

the PawPrint



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Calendar of Events

Friday, March 4th –
Deanna Witte,
Veterinary Spinal
Manipulative Therapist
will be at DIM from
11am-2pm.

Friday, March 11th –
DIM will be doing a
presentation at Saukville
Elementary School!

Saturday, March 12th –
Laura Hey Therapy Dog
Presentation – **FREE**
Also screenings-
reservations needed.

Saturday, March 12th –
Stacy Krafczyk will be
hosting readings from
Noon-4pm

Saturday, March 26th -
Legacy Studio Photo
Shoot – Spring
Background. Call for an
appointment
1-866-751-8000

Saturday, March 28th -
New Class Session
begins.



New Exciting Program and Contest to be launched in April!!

Watch our website for more details at the end of March!

**Congratulations to the winner of our
3rd Anniversary Drawing
for a Nina Ottosson Puzzle!**
**We hope Missy has fun
with her new puzzle!**



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New Training Class Sessions begin the week of March 28, 2011!!



FROM SUE'S DESK....

Hello everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for well wishes and gifts on the 3rd Anniversary of Dawgs in Motion! We are starting our New Year with many new things. Please continue to watch our website and our newsletters for new events, products, presentations, etc. If any of our customers have any new ideas of things you would like to see at Dawgs in Motion, we would welcome your input. Our customers and their needs are very important to us!

This month I would like to take the opportunity to begin introducing you to the people that work at Dawgs in Motion. Each month I will give you some background information on each one of our staff members. This month I would like to introduce you to Kim Totsch and Maddie Crislip.

Kim Totsch resides in Chilton with her fiancé' Tim and has been part of the Dawgs in Motion team for just over 2 years. Kim and Tim have been together for almost 6 years and recently bought a house in Chilton. Kim and Tim are having a great time planning for their wedding, which is set for September 2012.

Kim's family includes their 4-legged children Parker, an Australian Shepherd mix that was rescued as a pup and also 3 cats named Brownie, Sally and Gizmo. Parker has taught both Kim and Tim a lot because of his special needs. Parker is an epileptic and has severe allergies. Every day is an adventure with their kids.

Becoming a Certified Professional Dog Trainer through National K-9 School for Dog Trainers, was one of Kim's accomplishments. She is a member of several dog-related organizations. Parker and Kim are a Certified team at Level II Mantrailing through American Mantrailing Academy and are working at becoming a Certified Search and Rescue team.

Kim's favorite part of her work at Dawgs in Motion is being able to work with all the dogs. It helps her learn about all the different personalities to make her a better dog trainer. Kim loves the relationships created with all the Dawgs in Motion customers and their owners.

Favorite activities of Kim's are camping, hiking, fishing, swimming and off-roading with their Classic Broncos. She is a family-girl and loves all the family get-togethers they have. She also loves researching dog foods and treats. This interest has been motivated by Parker's health problems. Kim likes to stay up on all of the latest information and products available.

Maddie Crislip lives in Fredonia area along with her parents and 5 year old niece. Maddie has been part of the Dawgs in Motion staff for 2 years. She graduated from Northern Ozaukee High School and pursued one of her passions of dog training by participating in the ABC Dog Training Program. After completing the program, she received her certification as a Professional Dog Trainer in May of 2010. Maddie continues to research all aspects of dog training and she will be part of introducing some new training activities at Dawgs in Motion in summer.

Another large part of Maddie's family is all of her pets which include Ginger, a 9 year old Pug, Mocha, a 2 year old Aussie, 3 Chinchillas named Captain, Skipper and Neptune and her cats named Sputnik, Spice and Clover.

Maddie's favorite part of her work at Dawgs in Motion is to teach the Puppy Obedience classes. She loves watching the puppies grow and develop a positive relationship with their new owners. It is very rewarding for Maddie to know that she helped new dog owners and their puppies get off to a good, healthy start together.

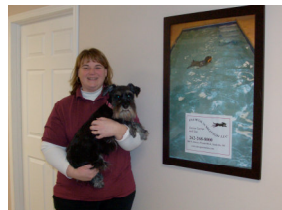
Other interests that occupy Maddie's spare time are photography, camping, drawing, watching movies and taking her dog Mocha to the beach to swim in summer. She also enjoys baking desserts which all the staff appreciates too.

Thank you to both Kim and Maddie for all their contributions to Dawgs in Motion!

