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#### **DKC - News**

#### From the President:

#### **New Ethics Advisory Chairperson**

We are happy to let you know that Susan Cicone will be the new chairperson of our Ethics Advisory. Susan has been a DKC member in good standing since 2008. Susan has done an excellent job serving as Nominating Committee Chair over the last 2 years and has faithfully served as Corresponding Secretary for four years. I'm very confident that Susan will do an excellent job as Ethics Advisory Chairperson. In the next several weeks Susan will be assembling her Committee team. If you are currently serving on the Ethics Advisory Committee and would like to continue to serve on the committee or would like to be on the committee, please contact Susan for consideration.

#### **New Finance Committee Chairperson**

We are happy to let you know that Dianne Divine will be the new chairperson of our Finance committee. Dianne has been a DKC member in good standing since 1967 and has served on several committees over the years with her ast knowledge and experience with DKC. The Finance Committee Chairperson is required to work in a collaborative effort with several committees throughout the DKC. I'm very confident that Dianne will do an excellent job as Finance Committee Chairperson. In the next several weeks Dianne will be assembling her Finance Committee team. If you are currently serving on the Finance Committee and would like to continue to serve on the committee or would like to be on the committee, please contact Dianne for consideration.

#### **DKC Member Meeting Minutes 5.20.19 DRAFT**

<u>The draft minutes of the 5.20.19 meeting are here</u>. Please let me know of any additions, corrections etc

Thank you,
Lisa Roberts
Recording Secretary wonderdogs@earthlink.net

## **Memory Walk Brick Orders**

We are now taking Memory Walk brick orders for 2019.

To order, click "Member Area" at the top right of the DKC website then click "Memory Walk" or go here.

Orders will be accepted through July 15. Thank you, Sally Ridge <a href="mailto:ksridge@earthlink.net">ksridge@earthlink.net</a>

#### **DKC - Agility Seminar - Thanks**

Despite the heat, the seminar was a huge success. The Durham Kennel Club would like to thank Rebecca Thrift and Soshana Dos for all the instruction and coaching. The handlers really worked hard to raise the level of their skills and the dogs so enjoyed it all.

The seminar would not have happened without the help of club members. A special thanks to the Wood family. Thank you, Tommy for handling all the logistics with the building and field. The field was beautiful, and the dogs loved running on it. Of course, Phyllis's lunches with help from Maryann were superb. Even though it was hot, the cool lunches were a hit with many helping themselves to seconds and thirds. Now everyone wants all the recipes.

Thanks to Roger and Nancy Akers for helping with fencing and building set up prior to the seminar.

Melissa Hoppes did a great job with registrations and all entry requirements.

After the great intense work, club members and non-club members helped with the clean-up till complete. Thank you, Tommy Wood, George Abell, Beth White, Leslie Watkins, Sheena Lunsmann, Matt Williamson, Nancy Miller, and Kelly McFerren.

We all look forward to the next seminar!!!

Rosemary

From DKC Member: Rosemary Abell rosabel@earthlink.net

#### **DKC - May Rally Trial - Thanks**

At the conclusion of the May Rally trials, 98 percent of all entrants qualified, eleven teams earned new titles and many others earned RAE legs and Triple Qs.

Without the DKC members who volunteered their time, this would not have been possible.

- Tommy Wood who set up rings and tables getting everything ready on Friday afternoon.
- Joyce McHenry as Chief Ring Steward and Floranne Etheridge as Secretary of the Day and Chief Cookie Maker.
- George and Emilie Beglane, Martha Ann Traylor, Christine Gibson, Jimmy and Cathy Stutts, Patty McEwen, George Makatura, and Amanda Stipe as stewards working tirelessly and receiving high marks from our Judge, Paula Rellihan.

Our thanks goes out to each and every member who offered to help, who volunteered their time, and who pitched in to help clean up on Sunday afternoon.

