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Paper Cities Kennel Club
Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, Sept.15th at 7:30 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens off of Hwy. K in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct.6th at 7:00 p.m. at Annie's Restaurant in Wausau.

In case of questionable weather or road conditions, contact any officer or board member after 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting to verify whether the meeting will be held.

Announcements

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We will be having a magazine swap at the Sept meeting. If you have any you want to get rid of, bring them to the meeting.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHO(contact)
Sept.1	***PCKC Board Meeting***	***Annies Restaurant***	***Wausau, WI***
Sept. 3-5	Marquette Kennel Club	Marquette, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Sept.4-5	Danville IL KC	Georgetown, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Sept. 3-4	Tri City Kennel Club	Amana, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
Sept. 5-6	Cedar Rapids K. Assoc., Inc.	Amana, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
Sept 4-5	**Timber Ridge Agility Club**	**Amhurst Junction, WI**	
Sept. 6	***PCKC Picnic***	***Jakobi's***	
Sept. 11-12	Pontiac Kennel Club,Inc.	Davisburg, MI	MB-F Inc.
Sept. 11-12	Des Moines KC, Inc.	Des Moines, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
Sept. 11-12	Kenosha Kennel Club, Inc.	Wilmot, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Sept. 15	***PCKC Meeting***	***Willow Springs G.***	***Wausau, WI***
Sept.18-19	Manitowoc Cty. KC, Inc	Manitowc, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Sept.18-19	Rochester MN KC, Inc.	Rochester, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
Sept.18-19	St. Clair Kennel Club	Goodells, MI	MB-F Inc.
Sept.18-19	Greater Lafayette Kennel Club	Lebanan, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Sept.25-26	KC of Colombus, IN	Colombus, IN	Onofrio Dog Shows
Sept.25-26	Sheboygan Kennel Club	Plymouth, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
Oct. 2-3	Monroe Kennel Club	Monroe, MI	MB-F Inc.
Oct. 2-3	Rockford - Freeport IL KC, Inc.	Freeport, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Oct. 6	***PCKC Board Meeting***	***Annies Restaurant***	***Wausau, WI***
Oct. 9-10	Wright County MN KC	Hutchinson, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
Oct. 9-10	Stone City Kennel Club	Morris, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Oct.10-11	Mason City Kennel Club	Mason City, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
Oct. 20	***PCKC Meeting***	***Willow Springs G.***	***Wausau, WI***
Nov. 6	Marian Kennel Club	Fort Wayne, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows

****Interesting Web Sites****

Info Dog Site: http://www.infodog.com/default.htm
American Kennel Club: http://www.akc.org/index.cfm
Merck Veterinary Manual: http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp
Natural Holistic Health Care: http://www.naturalholistic.com/nhpc/index.html
EARS - Emergency Animal Rescue Service: http://www.uan.org/ears/
The Dog Press News: http://www.thedogplace.com/TheDogPress/dogpress.asp
Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin: http://www.wi-tdi-dogs.org/
Amber Alert site for missing dogs: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/
Lost Dogs in Wisconsin: http://lostdogswisconsin.webs.com///
or facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Dogs-of-Wisconsin/395490441240
Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary.aspx
Article on Bloat: http://www.briard.com/about/liebesbloat.html
Site about responsible breeders: http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp_breeding/resources.cfm
Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: http://www.lakeshorecorgirescue.com/castaways.html
Dog Federation of Wisconsin: http://www.dfow.org/newsletter.htm
Dr. Patricia McConnell has a blog for training dogs: http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/
Canine Vision: http://www.uwsp.edu/PSYCH/dog/LA/DrP4.htm
Canine Health Foundation: http://www.caninehealthfoundation.org/
Ask vet about medicines for pets from FDA: http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm205666.htm
Information on Dogs: http://www.doggedhealth.com/
Mushroom poisoning: http://canidaepetfood.blogspot.com/2010/04/mushroom-poisoning-in-dogs.html
I am a breeder: http://www.cvkc.org/News/47FDEA2F-10CA-11DD-B399-000D9378FF9E.html
Breeder's Handbook: Weaning More Puppies: http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc_breeder/2010/spring/handbook.cfm
Hormone Replacement Products affect Pets: http://news.vin.com/vinnews.aspx?articleId=15950
Pet First Aid Reference: http://www.berner.org/pages/dogcpr.pdf
LYME VACCINE & LYME DISEASE: http://www.thedogplace.org/Vaccines/Lyme-Disease1-10062-Jordan.asp
DNR Wolf Alerts: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/mammals/wolf/dogdepred.htm
Foods: http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-reviews/brand/
Pound Seizure: http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/protecting-animals/pa-dcinsider-pound-seizure.pdf

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 8, 2010 **Contact:** AKC Communications **Phone:** 212-696-8343 **Email:** communications@akc.org

AKC AWARDS $45,000 IN VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

-- Scholarships Awarded With Support from Royal Canin, American Veterinary Medical Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and AKC Canine Health Foundation --

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) announced today it has awarded scholarships to fifteen students from ten American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited schools of veterinary medicine. The generous support of Royal Canin, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Canine Health Foundation made the 2010-2011 scholarships possible.

