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Durham Kennel Club Newsletter

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Are You Ready for the Dog Flu? (by Christie Keith, SF Gate, condensed)

(12/1/09) Just in case you weren't panicking enough over the swine flu, it turns out that the virus that causes it, H1N1, can make dogs, cats and ferrets sick, too.

The first time an influenza virus has adapted to be able to cause illness in a dog occurred in 2004, when an equine influenza virus, H3N8, was identified as the cause of a deadly outbreak of respiratory disease in racing greyhounds.

Once researchers started looking for H3N8, they found dogs carrying the virus in 30 states, a wide distribution suggesting it had been spreading without detection for quite some time.

The virus, now dubbed "canine influenza virus" or CIV, went undiscovered for so long because its symptoms in most dogs mimic the usually-mild kennel cough.

But for some dogs that risk is much greater. This risk is highest among puppies and elderly dogs, where immunity may not be as good as in healthy adult animals.

Although a vaccine for CIV came on the market in May, it's far from perfect. It can protect the dog from getting sick, but sometimes only makes symptoms less severe or shortens the period of time that the dog is sick, or the length of time he's infectious.

Unfortunately, it doesn't prevent infection with CIV, meaning vaccinated dogs can carry the disease home to other dogs even if they're asymptomatic.

The new canine influenza vaccine isn't a "core" vaccine that should be given to every dog, but a tool that might be helpful in environments where dogs are housed in close quarters and high numbers.

Dogs that board or co-mingle with other dogs could also be at risk. Owners of dogs

who go to dog parks, training classes, doggie daycare centers, dog shows, etc., should discuss the vaccine with their veterinarians.

Owners concerned about CIV or H1N1 should watch for early symptoms, such as a cough or nasal discharge. A dog with a fever above 104 degrees, lethargy, a green nasal discharge or difficulty breathing is at high risk of developing dangerous complications and needs immediate veterinary attention. (www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2009/12/01/petscol120109.DTL)

Upcoming Meetings

Our annual holiday party will take place on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 pm. This is the one time we ask that you leave your dogs at home, and instead bring dog or cat food, supplies (towels, cotton balls, toys which need not be new but in good condition), leashes and collars your pets no longer need, etc., for the APS.

Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share. It's party food time! You should also bring their own serving dish and utensils. The DKC does not provide alcohol, but will offer other assorted beverages; if anyone wants something else, you are welcome to bring your own.

The next meeting of the DKC membership will take place on Monday, January 18, 2010. Do plan to attend and bring a dish for our potluck dinner.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend at 7:00 and furry friends are welcome at 7:30 pm.

Program: Andy Hartman, AKC Agility Chair, will discuss the changes to the AKC agility program and the new class (Time2Beat).

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*"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does."
- Christopher Morley*

New "Members"



Topaz was adopted 11/07/09 and has been a wonderful addition to our "Golden" family. She just turned 1 year old on 11/27/09 and has a very sweet temperament. Although she was held

by the breeder for the Conformation ring, her coat was not coming in as "show quality" and the breeder was looking for a home for her where she would not be just a "couch potato." We have plans on entering her in Basic Obedience, Agility, Rally, CGC and therapy work, as we have done with Hunter. Since she has not had any obedience work at all, she will be a "clean slate" for Brian to work with. It will be fun to watch her progress over the next few years.

Although Hunter was a little overwhelmed at first (it was as though he wanted to know when she would be leaving?), they have adjusted nicely, since he is a perfect gentleman and she has a very sweet disposition and seems to be a quick learner.

-- Brian, Jeanne, Hunter & Topaz Stringall

Urgent Notice! Potential Danger of Dog Hair

In a press release today, the National Institutes of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amobacter caninii," has been linked with the following symptoms in females: Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework; a reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or high heels; reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after 'Baby' has new collars, leashes, beds, treats, food, blankets or toys.

"Amobacter caninii" usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion which may lead to a loss of physical contact with other humans (especially husbands and boyfriends). "Amobacter caninii" is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources -- this may lead to a "pack mentality" or like the potato chip commercial, "you can't have just one." Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours.

Surgeon General's Warning: Dogs are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.

Raleigh Christmas Parade, 2009

Michelle Lennon and Sparkle the RottDeer marched in the 65th annual Raleigh Christmas Parade. An estimated 60,000 people attended. It was on TV live and covered by two TV stations and one newspaper. Sadly, SparkPlug never made it on any of them - in part because she was too busy being a kid magnet!



This was the first time the AKC had a unit in the parade and it was comprised of 30 dogs representing 24 breeds in ALL seven groups. Of course, we were joined by Bailey, the AKC mascot. Each participant carried a sign identifying their breed. Most wore scarves or costumes and the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog pulled a wagon decorated for the holiday.



The group was VERY well received and many of the dogs spent their time being petted.

