

# NLA-COLUMBUS

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This newsletter is published monthly to further the educational outreach mission of NLA-Columbus and to share information about the local, regional, and national BDSM and Leather communities.



## Get Ready for “Linked By Kink 2007” June Events and Updates

**June Meeting.** During the June NLA-Columbus meeting, we will get ready for the Columbus Pride Parade. Once again, NLA-Columbus and the Sterling Shadow Club of Dayton are joining together to show off our leather pride with a “Linked By Kink” float. Katie, the co-chair of the Sterling Shadow Pride Committee writes, “How often do you get to be in a parade with subbies on a cross, a truck wearing a blindfold and ball gag, and get to show off your whip and flogger talents to total strangers?” At the meeting, we’ll talk about last minute decorating needs, t-shirts (designed by Pride Committee co-chair, naadi) which are available in your choice of black or white, and volunteer opportunities for anyone who wants to wander around before the parade starts to pass out advertising swag to the masses. The meeting will be held at the Stonewall Center (1160 N. High Street) on Sunday, June 10th at 2pm, after a brief business meeting. The Columbus Pride Parade kicks off from Goodale Park at noon on June 23.

**Renew Your Membership.** It’s time to renew your annual NLA-C (\$20) and NLA-I (\$20) membership dues. If you joined NLA-C in the last year, your renewal dues may be prorated.

**Register Now for our Anniversary Event.** Registration is now open for the NLA-C 15th Anniversary Celebration, held in conjunction with the NLA-I Annual General Meeting. The event includes:

Friday, August 10  
meet & greet and bar run

Saturday, August 11  
opening ceremony, lunch, dessert reception, vending, play party, and a full schedule of classes such as The Art of Erotic Biting, Interrogation and Abduction, Playing With Single Tails and Signal Whips, plus many more...

Sunday, August 12  
brunch and NLA-I AGM

Register today at [nlacolumbus.eventbrite.com](http://nlacolumbus.eventbrite.com). Please visit our special event website for a complete listing of events and class descriptions: <http://15anniv.nlacolumbus.com>. Volunteers are needed immediately, and during all stages of planning. For more information, please contact [Shane@nlacolumbus.com](mailto:Shane@nlacolumbus.com).

# Collars and Timing

## The Journey of Submission Continues

By cindi

Dear cindi,

*Is it normal for a Master/Dom to collar a slave/sub who submits within a week or less, without truly knowing all there is about each other? Especially when that Master/Dom just released a sub/slave within a matter of a day or two?*

Signed,  
Timing is Everything

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Dear Timing is Everything,

If “normal” is defined as “usual,” the short answer would have to be no. Assuming the collar is for more than a single play session, usually a collar is not given until the Dominant has had time to know the submissive’s needs and a level of trust has been established. It is impossible to do this in a week. More on this later.....

First, i suspect the question asked is not the real question in the heart of the writer. The emotional pain a released submissive feels is unimaginable. Add to this the stab of being told you have been replaced without any apparent second thoughts, and some very unsubmitted thoughts of retaliation would hardly be a surprise.

i cannot tell you why a Dominant would do this to you. With what information has been supplied i do not have enough to offer more concrete suggestions, but i do believe the further you can get yourself from any Dominant who would treat a submissive in such a demeaning manner, the better off you are. Run, do not look back. And, as much as you can, do not focus on the unfairness of the situation, as doing so will hurt no one at this point, but you. Seek the comfort of friends and other submissives and allow yourself the time to take care of yourself and heal.

Back to the question of collars and timing – in the lifestyle, a collar is a symbol of serious and lasting commitment. For the submissive, it is a symbol that the power over her/his physical, emotional and mental welfare has been given to the Dominant and for the Dominant that they have agreed to take responsibility for that power.

To many, because of the trust and integrity of the relationship, the giving/receiving of a collar is more serious and binding than marriage.