"We've been supporting veterinary students for nearly two decades and we're happy to continue assisting hard-working individuals that have dedicated themselves to the health and well-being of dogs and other companion animals," said Debra Bonnefond, Director of Veterinary Outreach. "Many thanks go to our partnering organizations whose sponsorship year after year makes these scholarships possible."

The AKC Scholarship Program for Veterinary Medicine has existed for 19 years, and the awards are given annually. Each AVMA accredited U.S. veterinary school is asked to nominate four scholarship candidates. From these students, the recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, activities with purebred dogs or related research, and need.

"Royal Canin is privileged to sponsor our U.S. veterinary school students through the American Kennel Club's Veterinary Outreach program," said Jeff Kellerman DVM, MBA, Scientific Support Manager. "As the leader in research and innovation in companion animal nutrition, Royal Canin sees this as an opportunity to continue our commitment to building long-term relationships with the future leaders of the veterinary profession and advancing animal nutrition and care."

"As the largest national veterinarian-directed animal charity, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation's mission is to embrace and advance the well-being and medical care of animals," said Mike Cathey, Executive Director of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. "Veterinary education plays a large part in fulfilling that mission, so we're very pleased to be offering the AVMF Award again this year."

"The AKC Canine Health Foundation strives to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners, so we're proud to provide scholarships for future vets who aspire to do the same," said Erika Werne, Director of Education & Communications. "Named after our longtime director and founder, this scholarship is unique in that it supports students pursuing dual degrees in veterinary medicine and research, two areas of vast importance to AKC CHF."

"Veterinarian support of microchipping pets plays an integral role in responsible pet ownership," said Tom Sharp, CEO of AKC CAR. "We are pleased to award scholarships to these well-deserving veterinary school students as we continue to gain support and build relationships within the veterinary community."

The 2010-2011 Veterinary Scholarship Recipients are:

Chairman's Award ($7,000.00) - Sponsored by Royal Canin:
Emily Meyer - North Carolina State University (2012)

President's Award ($4,000.00) - Sponsored by Royal Canin:
Kristin Coleman – Auburn University (2012)

Dr. Asa Mays Award ($4,000.00) – Sponsored by Royal Canin:
Katherine Megquier – Tufts University (2012)

AKC/AVMF Award ($6,000.00) - Sponsored by the AKC and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation:
Joseph Esch – The Ohio State University (2012)

Robert L. Kelly Memorial Scholarship ($2,500.00) - Sponsored by AKC Canine Health Foundation:
Emily Cathleen Marcus – Colorado State University (2011)
Jonathan H. Wood – University of Pennsylvania (2012)

AKC/CAR Award ($2,500.00) - Sponsored by AKC Companion Animal Recovery:
Jill Cadmus – Colorado State University (2013)
Rebecca Csomos - University of Pennsylvania (2012)

AKC Veterinary Outreach Award ($2,000.00) - Sponsored by the AKC and Royal Canin:
Jennifer Pultz – Colorado State University (2012)
Jared Coren – Cornell University (2011)
Chad Malinak – Louisiana State University (2012)
Heather Grodi – Michigan State University (2012)
Kimberly Hitt – Mississippi State University (2012)
Adam King – North Carolina State University (2011)
Cynthia Willson – North Carolina State University (2011)

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The American Kennel Club (AKC) proudly celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. 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. 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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KC Companion Animal Recovery Reunites Stolen Dog with Owner after Nearly Seven Years

[Friday, September 10, 2010]

Learn How to Prevent Your Best Friend from Being the Target of a Crime –

For the past two years, the American Kennel Club has been tracking the rising trend of pet thefts across America. According to the AKC's National Pet Theft Database, based on customer and media reports, approximately 177 pets have been reported stolen so far in 2010 compared to 162 in 2009 and 71 in 2008. Despite these sobering statistics, however, those pets with permanent identification can be tracked down and returned to their rightful owners.