Sincerely, Sue Richison



Deanna Witte



Sue Richison



Kim Totsch and Parker



Maddie Crislip and Mocha

Who is Deanna Witte? Deanna is a Veterinarian that received her certification in veterinarian spinal manipulative therapy in 2005 from the Healing Oasis Wellness Center in Sturtevant, Wisconsin, under the direction of Dr. Pedro Rivera. Since then she has been invited back as an instructor. The Healing Oasis Wellness Center program is state approved and nationally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and is the only school with a true certification program for veterinary spinal manipulation. Deanna comes to see patients at Dawgs in Motion once a month.

Veterinary spinal manipulation can be used for many purposes. We can increase athletic performance making a good athlete a great athlete or simply increase the quality of life of our geriatric friends whose goal is life is to keep us happy. In cases of spinal trauma, we may be able to avoid surgery. In many cases, spinal manipulative therapy can help increase the quality of life of your pet.

We are happy to have Deanna serve customers at Dawgs in Motion the first Friday of each month.

The Vet's Corner...

This month we are featuring

Fredonia Veterinary Clinic 262-692-2439

Fredonia Veterinary Clinic is a mixed-animal practice located just west of Fredonia, WI. We see small animals (dogs, cats, & pocket pets), horses (including Miniature Horses and donkeys), and farm animals (cattle, alpacas/llamas, & sheep & goats). Our doctors each have special interests and skills, which allow us to serve a wide clientele. We provide a broad spectrum of diagnostic procedures through in-house testing and the use of outside laboratories. We also work closely with local

referral/specialty practices when special diagnostic procedures are required. The facility includes a well-stocked pharmacy, in-hospital surgery suite with laser surgery, in-house x-ray and ultrasound capabilities, a closely supervised hospitalization area, and indoor stalls with a treatment area for large animals. Please see our web site: www.fredoniavetclinic.com for more information about us.

"The mission of the Fredonia Veterinary Clinic is to be known for quality care and friendly service. We strive to provide excellent care for our patients and exceptional customer service for our clients. We are committed to practicing veterinary medicine with strong ethics and high standards. Our goal is to gain the trust of our clientele and keep that trust for a lifetime."



Fredonia Veterinary Clinic's contribution to the Paw Print: Heartworm Disease



Mosquito season is around the corner and along with mosquitoes comes the increased risk of heartworm disease. Heartworm disease is primarily a parasite of dogs, which are the natural hosts. Heartworm disease is caused by a parasite that gets into a dog's tissue from a mosquito bite. The parasite larvae then migrate to the right side of the heart, where they stay & develop into adult heartworms. It takes 6-7 months for the heartworm larvae to migrate and develop into an adult heartworm within the heart. Adult heartworms are thread-like worms that can get up to 10-12 inches in length! They can interfere with blood flow through the heart and into the lungs. Adult heartworms bear live offspring, called microfilaria, which are very small and circulate in the bloodstream. These offspring are picked up by the next mosquito that bites the infected dog and then are spread to the next unsuspecting dog the mosquito bites. Although cats are more resistant to infection with heartworms, they are still susceptible & can have symptoms and problems from heartworm disease.

Symptoms: Dogs infected with heartworms may show no symptoms early on or if they have a low number of heartworms present in the heart. With larger worm burdens in the heart and progressive disease, symptoms will develop of heart & lung disease. These symptoms can become severe with the dog becoming very ill and even dying from heartworm disease. Signs include: chronic cough, exercise intolerance, weight loss, lethargy, labored breathing, and signs of heart failure.

Testing: There is a **blood test** that can be done to check for the presence of adult heartworms. Your veterinarian draws a blood sample and can either run the test in the clinic for immediate results or send it out for results usually within 24 hours. If a dog has symptoms, in addition to a physical exam, other diagnostic testing can be done to fully evaluate the dog's condition. These can include other blood tests, urinalysis, ECG, and chest radiographs (x-rays).

Treatment: If your pet tests positive for heartworm disease, treatment is done by a veterinarian in the clinic. A unique drug is administered that kills the adult heartworms very slowly so the dog's immune system can deal with the dying parasites. Strict rest and close monitoring after this treatment is very important. If the patient has symptoms of disease, prolonged hospitalization/other treatments may be necessary & complications can affect outcome. Your veterinarian would discuss the specific treatment, concerns, prognosis, and cost for your individual dog. Treatment of a dog with adult heartworms early in the disease and before symptoms has a high success rate with a low risk of complications. Treatment can be costly and heartworm disease can result in severe problems, even death, so prevention of heartworms is optimal.