At the same time, i have seen more and more often lately many who want to assume the “costume” of the lifestyle without the depth of character that is traditionally associated with it, particularly as D/s takes on a “trendy” appeal. This saddens me, as it completely loses the ethical foundation and results in shallows acts, such as the collaring the writer is questioning, as well as contributing to the misinformation that is available to the general public.

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A deep, healthy lifestyle relationship can only be created on a foundation of trust. Trust is built by honesty, consistency and dependability. This is true for both the Dominant and the submissive. Open communication is essential. But it does not happen with a single exchange, or even several. Trust comes from repeated experiences over a period of time under different conditions. There simply is no substitute for time.

Likewise, the Dominant cannot make the commitment with integrity to meet the needs of the submissive if those needs are not known. This too, can only be discovered with time through conversations, play sessions, and observations.

On an overall basis giving or taking a collar without the foundation of a deep underlying relationship is, in my opinion, a mockery of everything this lifestyle stands for – integrity, honesty, and commitment. Individually it robs both the Dominant and the submissive of the chance to experience the true joy and self realization that this lifestyle offers.

Curious about submission?  
cindi welcomes your questions  
and comments at [chestnutsilk@yahoo.com](mailto:chestnutsilk@yahoo.com).

# If I Can Dream

## poetry

By Keli

In my dreams, he touches me like no other man

His rough fingertips grazing ever so slightly against strained nipples

Head falling back as mouth parts with a slight moan

Wanting...needing more

In my dreams, he runs his hand down my belly to my heated source

My legs edge open, pleading without words as he brushes lightly my soft lips

Biting down on my lip, my heavy eyelids struggle to look at him when he commands

Wanting...needing more...but it's hard to look

In my dreams, his fingers manipulate my lips open as the air cools me

My cunt, dripping wet with desire as he simply traces around

Hips tilting up as thighs open wider

Wanting...needing more...but it's hard to ask for it

In my dreams, he knows me well...dipping his fingers in my juices

His thumb over my hardened clit as he inserts some fingers, slowly...teasing me

A breathy and ragged voice escapes me as I moan and simply call out "Master"

Wanting...needing more...begging for him to control me...all of me

In my dreams, his other hand moves to my hair, tugging it back so that I am forced to look at him

His lips whisper in my ear as his hot breath sends chills up my spine

He says to me "You are mine...you always have been and always will be"

Wanting...needing to hear those words

In my dreams, I begin to cry as he wraps his strong arms around me

He brushes my hair behind my ears as he rocks me and says both of us have always known it

Tears streaming down my cheeks as my dream comes true

Wanting...needing to be his, but afraid of rejection

In my dreams, He holds me close and says to me that I never have to fear giving myself to him

He pulls back and kisses me, making my heart pound in my ear and my toes curl

My body relaxes into him as I feel safe and secure...I whisper to him..."I've always been yours, Master"

Wanting...needing...that thing that scares me the most can release me from this hell of not being with him.

Wanting...needing...to be owned...by him...even if only in my dreams

Keli welcomes your comments at  
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# Erotic and/or Disciplinary Spanking within the context of a bDDsm lifestyle

By Raheretic

I am the Alpha Dominant member of a heterosexual female, male, female, polyamorous, “V”, triad, intentional family. We describe our sensual/erotic orientation as bDDsm connoting the practice of Domestic Discipline within the over arching context of a BDSM relationship. We believe the practice of domestic discipline is a specialized practice of BDSM, and that there are many other BDSM practices as well. While we play and love in many ways, the practice of adult consensual erotic and/or disciplinary spanking is for us a primary expression of erotic excitement, intimate connection, and fun. We also use it to stimulate change in our relationships and/or behaviors when that is necessary. Within our family we have all consented that we each are subject to potential discipline as determined appropriate from the other two family members.

## How Did An Educated, Middle Class, Caring Professional Come to Enjoy and Need to Give and Receive Painful Spankings With the Women He Loves/Cares About?

