Contact: Juli Renois
817.614.1647
juli@coton.cc

Breeder: Cowboy Cotons
Website: <http://www.cowboycotons.net>
DOB: October 4, 2008
Litter: 2M, 2F
Sire: Mi-Toi's A Ladys Man
Dam: Cowboy's Velvet Cowgirl
DOB: October 8, 2008
Litter: 2M, 2F
Sire: Cartoonland's U-d'Man Mi Toi
Dam: Rockabye's Heartsonfire Cowboys

Breeder: Angelique Cotons
Website: www.angeliquecotons.com
DOB: August 5, 2008
Litter: 2m
Sire: Caviar of Luippold
Dam: Sophie Jillian Whitney of Luippold
Contact: Pamela Whitney
505.897.9222
pamela@angeliquecotons.com

DOB: October 13, 2008
Litter: 2M, 1F
Sire: Bar-Ken's Blame it on Rio at Mi-Toi
Dam: Azmirs Star of the Show
Contact: Brenda Magnon
813.982.0461
luckymagnon@earthlink.net

Breeder: Cattail Cotons
DOB: October 5, 2008
Litter: 3M, 1F
Sire: Cash Is Nice of Tara
Dam: Lovely Lilly of Lake Jem
Contact: Terry Coy
cattailcotons@yahoo.com

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)

Fright Night

spooks & goblins galore

by **Gina Spadafori**

Holidays are anything but fun for many pets. While we humans love the change in routine, the parties, the guests and the decorations, our furred and feathered family members too often find the disruptions disturbing—and sometimes dangerous.

Like all holidays, Halloween is not without its hazards. The two biggest problems are injuries and poisoning—and animal emergency clinics traditionally see plenty of both.

Injuries With the increase in activity around the neighborhood, cats and dogs get nervous, and some will take off if they can. That means an increase in animals hit by cars. Other animals may be a cause of injury: All those costumed young visitors can trigger territorial instincts or fear responses in some dogs, who may then become a bite risk.

The best solution for nervous pets is to confine them for the evening in a crate or a quiet room far from the front door or any holiday festivities.



Many animal-welfare groups warn that black cats are at special risk around Halloween, claiming that cultists pick up the animals for ritual torture. Such concerns have led many shelters to halt the adoption of black cats in the days before Halloween.

In truth, such cruelties are so poorly documented that they surely happen rarely, if at all. Your black cat is more likely to be killed by a car than a cultist—it's difficult to see a black cat in the dark—but the threat of either is more than reason enough to keep him inside.

If you keep your pets confined safely inside the house, you will eliminate one source of risk. Keeping them away from the goodies will take care of the other risk.

Poisoning Candy is a problem more for dogs than for cats because cats are generally picky about what they eat. Not so for many dogs, who'll wolf down candy (wrappers and all) if given the opportunity, giving many a serious case of what veterinarians call "garbage gut." Any candy can trigger a bout of intestinal upset, but chocolate can do much worse. The small dog who gets a large amount of chocolate could end up dead without prompt veterinary intervention.

Alijah of Renaissance

The final precaution is to prepare for the worst. If your veterinarian does not offer after-hours care, know where the nearest animal emergency clinic is located. Put the phone number somewhere handy, like on your refrigerator.

While pets may not like holidays as much as we do, any celebration can be made pet-safe with just a few basic precautions. Be sure to take those precautions, because veterinarians would rather hand out candy to children than medicine to pets on Halloween.

Costumes for pets? Why not?

Let's face it: Your dog doesn't care if he has a biker jacket, sunglasses, an ear-hugging visor or even a colorful bandanna. He'll put up with most anything you put on him, as long as it means spending more time with you.

If putting a costume on your dog means you'll fuss over him and maybe take him somewhere interesting, like the costume contests that are everywhere these days, then sure, it's a no-lose proposition. Dress up your dog and have some fun.

Do make sure any costume you choose or make meets the commonsense standard: It's comfortable and nonrestrictive, inedible, and it doesn't involve anything that could be hazardous, such as dye or paint.





It's Show Time!

The USACTC will have our Southwest Specialty
Nov.15&16th.

Our pet fun day will occur on Saturday,
November 15th.

All Coton owners are welcome to attend the
event. We will begin the conformation show at
9:00am.

All fun day events will go throughout the day.

We will have games and raffles at 12 noon
during the lunch break.

We will have snacks to last all day. If you have
not confirmed that you will be attending please
email me at Bhermes1@yahoo.com.

Conformation will ensure that there will be a
grab bag waiting for you.

We will have a Dog Portrait Photographer on
site to take photos of you and your dogs. A five
dollar sitting fee will go towards the USACTC.
You can pick the photo package that fits your
budget.

Raffle prizes from Les Pooches, Chris
Christensen, Bio-Groom, Barken' In Style, The
Wiggly Dog and much more!!!!

Thanks,

Jennifer Hermes Organizer
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