PREVENTION: Fortunately, there are several preventative prescription medications available for dogs & cats. These are given once a month, preferably year-round, or only during the mosquito season. They kill the heartworm larvae before they get to the adult stage. The monthly preventative drugs will not kill the adult heartworms in the heart. It's very important to have a dog tested to make sure they do not already have adult heartworms before placing them on the preventative medication. The preventative also kills any offspring in the bloodstream, which in some cases can result in a severe, even fatal, allergic reaction. Annual re-testing for heartworms is recommended to monitor the effectiveness of the preventative and allow early detection (in case a pill was missed/vomited unknowingly). Most heartworm preventative medications are in the form of a flavored pill that is given orally, but some are applied topically between the shoulder blades. Heartworm preventatives also help control intestinal parasites and some products also control flea eggs, adult fleas, lice, mange, & ear mites. Consult with your veterinarian on which product is best to be prescribed for your pet.

Along with an annual check-up by your veterinarian, testing for heartworm disease & giving monthly preventative heartworm medication can help keep your pet healthy and prevent this potentially life-threatening disease.

For more information on Heartworm Disease, also see the American Heartworm Society's web site: www.heartwormsociety.org

Dawgs in Motion Trivia

Each month we will have a fun fact in our Dawgs in Motion newsletter. We will put the fact in a question form and the answer will be located on our website. Try to guess the answer prior to looking it up on the website.

March - Dawgs in Motion Fun Fact -

What is the newest product line that is available at Dawgs in Motion?

Check our website for the answer.

Featured Dog Breed for March... Mountain Cur

The **Mountain Cur** is a type of working dog that are bred specifically for treeing and trailing small game, like squirrel and raccoons. They're also used for hunting and baying big game like bear and wild boar as well as being just an all-purpose farm dog. Curs are a member of the Hound group, and the Mountain Cur is one of several varieties of cur.

They can also be used as water dogs. Mainly bred in Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee, it has been registered with the United Kennel Club since 1998. The Mountain Cur Breeder's Association was formed in 1957.

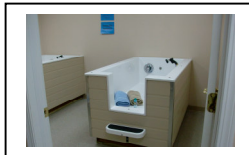
The Mountain Cur is intelligent, easily trained, and neither vicious nor shy. They tend to be very energetic and generally do not make good indoor pets. They are known to always try to please their masters. They are not however dogs to be trifled with, historically many a cur died fighting to protect his family from hostile natives and dangerous predators.

Dawgs in Motion has had the privilege of having a Mountain Cur in one of our training classes.



Featured Dawgs in Motion Service

Self-Wash Tubs –Dawgs in Motion has Self-Wash tubs that you can reserve to wash your dog yourself. They are tubs made especially with the dogs in mind. They have an easy walk in/walk out step at the end of the tub. When doing a Self-Wash at Dawgs in Motion it includes the use of our shampoo, towels, and blowers. So basically you can walk in with a dirty dog and leave with a clean dog and the mess stays at Dawgs in Motion.



Testimonial Time

My name is Diane Anzia, and myself, my husband Leon and our daughter Brittany decided to add to our family with another Teddy Bear we named Toby. We got Toby in November 2009 and we were very happy with him except that he didn't like other dogs especially large dogs and people he was very shy around. December of 2010 Toby started to show aggression by nipping at peoples' ankles, he also growled at us when we touch him especially at night on his back. I called Dawgs in Motion and talked to Sue about this and she recommended having Andrew come and observe Toby's behavior in our home. Andrew and Sue observed Toby and informed us that they thought that Toby was thinking that he was pack leader. Well we wanted to change this behavior so we signed Toby up for his first obedience class in January and also followed advice from Andrew on how to change Toby's behavior at home. He has come such a long way since January, we are now in the advanced obedience class with Toby and he has shown us that he can listen and learn with the training that we learned from Dawgs in Motion classes. Toby also goes to Doggie Day Care at Dawgs in Motion once a week to get him used to other dogs and he has a blast when he is there. We are still working on the issue with large dogs but with time and patience we will get him over that also. I am going to continue to take him to day care as he needs the exposure to other dogs to keep him on track.

Toby has become such a better, behaved dog and he listens to commands now. We made a lot of mistakes at home with Toby, not knowing but with the help from Dawgs in Motion, Andrew, Sue and all the staff there, we are learning so much more to help Toby be a better dog.

Leon, Diane, Brittany Anzia