After "Jake" disappeared nearly seven years ago, Brad and Amy Davis and their three children had given up hope that their family's pet Weimaraner would ever be found. On September 7th, however, Phyllis Arsenault, a recovery specialist from AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR), the nation's largest not-for-profit pet recovery service, called the Davises to say Jake had been found as a result of his microchip being scanned at the Estill County Animal Shelter in Ravenna, Kentucky – over 420 miles and 7 hours from their home in Michigan.

The Davises reported a then nine-month-old Jake stolen on the day after Thanksgiving in 2003. Amy Davis had taken her daughters to get their Christmas pictures taken and returned no more than 45 minutes later. That was enough time however, for thieves to enter the Davises backyard and get away with Jake. The only thing left in the yard was his collar. "He had been a Houdini-like dog in the past," Amy Davis said, "but there was no way he would have been able to get the collar off by himself." Despite offering rewards for his return, the family never received any news or updates about Jake's whereabouts.

Until this week, that is. After calls from the shelter and AKC Companion Animal Recovery, the Davises learned that Jake had been dropped off at the shelter by a gentleman who had found him running in the street. "The really strange thing is that when we got the calls, we had just returned from Kentucky and our son's BMX race – we were only about 100 miles away from him!" said Amy. Since his return, Jake has transitioned back into his family quite easily, even making friends with the Davises' new six-month-old puppy.

"When the shelter staff contacted us I was really glad we had the family's updated information in our database and that we were able to reunite them with Jake," said Phyllis Arsenault, the recovery specialist who handled the case. "When I spoke to Brad, he was just ecstatic about his dog's return."

"We are thrilled to reunite the Davises and Jake after all these years," said Tom Sharp, CEO of AKC CAR. "Jake's homecoming demonstrates how important it is for pet owners to first, verify their pet's microchip is enrolled in a pet recovery service, like AKC CAR that charges no annual fees or record update fees, and second, to make certain their contact information is always up-to-date."

For more information on AKC CAR's microchip and lifetime recovery service call AKC CAR at 1-800-252-7894 or go to www.akccar.org.

Watch the Davis family on the CBS Early Show talking about Jake's remarkable story:
http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6849572n&tag=mncol;lst;1

In response to this continuing trend, AKC offers the following advice to prevent your "best friend" from being the target of a crime.

PREVENTION

In the Neighborhood

Don't let your dog off-leash – Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves.

Don't leave your dog unattended in your yard – Dogs left outdoors for long periods of time are targets, especially if your fenced-in yard is visible from the street.

Be Cautious with information – If strangers approach you to admire your dog during walks, don't answer questions about how much the dog cost or give details about where you live.

On the Road

Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked – Besides the obvious health risks this poses to the dog, it's also an invitation for thieves, even if you are gone for only a moment. Leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only encourage break-ins and possibly allow the dog to escape, even if the thieves don't decide to steal it too.

Don't tie your dog outside a store – This popular practice among city-dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. If you need to go shopping, patronize only dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.

RECOVERY

Protect your dog with microchip identification – Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Thieves will not know the dog has a microchip until a veterinarian or shelter worker scans it so
keep contact information current with your microchip recovery service provider. For more information, enroll your pet in a 24-hour recovery service and sign-up at www.akccar.org.

If you suspect your dog has been stolen – Immediately call the police / animal control officer in the area your pet was last seen and file a police report. If your dog has a microchip, ask to have that unique serial number, along with the dog's
description, posted in the "stolen article" category on the National Crime Information Center.

Canvass the neighborhood – Talk to people in the immediate vicinity where your pet went missing for possible sightings of the actual theft.

Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing – Keep several current photos (profile and headshot) of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.
Contact the media – Call the local TV station, radio station and newspaper and ask to have a web post put out about your missing pet.
DON'T BUY STOLEN PETS
Don't buy dogs from the internet, flea markets, or roadside vans –There is simply no way to verify where an animal purchased from any of these outlets came from. Web sites and online classifieds are easily falsified, and with roadside or flea market purchases not only do you not know the pet's origins but you will never be able to find or identify the seller in case of a problem.
Even newspaper ads may be suspect – Adult dogs offered for sale at reduced prices, for a "relocation" fee, or accompanied by requests for last minute shipping fees are red flags. Dog owners who truly love their animals and are unable to keep them will opt to find a loving home without compensation for re-homing the animal.
Seek out reputable breeders or rescue groups – Visit the home of the breeder, meet the puppy's mother, and see the litter of puppies. Developing a good relationship with the breeder will bring you peace of mind when purchasing. Contacting breed rescue groups can also be a safe alternative if you are looking for an adult dog.
Demand proper papers on your purebred puppy – Ask for the AKC Litter Registration Number and contact AKC customer service at 919-233-9767 to verify registration authenticity of your purebred puppy.

