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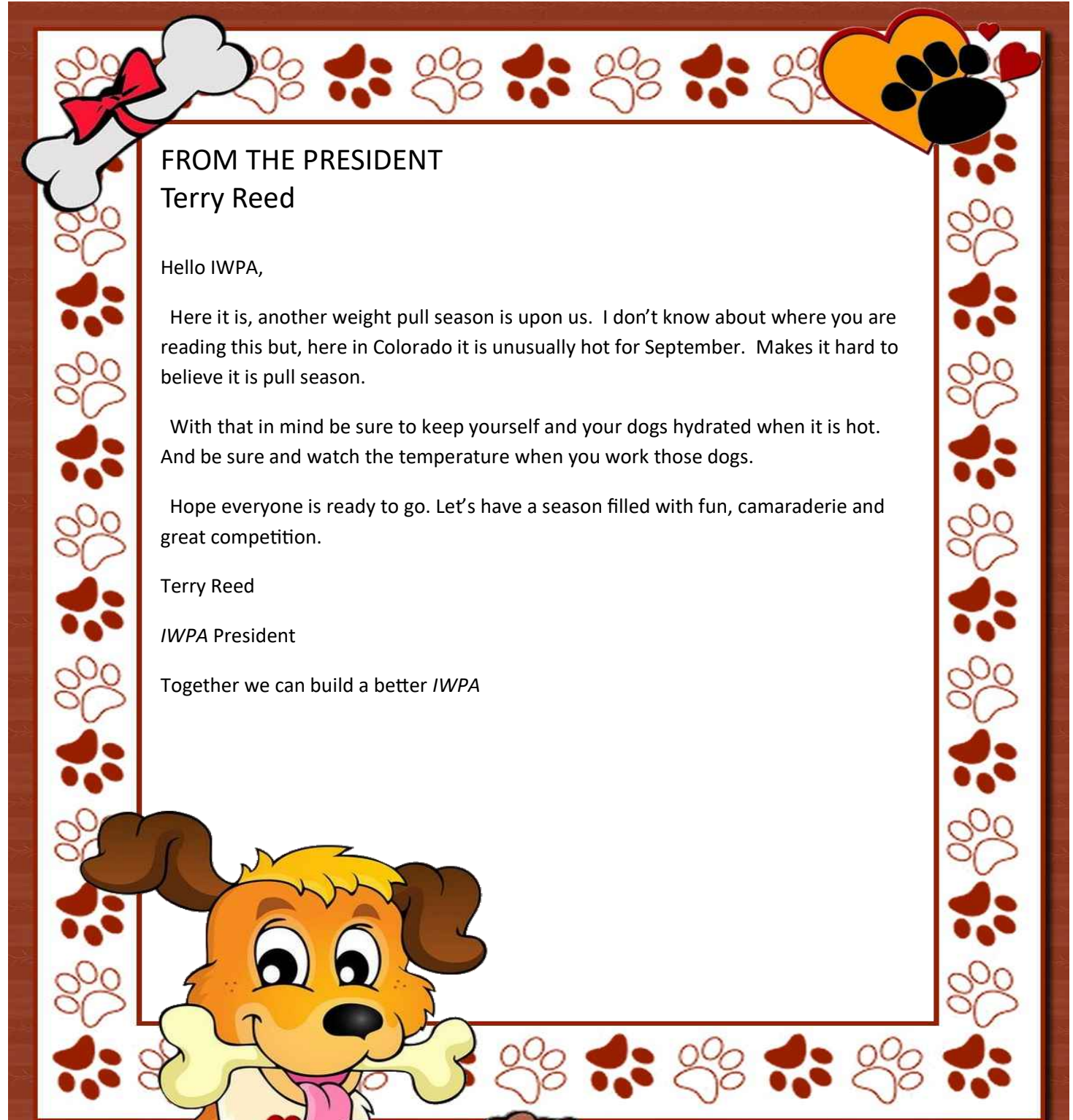


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FROM THE PRESIDENT  
Terry Reed

Hello IWPA,

Here it is, another weight pull season is upon us. I don't know about where you are reading this but, here in Colorado it is unusually hot for September. Makes it hard to believe it is pull season.

With that in mind be sure to keep yourself and your dogs hydrated when it is hot. And be sure and watch the temperature when you work those dogs.

