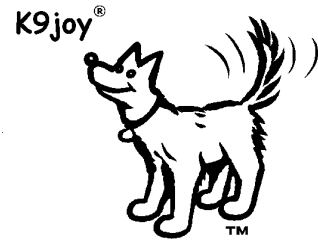




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SEMINAR:

"RESPONSIBLE HEALTH CARE FOR DOGS"

Overall frame:

Evening seminar of 3-3½ hours, for 10-50 students.

Selected students will bring dogs along for live demonstrations if permissible.

Comprehensive handout material in binder.

Who can participate:

Anyone who is interested in learning about how to take good responsible care of a dog. Kids from 12 years.

Objective:

To inform the student about the most common and most dreaded diseases for dogs, and what can be done to protect the dog from suffering or dying from those diseases. Emphasis will be on diseases that currently are presenting serious threats to dogs in the local area - or publicly promoted or perceived as such.

To give the student such an understanding of the most common health problems for dogs - and how the reasons for them often relate to the dog's anatomy being different from ours - that he/she can make informed choices regarding how to obtain optimal health and well-being for the dog without paying excessive vet bills.

To enable the student to perform daily/monthly health checks on his/her dog and to co-operate efficiently and cost-effectively with the vet, in the best interest of the dog, when veterinarian assistance is required.

To enable the student to take ultimate responsibility the dog's life when time and ethics demand this.



Content:

- The coat - how to keep it in good shape without fleas and ticks, and why you should never give your dog a bath with any kind of shampoo or detergent.
- Internal parasites - how to detect them, and what to do to get rid of them - and how to protect the dog against re-infestation. Why regular checking the dog's daily stool is important - and how you do it.
- Simple first aid in case of accidents - what you need to take into account for your dog in addition to good common sense as it applies to first aid for people.
- Fatal and dangerous diseases - reasons to vaccinate and for what.
- The immune system and its responses to infections and vaccines - reasons to limit/eliminate vaccination....
- The daily and monthly health checks - what to look for and when to be alarmed.
- How to work with your vet - to ensure that your dog gets the optimal treatment it deserves.
- When and how to conclude the dog's life - and when to get a new puppy.

Good reasons for participating in this seminar...

What keeps a dog in good health is not always the same as what keeps *you* in good health! There are some very significant differences in our anatomy and physiology that make "treating the dog like a miniature human" outright dangerous for its health!!! The old saying that "it cannot be a science to have a dog" is certainly true - but your dog will for sure not live as long and as happy a life as it will if you will respect its nature and deal with it on its own terms. Most people in North America have unfortunately been almost "brain-washed" by the media's and the general public's promotion of the dog as a human "pet" that we totally lost sight of what the dog truly is: A domesticated wolf - a wonderful creature of Nature!

You can, of course, get many answers by referring to your veterinarian - but those answers are typically quite costly, as you might already have experienced. Also: the vet is in business to help you with services you cannot provide yourself. He most likely does this because he loves to work with animals, but he is *not* in business to educate you about how to keep your dog out of his hospital...

Another thing that should horrify you is that, in Canada and the USA, there are *no laws* whatsoever that regulate remedies you can sell in pet stores for treatment of pets for all kinds of ailments. The regulatory bodies are totally controlled by the industries themselves! Many of these remedies are outright



dangerous chemicals that are forbidden to be used on humans - for very good reason, also for the dog. The pet stores are - again - not in business to educate you about why you don't need them and most of their "fancy", "easy-to-use", "quick-fix", fashionable stuff! They are just trying to satisfy a customer demand as legitimate business people....

What you get out of this seminar:

After this seminar, you will get to know enough about the important differences between the dog's anatomy and physiology and the human parallels that you can avoid the most common mistakes that often cause the dog great and unnecessary trouble. Many vet bills can be completely eliminated - simply by your *not* doing certain things you may think you are "supposed to do " as a responsible dog owner! So, if you can prevent just *one* visit to the vet, the seminar more than paid for itself....

But the most important thing is the peace of mind you can obtain from knowing that you can deal with your dog's health in a responsible way without spending a lot of money on stuff that is not going to improve your dog's well-being. We know you love your dog and want to give the best you can in terms of a decent dog life within the frames of your family. We want you to feel good about the choices you make on behalf of your dog regarding its health - because you know they are informed, and you know where you can get support if you need it...

One of the most important issues is probably vaccination. There is certainly a lot of pressure on you for vaccinating your dog - and possibly against a whole bunch of diseases at the same time - repeatedly. Well, to tell you the truth from the vaccine manufacturers themselves, then there is *no scientific evidence whatsoever* for yearly re-vaccinations being necessary - or even healthy! It is pure business promotion!

On the contrary, there is a lot of evidence available against over-vaccination, evidence for all kinds of long-term health problems created by irresponsible vaccination. And the really bad news in this is that your vet may not know of this - or he may not dare to speak his honest opinion about it for reasons that make perfect sense *for his business*. We are not recommending that you do not vaccinate - or that you do - but we want you to fully know and understand what the implications of your choices will be for your dog.

What your dog will get out of your participation:

Your dog will get some basic protection against being exploited by economic interests that are not respecting your true desire to give your dog what it deserves. You will enjoy seeing it being more healthy - and the dog will for sure show you that it likes its life better when it feels good - as good as you can make it with a reasonable budget.