Michelle says, "It would have been nice to have gotten on TV, BUT live and in person will hold us just fine!! We are now working on MORE tricks for NEXT year!"

Recipe Corner

Hawaiian Squash *(Emilie Beglane)* Servings: 6-8

2 12-oz packages frozen winter squash
1 tbsp butter
1 9-oz can crushed pineapple (in pineapple juice, not syrup)
1/2 tsp salt
1/8 tsp white pepper
1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts or pecans

- Thaw and cook squash according to package directions. Add butter, pineapple, and seasonings.
- Heat and turn into serving dish. Sprinkle nuts over top before serving.

This is based on a recipe from a very old *Farm Journal* cookbook, with a few modifications to make it healthier. As I told a few people, the original called for 6 tablespoons of butter!! -- EB

AKC Celebrates Thanksgiving with a Nod to the Dogs Who Sailed the Mayflower

(November 18, 2009, AKC) Research confirms that pilgrims weren't the only passengers aboard the Mayflower. Turns out man's best friend also made the transatlantic voyage from Southampton, England to Plymouth, MA in 1620. This Thanksgiving, the American Kennel Club® (AKC) celebrates the English Springer Spaniel and Mastiff, the two breeds who joined the pilgrims on their journey to the new world and who were the first to make dogs a part of everyday life for the earliest Western settlers.

The earliest mention of dogs in America appeared in a 17th century journal called "Mourt's Relation" about the first years of life in the new world. According to this account, two dogs – an English Springer Spaniel and a Mastiff – were brought along by John Goodman. The dogs were involved in the first explorations of discovery on Cape Cod during the first winter ashore.

"This Thanksgiving we give special thanks to the English Springer Spaniel and Mastiff who came to America to help the Pilgrims begin their life in the new world," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "While both breeds helped the settlers find and retrieve game, today, they were also trusted companions and it's amazing to think our forebears enjoyed the same breeds as we do today."



The Mastiff is one of the biggest dogs recognized by the American Kennel Club – some can even top 200 pounds. The breed is a powerful and courageous, yet gentle and loyal companion. Mastiffs were raised in

Britain for more than 2,000 years and used as hunting dogs by nobility and watchdogs. They like to be around people and bond closely with their owners. Due to his large size and need for space, a Mastiff is best suited for country or suburban life and requires light exercise and minimal grooming. Additional information on the Mastiff can be found online at www.akc.org.

The English Springer Spaniel is a fun-loving dog adaptable to city or country life. The word "Springer" comes from the breed's inherent desire to hunt. Springers are prized for their eagerness and ability to find and scare up a large variety of game birds as well as rabbits. In the field, they are light, lean and fast. The breed is recognized for his ability to keep going and going under adverse hunting conditions, which is partly due to his medium-



sized, powerful body. Cheerful and affectionate, Springers love their families and like to stick close to their owners. They make excellent house pets, but require daily exercise and need regular brushing and trimming to keep their coats neat and free of mats. Additional information on the English Springer Spaniel can be found online at www.akc.org.

Rainbow Bridge



RIP my first dog, my problem child,
my sweet beautiful doggy. You are missed, very much.

Tibetan Terrier

Sammy, Atisha's Sam I Am of Red Oak, CD, RA
(one leg shy of his RE)

11/10/1996-12/1/2009 (not terribly old for a TT)

-- Judy Cosler

What's In a Title?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in the world can remain. And though the dog doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy that may have sometimes seemed. In addition, a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with her because she was a good dog; that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience, agility, flyball, herding, etc. title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

-- attributed to Sandra Mowery

AKC Legislative Report, November 2009

New York, NY - Highlights from the November 2009 meeting of the AKC Board of Directors are as follows:

- ◆ As recommended by the Realignment Committee, the Board voted that when the Group Realignment proposal is brought back the Delegates for a vote in March 2010, it will recommend that it be postponed indefinitely.
- ◆ Effective December 31, 2009, at the end of a 3-year trial period, the Board voted to discontinue the Working Dog Sport. Moving forward, the AKC will record Working Dog titles earned in events held by existing organizations, if requested by a breed Parent Club. The organization must be approved by the AKC Performance Events Department. Titles to be recorded require Board approval. The recording of the title on an AKC pedigree will be done at the request of the dog's owner for a fee set by AKC. In addition, AKC clubs will be permitted to invite the other organization to hold its Working Dog event in conjunction with the AKC club's AKC event, as long as it is clear in the publicity that the former is being held under the auspices of another organization.
- ◆ The Kennel Association of Macedonia was added to the list of organizations with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.
- ◆ At the request of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America, the kennel name "Huntabird" (Patti Keller) was permanently retired for German Shorthaired Pointers.
- ◆ The requirements for registering a litter resulting from artificial insemination using fresh extended semen were modified, removing the requirement that the extraction be done by a veterinarian.
- ◆ The Chinook will be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class at shows held on or after June 30, 2010.
- ◆ The Board adopted the following penalties that may be imposed should an exhibitor misuse a tracking device while competing in a Pointing Breed Field Event:
 - IV. Violation of AKC Rules/Regulation (Event Suspension) Mitigated Standard Aggravated I. Misuse of a tracking device in connection with a Field Event: 6mo/\$500; 1 yr/\$1000; 2 yr/\$2500.
- ◆ Chapter 7, Section 12, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows was interpreted to permit judging programs to be sent via email at the exhibitors request.
- ◆ Effective March 1, 2010, dogs competing in Earthdog Events will be able to earn an Earthdog Endurance Title (EE). It would be awarded when a dog, on five occasions, passes both the Senior and Master Test at the same event.