Hope everyone is ready to go. Let's have a season filled with fun, camaraderie and great competition.

Terry Reed

*IWPA* President

Together we can build a better *IWPA*



## FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHAIR

Mary Felice

I know it's the start of the season and so hard to think of championships already. But, the time is now for the 2022-2023 Championship bidding. This year the West Districts (Regions 1, 2, 10, 12, 13) get the first chance for bid submissions. So, get your bids in by or before September 15th, 2022. I will announce in the October Newsletter if a bid has been submitted and/or accepted or not. If a bid hasn't been received, then it's up for grabs for any Region to submit a bid. If this happens, you have on or before December 1st, 2022 to submit a bid.

Thanks,

Mary Felice  
Championship Chair

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Robbie Reed

Hello Members,

I'm asking you all to pass the word to expired members who haven't renewed yet this season, to please remember to put an email address on the application. And to fill the application out completely. I've received several applications with no email address or no mailing address. Elections will still go out via USPS. So, we still need mailing addresses.

Also, don't forget to keep a record, copy or however you want to keep documentation of your membership card. If you print it and don't want it to be 4 X 6 inches, be sure to resize the card before you print it.

Hope you all have a great pulling season!

Thanks so much,

Robbie Reed



## FROM JUDGES CHAIR

Terry Reed

You will find on the *IWPA* Judges renewal a question that may seem like it is common sense.

The proper placement of the cart or sled is **on** the start line perpendicular to the start line.

There is history behind this rule. Many years ago before the rule was specific there was a member that would push the envelope. If he found a better roll of a few inches behind the line that is where he wanted the cart placed. Some would say that would be his problem because his dogs would have that much further to pull.

The board at the time did not agree and so the current rule was put in place.

I hope this clarification is useful to everyone.

If you ever have a question on a rule please don't hesitate to contact me.

Terry Reed  
*IWPA* Judges Chair

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# PULL CALENDAR

September 4, 2022

## Region 6 Season Opener AM

Region: 6 Petoskey, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Road)

Wheels : Sun 9/4/2022 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 8:45 AM Pull Start: 9:00 AM

Fees: \$15/\$10

Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Chief: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Prizes: Rosettes 1st-3rd each class

Novice Info:

Comments: There will be a Hamburger/Hot Dog Potluck between AM and PM pulls.

Sponsors: Team Newf

Lodging:

Directions:

September 4, 2022

## Region 6 Season Opener PM

Region: 6 Petoskey, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Road)

Wheels : Sun 9/4/2022 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 12:00 PM Pull Start: 1:00 PM

Fees: \$15/\$10

Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Chief: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Prizes: Rosettes 1st - 3rd

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors: Team newf

Lodging:

Directions: \$15 for first dog per handler/\$10 for ea additional dog. Pull will start 1 hr. after AM pull completes but no sooner than 1:00 pm.

September 5, 2022

## September at the Farm Pull

Region: 7 Woodbury, Tennessee (2044 Hurricane Creek Road)

Wheels : Mon 9/5/2022 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$15/Member Dog \$20/Non-Member Dog

Contacts: Melissa Kehler, 615-464-4481 [Alaskandreammals@gmail.com]

Chief: Melissa Kehler, 615-464-4481 [Alaskandreammals@gmail.com]

Prizes:

Novice Info: Novice pull after sanctioned. \$10/Novice dog

Comments: Harnesses will be available to borrow. Cash only on date of event.

Sponsors:

Lodging:

Directions:

October 16, 2022

## October In Baxter

Region: 7 Baxter, Tennessee (1196 Bloomington Road)

Wheels : Sun 10/16/2022 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM -- Pull Start: 11:00 AM

Fees: \$15/Member Dog \$20/Provisional Dog \$10/Novice Dog

Contacts: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]

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Prizes: Certificates and TBD

Novice Info: ~ 2 miles to Rt 291, turn right, 1 mile to pull site on the right.

Comments: No bathroom facilities on site.

Sponsors:

Lodging: Motel 6, I-40 exit 287 (913-528-1040), Red Roof Inn, I-40 exit 287 (913-528-2020)

Directions: Exit 280 on I-40, North on Rt 56, after 1st light, 1 mile to 4-way flashing light, go straight ~ 2 miles to 4-way flashing light, go straight ~ 2 miles to Rt 291, turn right, 1 mile to pull site on the right.

