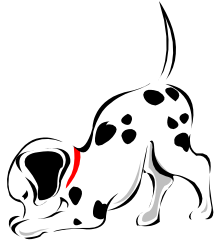


DETAILS



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CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

Announcing our next three events!

CAKC Meeting

“Show Stewarding 101”

Harriett Lee takes the mystery out of stewarding and signs up volunteers and trainees for our June show.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

7:30 PM

JABA

674 Hillsdale Road, Charlottesville, VA

Located behind Toys-R-Us



CAKC Shows

Saturday, June 4, and Sunday June 5

BLUE RIDGE BBQ BASH— Saturday, June 4 on the show grounds.



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Meeting News—Feb 9, 2011



LEGISLATIVE: Jim Barrett reported that the Albemarle Co. Board of Supervisors has revamped some Animal Legislation regarding shelter provided for dogs and actually the law is better. This issue was brought forth by the Animal Rights people and CAKC was well represented and recognized at the meeting. It was agreed that CAKC needs more Community exposure. There was discussion regarding working with Meals on Wheels to supply food for those folks participating in that program that have dogs.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT: Peggy Kessler reported that the AKC Board has asked Delegates to expand the Group Awards to 5 or 6 places and to have classes for puppies from 4 – 6 Months. There was some discussion regarding this among our group and generally thought not to be a good idea.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Debbie Burgess reported that the panel is complete. Art Sterns is Grounds Chairman. We will be doing our own Stewarding this year for a sizable financial savings – Harriett Lee is in charge of that and will be soliciting help. Entry fees were discussed and after much discussion it was decided to give the puppies a break at \$22.00.

OBEDIENCE: Classes are on Tues. At 7:15 at All Things Pawssible. These classes are an essentially “proving class” as in the past CAKC agreed to not compete with the local Obedience classes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: John Savory reported that the Irish Setter Club will hold it's National Specialty in Doswell, VA in 2013. He mentioned this as CAKC has been supporting the Irish Setters and letting the club know this was a good area for their National!

MEMBERSHIP: Debbie reported that we have applications from Gail Swails and Anna Romness. Gail came to the meeting last month. She is an Old English Sheepdog breeder, a member of two Stewarding Associations and has volunteered to steward for us in June. Anna is applying for Junior membership. She has been active in several venues of our club including helping out with the Agility trial. She has been showing in UKC shows. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

CAKC Inclement Weather Policy

In the event that inclement weather closes the Albemarle County schools, any scheduled activity (handling, obedience, meeting etc.) is automatically canceled.

Board News—March 9, 2011

TREASURER: There was an accounting of the Agility Trial held March 5 & 6. Total Revenue - \$10,236.00 with Total Expenses - \$9,365.59. Net Profit/Loss \$870.41. Debbie reported that there was \$75.00 more income for a Portapotty refund.

AGILITY: Karen Johnson reported that the trials went well in spite of the bad weather on Sunday. She had received an email from one of the exhibitors commenting on the better footing than last year. It was suggested that the improved footing should be mentioned in next year's premium. Karen was pleased at how many of the club members came out to help – around 25. All those working on the Trial were pleased about this and wanted to thank those who came out. Karen stated a concern that there was not many Novice entries which seems to mean not many people coming into the sport. It was suggested that the entry fee be raised next year to bring it in line with what the fees are for other Trials in our area.

SHOW: Debbie reported that all is approved now. She has arranged to have CGC Testing on Saturday from 1-3PM. Fee will be \$20.00 most of which will go to CAKC. She reported that Catalogue Advertising (Carolyn Cox) is going well. She reiterated that Sammy Snacks is Sponsoring the show which is great as they will take care of a number of expenses including armbands which Pedigree no longer provides through Moss Bow. Peggy Kessler stated that she will be in contact with the Canine Unit, Lucy Childs, regarding a demonstration to be held on Saturday. This will be well advertised as the gate really seem to enjoy it last year.