AKC® SYNDICATE

Features

Put Your Paw Print on the AKC Pet Promise

Are you Making Your Pup a Top Priority?
Sometimes, we need a reminder of everything that is required of us in return for the wonderful privilege of having a dog. Dogs bring us love, affection, comfort, security and unrivaled devotion, despite our flaws or past mistakes. So what do we owe them in return?
The American Kennel Club has created AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days to help educate first-time dog owners about the commitment required and to help current owners enhance their relationships with their pet. Each September, all across the country, hundreds of free events are held to commemorate this day and educate people about responsible dog ownership.
Part of this initiative includes the AKC Responsible Dog Owner Pet Promise which brings the tenets of responsible dog ownership to life. It’s an oath that reminds both novice and veteran dog owners that raising a healthy dog is about more than just playtime and pampering. Training, grooming, nutrition, exercise and veterinary care are equally important in nurturing your best friend.
We hope you will abide by the Pet Promise and show your support by signing a copy at a local event or club meeting. To find out where and when AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day is being celebrated in your community, visit our online database of events listed by state at www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/events
The Pet Promise is also available online at http://www.gopetition.com/online/9290.html, and you can print a copy at www.akc.org/rdod.
AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER PET PROMISE.

“As a dog owner, I do solemnly swear:

* I will never overlook my responsibilities for this living being and recognize that my dog's welfare is totally dependent on me.
* I will always provide fresh water and quality food for my dog.
* I will socialize my dog via exposure to new people, places and other dogs.
* I will take pride in my dog's appearance with regular grooming.
* I will recognize the necessity of basic training by teaching my dog to reliably sit, stay and come when called.
* I will take my dog to the vet regularly and keep all vaccinations current.
* I will pick-up and properly dispose of my dog's waste.
* I will make sure my dog is regarded as an AKC Canine Good Citizen® by being aware of my responsibilities to my neighbors and to the community.
* I will ensure that the proper amount of exercise and mental stimulation appropriate for my dog's age, breed and energy level is provided.
* I will ensure that my dog has some form of identification (which may include collar tags, tattoo or microchip ID.)
* I will adhere to local leash laws.”

“Our pets reward us daily with their loyalty and companionship, and they deserve the best care from us,” said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. “Signing the Pet Promise and promoting it in your community is a great way to publicly show your commitment to your four-legged friends!”
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Keeping Your Dog out of Harm's Way

Dogs are curious creatures that are likely to eat and lick things that they probably shouldn’t as well as venture into places that may cause them harm. Ideally, you should always keep a close eye on your pet to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Being armed with the right knowledge is the key to prevention.
Dogs face an increased risk of accidental poisoning because of their natural curiosity and tendency to put things in their mouths. Antifreeze, for example, is sweet to the taste and among the most common household poisons ingested by dogs. There are now safer alternatives available such as the less appealing, bitter tasting antifreeze. See a list of common household poisons. There are some common symptoms of

poisoning that you should watch for, including vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty breathing or lack of coordination. If you believe that your dog has ingested a hazardous substance, you should call your vet immediately.
Some dogs have a tendency to eat plants whereas others simply enjoy digging them out of your garden. While plants may appeal to your pup some can also be toxic to his health like daffodils or wisteria. For dog owners that use any type of lawn treatment please follow the product instructions exactly and do not let your pooch on the treated area for the allotted amount of time. If you happen to be the lucky owner of a digger and also own potted plants, you might try inserting pine or evergreen cones into the dirt or placing aluminum foil over the pot to prevent your pup from doing his own gardening inside the house. The safest way to keep your canine away from your outdoor garden is to build a fence around it, however this is not always ideal. Another alternative is to install an electronic barrier around outdoor areas you want to keep your pet away from. Invisible Fence® Brand offers in-ground and wireless solutions to protect your pet and your garden.
There are many foods that we humans enjoy every day, but can be incredibly harmful if fed to our dog. Some of the most dangerous foods are onions, hops (a plant used in making beer) and grapes or raisins. One way to protect your pooch is to keep him away from the dinner table and refrain from feeding him leftover scraps. Be sure he does not have access to the trash, which can be quite tempting to your curious canine.
Keeping your dog away from busy roads is a huge concern for most pet owners. Well exercised dogs are less apt to get into trouble, but not everyone has a large backyard safe from the dangers of a busy road. One alternative is to find a local dog park which allows you to run your dog while also keeping him safely out of the street. Many owners choose to fence in their yard using either a physical barrier or an electronic one such as Invisible Fence® Brand containment solution. If you do have a yard with a gate, make sure visitors know that opening the door or leaving it unlocked could let your dog loose.
A pool can often be a very inviting place for water-loving dogs. However, it is important that you never leave your pet unattended by the pool. Teach your dog as early as possible to sit, lay down and stay when near the pool. He should also be trained to remain calm when he hears splashing and other water related noises so that he doesn't feel the need to jump in to seek out the source of the commotion. Provide fresh water for him to drink so that he does not get in the pool and lap up large amounts of chlorinated water. You might also want to consider installing a pet security fence if there is a chance your pet can access the pool when you are not around.
Take extra care to pet proof your house even if you do not think your well behaved dog is at risk. Pet free areas can be set up inside and outside your home with electronic avoidance products like Invisible Fence® Brand Shields®. The Shields sends a signal to your dog's customized computer collar to warn him when he is nearing the edge of an area you want to keep him away from. This type of system can protect your pet from getting into toxic food, chemicals or plants as well as keep him from escaping through an open gate or doorway. Ensure that you secure the garbage, keep food out of reach, put your belongings away and make sure that nothing is left out that shouldn't be. Most importantly, train your dog and provide plenty of opportunity for safe activity to keep him mentally stimulated and out of trouble.
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Helpful Tips