From DKC Member: Linda and Ed Wozniak oswicks@att.net

#### Obedience Show-N-Go's

#### **Open and Utility**

We are pleased to offer a <u>new on-line SIGN UP AND PAY</u> for our Show-N-Go's beginning in July. Thanks to George Beglane for setting this in motion on the DKC website.

It will be by **PRE-REGISTRATION OR BY MAIL** only. You can find the sign up under "Obedience Show N Go's" and you may pay for your runs on-line or by mailing your check to me PRIOR to July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to "DKC" and mail to:

Vicky Gillow 1833 Allen Jarrett Dr, Mebane, NC 27302

NOTE: Pre-register and payment must be made in advance and if you are not able to attend, money will not be refunded (just like a trial).

We will begin at 9am. Cost: \$5.00 for 10 minutes of ring time and you may sign up for as many slots as you would like. We will be offering two rings; one OPEN and one UTILITY. You may use your ring time as you wish for Open and Utility exercises. A judge and stewards will be available for run throughs if desired. Food and toys will be allowed in the ring. A timer will be used at each ring to keep on schedule.

There will no longer be a registration table or waiting lines.

We are in need of VOLUNTEERS! Two judges and four stewards for the morning and the same are needed for the afternoon. Judges will be given two FREE run throughs;

stewards will receive one FREE. Please email me at vgillow@imaginetics.comor call 540-557-7910 if you are available to help. This is a great opportunity to fulfill one of your club services.

Hope to see you there!

#### **Novice**

DKC will be sponsoring a Novice Show & Go on Saturday July 6, 2019 between 9:00am & 12:00pm before our July Obedience Trial. Looking for volunteers for Judges, Stewards and the registration table. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Remember this counts as one of club services.

Thanks in advance for your help. George Beglane

## **Obedience Trials - July and August**

**Novice, Open and Utility** 

Check here for dates

## **Committee members needed - Fall Agility Trial**

Happy Summer to DKC Members,

While some of us take a break from our regular activities in the summer, others get busy planning for the fall!

I am in need of two committee members to assist with the Fall Agility Trial to be held on Sep 27 - 29. The committee meets only once and then preparations are made for the trial. Per AKC regulations, all committee members must commit to being at the agility trial ALL DAY, EACH DAY of the trial. No experience in agility or being on a committee is required.

Please let me know if you have an interest in joining the committee.

Best, Anne Truesdale Agility Trial Committee Chair

## **Volunteers Needed - July Obedience Trial**

The July Obedience Trials are being held the 12th (2 Novice Only), the 13th and 14th (all classes. We do have a number of individuals who have volunteered their time, however, we still could use a couple more.

If you're around and available to help that weekend; we'd be delighted.

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

## **Volunteers Needed - August Obedience Trial**

DKC will be holding a one-ring Obedience Trial: Friday August 16 (Novice only) Saturday August 17 Sunday August 18

Please email Sally Ridge to volunteer for Steward positions: ksridge@earthlink.net
Thank you!

#### **Volunteers Needed - Fall Conformation Show**

August 31st, the Fall Conformation Show will be held at the NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh. This year the English Foxhound Club of America will be holding their National Specialty in conjunction with our show. As our entry of English Foxhounds in past years is usually none, this is a great opportunity for DKC.

We are in need of additional volunteers to help at the Gate, Trophy Table, and Judges' Hospitality.

If you're not heading for the beach or mountains Labor Day weekend, we would be delighted if you would spend a couple of hours helping DKC at its conformation show.

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

## **AKC News**

## **Delegate's Report - May**

See here

# AKC Board Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Canine Genetic Testing

New York, NY –Chairman William Feeney has announced the appointment of an ad hoc committee comprised of AKC Delegates, AKC staff, scientists, and veterinarians, each with specific related knowledge and experience, to research and analyze both the current state and the future of canine genetic testing.

The committee's primary work product will be a comprehensive white paper describing the committee's findings as well as any recommendations regarding the future use of genetic testing by AKC and its breeders.

This white paper will serve as a resource for AKC Board Members, Delegates, breeders and staff.

Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Karolynne McAteer - AKC Board Member

Susan Hamil – AKC Delegate's Canine Health Committee, Chair

Patricia Strand - AKC Delegate

Pamela Rosman – AKC Delegate

Eddie Dziuk – AKC Delegate's Canine Health Committee

Dr. Jerold Bell – Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, DVM

Dr. Matthew Breen – North Carolina State University, PhD, C. Biol, FRSB

Dr. Julia Allwood – North Carolina State University, PhD, Animal Forensics

Mark Dunn - AKC Executive Vice President

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

# Proposed Changes to USDA Pet Breeders/Dealers Licensing Requirements

https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/proposed-changes-usda-pet-breeder-dealer-licensing-requirements-one-week-left-comment/

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS), which is charged with enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), continues to accept comments from the public on <u>proposed updates to the AWA's licensing requirements</u>. Comments will be accepted through Tuesday, May 21, 2019. The American Kennel Club (AKC) generally supports the proposed changes and encourages all interested parties to submit thoughtful, experience-based written comments online before the end of next week's comment period.

Current USDA regulations require that pet breeders who maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (dogs, cats or other small mammals) and sells one sight unseen may be subject to licensing to USDA licensing. For more information on licensing requirements, view AKC's <a href="Does the New USDA Rule Affect Me">Does</a> the New USDA Rule Affect Me? or visit

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/awa/ct\_awa\_program\_information. USDA APHIS is seeking public comments on a proposal to:

- Amend its licensing requirements to eliminate automatic renewals. With this change, licensees would have to demonstrate compliance, via a facility inspection, with the AWA and show that the animals in their possession are adequately cared for in order to obtain a license.
- Provide temporary licensing procedures to avoid inadvertent lapses of licensure by historically compliant licensees if a delay or backlog in USDA inspections occurs.
- Strengthen existing regulations to prevent individuals and businesses whose licenses were suspended or revoked from working for regulated entities.
- Reduce regulatory burdens on fully compliant licensees. To accomplish this, APHIS is taking steps to streamline the licensing process by reducing licensing fees-a set \$120 fee for a three-year license-and simplifying the payment and collection process.
- Require any dealer, exhibitor or research facility with dogs to maintain a written program for veterinary care and medical records and to make those records available to USDA upon request. [Please note that the term "exhibitor" refers to carnivals, circuses, animal acts, zoos, and educational exhibits. It specifically does not include purebred dog shows.) The written veterinary care program would have to include regular visits by the attending veterinarian to conduct a complete physical examination of each dog not less than once a year, vaccinations for contagious and deadly diseases of dogs, and preventative care and treatment for hair coats, nails, eyes, ears, skin, and teeth.

The American Kennel Club supports the above changes.

The proposal also mandates that dogs in regulated facilities have continual access to potable water unless restricted by an attending veterinarian. However, as stated by USDA, a lack of continual access to water is generally not a risk to healthy dogs. (Proposal, 84 FR 10728, <a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2019-05422/page-10728">https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2019-05422/page-10728</a>) Because regulated facilities vary by type, size, and the number of animals they maintain, standards that would allow licensees some

flexibility in operations while still providing appropriate care may be a better, more easily achieved alternative.

The AKC is also concerned that the proposed changes fail to provide a clear definition of the term "breeding female" as used in AWA regulations. Currently, the USDA appears to define "breeding female" as "capacity to breed" and bases this assessment on a case-by-case visual inspection on the ground of the animals involved, determining whether they are "of breeding age" and whether there are health or other factors that would limit that. The AKC believes that this is not a practical, efficient, or clear way to establish a threshold for licensing and regulation, as it does not allow either APHIS or a breeder to assess whether a breeder would be subject to licensing, regulation, and inspection without first being inspected by APHIS, which could only be undertaken after the license application process has been undertaken.