October 29, 2022

## Fall at the Farm AM

Region: 6 Grand Rapids, Michigan (4480 Hendershot NW)

Wheels : Sat 10/29/2022 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15/\$10

Contacts: Carol Gerke, 616-477-7701 [Nordicacres@aol.com]  
Chief: Randolph Gerke, 616-477-7701 [Nordicacres@aol.com]  
Prizes: TBD  
Novice Info:  
Comments: \$15 for 1st dog per handler & \$10 for each additional dog. There will be a 1 hour break after the AM pulls before the PM pulls begin  
Sponsors:  
Lodging:  
Directions:

October 29, 2022

## Fall at the Farm PM

Region: 6 Grand Rapids, Michigan (4480 Hendershot NW)

Wheels : Sat 10/29/202 Weigh-in: 12:00 PM -- Pull Start: 1:00 PM

Fees: \$15/\$10

Contacts: Carol Gerke, 616-477-7701 [Nordicacres@aol.com]

Chief: Randolph Gerke, 616-477-7701 [Nordicacres@aol.com]

Prizes: TBD

Novice Info:

Comments: \$15 for 1st dog per handler & \$10 for each additional dog. PM pull will start 1 hour after AM pull completes but no earlier than 1:00 pm.

Sponsors:

Lodging:

Directions:

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**September 11th is National Pet Memorial Day  
and National Hug Your Hound Day.**

**September 17th is Puppy Mill Awareness Day  
and Responsible Dog Ownership Day.**

**So let's all celebrate, for the dogs!  
Give your dogs an extra long hug today!**





## 7 Surprising Autumn Dangers For Dogs

Adapted by Sheryl Franklin from Dogintonpost.com

The dog days of summer will soon be behind us and cooler weather will soon be moving in. The leaves will start to change, sweaters will be being pulled out of storage, and our dogs be more eager than ever to get outside and play!

For many pet parents, fall is the most wonderful time of the year – perfect for heading outdoors and enjoying life with dogs. But, autumn brings with it some hidden dangers, potential problems, and a few sources of stress for our four-legged family.



### 1. Shorter Days and Longer Nights!

In the shorter days and longer nights of autumn, it's not uncommon for many dogs to get their daily walks after the sun's already set. Though relaxing, nighttime walks introduce a whole set of dangers not present in the daylight. With reduced visibility, it's more important than ever to be diligent in monitoring your dog closely to be sure he hasn't found a potentially dangerous "roadside snack" to nibble on. Stay safe at night by carrying a flashlight along during walks.

It's also important that your dog be visible to other people, animals, and oncoming cars when outside after dark. Consider using a reflective collar, an LED collar light, or a safety vest whenever you're outdoors at night.

### 2. There's a Fungus Among Us!

During autumn, fallen leaves piled beneath trees or raked into cool, damp piles create the perfect environment for wild mushrooms to grow. While not all species of the fungi are toxic, it's very difficult to identify and distinguish those that are. As a rule of thumb, keep your dogs away from any and all wildly growing mushrooms.

And, take a moment each day, before letting your dog outside into the backyard or before heading out for your walk, to check your yard for wild mushrooms and remove and dispose of them. Mushrooms can sprout up overnight, so it's important to check daily. While you're checking, pick up any fallen fruits, especially apples, plum, or apricots which contain toxic seeds, and any tree nuts that may have fallen to the ground.



### 3. Fleas Reach Their Peak in the Fall!

Many pet owners mistakenly believe that fleas begin to die off as cooler weather approaches. Truth is, fall is actually the peak season for fleas! Only sustained cold (temperatures consistently reaching in the 30's or lower) will kill off fleas. Because dog owners tend to back off or reduce their flea prevention this time of year while at the same time spending more time outdoors, flea infestations (and the itchy skin and allergies they bring with them) are more common in the fall than in the spring or summer.

Don't forget to continue using a flea preventative throughout the fall season to keep these bloodsucking pests at bay.

### 4. Sweater Weather Means Mothballs!

Be sure to take extra precautions when unpacking your cold weather clothes, making sure mothballs are properly stored and safely out of the reach of pets. Mothballs contain a high concentration of the insecticides naphthalene, paradichlorobenzebe (PDB), or camphor – all of which are toxic to dogs. If ingested, mothballs can cause anemia, vomiting, lethargy, and liver or kidney damage. They also pose a choking or intestinal blockage hazard if swallowed or chewed.