◆ The following Delegates were approved:

- Ricky Blackman, Franklin, WI, Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club;
- Mary Anne Brocious, Milford, MI, Ann Arbor Kennel Club;
- Dr. Sam F. Burke, Jr., Shreveport, LA, Doberman Pinscher Club of America;
- Joellen Gregory, DVM, Jefferson, MD, Otterhound Club of America;
- Sharyn Hutchens, Lexington, VA, Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club;
- Kimberle Schiff, Port Jeris, NY, German Pinscher Club of America;
- Diane Wagner, Boca Raton, FL, Boca Raton Dog Club



The American Kennel Club proudly celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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--Linda Wozniak

Rule Change for AKC Events

Effective January 1, 2010: All dogs must be individually registered with either the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event. See details at the AKC website.

If you have further questions, please contact the Event Plans Department at eventplans@akc.org or 919.816.3579.

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Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, December 6, 2009

DKC Building, Guess Road

DKC Obedience Show-n-Go

Friday-Sunday, December 11-13, 2009

DKC Building, Guess Road

DKC Obedience/Rally Trials

Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17, 2010

DKC Building, Guess Road

Debbie Gross Saunders Seminar

Saturday January 23, 2010

DKC Building, Guess Road

CGC Test

Saturday-Sunday, February 13-14, 2010

Quail Roost

TDX Test

Jack Sappenfield 919.598.5318

Saturday-Sunday, February 20-21, 2010

DKC Building, Guess Road

Laura Romanik Obedience Seminar

Volunteer Opportunities!

Food **volunteers are needed** for December Obedience/Rally trial, **December 11-13, 2009**.

If you are willing to bring food, please specify which day and type of food. Soups, one dish meals/casseroles, and desserts (cookies, etc) are all appreciated!

We will also provide soda, bagels, muffins, sandwiches and fruit for sale.

Please RSVP by email to either Cathy Wells (msmillerunc@gmail.com) or Liz Rende (rn14@nc.rr.com or rende001@mc.duke.edu).

The DKC will be having a TDX test on **February 14** at Quail Roost Farm in Rougemont. **Needed are tracklayers, cross-tracklayers, and volunteers** for our wonderful luncheon we have on Sunday at the conclusion of the test. If you can volunteer, please contact Jack Sappenfield by email (wymars@msn.com) or call 919.598.5318. Happy tracking!

The Canine Good Citizen Test will be administered on **Saturday, January 23, 2010**, at the DKC Building. Registration is from 9:30-11:00am, and testing begins at 9:30am. The cost is \$5.00/dog. **Volunteers will be needed!** Contact George Beglane at beglane@mindspring.com.

I am looking for a few good people to **chair committees** for the Durham KC Fall show **Sept 4, 2010**, and also many more to aid as **volunteers**. We would like to get more people involved and train individuals, so please do not hesitate because you don't know what is involved. We will make sure you have the necessary training and support. I would like to break down the duties as much as possible, so many hands make the load lighter!

Please email Cathy Rubens (cathy@silverhillrottweilers.com) or call 919.362.4738

We will have fun!

Committee Chairs

Agility Classes

Lisa Roberts

Agility Trials

Tracy Fletcher

Breeder Referral

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George Beglane

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Obedience Classes

Mary Florence

Obedience Equipment/Yard Sale

Sharon Pitz

Obedience Trial

Jan Gray

Rentals (building/land)/Show & Go

Dana Pritchett

Social

Jeanne Stringall

Spring Show

Connie Howard

Tracking

Jack Sappenfield

DKC Membership Meeting, 11/09

The minutes were not available at time of publication.

