



GRIFFIN GEORGIA KENNEL CLUB

SEPTEMBER, 2010 ISSUE

President: Walt Sanderson – V. Pres: Jo Gahm – Secretary: Tammy Sasso –
Treasurer: Jeff Gahm

Board Members: Lois Milligan-Noel Clarke-Willie Crawford

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

7:30

Ryan's Steakhouse
1323 N. Expressway
Griffin, GA
770-233-3326

There WILL be a Board meeting this month - 7:00

Much is happening in the club right now:

- The match is just around the corner (see the attached flyer. Call Helen & volunteer to help.)
- The picnic is next month at the Sandersons'. It's going to be a good one!
- Tommy is wrapping up details for our show next month.
- Helen is offering handling classes at her home. If you didn't get the details for the classes, they meet on Mondays at 7:00, cost of \$10 and you can bring as many dogs to train as you like. Can't find a better deal than that anywhere!

Can you learn from a pigeon? Included in this newsletter is an interesting article on intelligent animals. It's one of those "I didn't know that!" articles. At least it is to me!! *Who knew that an elephant's brain weighs 5 kilos??*

See you at the meeting.

Willie

Griffin Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2010

Walt opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

News about the upcoming show was discussed. Bobby Thomas called Walt yesterday. He wanted to meet on Saturday, but Walt had a prior commitment. They are attempting to schedule a meeting for Sunday. Tommy, Tammy, Jeff, and Walt will represent Griffin KC.

Willie reported that she still needs to speak to Don to find out Lawrenceville's feelings about us joining the Cherokee Rose Cluster. Sawnee Mt. KC didn't want to vote on this now. If we do join the cluster, we probably won't be able to have a spring show because it will be too late to get approval from AKC. Even if we can't do a spring show we still have enough funds for a fall show.

Deborah Gill's service dog bloated leaving her with a \$4,500 vet bill. Willie moved that we donate \$200 to Deb to help out with the bills. Tammy seconded the motion and it carried. Walt suggested we send her a check with a note asking her to rejoin the club. Anyone who wishes to make a personal donation can do so at <http://ddalee.chipin.com/help-snort-medical-alert-dog>.

Willie moved to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Noel seconded the motion.

Members present: Lois Milligan, Walt Sanderson, Noel Clarke, Tammy Sasso, Willie Crawford

Minutes of the General Meeting

Walt opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Secretary's Report - Helen moved to accept last month's minutes. Rosemary seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted. Tommy received the approval letters from AKC that Tammy sent him.

Match Report – Helen passed out flyers at the meeting. Please send the information to anyone you think might be interested. We have all the judges. Sue volunteered to get trophies out of the storage unit. Helen will let her know how many we need.

Old Business – Walt praised Willie for the great job she is doing with the newsletter. He also reminded everyone to send your award information to Lois.

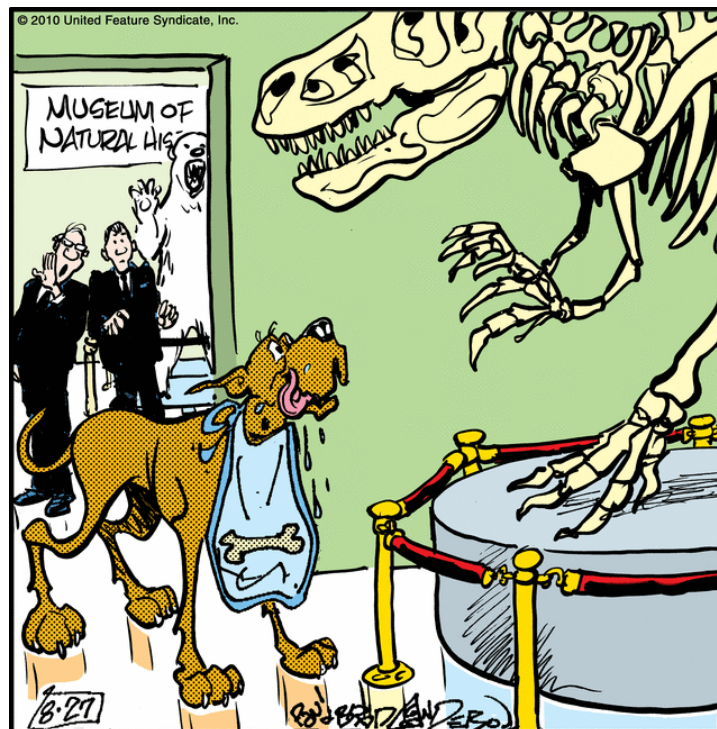
Showchair Report – Tommy reported that as far as he knows we are in good shape for the show. The judges will be at the Conference Center on Powder Springs Rd. We will put menus at the judges' hotel. Bobby's wife, Ann Thomas, has replaced Joyce Gibson as showchair for Kennesaw.

