



Health News

The Kelly Cup Challenge has a winner!

In fact, we have many winners. The contest was very close but the top dog was Clyde Connor! You can read all about him under the Featured Pet column.

The contest was amazing and exciting. Everyone seemed to notice two of our strongest challengers, Clyde and Rocky White. Both are labs who, as large breed dogs, appeared to have the most dramatic weight loss. Clyde originally weighed in at 155.9 pounds and lost 38.29% of his body weight! Following closely behind Clyde, Rocky started at 129 pounds and lost a total of 33.9 pounds. By dropping 26.26% of his body weight he looked like a sure second!

But wait! Little Kiara Pringle, a medium-sized Beagle mix, made a quiet and humble go of it, losing a seemingly modest 15.7 pounds. But at her size that translated to 37.92% of her body weight! An upset!

The results:

First Place: Clyde Connor

Second Place: Kiara Pringle

Third Place: Rocky White.

Congratulations to them and to everyone who participated. Your dog may not have placed, but any dog who loses weight is a winner, especially in regard to his future health and longevity.

Hours of operation:

Monday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Happy New Year

The staff and I would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope 2008 brings great things to our patients and their people.

We wish to extend congratulations to the participants of *The Kelly Cup Challenge*, our weight loss contest for dogs. It was a smashing success! I encourage everyone who participated to continue building on the success you've attained with your dogs thus far. It's easy to think that now that your dog has lost weight he can go back to his old habits, but those are the habits that got him there in the first place! You've made lifestyle changes with your dog that you will want to continue.

Finally, please see Louise's column for her personal request for photos of your animals. I will let her give you the details in her distinctly eloquent fashion. Until next time -- Dr. Kelly

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Ask Louise



Dear Readers

It isn't often that I make a request of you. In fact, I *never* have asked anything of you! Mercy, I have all I could want, as any diva does (although I wouldn't mind a food dish encrusted with Swarovski crystals). Still, what could *moi* possibly want of *toi*?

Our staff members wish to make a scrapbook of ALL the lovely pets who belong to The Village Vet family. I tried to convince them that all they need in the scrapbook are photos of yours truly, and believe me, I have PLENTY! But they went on and on about *inclusion* and *diversity* and other such quaint trivialities. So here I deign to request of you...(accckkk...) **photos of your beloved pets** (kkkkk..haa..hhee..kkckk..).

Sorry about that hairball.

So bring them all! Your dogs, your cats

We even want your mice and rats.

Gerbils we like and also pigs

And pictures of your kitties in wigs!

Big or small, ugly or cute

We want them all, bald or hirsute.

But keep 'em clean, please nothing sleazy

Or else you'll answer to One-Eyed Weezy.

And if you have a question to ask,

Please call Karen, she's on the task.

Thank you, my lovelies! *MWAH*!

Kitty disclaimer:

Photos will not be returned.

Featured Pet



Clyde Connor is the biggest canine loser! When Clyde started the contest, he weighed almost 160 pounds and could no longer get into the car to go to the family cottage. His owner, Robert, heard about *The Kelly Cup Challenge* and decided to give it a go. Robert committed himself to the contest and to Clyde. Six months later Clyde now weighs 96.2 lbs! Robert says he realize how well Clyde was doing when he was able to get into the car by himself. The photos above show him at his current weight. I deally Clyde should weigh about 85 pounds, just about half the weight he started at. Clyde's dramatic weight loss will have many positive effects on him, reducing his risk of developing illnesses like diabetes and arthritis, among others. And by helping his dog achieve this goal, Clyde can now go to the cottage again! Congratulations to both!

In Memoriam

Rusty A., Sheba C., Kirby D., Suzy G., Ripley G., Gertie H., Gunnar I., Fritz K., Nathan K., Bingo S., Bridget M., Roxie M., Pierre C.M., Peanut M., Emma R., Tiger S.