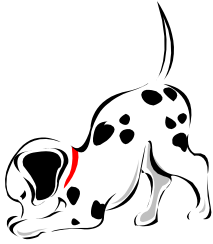


DETAILS



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CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



**Holiday Party,
Meeting and
Election**

**Wednesday,
Dec. 14**

6:30 pm

Glenmore Country Club

**Rt. 250 East, past Shadwell, to Glenmore, on right
1318 Piper Way, Keswick, VA 22947**

Free to members, non member guests are \$25

Pasta Bar

Cash bar

RSVP by December 3.

Debbie Burgess 804.457.4636 redglaygsp@earthlink.net

If you RSVP and do not attend you will be billed.

You must cancel 72 hours before the party.

Please bring a \$10 gift if you are participating in the gift exchange.

Peggy Kessler needs your breed specific cookie cutters by Dec. 3.

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Board News

General Meeting October 12, 2011.

2012 Show: Debbie reported that the Application has been approved and the Panel finalized.

Obedience & Agility: Karen Johnson reported that the Obedience Trial for Oct. 29th & 30th entries closed today. The Judges are sharing a room and are driving which should cut down on expenses. Harriett Lee is working on stewards and with Robin Patton is arranging for food. The Agility Trial Application has been faxed to AKC. Debbie Burgess will check on that status

Newsletter: Ellen Popkin reported that the newsletter is out. Due to the fact that some of our members live where they don't have high-speed internet, they are still receiving the NL by mail. Currently that is only costing \$10/a mailing. Ellen is still looking for someone to take over the NL. Caroline Cox is a great help with the NL. Sandy thanked Ellen for the wonderful job she has done with the NL – starting from scratch. It is a first class publication!

Awards: There was discussion about the awards given out for AKC titles usually at the Christmas party. Debbie will send out an email to the membership reminding to get new titles to her.

Membership: Suzie Hills reported that there is one membership pending, Nancy Kechner. She needs to attend one more meeting before being voted on.

AKC Delegate: In Peggy Kessler's absence, Harriett Lee reported for her that AKC has approved Reserve Best In Show to begin in July 2012.

Old Business: The Handling Classes were discussed. Only three dogs showed up (2 one night and 1 one night). There was discussion regarding the publicity on this and Sandy stated that in the Spring, participants were polled as to whether they had learned about this from the Newspaper ad. No one had learned of it from the ad so she did not put it in the paper this Fall. Debbie stated that it was on the CAKC Website. It was suggested that there be a Handling Class Committee. Tina DeRosario volunteered to serve on that committee.

New Business: Ellen Popkin, Nominating Committee Chairman presented the slate: Linda King for President, Harriett Lee for Secretary, Board Members: Renee Hoover, Jim Barrett and Pam Dent. Sandy opened the floor for further nominations for each positions and there being none, the slate was accepted as compiled and will be voted on at the Christmas Dinner.

Tina Gaines reported on the Berner Club Drafting Test held last weekend in Crozet. Jim Barrett is President of the local Berner Club and she wanted to commend him on a job well done. There were 25 entries and the trial was very successful despite of the weather on Sunday.



Va. Federation calendars will be available at the holiday party for \$ 4.00 each



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

Board Meeting Nov. 9, 2011.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Burgess passed out the current accounting of the Club's funds. Most notable was the loss sustained by the Obedience/ Rally Trials due in large part to the cost of the Superintendent, Moss Bow.

Show Report: Debbie Burgess reported that we do have rooms for our judges here in town – though it was difficult as there is so much going on in town on our show weekend. She stated that she would have information in the premium about the difficulty in finding rooms and list some hotels in the Waynesboro area. The date the paperwork for the premium list has to be in is January 15, 2012. Linda King is working on trophies and that info will be due before the 15th.

Obedience/ Rally report: Mrs. Lady began by saying she thought the Trials were a great success, despite the financial loss and bad weather on the first day. Mrs. Lee, Johnson and Mr. Bennett agreed. Mrs. Johnson stated that she thought we should continue with the separate trials. There was discussion about changing the date and venue and in the end it was felt to keep the October date and for now the place. There was much discussion on how to cut costs – purchasing our own mats and not using Moss Bow. The possibility of purchasing our own mats will be pursued as we do have space in the storage shed for them. (The ones in the shed are too worn to use.)