New Business – Willie said it was time to plan the picnic. The agreed upon date is October 9. Walt will ask the police officers to attend. Call Helen and tell her what you plan to bring. The suggested menu is steak, baked potato, and salad.

Please remember Helen is teaching training classes every Monday at 7:00 P.M. The charge is \$10 per person and you can bring as many dogs as you want.

Tommy moved to adjourn at 7:54 P.M. Thomas seconded the motion.

Members present: Tommy Yates, Sue Yates, Deb Yelvington, Noel Clarke, Walter Jung, Lois Milligan, Chuck Crawford, Willie Crawford, Tammy Sasso, Thomas Van Huss, Deb Van Huss, Walt Sanderson, Helen Sanderson, Kelly Burge, Rosemary Logan



“Keep an eye on him.”

[10 Amazingly Smart & Productive Animals Humans Can Learn From](#)

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Humans have proven themselves to be the planet’s most dominant species, due to our highly developed communication, critical thinking and predatory skills. But that doesn’t mean that we don’t have any competition. There are plenty of animals that we can learn from by watching the ways in which they communicate and learn from each other. While you struggle to become a more efficient student for your online college classes, try taking a cue from these 10 amazingly smart and productive animals.

1. Octupi and squids: Cephalopods – octopi, squids and cuttlefish – may be some of the smartest animals in the ocean. After studying them, scientists have deduced that cephalopods are always trying to stay busy, as they hate being bored. They use tools, are efficient eaters, and can learn new skills.

2. Dolphins: Dolphins may love humans just as much as humans love dolphins. The highly collaborative marine mammal is also incredibly intelligent and communicative and may actually be the second-smartest animal in the world, just after humans. Their brains are 4-5 times larger than other animals' brains who have similar sized bodies. They also have a well developed neocortex which helps them process emotion, recognize themselves in a mirror, demonstrate an ability for cultural learning, and understand abstract concepts.

3. Pigeons: Although they're often associated with dirty, crowded urban environments, pigeons are productive animals with high intelligence. They have highly developed memories, recognize themselves in a mirror, and can identify even subtle differences between different objects.

4. Pigs: Pigs are known to compensate for their mud-slinging, trough-eating ways by demonstrating high intelligence, but did you know just how smart pigs are? They're very social and even emotional animals that can "play" computer and video games at least as well as chimpanzees. They have an excellent sense of direction and learn from each other, when they're not trying to trick each other.

5. Rats: Rats may be one of the most abhorred creatures on Earth, but they're still pretty smart and very resourceful. Rats are extremely adaptable and can almost always find an escape route, which is why they're so resilient.

6. Squirrels: A slightly cuter version of the rat is the squirrel, another cunning rodent. Squirrels sometimes trick spying animals by pretending to hide their food in one spot, and then really finding a safer place for it when no one's watching. After months have passed, squirrels can remember the exact place they stored their food, sometimes using clues to help themselves.

7. Crows: Crows may have annoying calls and scare away other, more attractive birds, but they're so smart that even humans could learn something from them. Crows are very resourceful animals that turn all kinds of objects into usable tools for getting food from hard-to-reach places. They also have great respect for their elders, and watch older birds when they want to learn a new skill.

8. Bees: Bees have shown scientists that they are very in tune with the natural world, not just including pollinating flowers. They use the sun for direction, are punctual, and also have the ability to learn colors, sounds and even exact places. And if you've ever noticed a bee's seemingly erratic flying pattern, you've actually watched it communicate to other bees the specifics of the food they're finding.

9. Dogs: Scientists are still discovering just how smart [dogs](#) are. They've already proven to be loyal, good communicators and may have decent memory, and now scientists believe that dogs may have the ability to understand someone else's point of view. Through tests, dogs have also proven to understand concepts and form real perceptions of things.

10. Elephants: Elephants are widely regarded as smart, efficient animals that use tools, groom themselves, and have even inspired robotics. A new robotic arm was modeled after an elephant's trunk, which can pick up nearly any type of object and seamlessly move it and use it as needed. Elephants also have large brains – weighing around 5 kilos – and use objects to protect themselves, either as weapons or to intimidate their attackers.