



GPCA Health Committee



GPCA National Seminar and Clinic Report - 2011

A Health Seminar, funded by the GPCA Health Committee, was held at the 2011 National on Thursday, April 28, 2011 @ 7:30 PM. The topic was “ Everything you need to know about Canine Vaccinations” presented by Dr. Ron Schultz, Professor & founding chair of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary medicine at University of Wisconsin- Madison. The seminar was attended by approximately 30 members. An article containing all information provided at the seminar & authored by our speaker will be posted on our website. This important information can also be found on the WSAVA website.

A flyer with information regarding the Seminar & Clinic was posted in the Hospitality & Grooming areas and a “Health Happenings” Newsletter outlining the events being offered by the Health Committee at this National was included in each hospitality packet.

A patella clinic sponsored and staffed by the GPCA Health Committee was held at the 2011 National Specialty on Friday, April 29, 2011 @ 1:00 P.M. A Veterinarian, Dr. Connie Hurley, specializing in orthopedic surgery at the Wisconsin Veterinary Referral Center, examined a total of 5 Great Pyrenees. A scanner was available to verify permanent ID. All completed OFA forms were mailed with the application fee.

A gift was given to each clinic participant and a raffle ticket for a basket containing Health Committee store items was provided. The winner of the raffle was announced at the Annual Meeting. Microchip insertion was available for a nominal fee with all proceeds to benefit GPCMM Rescue. A total of three (3) microchips were inserted.

The Clinic results are as follows:

The dogs examined originated from varied geographic locations across the U.S.

Dogs- 4 examined; 4 had normal patellas by examination

Bitches- 1 examined; 1 had normal patellas by examination

Number of affected dogs: 0

Respectfully submitted,
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