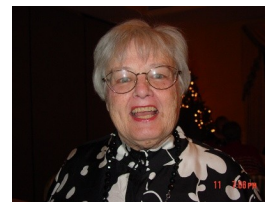
AKC Representative: Peggy Kessler stated she had not heard from AKC about our Friday after Five presence on the Mall. She did state that the raise on monies from entries which AKC had proposed has apparently been tabled. Mrs. Kessler stated that she had purchased the package of AKC Microchips with Scanner several years ago and would donate them to the Club. It was suggested that we offer Microchipping at our show (Karen Johnson stated that there was a Vet. in her Obedience class and she would ask if he would do the microchipping for the club) and also scanning for folks who wanted to locate chips in their dogs.

Membership: Debbie Burgess stated that she had an application from Karen Blair which was read to the Board. The application was given to Ellen Popkin to include in the next newsletter.

Newsletter: Ellen is still hoping someone will step up and take over the Newsletter. She said that two members who were interested in helping have computer issues in the areas where they live so that option won't work. Caroline Cox is willing to help with NL but does not want to be the Editor.

New Business: Sandy Lady stated that it was time to select someone for AKC's Sportsmanship award. The Board took a vote and Mrs. Kessler said she would order the Medallion from AKC. The award will be presented at the Christmas Party.

President's Message



Sandy Lady
President, CAKC

CAKC's first back-to-back independent obedience and rally trial was a terrific success!

Much positive feed-back from the exhibitors, who liked the facility, the atmosphere and, of course, being indoors. In spite of the frightful weather (going over Afton Mountain that morning in the snow and fog was quite an experience), most of our exhibitors showed up and stayed all day.

Special thanks to Karen Johnson, Jim Barrett and to all who came out to help. We're going to repeat this next year, with a little fine tuning.

As we close out the year, I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season, and a healthy, prosperous new year. To our new president, Linda King, and Board member Rene Hoover, welcome aboard. To our departing Board member, Ellen Popkin, who has shared so fully all of her amazing talents, we will sorely miss your presence on the Board.

And to all of our members, who have been so supportive and helpful over the last six years, thanks for all you have done. It has been a true privilege to work with and to serve such an exceptional club.

Sandy

Canine Health - Submitted by Caroline Cox

Is Dog Depression Real?

George and Fritz -- two canine littermates -- spent their entire lives together. In the mornings they squabbled over the tastiest bowl bites. Sufficiently fueled, they then seemed to collaborate on clever schemes, like stealing tennis shoe laces or sneaking into forbidden places. They went on walks together, played and napped side by side.

This went on for 14 years until Fritz died. Suddenly, George no longer acted like the same dog. He slept more, withdrew from social activities and lost interest in his food.

At that point, a visit to the vet was in order. "In such cases, I always begin by looking for a physical cause," said Dr. Raymond Van Lienden, DVM, a veterinarian at The Animal Clinic of Clifton, Va. "I conduct a full examination, do the blood work, run x-rays and analyze the dog's complete health history to see what may be wrong." He added that for dogs like George, no physical malady might show up in the barrage of medical tests. "It's then that we have to look at other possible causes, including grief and depression."

Is Dog Depression Real?

Dr. Van Lienden says that no study has yet unequivocally proven that depression exists in dogs, but he is convinced animals have emotions. "When you come home, your dog may appear happy and excited to see you, and when you scold it, it may slink away with apparent guilt," he said, adding that dog's appear to suffer from physical as well as emotional pain.

A recent University of Portsmouth study further found that pet owners observed emotions like pride, embarrassment, shame and even jealousy in cats, pigs, horses, rabbits, rats and hamsters, as well as dogs. Since mammals appear to experience comparable emotions, depression could be added to the list.

The challenge in diagnosing depression is that symptoms mimic those for many other health problems. These symptoms may include lethargy, weight loss, lack of interest in food, drink and social activities, and a tendency to sleep more. Medical examinations are critical to rule out health problems that may include anything from a chemical imbalance to a thyroid-related condition.