Sandy and Debbie met with the President and Vice President of Skyline KC regarding clustering our shows. Skyline was willing to take Thursday and Friday and we would keep Friday and Saturday; however, Skyline expected CAKC to use the Skyline facilities. Debbie passed out graphs which she had done comparing Revenue and Expenses which show that the clustering in these terms would result in a financial loss to CAKC. It seems clear that both clubs need to do something as the future of continuing as we have been going will mean losing money yearly. Skyline feels CAKC's problem is "the heat". And CAKC feels that even though Skyline is in an air conditioned facility, it is too small.

MATCH & PICNIC: There was much discussion regarding the match and picnic. This has been a money losing event in the last several years. This seems to be a good year not to do the match or picnic. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed not to hold a match or picnic this year.

NEWSLETTER: Ellen Popkin reported around 15 folks have contacted her saying they prefer to receive the newsletter by mail. There was some discussion regarding this and how expensive it is to mail these out in color. It was decided that newsletters will be printed by Ellen in black and white and mailed to those requesting a hard copy. An email will be sent to members when the newsletters are available on the website. Website newsletters are in color.

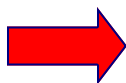
HANDLING CLASSES: Sandy reported that she is having a hard time getting members to agree to lead the classes. We had agreed to have a 4 wk session. The first one was this week and Harriett reported that there were 4 Irish Setters, 1 Standard Poodle puppy, 1 Rhodesian and a couple who came without their Sheltie (who is in season). It was a good class.

OBEDIENCE: Karen stated that classes were continuing. Things are lining up for the Trial and she is waiting for the contract with Fishersville for the site. Judges are Pat Hess and Nancy Withers. Jim Barrett mentioned that AKC has changed the rules so that now the three required legs for a title only require showing under two different judges.

OLD BUSINESS: As stated previously, Sammy Snacks is sponsoring our show. They also provided packages of treats for the Agility trial. Their proposal for partnering with CAKC by providing club members coupons for 15% off food purchases. SS will then donate 15% of the purchase price paid quarterly to CAKC. Karen moved and Peggy seconded that we accept the offer proposed by Sammy Snacks. It was unanimously voted to do so.

Debbie stated that the club had made a donation in Colleen Finch's name to the SPCA and to the Irish Wolfhound Memorial Fund in memory of Art King.

NEW BUSINESS: Debbie received a request from the Albemarle County Jail for help with setting up a K-9 unit for the Jail. Debbie responded to this by asking for a proposal.



CGC Testing on Saturday, June 4 from 1-3PM. Fee will be \$20.00 most of which will go to CAKC.

Charlottesville Dog Gets a New Set of Wheels

A Charlottesville dog is getting the freedom to roam around the neighborhood with the rest of the dogs. Every morning Sheila Rider brings her dog, Cory the Corgi, to Pampered Pets in Charlottesville. Instead of walking through the door, she carries him. "He has severe hip dysplasia in both hips. It's worse on the left," Rider said.

Thanks to a set of wheels, Cory is rolling his way around. For more than a year, Rider had to carry the 32 pound pooch around. "The cart, it just helps his mobility so much more. I mean, he's so much more independent which he's always been independent," Rider said. Since January, Ramona Shifflett has worked with Cory. She's a Certified Pet Care Technician at Pampered Pets who trains him how to use the cart.

"At first he was real stubborn. He didn't want to do anything with it. Now he's actually really enjoying it," Shifflett said. The cart forces Cory to build muscle strength. At first the therapy was not easy.

"He was using muscles and he was sore and I couldn't do a lot with him. I'd make one little loop around and come back and he'd snooze. He was tired," Shifflett said. But now he slips into the cart and away he goes. "Most dogs would be put down. You know, they can't walk, drag themselves around but look he can get it. He does so good," Shifflett said.



Rider said surgery to help Cory walk on his own was out of the question because he's almost 13 years old. "He'd have to have three major surgeries and I'm not going to put him through that at his age," Rider said.

Cory is borrowing his set of wheels right now, but Cory will eventually get his own wheel chair specially fitted for him.

Agility Equipment for Sale

If any of you are interested in some agility equipment, here is some at a very reasonable price

Very good quality, good condition. Most of it is M.A.D. Equipment: selling at half or less of new cost. Cash.