My earliest erotic memories are of masturbating to fantasies of spanking girls/women. I don't know why. I've never known why. I didn't ask to have this orientation. It's always been a reality in my life. It's been the source of great self-hatred. I've gone to therapists to be cured of it. They had no cures. I've lived through a lifeless, horrid marriage in which I could not express this. I've felt that I must be the only person who felt like this, and that I must be a monster for my evil “proclivity.” I spent years pouring over Readers' Forum sections of magazines like “Playboy,” “Penthouse,” and “Variations” for the occasional letter from a spanking enthusiast, or even better, the rare article about this sexual variation.

I thrilled to learn there were others for whom this reality existed, and to see there were, in fact, mental health professionals who felt it was a legitimate sexual variation. Eventually, with the advent of the VCR, I went to adult bookstores and found videotapes depicting spanking motifs. Wow, there must be enough of us to bother to invest significant capital to produce large numbers of videos like this! I was becoming less alone.

Along the way, I had some spanking affairs: secret liaisons with women who came to care for me, and who were willing to share this, my main expression of erotic connection, fun, and excitement. Coinciden-

tally, the ending of my first marriage coincided with my first cyber awareness. I had an AOL account. I typed “spanking” into the search engine. My god, there were thousands of entries, essays, stories, pictures, folks offering to help others understand. I was a recently separated man, going through divorce, and as is so often the case, in a post marital “sport fucking” phase.

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I developed a profile on adult connection Internet services. I developed a toy bag of spanking implements. I had a lot of success. Over two years I likely spanked two or three dozen different women some once, others as part of on-going dating relationships. Eventually, I learned there was a BDSM group in my community. I met some of the group's leaders for lunch. I had never talked with more than one person at a time about my erotic orientation to spanking. I was amazed there was a community of us! I attended a Board meeting of the organization. I sat at a long table with a dozen and a half people all of whom shared spanking/BDSM as an orientation. They didn't have two heads. They didn't have “pervert” inscribed on their forehead in scarlet letters. They looked like normal people—all ages—all walks of life—all colors.

They had a party in a rented lodge at a state park. I attended with a date. There were spankings and other forms of BDSM activity occurring all over. I'd never seen a man bottom. I watched amazed as a woman tied her nude husband, a tall strapping fellow, to a pillar, and flogged him severely for an hour. I had terrifically mixed feelings about that. I was still feeling that men were somehow “innately” Tops, and had no understanding of how or why a man would submit to that. I was told that this man and woman were both “switches” and that at a previous party it was she who was bound and flogged, and he who had held the whip hand.

I was as a kid in a candy store.

Next month, Part 2: Training and Building A Family

Raheretic welcomes your comments at  
raheretic@cs.com.

# Marcon 42 May 25-26

By Daddy Stone

kat and I went to the SciFi Convention - Marcon 42. The pictures below are of me as a Anime charater from a cartoon called *Inuyasha*. My costume is of Lord Sesshomaru and the dragon Ryukossei. The dragon is a 7-ft. puppet made from foam, white alligator wet-pressed leather and white vinyl.



Daddy Stone welcomes your comments at [thewhippinstone@yahoo.com](mailto:thewhippinstone@yahoo.com)

## May 07 Financial Report

<u>Income:</u>	
NLA-C Dues	20.00
NLA-I Dues Received	20.00
Bar Night	103.00
Studio35 Fund Raiser	62.00
Anniv General	133.00
Anniv Box Lunch	42.50
Anniv Brunch	100.00
<u>Total Revenue</u>	480.50
<u>Cost of Sales:</u>	
Club Pins	10.22
Patches	-
<u>Total Cost of Sales</u>	10.22
<u>Gross Profit:</u>	470.28
<u>Operational Expenses:</u>	
Printing Newsletter	30.00
PayPal Fees	10.60
Printing Other	23.27
NLA-I Dues Exp	20.00
Web Fees	84.46
Telephone	28.50
Pride Parade	100.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	296.83
<u>May Net Profit</u>	173.45
<u>Assets:</u>	
Cash on Hand 05/31/07	4,461.69
Legal Fund Restricted	200.00
Bldg Fund Restricted	100.00
<u>Cash Available 05/31/07</u>	4,161.69
<u>Year to Date Summary</u>	
Income	2,530.60
Expense	2,085.02
<u>Net Income [YTD]</u>	445.58