Because even a single mothball can be deadly, pet owners may want to consider alternatives to keep moths away, cedar balls, chips, or blocks can be used in place of mothballs in drawers, or a simple sachet of lavender not only smells lovely, but repels the fiber-snacking pests naturally.

### 5. Keep Away From Antifreeze!

It only takes a few innocent licks of that sweet smelling goo on the neighbor's driveway to kill a small to medium sized dog. Be very, very careful when walking your dog to be certain he stays well out of reach of antifreeze. And, prevent him from drinking from puddles or streams where antifreeze may have runoff.

### 6. A Cornucopia of Dangerous Fall Foods!

One of our favorite things about fall and the upcoming holidays is the cornucopia of tasty sweets and treats so common this time of year. Unfortunately, many of the foods we enjoy in autumn are dangerous for our dogs. Everyone (hopefully) knows to avoid chocolate, onions, and sugar-free sweets, but some lesser known foods can be equally – or more – dangerous.



Steer clear of grapes and raisins which contain an unknown toxin that can lead to kidney failure. Avoid high-fat foods, like turkey skin and dark meat, ham, and gravy, which can lead to a painful and lifelong condition known as pancreatitis.

The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for veterinarians diagnosing pancreatitis in dogs. Though some nuts are safe, it's best to avoid them all in favor of foods more species appropriate for your dog. Though it can be hard to resist those puppy dog eyes begging for a bite of your holiday meal, do your dog a favor and offer them a special dog-safe treat instead.

### 7. Ragweed, Pollen, and Mold – Oh My!

The same seasonal allergies that bother many people can also affect our dogs. Ragweed, pollen, mold, dust, and grasses can all lead to itching, scratching, rubbing, watery eyes, runny noses, and ear infections in our furriest family members. When dealing with seasonal allergies, a good offense is the best defense!

Regular baths with a gentle dog shampoo can both rinse away allergens and soothe itchy skin. Keeping paws clean, either by wiping them every time your dog comes inside or with a paw washing station paw washing station at the backdoor, can prevent allergens from being tracked around the house and onto bedding.

Now that you know what to watch for and are prepared for these surprising autumn dangers, you're ready to enjoy the beautiful weather with your dog by your side!

# SEPTEMBER '22 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME		July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Membership	3,800.00													0.00
Sanctioning	3,010.00													0.00
3.00 per dog	2,500.00													0.00
Judge Certification	300.00													0.00
Ads/Promo	100.00													0.00
Working Dog	200.00													0.00
\$1.00/Dog Drug Testing	1,000.00													0.00
\$1.00/dog travel	1,000.00													0.00
Misc Income	0.00													0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,910.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>														
Newsletter stipend	750.00													0.00
Treasurer Stipend	900.00													0.00
Statistician Stipend	900.00													0.00
Sanctioning Stipend	900.00													0.00
Webmaster Stipend	900.00													0.00
Website Annual Fee	150.00													0.00
Newsletter	700.00													0.00
Newsletter Postage	300.00													0.00
Misc Expenses	0.00													0.00
Board Conf Call	0.00													0.00
Board Meet Travel	0.00													0.00
Board Meeting	100.00													0.00
Membership	400.00													0.00
Regional Reps	0.00													0.00
Medal/Awards	250.00													0.00
Awards Mailing	275.00													0.00
Hall of Fame	100.00													0.00
President	100.00													0.00
Vice-President	0.00													0.00
Board Secretary	100.00													0.00
Board Members	0.00													0.00
Rules/Constitutions	450.00													0.00
Judge Chair	300.00													0.00
Elections	150.00													0.00
Championship Travel	1,000.00													0.00
Championship Chair	0.00													0.00
Champion Judges	1,500.00													0.00
Drug Testing	1,000.00													0.00
Working Dog	200.00													0.00
Insurance	625.00													0.00
Bank-fees checking	50.00													0.00
Bank-fees savings	0.00													0.00
Champion apparral	560.00													0.00
Returned Checks	0.00													0.00
Board Equipment	0.00													0.00
Promotions	0.00													0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,910.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



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