A-Frame-Aluminum with fiberglass skin Training height \$300

Teeter aluminum board with fiberglass top, steel base \$150

Table, steel base, fiberglass top \$100

Weaves, white metal base 22' spread \$75

training 2x2's 3 for \$65

15" tunnel with metal snuggers(dk green) \$100

Chute barrel and nylon chute \$100

jumps PVC, 4 singles, one triple, with bars and one practice tire \$125 for all

Contact Catherine at cathtebbs@gmail.com

DOG SHOW RV 2004 For Sale

Four Winds Windsport – 36' beautiful, roomy and ready for show circuit. Lots of room for crates, built-in grooming table, 44 x 34" jumbo shower will hold removable dog bathing tub, Braun hydraulic lift for crates. Sleeps five. Queen, single and sofa bed. New mattresses. Two Sony TVs, antenna, satellite, DVD player, new tires, microwave / convection oven, large fridge, Workhorse Chassis, \$4000 exhaust system to improve gas mileage and performance, Onan generator 5500, 2 awnings, linoleum floor for easy cleaning, basement storage for grooming and dog show supplies. 27,000 miles. Handicap accessible as well. \$79,000. 717-620-9922 or sally@barkleigh.com

Remembering Colleen Finch

Colleen Smallwood Finch, departed this world on Sunday, January 16, 2011, two days after her husband, Bruce Dale Finch, passed away.

She was born in Richmond, Virginia, on July 4, 1944, and was raised in Orange County, Virginia, where she graduated from high school.

She attended Madison College. Her early career was as a paralegal, she later served as deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta County, Virginia. She assisted her husband in the family business, BDF Systems of Virginia, which specializes in installation of audio and vacuum systems. She was Secretary of the Potomac Kennel Club and owner of Cairn Haven Kennels.

She is survived by her sister, Brenda F. Smallwood of Ruckersville; her brother, Ronald L. Smallwood of Richmond; her daughter, Ellen Gregory of Essex County; and four grandchildren, Jonathan McCoy, Frankie D. Jenkins Jr., Shanna Jenkins and Colleen Jenkins.

Memorial contributions can be made to [National Kidney Foundation](#) at 503 Libbie Avenue, Richmond, VA 23206 and the SPCA at P.O. Box



Reviews requested for Nan's new book

The Importance of 5 Star Reviews at Amazon (www.Amazon.com) and Barnes & Noble (www.BN.com)

***Stormy Hill's Legacy* by Nancy Clarke**

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To see examples of well written reviews please visit - don't forget to vote on the ones you find helpful!

http://www.amazon.com/When-I-Dream-Robin-Landry/dp/1608605809/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top

President's Message



**Sandy Lady
President, CAKC**

Dear Members:

This month I would like to share the following letter that we received from our club member, Linda King.

To my dear dog family,

Only we "dog people" understand what a true family is. Everyone has been so amazing to me and Art. He loved this club and served it well but in turn when he became ill, you all gave back more than we could have imagined. Thank you.

And now thank you for your kindness to me and the welfare of my breed. The meal was great and so appreciated when more people were in and out those first couple of weeks. And the donation to the Irish Wolfhound Foundation truly touched my heart.

I do fear that with all the commotion here I may have missed a personal thank you. I hope if that happened, that you understand.

I am proud, grateful, and extremely fortunate to be a part of CAKC.

With love, Linda

Thanks to all who helped with our Agility Trials.

Sandy

Would you put your pet in your will? by Liz Ozaist

If you think stories of people choosing to bequeath some (or all!) of their hard-earned loot to their four-legged kids is a solely American trend, think again.

According to a new survey conducted in the U.K., close to 1.5 million Brits plan to leave money to their pets. I found this stat intriguing because my husband and I have been talking about setting up a trust for our own boys.

It all started a few months after my father's sudden death--when we realized that we had absolutely no game plan for them. At the time, I was mired in estate issues because my dad hadn't anticipated dying at 54, which got me thinking about how wildly unpredictable life can be at any age: What if something equally catastrophic happened to both of us? Who'd take in the boys?

By "our boys," I mean our beloved pets, Felix and Balthazar. Ask anyone who knows me well and they'll say that my dogs are like children to me. As I began thinking about what could happen, the more I had to acknowledge that there were few people in our lives who could truly meet our expectations as their keepers.