## Calendar of NLA-Columbus Events

Wednesday, June 6	<b>Munch</b> Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm	The Surly Girl. 1126 N. High St. (corner of High and 4th)	Free and open to the public
Sunday, June 10	<b>Board Meeting</b> (12 noon) & <b>General Meeting</b> (2 pm) Meetings are held on the second Sunday of every month.  Topic: Pride!	The Stonewall Center 1160 N. High Street (at the corner of High and 4th)  Note: Please notify a board member in advance if you plan to attend a board meeting.	Board meetings are open to NLA members.  General meetings are free and open to all.
Wednesday, June 13	<b>Munch</b> Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm	The Surly Girl. 1126 N. High St. (corner of High and 4th)	Free and open to the public
Saturday, June 16	<b>Bar Night</b> 3rd Sat. of every month, 11pm.	Exile 893 N. 4th Street	Admission: \$2
Wednesday, June 20	<b>Munch</b> Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm	The Surly Girl. 1126 N. High St. (corner of High and 4th)	Free and open to the public
Saturday, June 23	<b>Special Event</b> Pride Columbus Join us in Leather Pride with the NLA-C and Sterling Shadow "Linked by Kink 2007" Float!	Parade lineup is at 12 noon in Goodale Park, followed by the Pride Festival at Bicentennial Park, and dancin' in the street until midnight at 630 N. High Street.	Free and open to the public
Wednesday, June 27	<b>Munch</b> Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm	The Surly Girl. 1126 N. High St. (corner of High and 4th)	Free and open to the public
Sunday, July 8	<b>Board Meeting</b> (12 noon) & <b>General Meeting</b> (2pm)  Topic: Foot, Shoe & Boot Worship	The Stonewall Center 1160 N. High Street (at the corner of High and 4th)	General meetings are free and open to all.

## Calendar of other local group events

**Sterling Shadow Club** hosts monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month, and a party on the first Saturday of every month. For more info, visit [sterlingshadow.com](http://sterlingshadow.com).

**SORE** (Southern Ohio Resource and Education) and **CORDS** (Central Ohio Real Domination and submission) host workshops, roundtables, munches, parties, and dinners. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SORE> and [cordsinfo.org](http://cordsinfo.org).

**CARE** (Cincinnati Area Rope Enthusiasts) hosts a monthly educational and very fun Rope Rendezvous Workshop. For info, <http://www.ds-arts.com/shevah/CARE>

**AIS** (Adventures in Sexuality) hosts monthly parties and special interest groups, including discussion groups for dominants and submissives. The next club party is scheduled for July 21. For more info: [adventuresinsexuality.org](http://adventuresinsexuality.org).

**M\_O\_R\_A\_L** hosts a munch every Thursday. For info: [groups.yahoo.com/group/M\\_O\\_R\\_A\\_L/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/M_O_R_A_L/)

**Fightclub Ohio** hosts a munch on the first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month, and a party on the second Saturday of each month. For more info, [fightclubtng.org](http://fightclubtng.org).

**MAST** (Masters And slaves Together) hosts monthly open meetings for people who desire to live a D/s lifestyle. More info: [groups.yahoo.com/group/MAST\\_General](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MAST_General)

**PEER** (Power Exchange & Erotic Role-playing) hosts munches, meetings, parties, and classes in Cincinnati. More info: [bdsm-peergroup.com](http://bdsm-peergroup.com).

**Centurions** and **Trident** host a Bar Night at Woofs on the second Friday of each month at 10pm. For information about gay leather in Columbus, visit: [leather-links.net](http://leather-links.net).

**Please send calendar listings and announcements to [Rita@nlacolumbus.com](mailto:Rita@nlacolumbus.com).**