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Take lots of pictures at Irish Fest!



SALUTE TO CANADA!

Canada is a country occupying most of northern North America, extending from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west and northward into the Arctic Ocean. It is the world's second largest country by total area and its common border with the United States to the south and northwest is the world's longest. Those claiming either Scottish or Irish descent make up about 30% of Canada's 32 million population. (2006 census)

<http://www.ntif.org/canada.html>

HOURS OF OPERATION

The festival will be open during the following hours: (subject to change)

- Friday evening from 6:00 pm till 11:00 pm
- Saturday from 10:30 am till 11:30 pm
- Sunday from 11:30 am till 7:30 pm

FOR EVENT INFORMATION CLICK HERE:

<http://www.ntif.org/faq.html>

We're in the Centennial Building this year. As Cherry always reminds us, don't bring your dog if they are nervous or don't get along with other dogs. Don't bring bitches in heat. If you've never been, wear comfortable shoes and come for a good time. Call Cherry if you are coming.

NEW THIS YEAR - TAKE DART AND SAVE THE GREEN

"Take the Green to the Green and save some Green." And, while you're at it, you can be Green as well! For the first time in NTIF history visitors can take a DART rail directly to the festival and arrive just a few steps from our main entrance. Park at one of the many DART Park & Ride lots and travel in comfort while saving on gas and parking - not to mention the long trek from the parking lot to the gate. Probably can't bring your hound, though!

DUES ARE DUE

Dues are due! \$25 annual dues can be sent directly to Cherry at 5250 Banks; Fort Worth, TX 76140. Consider adding \$10, \$15, or \$25 extra for rescue.

Rescue Update

Fortunately, we are very slow. We've had quite a few inquiries to adopt, which is good that we are reviewing and screening applicants if we do have a need. We've had a few chuckles on the way. I got a call from a rescue group with a labra-doodle rescue that they didn't think looked enough like a labra-doodle... HAD to have wolfhound in him and would we take him. So I said we couldn't take mix-breeds at this time. ☺

"Sometimes you panic and find yourself emitting remarks so profoundly inane that you would be embarrassed to say them to your dog. Your dog would look at you and think to itself, "I may lick myself in public, but I'd never say anything as stupid as that."

Dave Barry

Do You Have a Canine First-Aid Kit?

Since I no longer have young children, my "first-aid kit" consists of a few band-aids, Neosporin and Ben Gay. It is wise to have one for your hounds, too. Suggested items include:

1" and 2" adhesive tape
 2" roll gauze (for muzzle)
 newspaper
 Rectal thermometer
 Providone iodine (antiseptic)
 Eye wash (saline water in squirt bottle)
 Isopropyl alcohol
 Gas-X
 Hydrogen peroxide
 Syrup of Ipecac
 2" and 4" gauze
 Scissors
 Cotton Balls
 Q-tips
 Petrolatum jelly
 Cold Pack
 Tweezers

Also have on hand a list of the following:

Your Vet number
 24-Hour vet number
 Address of nearest 24-hour vet

Local Poison Control Center
 National Poison Control Center

Things to remember---

Avoid feeding dogs:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocado
- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Fatty foods
- Macadamia nuts
- moldy or spoiled food
- raisins and grapes
- onions
- salt
- yeast dough
- products sweetened with xylitol

Household hazards:

- Anti-freeze
- liquid potpourri
- Ice melting products
- Rat and mouse bait
- fabric softener sheets
- Mothballs

If your dog ingests glass, feed oatmeal or bread, or cotton balls soaked in milk to surround the sharp objects.

Pictures from the Club....

Michaela in the snow!

Loved by Ann Dougherty



*Leprechauns,
castles, good luck
and laughter
Lullabies, dreams,
and love ever
after.
Poems and songs
with pipes and
drums
A thousand
welcomes when
anyone comes.*

~Author Unknown



Maggie & Marlene at

Jeniffer Johnson's Marlene
at Christmas

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The Great Heart Cracks...



Glynis Luhring went to the bridge quietly just after the club picnic in November. We're thinking of you, Richard and Julie.



To my hound...

*We have a secret, you and I that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie each night in fire glow?
And who but I can reach my hand before we go to bed
and feel the living warmth of you and touch your scruffy head?
And only I walk woodland paths and see ahead of me,
your great form racing with the wind so young again, and free.
And only I can see you swim in every brook, I pass.
and when I call, no one but I can see the bending grass.*

Unknown

Health Alert - Beware of Toxic Xylitol in Dental Rinse; Other Products

Be aware that Dental Sure, a mouth rinse or spray for Dogs and cats, is harmful to dogs. In fact it is toxic. This product claims to be all natural, which- as far as I can discern is true. However one of the natural ingredients is xylitol. Xylitol is also used as an artificial sweetener in gums, candy, cookies, puddings etc. This product is lethal to dogs in VERY small doses. **A package of diet tic tacs can kill a 65 lb dog.** This product has xylitol in it and when I confronted the distributor/manufacturer they stated that it is a rinse, not a food product or drug and therefore not held to the same standards of labeling. Second xylitol is not what they call an "active" ingredient so again they didn't think it necessary to list it. It is also used in small quantities. Third, it IS all natural so the company stands by their claim that the product is....all natural. Lastly the company stated that the product is not intended to be ingested as it is to be sprayed on the dogs teeth.

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