Unless a breeder is certain which animals will "qualify" as non-breeding animals, a breeder has no way of knowing what their regulatory requirements would be under this rule. Visual or arbitrary definitions of "breeding females" are also problematic as many breeders "grow out" promising females to at least 24 months of age before determining whether they will have a show career or be worthy of breeding. Maintaining an intact female that physically could be bred does not indicate the intention to breed.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments to USDA APHIS by going to

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/22/2019-05422/animal-welfare-amendment s-to-licensing-provisions-and-to-requirements-for-dogs. Click "Submit A Formal Comment" and submit your comment along with the required information.

AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will provide updates on the regulatory process as the proposal proceeds. For more information on this or other federal legislative or regulatory issues, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org. From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

# **USPCA National Detection\_Dog Field Trial (AKC TV)**

Watch here

## **AKC PuppyVisor**

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB TO HELP POTENTIAL PUPPY OWNERS WITH NEW SERVICE "AKC PUPPYVISOR™"

Customers can receive one-on-one help to find their new dog.

**New York, NY** –The American Kennel Club has launched AKC PuppyVisor<sup>™</sup>, a personalized dog concierge service to help potential dog owners find their new best friend. Whether looking for a puppy or to give an older dog a good home, the service is designed to walk customers through each stage of the process.

AKC PuppyVisor™ helps dog owners in search of that perfect pup to add to their family by providing one-on-one service with an AKC Expert. The expert will assist a potential buyer in finding the right breed to fit their lifestyle, or if they are already set on a specific breed, help them find an AKC National Breed Club and navigate AKC Marketplace to find a responsible breeder that may have puppies available. Customers looking to rescue a dog will find help through access to breed rescues and breeders who have older dogs they are looking to re-home through the AKC Rescue Network.

"Owning a dog can be a wonderful experience. However, buying or rescuing a dog from a responsible source can sometimes be more of a process than a potential owner has anticipated," said Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President of the AKC. "The AKC can assist with our specific expertise in working with breeders and rescues, as well as providing information that owners can use to become responsible dog owners. We want customers to have a positive experience when getting their new canine family member and form a beautiful bond for many years to come."

With AKC PuppyVisor™ customers get over 100 years of combined experience from experts who are breeders, trainers and dog owners through live telephone support. AKC PuppyVisor™ experts can also help with locating events where owners can see different breeds and meet breeders in person. Customers who purchase the service also receive preparation for conversations with breeders, helpful information for bringing the new puppy/dog home, a lifetime subscription to AKC GoodDog! Helpline and AKC Vetline™.

AKC PuppyVisor™ is available for \$249 at <a href="https://www.akc.org/puppyvisor">www.akc.org/puppyvisor</a>

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

# Identifying infectious disease risks at dog group events (Survey)

Dear Members,

At the request of the study team, I am forwarding along their request for your participation in a short on-line survey. See below for details. Please contact them with any questions.

Dear Club Member,

Our study team was recently awarded a grant by the AKC-Canine Health Foundation to investigate infectious disease risks (e.g., canine influenza) for dogs at group settings, such as shows. As you may know, there is little information available about infectious disease risks at group dog events. This study will be a critical step toward better understanding disease risks and most importantly developing steps to reduce these risks and protect dog health.

If you have ever shown a dog in a conformation event, we are asking you to help by taking a short on-line survey designed to gather information about your dogs, practices you follow to keep them healthy, and your concerns about infectious diseases at the events where your dogs compete.

Participation in the study is completely voluntary and involves completing a 5-minute on-line survey. Your name will not be collected, and no identifying or individual results will be released. Youwill be able to skip any question(s) or end the survey at any time.

To get more information and to take the survey, click on the following link: <a href="http://go.osu.edu/dog-show-survey">http://go.osu.edu/dog-show-survey</a>

Please consider taking this short survey to ensure your voice is heard.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping our dogs safe from infectious diseases. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact any of the study team members via email or phone.

Sincerely,

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## **AKC Virtual National Trick Dog Competition**

All AKC Trick Dogs who have earned the Elite Performer title by September 3, 2019 can enter this exciting inaugural event for trick dogs. Because the competition is virtual (i.e., the judging will be done via video), trick dogs everywhere can participate.