SHOW REPORTS *Please Note: Only AKC wins with AKC titles are listed in show reports*

Conformation Shows

OWNER'S NAME	CALL NAME	BREED	DATE	SHOW	CLASS	Pt	HIGHEST WIN	SPECIAL MERIT
Patty Thomas	Tango	Great Dane	10/22/09	Gr Dane Natl Spec	6-8 Yr Vet Dog		1 st Place	
Betsy & Buddy Amos_	Sinjin	Weim	11/19/09	Holyoke KC		1	WD, BOW	
"	"	"	11/21/09	Windham County KC		2	WD	
Dick & Susan Cicone; William Barnhouse	Tally	Chinese Crested Powderpuff	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Powderpuff Bitch	4	WB, BOS	Major
"	"	"	11/15/09	Greater Monroe KC	Powderpuff Bitch		Reserve WB	
"	Heavenly	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Sanctioned "A" Speciality Match		WB, BOS	
"	Meatloaf	Chinese Crested Hairless	11/13/09	Greater Monroe KC	9 - 12 months		Reserve WD	
"	"	"	11/15/09	Greater Monroe KC	9 - 12 months		Reserve WD	
"	Scout	Chinese Crested Powderpuff	11/08/09	Furniture City KC	BBE		WD, BOW	
Betty McAllister	Bella	ASCOB (buff) Cocker	11/8/09	Greensboro	Open Bitch	1	WB	
Ellen Beasley	Kubin	Australian Cattle Dog	11/15/09	Fayetteville KC	Open Dogs	4	BOW	Major

Performance Shows (Agility, Field Trials, Herding, Lure Coursing, Obedience, Tracking, etc.)

OWNER'S NAME	CALL NAME	BREED	DATE	SHOW	CLASS	SCORE	LEG	PLACE	TITLES & AWARDS
OBEDIENCE									
Karen Stewart	Spinner	Golden Retriever	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC					OTCH & UDX
Nicki Camerra & Chris Elliott	Faith	Border Collie	11/8/09	Asheville DTC	Nov B	199.5		1	HS Herding Group
"	"	"	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Nov B	199.5		1	HIT
Terri Toohil	Sam	BC	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Nov B	184	2	4	
"	"	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B	190.5	3	3	CD
"	"	"	11/15/09	Fayetteville KC	Nov B	184.5	4	3	
Gillian Goodacre	Hannah	Std Schnauzer	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Nov A	187.5	1	1	
"	"	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov A	190.5	2	1	
"	"	"	11/15/09	Fayetteville KC	Nov A	185	3	2	CD

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RALLY									
Emmy Wolters	Joy	Bouvier	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Nov B	97	1		
"	"	"	11/12/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B	86	2		
"	"	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B	95	3		RN
Terri Toohil	Sam	BC	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Adv B	80	1		
"	"	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe KC	Adv B	98	2		
"	"	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Adv B	76	3		RA
"	"	"	11/15/09	Fayetteville KC	Ex B	82	1		
Gillian Goodacre	Jack	Std Schnauzer	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Nov	98	1	4	
"	"	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov	87	2		
"	"	"	11/15/09	Fayetteville KC	Nov	85	3		RN
Susan & Dick Cicone; William Barnhouse	Moby	Chinese Crested Powderpuff	11/14/09	Greater Monroe KC	Adv A	98	3	1	RA
AGILITY									
Susan & Dick Cicone; William Barnhouse	Moby	Chinese Crested Powderpuff	11/12/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B JWW	100	2	1	
"	"	"	11/12/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B Std	90	3	2	NA
"	Tally	"	11/12/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B JWW	90	1	3	
"	Moby	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B JWW	100	3	2	NAJ
"	Tally	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B JWW	100	2	3	
"	"	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe KC	Nov B Std	100	1	2	
Maria Walker	Boch	Rottweiler	11/6/09	Youngsville	Ex B JWW P	100	7	1	
"	"	"	11/8/09	Youngsville	Ex B JWW P	100	8	2	
"	"	"	11/12/09	Doberman Pinscher Club	Ex B JWW P	100	9	1	
"	"	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe	Ex B Std P	100	10	2	MXP
"	"	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe	Ex B JWW P	100	10	2	MJP
"	"	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe	Ex B Std P	100	11	1	
"	"	"	11/14/09	Greater Monroe	Ex B JWW P	100	11	2	
"	"	"	11/15/09	Fayetteville	Ex B JWW P	100	12	2	
"	"	"	11/21/09	Chatham Agility	Ex B Std P	100	2	1	(for MXP2)
"	"	"	11/22/09	Chatham Agility	Ex B Std P	100	3	1	(for MXP2)
"	"	"	11/22/09	Chatham Agility	Ex B JWW P	100	3	1	(for MJP2) 5th double Q
Gillian Goodacre	Jack	Std Schnauzer	11/13/09	Greater Monroe	Nov Std	100	3	2	NA
"	"	"	11/13/09	Greater Monroe	Nov JWW	90	3	2	NAJ
LURE COURSING									
Lois Schultz	Liberty	Borzoi	10/25/09	MAHA	AKC Lure Coursing	140 (comb scores)			BOB, 1 pt