According to Rachel Hirschfeld, an attorney who specializes in animal law and founder of the New York County Lawyers Association's Animal Law Committee, over 500,000 companion animals were euthanized this year because their pet owners died, moved into nursing homes or assisted-living situations, or otherwise were no longer able to care for them, and left them behind without enforceable plans. I knew we had to act.

As tricky as it is to decide who should care for your human kid, it can feel equally tricky to pick an entrusted pet guardian. After crossing off the many friends and relatives who had cats or some bizarre obsessive germ phobia (we actually knew a couple of them!), we settled on two options: my grandparents and my best friend, Rebecca.

Turns out, designating two sets of potential caregivers -- and a trustworthy executor to dispense the funds over time -- is the first step in setting up a pet trust. In the event that your primary pick is unwilling or unable to take on the responsibility, you have a built-in backup plan. In our case, it would alleviate any undue stress on my aging grandparents, as well as give my friend time to potentially prepare for two more dogs to join her four-legged brood. She also conveniently personifies the phrase "Must Love Dogs!"

With the biggest decision out of the way, we needed to get our wishes down -- and the boys' needs and whims, from the brand of kibble I prefer to the bone Balty prefers -- in writing. If you think that typing up a Word doc will cut it, think again. Pet trusts aren't recognized under federal tax law -- the IRS labels pets as property -- but they are allowed under law in 28 states, where enforcement is discretionary. Translation: Consult an attorney versed in estate planning who can advise on how much you should allocate for Fido's upkeep. If you over-fund, the courts can intervene a la the Leona Helmsley controversy.

"There are so many variables to consider before you can estimate how much to put into a trust," says Patricia Kauffman, Director of Bequests at The Humane Society of the United States. "The owner needs to account for the pet's age, health, grooming needs, location and the size of the animal, because a big dog's needs will cost more than a small one. Also, the type of species is equally important in assessing the amount. Parrots, for example, are very long-lived, and the care of a horse is extremely expensive."

To get your own pet estate planning off the ground, there are several smart resources online including the Doris Day Animal League, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and an ASPCA-recommended website, PetTrustLawyer.com, which offers legally enforceable document-creation packages from \$39.

As for our boys, it's heartening to know that even if we're not around someday to lavish them with treats and back scratches, they'll continue to lead the same well-cared-for, happy life they enjoy now.

Have you thought about who would take care of your pets if you weren't around?



Agility Trials earn kudos from club member volunteers, and participants

Thanks to everyone! I think this was our best trial ever!

Stacy Sties

Many thanks to all of you! You did an awesome job! You are all such a great team to work with. What was even better was how you all cheered Abbey and I on and gave me so much help! It is a privilege to know and work with each of you!

Now, are you ready for the Obedience/Rally challenge in October?

Karen M Sisco Johnson

Dear Karen

My congratulations first for a well run trial. My wife and I almost did not enter this year's trial because of the very soft running surface at Toad Hollow last year. Not only my dogs (BIG- Dobermans) had difficulty but my wife has a bad knee and the soft ground made it very painful.

I say all this to emphasize how much you have accomplished to improve the running surface. It was absolutely perfect; even my wife thought so. The fact that the parking area had been resurfaced also helped in such rainy conditions, but that is a minor point.

I really believe you would have over subscribed if previous entrants had only known how much your club had worked to improved the surface. You should remind everyone in the premium next year that the "perfect surface of 2011" will be back.

Thanks again for all your efforts; no complaints from us, just compliments.

Fred and Cyndy Ochsner, Lynchburg

Hi Ellen.

Sprite and I had a great time and I was glad to help the club.

Beth Kortze

I'd like to say, that Karen and Stacy (and Robin and Ellen) totally rock. It was really great to work with you-all.