How it works: Submit a video to AKC of your dog's trick dog routine. The routine must be no longer than 6 minutes and may include props and music.

You may use a new video, a video previously submitted to AKC for review, or a video of a past trick dog performance. The dog must be living at the time of your submission.

As is the case with all Elite Performer routines, there must be a theme or story. For this virtual competition, you may, but are not required to, include an audience in the video.

If you have more than one great routine, you may submit up to two videos (per dog) to the competition.

When: To enter, submit your video between September 3 and November 1, 2019. Three judges will judge the submissions and the winner will be announced December 2, 2019.

The winner of the 2019 AKC Trick Dog Competition will receive a cash prize of \$500 and two semi-finalists will each receive \$250. The winners will be featured in AKC media, their videos will be on the AKC Trick Dog web page, and they will receive a commemorative plaque.

From DKC Member: Linda Wozniak oswicks@att.net

# This is interesting

# Puppy Eyes you can't resist - Why:



# **Dogs and Humans**



When was your Breed Recognized by AKC

Find out here.....

# **Brags**

#### **Barbara Grubb**

#### **Spright**

This is Spright, my ChaCha's 2.5y old "pup", waiting to go into the ring at the Piedmont Border Collie Assoc trial at DKC, June 1. Spright was entered in Novice B where he placed first with a score of 198 earning his third leg and CD title. The next day, I moved him up to Open A and he again placed first scoring a 197 for the first leg of his CDX title. Two weeks before these trials, he was entered in the DKC rally trials on Sat. and Sunday. As I am trying to get his RACH title (Rally Championship), I entered him in Advance B, Excellent B and Masters both days. Little Spright loves rally and he won first place with a perfect score in all 6 classes! He is such an amazing little guy and a joy to show. Thanks to his trainer, Meagan, for all the help in this journey and to Lauren Tapyrik, his co-owner, for the photo.



#### ChaCha

ChaCha earned the first two legs of her Utility title, in Utility A at the Piedmont Border Collie Trial held at DKC on June 1<sup>st</sup>and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then the next Sat she got her 3<sup>rd</sup>leg and another good score of 194. ChaCha is my first obedience dog and I made a lot of mistakes, but I am still learning. I am very grateful to all the DKC members that have helped me with ChaCha along the way. But I want to especially thank Meagan Hamblen, our obedience instructor, who convinced me that ChaCha was ready to show, even though I had my doubts.





# **Show Reports**

Performance Trials											
Owners Name	Dog's Name	Breed	Date	Show	Event	Class	Score	Le g	Place	Titles & Awards	
Cathy Whitaker	Piper	Sheltie	5/18/19	DKC	Rally	Novice B	98	3	2nd	Rally Novice Title	
Cathy Whitaker	Piper	Sheltie	5/19/19	DKC	Rally	Intermedi ate	99	1	2nd		
Mary Cain Murphy	Watson	Bullmastif f	5/13/19	n/a	CGC	n/a	n/a				
Mary Cain Murphy	Watson	Bullmastif f	5/18/19	DKC	Rally	Novice B	87	3		Rally Novice	
Mary Cain Murphy	Watson	Bullmastif f	1/29/19	n/a	Trick Dog	n/a	n/a			Trick Dog Perfor mer	
Sharon Pitz	Delilah	Golden Retriever	6/2/19	PBCA	Obedience	Open A	190	2	3rd		
Judy Wagaman	Jimmy	Beagle	6/01/19	Border Collie Club	Obedience	Preferred Novice					
Sharon Pitz	Delilah	Golden Retriever	6/8/19	TGRC	Obedience	Open A	191	3	3rd	CDX	

Instructions for posting your wins:

#### 1. Post you show wins directly on the DKC website:

- 1. Navigate to "Show Wins Recording" page.
- 2. On the left of the screen, click either:
  - a. Report **Conformation** Show Wins
  - b. Report **Performance** Show Wins
- 3. Enter your information in the fields provided.
- 4. Click Submit.
- 5. You will then see a verification page of your posting

The website process described above requires you to repeat the process for each separate win.