HIGH PLAINS KENNEL CLUB

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Cindy Knox enjoying the holidays with SBK 'N Cinergy's Ringside Rumor Candy Kisses, "Rumor"



Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart.

– Victor Hugo

Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of High Plains Kennel Club will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at 12:00 noon at Pegasus Restaurant, 313 Jerry Street, Castle Rock.



Decoding Canine Behavior (Part 4 of Series)

Stop, Droppings, and Roll: Scientists believe that rolling in strong smelling stuff, including feces and dead animals, gives predators a huge advantage: their scents are masked from the animals they are hunting. While most pet dogs do not hunt for their supper, their old, smell-loving instincts remain, and they are happy to roll in smelly stuff regardless of what their owners think.

ANSWERS TO DOG QUIZ

1. According to legend, a dog was once declared King of Norway.

TRUE

FALSE

Saur ruled Norway for three years. He took the throne after the people of Norway killed Onund, son of King Eystein Magnussan. Kint Magnussan gave the people a choice – to be ruled by the King's dog or the King's slave. Believing it would have been easier to control the dog, they chose Saur. Saur was then treated like a king for several years.

He had a mansion, gold collar and even signed decrees with paw prints. He was killed when wolves broke in and attacked him.

2. Which dog is considered a hypoallergenic dog?

Rottweiler

German Shepard

Shih Tzu

Labrador Retriever

3. Before a dog attacks, there are always clear and recognizable signs.

TRUE

FALSE

Although there are certainly some signs, it is not always clear what a dog is trying to communicate. For instance, a dog wagging its tail is usually a sign of excitement but not always. It can very likely be a sign of a dog preparing itself to defend its territory. Dogs are superpredators, with powerful jaws and sharp teeth and can inflict serious injury on humans. Their natural instincts are never completely suppressed, so people should approach dogs with at least some caution.

4. A Chihuahua holds the record as the smallest dog in the world.

TRUE

FALSE

The record is actually held by a Yorkshire Terrier named Big Boss (as of 2006), who stretches to only 4.7 inches. A Chihuahua named Ondra did hold the record for a time, at an impressive height of less than 6 inches. He was out done, however (or under done) by the now famous Big Boss. Ondra died tragically when a vet accidentally gave him a lethal shot of the wrong medicine in 2002. The owner was awarded close to $30,000 for her hardship.