Jim Barrett

Canine Health - Submitted by Caroline Cox

Chronic Superficial Keratitis, in Dogs(Pannus)

Pannus is an immune mediated corneal disease primarily found in the German Sheppard breed although other predisposed breeds include Greyhounds, Huskies, and Dachshunds. Other breeds reported to have problems with pannus include Poodles, Border Collies, and Labrador Retrievers. Ultraviolet light and altitude influence the severity of the disease. Pannus is a progressive, non painful, inflammatory disease of the cornea, conjunctiva, and sometimes the third eyelids (when affecting the third eyelid, it is termed "atypical pannus" or "plasmoma"). Variable proportions of pigmentation, corneal vascularization, granulation tissue, and cholesterol deposits characterize Pannus. The corneal changes usually begin on the lower outside surface of the eye. Both eyes are affected, though the diseased regions may be asymmetric. Some dogs also have dry eye problems. As the disease progresses, blindness can develop. The cause of Pannus is not well understood, but several factors are involved: The breed incidence suggests a heritable predisposition. Additionally, UV (ultraviolet) radiation plays an important role as an inciting and propagating factor. Dogs living at high altitudes and low altitudes are more severely affected. Also, autoimmune factors and possibly genetics play a part.

GOALS OF MANAGEMENT AND CARE:

LIFE LONG therapy is necessary. Steroid eye drops or ointments are usually used, in addition to topical tacrolimus solution or ointment. The steroid and tacrolimus work together to help decrease corneal scarring and vascularization. Corneal pigmentation is especially improved by tacrolimus medication.

Our goal is to begin treatment aggressively with both medications and to slowly decrease the dose frequency. Once the disease is under control, then annual reexaminations are required.

When medication alone fails to control Pannus, then surgical and radiation treatment is recommended, but these therapies are rarely used. Sub-conjunctival steroid injections are sometimes used initially to achieve high corneal concentrations. They may also be used to control flare-ups.

Owners must contact Animal Eye Care or their primary veterinarian if eye pain develops, which could mean that a corneal ulcer has occurred. If an ulcer is present, the topical steroid would need to be stopped.

Exact Quote from Dr. Terri L. McCalla Animal Eye Care Bellingham Washington USA



Mutation for PRA in Gordons identified 10 Feb 2011 08:01

A MUTATION responsible for the development of progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) in the Gordon Setter has been identified by geneticists working in the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust (AHT). The research was funded by many different organisations, including the KC Charitable Trust, the British Gordon Setter Club, the Gordon Setter Field Trial Society, the Gordon Setter Association, the Gordon Setter Club of Scotland and the LUPA project, as well as several individuals who have also contributed significantly. An AHT spokesman said: "We would like to sincerely thank all the organisations and individuals who donated funds to help support the research, as well as all the owners who contributed DNA and information from their dogs." PRA is an inherited condition to which many breeds of dog are predisposed, the spokesman said. The condition is characterised by bilateral degeneration of the retina which causes progressive vision loss culminating in total blindness. There is no treatment.

"Owners report that their affected dogs develop night blindness in the first instance, which is indicative of a rod-cone degeneration, so we have termed this mutation rcd4 – for rod-cone degeneration 4 – to distinguish it from other forms of rod-cone degeneration," the spokesman added. "The mutation is recessive, and 19 out of the 21 Gordons in our study who had clinical signs of PRA were homozygous – carried two copies – for this mutation, indicating it is the major cause of PRA in the breed. Two dogs in our study had PRA but did not carry the rcd4 mutation, indicating there might be another, genetically distinct, rarer form of PRA segregating in this breed."

The AHT has developed a DNA test for the rcd4 mutation which will be available from March 14. DNA test kits at £48 will be available to order online via www.aht.org.uk from that date.

Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club

IMPORTANT DATES

Obedience practice is held at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays at All Things Pawssible, located at 706 Henry Avenue in Charlottesville.

Handling classes are over for the season.



Apr 13: General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at JABA, located behind Toys-R-Us.

May 11: Board of Directors Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Glenmore. Show committee meeting 5:30 pm before board meeting.

Jun 4 & 5: CAKC Shows at Foxfield

Jun 4: CAKC BBQ Bash at Foxfield

June 8: General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at JABA, located behind Toys-R-Us.

July 13 : Board of Directors Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Glenmore.

Sept. 14: Board of Directors Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Glenmore.

Oct 12: General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at JABA, located behind Toys-R-Us.

Oct. 29 & 30: CAKC Rally & Obedience Trials in Fishersville at Expo Center.