Causes for Depression

According to Dr. Van Lienden, change is usually at the root of canine depression. As for George, the change could be a sudden death, or other disappearance, of a valued dog or human companion. It might be an unwanted change of scenery, such as when the owner moves from one location to another. Or it could be an unwanted addition, like a new baby, pet, or housemate that has altered the dog's routine in some way.

Dr. Van Lienden offered these suggestions for preventing and treating depression in your dog:

- If some kind of major change is forthcoming, try to gradually transition your dog by maintaining its usual schedule and keeping familiar toys and objects at hand/paw. Then slowly introduce your dog to the new person or place, allowing it to sniff and investigate as much as possible.
- If another dog in your family dies, consider replacing it with a new dog, as studies suggest canines enjoy having same species companionship.
- Once your vet rules out medical conditions as a cause for your dog's problems, say something like, "Humor me, doctor. Could my dog be depressed?" Some vets are more open to the possibility than others, so you may have to step in as your dog's mental health advocate.
- In severe cases, consider medications that your veterinarian could prescribe, such as Prozac, which can "buy some time" to get your dog through the worst period.

The good news is that, unlike humans, dogs live more for the moment. Although grief and depression can linger for weeks or even months in canines, the feelings and related symptoms are usually temporary. "Most dogs will overcome the problems on their own," said Dr. Van Lienden. "It may just take a bit of time for them to cope and adjust."

By Jennifer Viegas

Plan to Volunteer! The Agility Trials will be held on March 3 & 4. We need everyone to participate. Approximately 30 volunteers are needed, so it is quite a task for a 60 member organization. To volunteer this year contact Harriett Lee 434.295.4525 or winsmith@embarqmail.com

Canine Health - Submitted by Caroline Cox

Genetic Causes of Canine Mammary Tumors Investigated

Various forms of cancer are one of the most common causes of death in dogs today. But both diagnosis and methods of treatment for cancer in dogs and cats have developed dramatically in recent years.

In his doctoral dissertation at SLU, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, veterinarian Patricio Rivera identifies various risk factors for developing mammary tumors in dogs. Genetic causes, among others, contribute to the outbreak of the disease in certain breeds, including English Springer spaniel, Doberman, boxer, and German shepherd.

Even though this research focused on mammary tumors in dogs, there has been a human connection in many of his studies. Mammary tumors in female dogs are three times more common than breast cancer in women.

Patricio Rivera found that spaying reduces the risk of mammary tumors and that the age of the dog when it is diagnosed and the type of mammary tumor both affect the survival period of the animal.

By studying the ten genes that cause breast cancer in women, he found that the two most common genes in humans, BRCA1 and BRCA2, also contribute to the risk of mammary tumors in female English Springer spaniels.

In dogs he also found a variant of a gene, a so-called haplotype, tied to the immune defense that had a protective effect against mammary tumors. Female English Springer spaniels that carry this gene have a lower risk of developing mammary tumors than others of the same breed.

"It's my hope that this research will ultimately be of significance both for women and female dogs when it comes to diagnosis and treatment," says Patricio Rivera.

The earlier tumors are discovered -- the better the prognosis for survival. Just as women should examine their breasts, dog owners are recommended to regularly check their female dogs for lumps.

Mammary tumors are the most common tumor disease in female dogs, appearing most frequently in middle-aged and older animals. More than 50 percent of the tumors are benign and do not spread to other parts of the body.

The malignant tumors, on the other hand, have a potential to spread and establish daughter tumors in other organs and tissues. The female dog often develops tumors in multiple parts of the mammary glands at the same time, and these tumors can be of various kinds.

The most reliable method of diagnosis is microscopic examination of tissue (biopsy) from the tumor. As a rule, a malignant mammary tumor will be removed by surgery, but the prognosis after the operation is very individual and depends on the nature of the tumor, among other factors.

Spaying at an early age, preferably before the female dog reaches sexual maturity, is the most radical and reliable method to avoid mammary tumors in dogs. The tumor's development is dependent on sex hormones. On the other hand, if the dog is given contraceptive injections or some other hormonal treatment during her life, there is an increased risk of developing mammary tumors.

