

# Dist 28 Republican Party Endorsing Convention

The District 28 Republican Party endorsing convention was held on January 3 at the Hakuna Matata venue in Edgeley. There were seventy-three registered voters in attendance for the event. The meeting was called to order and conducted by the District Chairman, Bart Schott. Mr. Schott introduced the executive committee, which consists of himself, Senator Erbele,

Representatives Brandenburg and Grueneich, Scott German, Eric Lahlum, Vice Chairman, Connie Rivinius, Treasurer, and Katie Vculek, Secretary. The voters endorsed Robert Erbele for the Senate. Mark Wagner and Bridger Rivinius gave nominating speeches for Mr. Erbele. The voters endorsed Mike Brandenburg and Jim Grueneich. Robert Orn and Tim Erbele gave

nominating speeches for Mr. Brandenburg and Art Hagebock and Jerry Waswick gave nominating speeches for Mr. Grueneich. National Committeeman Shane Goettle was the parliamentarian for endorsing process for the evening. He also asked the delegates to the state convention for their support in continuing as a committeeman. National

Committeewoman Lori Hinz also asked the state delegates for support to continue to serve at the national level. Each endorsed candidate answered questions from the audience. The questions ranged from securing the southern border to how large the state government has become, and how term limits will negatively affect the legislature in the future.



Dist. 28 Republican executive committeeBack row, l-r: Rep. Jim Grueneich, Rep. Mike Brandenburg, Senator Bob Erbele, Bart Schott.Front row, l-r: Eric Lahlum, Katie Vculek, Connie Rivinius.

## Cooper's Corner by Martha MacLeod

### Cabin Fever



It was a terrible week. Wind chills and subzero temperatures kept us cooped up in the house. Every time Cooper went to the back door to go out and exercise he ventured out with enthusiasm but when the cold Arctic blast got to his paws he dashed back inside.

Cooper has an awesome double coat of fur to keep him warm but within seconds of being out on the deck he was holding up one leg after the other. His little paws were freezing cold.

In the olden days, when the Shih Tzu lived in Tibet the fur around the paws and between the toes was allowed to grow and protect the paws. That was nature's way of keeping their feet warm.

Once Cooper was inside and warmed up he looked to me for entertainment. He played with his toys and found a bone to gnaw on. I hid bite sized pieces of Pupperoni in lots of places around the living area: under the kitchen table, in his daybed, in the bone box and in the shoe box where balls are kept. I put one on the wing backed chair by the front room window, in his kennel and in his front room day bed. He loves to sniff and paw through his things for little treats. Pupperoni is definitely a smelly treat that Cooper likes. After he was done searching he picked up a yellow ball with a squeaker that he rolled and chased around the living room. Suddenly it got

unusually quiet and then I heard a muffled cry for "help." When I went to investigate I saw Cooper's little head partly sticking out from under the sofa and his body looked crushed under one end. He couldn't move forward or backward. I quickly lifted up the end of the sofa and he wiggled out from under where he was trapped. He shook himself all over the way only dogs can do and then returned to look for something under the sofa. That was my cue to get the yardstick from the top of the refrigerator. I stuck it under the sofa, slid it along and out came not just one ball but two, a green one and a yellow one. Cooper quickly pounced on the yellow ball and continued rolling the ball and squeaking. I put the handy dandy yardstick back on top of the fridge for the next time.

Cabin fever is no fun for pets or people. When a dog doesn't get enough exercise he becomes mischievous. Cooper wanted to look out the window. Instead of using his front room chair or the living room box set up by the window just for him, he decided to use a kitchen chair and then jump on the kitchen table where there is a great view out over the backyard. Before I could shoo him down he was seated comfortably looking at the snow and ice that covered the rock garden. The wind was blowing and gusting and the chimes hanging on the apple tree were jangling. Instead of scolding him I got a few pieces of Pupperoni that I hid in the living room. He left the table and followed the Pupperoni.

Then, I moved the kitchen chair so he could no longer use it as a spring board for getting on the table.

Cabin fever is a real nuisance.

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