Nov. 9: Board of Directors Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Glenmore.

Dec.: Holiday Party TBA

Newsletter deadlines:

June 30th Issue: Info received by: June 12.

September 30th Issue: Info received by: Sept 16.

Nov. 30th Issue: Info received by: Nov12.

Welcome new member!!

Will Flory, 12255 Sperryville Pike, Culpepper, VA 22701, 540-727-0173, willflo@aol.com, Welsh & Cairn Terriers, Real Estate Appraiser, active in club for past 2 yrs., husband of member, DiAnn Flory.

Prospective new members:

Anna Romness: High school Jr. Jr. Handler, owner of one Labrador Retriever

Gail Swails: Ret. Dog show handler and exhibitor, Eastern Stewards Board of Director member, Old English Sheepdogs.

CAKC will be holding its first Rally and Obedience Trial on October 29 and 30, 2011, in Fishersville at the Expo Center. The Board approved and unanimously supported the proposal to hold a separate indoor event. The trials will be open to mixed breeds. Jim Barrett and Karen Sisco Johnson will chair the event.

Each issue we would like to mention websites that have articles that may be of interest to our members. Some of the issues may be controversial or not relevant, but are at the least...interesting. If you find something that you would like to share with your club members send them to me. Carolyn Cox has been forwarding many interesting articles. Ellen

<http://www.examiner.com>—This is a local person who is supporting our club with articles and advertising for our shows.

These all come from the DOG WORLD website.

[Crufts entry shows less than average drop](#)

A Low Uric Acid Dalmatian Going to Crufts!

by Marion Mitchell,

Secretary of the Dalmatians of North America the UKC Club for Dalmatians

A Dalmatian puppy born September 9th 2007 was destined to change forever the concept of a genetic problem in her breed. As breeder Carol Chase snuggled the warm newborn, breathing in "puppy breath" she could never have dreamed how famous Fiacre's First and Foremost would become.

To learn more about the importance of low uric acid (LUA) and the project to improve genetic urinary health for the Dalmatian breed, visit the reference links below.

<http://www.thedca.org/LUA/DalmatianExecSummary.pdf>

<http://www.luadalmatians.com/>

<http://www.dalmatianheritage.com/>

<http://nuadalseurope.co.uk/>

BLUE RIDGE BBQ BASH RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, June 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Catered by: *In Good Taste*

\$12.00 per person (\$9.00 children under 10)

Carry-out Available

Hickory Smoked Pork, Chicken, Grilled Seasonal Vegetables, Pork & Beans, Cole Slaw, and Dessert

Mail RSVP by May 20, 2011 to:

Debbie Burgess, 4303 Tabscott Pines Road, Columbia, VA 23038



Name: _____

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

CAKC Shows—June 4 & 5, 2011

“IT’S ALMOST SHOW TIME”

You are cordially invited to participate in the June 4 & 5 CAKC shows at Foxfield. We *need every member* to volunteer to assist in some way. There are plenty of different things available for each and every-one to do:

Show set up on Friday, June 3. Beginning at 10 a.m.

Ring Stewarding

Selling catalogs

Ring Hospitality

Transportation of judges from the Hotel to the show site (if you are not showing a dog).

Clean-up after the show. Sun. June 5 3:00 pm

Please be generous with your time and talents... we do need you to help make this a most successful show. All volunteers will be treated to a free lunch the day they work. If you have any questions please call me, Debbie Burgess, Show Chairman 804-457-4636 or Ellen Popkin, volunteer coordinator 434-977-7630.



Please help me work the show this year! Last year I was so tired, I couldn't even finish my dinner!!

Local Dog Wins Best in Breed reprinted from The Daily Progress

Nancy and Harry Austin's Leonberger is the first ever dog of it's kind to win best of breed.

A pair of Albemarle County dog owners are coming off a big win at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show. Nancy and Harry Austin's Leonberger is the first ever dog of it's kind to win best of breed, but that's not the only reason Gulliver is a champion. He's also a certified rehabilitation dog. Every Tuesday they take him to the Kluge Children's rehabilitation center to meet with kids there. They relieve stress by having children pet them, the kids come over hug him and put their fingers in his nose and lift up his ears and look at his teeth," Nancy Austin said.