In his research, Patricio Rivera collected blood samples from 600 female dogs between the ages of two and fourteen years of the English Springer spaniel breed and a number of dogs of other breeds. By comparing the genes of sick and healthy dogs, he found gene variants that impact the risk of developing mammary tumors in the breed under study.

These samples now constitute a unique and important biological material that can serve as a foundation for future research in the field. "At present there are no genetic tests that can tell us which dogs carry genes that predispose them for mammary tumors, but I hope to be able to continue to do research on this," says Patricio Rivera.

Story Source: The above story is reprinted from materials provided by Expert answer (Expertsvar in Swedish), via AlphaGalileo



Crystal Kennels & Dove Hill Labradors are sponsoring an 'ALL BREED' health clinic on December 4, 2011

The clinic will be held at Loudoun Veterinary Service in Purcellville, Virginia

Dr. Nancy Bromberg will be doing CERF Exams (Dogs for CERF exams ONLY. Please no exams for eye problems)

Dr. William Tyrrell will be doing exams for OFA cardiac clearances.

Dr. Bromberg & Dr. Tyrrell are board certified in their specialty field

Dr. Stephen Stang will be taking radiographs for OFA hips and/or elbows.

A mild sedative will be given to dogs being radiographed. Dogs will be able to walk back to their cars. Radiographs for OFA prelims are welcome. We will not have time for pre-anesthetic blood work. If you want this done, please have it done at your regular vet prior to your appointment.

We will also be offering micro-chipping for those who need to meet the OFA & CERF permanent identification requirements or just want to have their dogs micro-chipped. We will be offering Thyroid & Patella checks.

We will also be offering SNAP 4Dx Heartworm/Lyme/Ehrlichia tests.

All dogs attending the clinic must be up to date on vaccines.

These prices are discounted for this date only. Loudoun Veterinary Service will not honor them at any other time. The above prices are for services only. You will still be responsible for the cost of registering your dog's results with the OFA and CERF. Those having radiographs taken & thyroid testing must bring a check made payable to the OFA for submitting the films & the blood samples. Loudoun Veterinary Service will submit them.

Directions:

The address is 1043 East Main Street Purcellville, Virginia 20132 You can use www.mapquest.com to map out directions, or email Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com or call at 540-888-9309. (email preferred)

We ask that dogs arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time to fill out required paperwork. Please bring a copy of your dog's AKC registration form as well as any permanent identification information you may have for your dog, as this is required for the certification.

If you have any questions concerning the clinic contact either Jenifer Witkowski at crystalkennels@gmail.com or (540) 888-9309 or Ann Parris at dovehill@hughes.net or (540) 825-4358

Because of bounced checks at previous clinics, we will not be accepting checks. We also can not accept credit cards for payment of services. Cash only please.

Crystal Kennels & Dove Hill Labradors are sponsoring an 'ALL BREED' health clinic on December 4, 2011

Hip Radiographs: \$150 per dog

Elbow radiographs: (with hips) \$75 per dog

Elbow radiographs (without hips) \$100 per dog

OFA Thyroid tests: \$120 per dog

Any dog requiring general anesthesia for the radiographs will be an additional \$50

Costs:

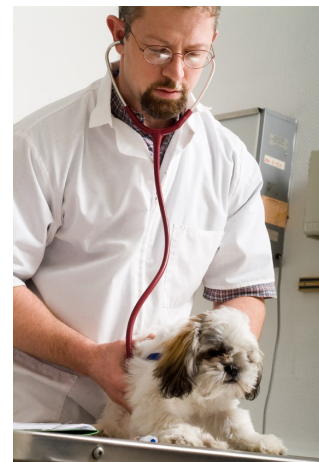
CERF Exams: \$40 per dog

Cardiac exams: \$45 per dog

Micro-chips: \$35 per dog

Patella checks: \$10 per dog

SNAP 4Dx Heartworm test: \$50



Obedience and Rally Trials

Snow in October?? Amazing!!

But, that didn't keep the show from going on as CAKC hosted our first ever stand-alone Obedience and Rally Trials.

The judges were most complimentary of the facility and the exhibitors also voiced very positive comments – stating they would be back next year and would pass trial information along to their Obedience folks.

Karen Johnson, chairperson, stated that several of our CAKC Obedience class participants received legs and/or titles at the trials.