This is the first year the breed was recognized in the club, and it is not very well known here, but it's the oldest breed of dog in Germany. Gulliver's daughter, Annie, who is owned by Lynn Bufton also placed with an award of merit. She's two years old. Gulliver's owner say he will probably retire from competition soon.

The Leonberger is a large, muscular, and elegant dog distinguished by a black mask and medium-length weather resistant coat of lion-yellow to reddish-brown color. Males and females are easily distinguished by size, with males carrying a lion-like mane. The Leonberger combines confident calmness with intelligence and a lively temperament. For its size the Leonberger is graceful and light on its feet. Originating in Baden-Württemberg, Germany, in the mid-nineteenth century the Leonberger was kept as a farm dog and valued for its watch and draft abilities. Today the Leonberger is an excellent family companion, comfortable performing a wide variety of jobs.



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With conformation dog show entries declining across all club types, the AKC has begun a study to determine if the increase in the number of shows has been a cause of or factor in declining entries. In order to properly study this issue, the AKC Board of Directors, at its February 11, 2011 board meeting, placed a moratorium, effective immediately, on the licensing of new conformation clubs.

In addition, the Board also voted to not approve any additional shows for existing All-Breed and Group clubs. Thus an All-Breed or Group club that has been holding one show a year will not be approved for more than one show a year. As the study progresses, AKC will notify clubs regarding the status of the moratorium and approval of additional shows for All-Breed and Group clubs. We thank you for your support as we believe this course of action will benefit the long-term success and vitality of the sport of purebred dogs.

Jim Crowley

So This Dog Performance Thing is a Snap, Right?

By Jim Barrett



Three weeks ago I had decided to enter Sarg in his first ever show, at the Potomac Valley Berner specialty - one rally trial and two obedience trials (all for the novice level). While the back-story of Sarg is bit long and complicated, even though we had been working on obedience and a general solid relationship for a long time, I spent *one*day* practicing rally exercises with Sarg.

We went to PVBMD and the first day in rally we placed third. Then the next day was a terrible windstorm that shook the obed building like it was an aircraft carrier with fighter planes taking off all day long. Sarg apparently (unbeknownst to me!) became de-sensitized to this noise.

Sarg took first and then second place in the two Novice B obedience trials. To say I was surprised and happy would be woefully underestimating my feelings. But this meant I wanted to find a new cluster of shows for 8.5 YO Sarg.

We went to the York Pa cluster "Celtic Classic" (it includes St Patrick's day) in the middle of March, for 3 rally trials and 3 obed trials - to try to get our 2nd and 3rd RN legs, and the 3rd CD leg. On Thurs and Fri we got a 93 each day in Rally and NQ-ed in the same spot - off lead heel in CD. On Sat, the third day, I had previously promised Peggy I would be in home to drive an hour away at 5 PM for a fancy Diabetes fund raiser. (Being a no show for that was grounds for justifiable homicide.) Keep in mind York is 4 hours from Charlottesville and we had previously shown in Obedience at like 11 AM (i.e. on the hairy edge of justifiable homicide).

We were the second to last team to show Saturday morning. But we wound up showing early at like 10:30. We did okay on the first few exercises. Not great but still likely qualifying. Then came the dreaded off lead heel. Sarg halted at the same spot, the first turn as he had before. I called him for a second command (okay 10 points off but still in the game). BUT he was still really lagging. We had to go fast and that got Sarg up with me. Then, well away from the judge, Sarg lagged big time. I then gave up and called his name - an automatic NQ if the judge hears it. I figured we had NQ-ed and so was just trying to do the rest as a training exercise. As we were leaving the ring, the judge quietly says "well, you are still in the game".

I was floored to say the least.

So we went back in for the stays (the last dog had now been excused, so we were the last team - nearest the crowds). The sit stay has recently been where Sarg has been breaking. So I was particularly anxious but grinning the biggest grin possible at Sarg. I managed to get Sarg in a good sit position and rubbed his chest to focus him on me. A Newf broke at 20 seconds into the sit and caused a Saluki to break two dogs down from us. But Sarg ignored all of that!