Thanks to all of our members who donated their time and effort to putting on a memorable weekend of obedience and rally events.



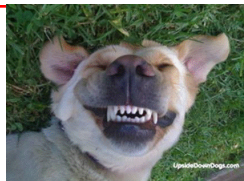
Halloween weekend provided an extra opportunity for fun as the judges donned costumes .



Trophy Opportunities for June Shows Available

The trophy table for the June shows is going to be beautiful and we'd like your help. Our club logo will be etched onto glass pieces. If you would like to purchase a trophy(ies) through the club, you may choose from the following 6 pieces: a 16 ounce wine glass, a 15 ounce stemless wine glass, a half liter carafe, a 7.5" bud vase, a 32 ounce pilsner glass, or a 13 ounce mug. Each piece is \$20. Orders are to be placed with Linda King, trophy chair at ardhis@aol.com or 978-2873. Please know that you are still welcome to provide your own trophy. Linda needs all trophy information by January 11.

Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club



A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale '

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking dog sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the dog replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The dog looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young..I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'
'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.'
'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he lies. He's never even been out of the yard'.

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.

Dec. 14: Holiday Party at Glenmore 6:30 p.m.

It was the last bowl of pasta at the party that did it!



Jan. 11, 2012: Board Meeting
Feb. 8, 2012: General Meeting
Mar. 3 & 4, 2012: Agility Trials
Mar. 14, 2012: Board Meeting
April 11, 2012: General Meeting
May 9, 2012: Board Meeting
June 2 & 3, 2012: CAKC Shows
June 13, 2012: General Meeting
July 11, 2012: Board Meeting
July 3, 2012: First Reserve Best in Show offered by AKC
August no events
Sept. 12, 2012: Board Meeting
Oct. 10, 2012: General Meeting
Nov. 14, 2012: Board Meeting
Dec. TBA Holiday Party, General Meeting

Newsletters:
January, March, July, Sept., Nov.

Waggin' Tails

Note from Ellen:

I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together for the past six years, but unfortunately I will now need to give my time to a project Josh has been working on for three years.

I am looking for someone to take over as editor. I am willing to teach the process to anyone who is willing. Caroline Cox has been invaluable as my assistant and I will speak to her about taking over, but I'm not sure whether her computer is able to handle the requirements. Hopefully, one way or the other she will remain involved and continue with her great articles. The more people involved the better and a committee would be great!

It is certainly time for some new blood and new ideas and I know that there are many capable members out there.

I use Publisher which is part of the Microsoft Office program, but there are many other programs available too.

Please consider this position. We publish five times a year. Only fifteen copies each month need to be mailed and Debbie Burgess puts the newsletter up on the website.

Thanks for your help over the years. I have enjoyed getting to know you all. Please call me or email me with any questions.

434-977-7630 or elfpopkin@aol.com

Tina and Peter DeRosario are happy to announce that "Solais O TIAMARIA finished her AKC championship in August 2011. Her call name is Lacie.

Ch. Wakefield Liza with a Z, Pembroke Welsh Corgi is now a Grand Champion. Breeder/Owner Peggy Kessler

On September 22, 2011 Tara-ridge Living Out Loud, a Rhodesian Ridgeback was Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite for 1 point at Moore County Kennel Club. Lola was 6 months old and is owned by Candace Gartland



Results from the nominating committee for the CAKC Board for 2012 are announced.

The following slate has been nominated by the committee of Ellen Popkin, Nan Bodine and Stacy Sties.

Linda King - President
 Harriett Lee - Secretary
 Renee Hoover - Board
 Jim Barrett - Board
 Pam Dent - Board

The election for the 2012 Board members will be held at the December meeting.

Application for membership:

Karen Blair, 434-971-4741

2700 Leeds Ln.

Charlottesville, VA 22901

English Cocker Spaniels, Keeshond, Rescue Poodle

English Cocker Spaniel Club, Keeshond Club of America



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!

www.cakc.org

cakcsuscribe@yahoogroups.com

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 gkarengary@aol.com



Peter de Rosario has been ill. Please keep him in your prayers.

Handling classes:

Season over.

Obedience Classes:

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