We made it!

Then on the down stay, I pointed Sarg to the down and Sarg ignored me, so I told him (quietly) "down". At this point Sarg went corkscrewing into a down, pointed 45 degrees away from front, towards the crowd. His butt wound up 12 inches from the next dog. But I figured there was nothing I could do. Three minutes from hell dribbled by. The judge told us to return. He then went down the line telling who qualified. He stopped by us and said ("You qualified"). I was shaking but got the lead back on Sarg.

As we started to walk out, the judge came over to us. He said, "You know, you left your dog pointed away from front and your dog was too close to the next dog; I could have told you to re-position your dog. But then you wouldn't have had enough points to qualify. And the next dog had done so well up to that point."

The judge then said we had really tried otherwise (as opposed to being a good working team!). So basically because of his concern for the top placing dog next to us, and then to allow us to squeak by with a 172.5, the judge gave us our qualifying score!

That was our title leg for our CD.

So in a "mere" two weekends of dog shows, Sarg and I got our RN and CD. ... So this dog performance thing is a snap, right?

Waggin' Tails



Koda's Corsair out of Clara Valley "Misha" took WD and BOW for his first point at the Middle Peninsula show on Sunday January 30, 2011. Caroline Cox



Thanks to handling class and Harriett Lee's expertise on gaiting her, my bitch was WB in Raleigh, NC March 26 and on the 27th she was WB, BW. she's Rough Collie, Millknock Montage. Marianne Sullivan



On March 19th at the York Kennel Club Show, my first home-bred Bearded boy, Calum, 2 yrs old, won his Rally Advanced class with a score of 100, first place, and a new title. Later that day, he earned a 3rd major from the Bred-By class to finish his conformation Championship. These two wins in addition to his agility title earned him is Verstility Award with the Bearded Collie Club of America. He is now Ch Odyssey One Step Beyond RA NAJ. Beth Kortze



We finished DMS Put A Spell On You (Toy Fox Terrier) this past weekend at the shows in South Carolina. Hendrix went WD, BOW on Fri. at the Spartanburg KC show for 3 points, and on Sat., Hendrix went WD, BOW at the Hendersonville KC show under Mr. Evert Dean for 4 points. Hendrix finished with a total of 4 majors. This is my 4th home bred Toy Fox Terrier Champion.



Heard these through the grapevine at the meeting. Not much other info, but congrats go out anyway!!

Nan Bodine—Westminster—2nd in Breed, 1/2 brother 3rd in breed.

Suzette Lefebvre—First in Breed in CC

John Savory announced Richmond is hosting Nat. Specialty for Irish Setter club in 2013.

Tina Gaines' dog has received Therapy Dog designation.

Ann Weber 's Saluki finished championship with 5 point major.

Karen Johnson's Corgi, Abby, "Q" at the Agility Trials.



CAKC Mission

The objectives of the CAKC are to further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs, to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of all breeds of pure-bred dogs and to encourage a sportsmanlike conduct at all dog events, to encourage and conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows obedience trials and any other events for which the club is eligible under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

We're on the web!

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Share club info, upcoming events and discussion with other club members. Contact Debbie Burgess 804.457.4636 redclaygsp@earthlink.net

CAKC Taxi Friends

Anyone needing a ride to a meeting or event can call a board member who will coordinate the ride with someone who lives near them.

Future Show Dates Announced

June 4-5, 2011

June 2-3, 2012

June 1-2, 2013

May 31-June 1, 2014

May 30-31, 2015

June 4-5, 2016

June 3-4, 2017

June 2-3, 2018

June 1-2, 2019

May 30-31, 2020

The Sunshine Committee



The Sunshine Committee is being coordinated by Karen Wilson. It has been set up to keep us all informed of members who might need a little sunshine in their lives while they are dealing with illness, death or other trauma. Maybe a card, email or phone call can brighten someone's day.

Please contact Karen if you have information to share about our member friends. 540.547.4106 or gkaren-gary@aol.com

Handling classes:

Season over.

Obedience Classes:

Will continue each Tuesday until further notice. 7:15 pm at All Things Pawssible.