Do More With Your Dog: Activities Designed to Get the Entire Family Involved

Owning a dog can be a great way to bring your family together, get exercise and become involved in activities that are enriching for both you and your canine. To get you started, the American Kennel Club (AKC) suggests the following things you and your family can do with your dog.
Travel "canine" style: Pile your family into the car for a daytrip and visit dog-friendly parks, or beaches, (most parks indicate whether dogs are allowed on their web sites). Or if you're up for a bigger excursion, consider a vacation with your four-legged friend. Check ahead for lodging that accepts dogs. If flying, ask about travel accommodations for your dog when you make your reservations. A summary of pet travel policies for major airlines can be found on the AKC website.
Enroll in canine training classes: Puppy kindergarten, agility, obedience, rally or performance courses are great ways to train your dog, and if your entire family attends, all will be on the same page in regard to training techniques.
Encourage breed behavior: Find activities that will encourage your dog to fulfill her breed's purpose – take a Hound on a hike in the wilderness or designate a safe area of the yard for a Terrier to dig.
Responsibilities don't have to be "ruff": Assigning roles and responsibilities to care for your new four-legged friend can help you and your family work together. Decide who will be responsible for feeding, walking, grooming, etc. Prepare a schedule before bringing your puppy home and assign each family member a task. Be sure to rotate tasks each week so that training is consistent and to make sure that everyone gets a chance to bond with the dog in a variety of situations.
Make the annual vet visit a family affair: A trip to the veterinarian can be a good learning experience for the entire family. Routine check-ups will help keep your dog in top form and can also help teach the children a thing or two about the importance of health and well-being.
Additional bonding activities and information on responsible dog ownership can be found on the American Kennel Club Web site at www.akc.org.
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Helpful Tips

Have Dog Will Travel: The American Kennel Club Offers Hotel Courtesy Tips for Pet Owners

From weekend excursions to family vacations, more people are traveling with their pets than ever before. As a result, an increasing number of hotels are allowing owners to travel as a pack with their dogs. The American Kennel Club offers the following canine courtesy tips to ensure that you and your pooch will be able to find a home away from home on your next trip.

Book your reservations at a pet-friendly hotel. Few things are more stressful on a trip than trying to sneak a dog in and out of the hotel. Familiarize yourself with the hotel's policies before you arrive. Typically, hotels that require a deposit will refund your money at check-out after a room inspection. Deposits and fees can vary by number or size of the dogs. Some hotels have size restrictions so be sure to ask before you book your room.

At check-in, ask where you should walk your dog, and make sure you clean up after him. Carry plenty of baggies with you – you don't want to be caught without one! Don't allow male dogs to lift their legs on trash cans or other items on hotel property.

Dogs should be confined in a crate when you are not in the room. If housekeepers stop by to drop off extra towels or to turn down the bed, they won't be expecting a dog and could potentially allow your pooch to escape. Hang the "Do Not Disturb" sign on your door to ensure that no one enters your room.

Do not allow your pet on the beds or couches unless they are covered by a blanket. Bring your own blankets and towels – don't use the hotel's supply on your dogs. And remember, hotel bathtubs are for humans only!

A noisy or destructive dog should not be left unattended in your hotel room. It's common courtesy to keep your pet as quiet as possible and not disturb any of the other guests. Try leaving on the television or radio. Not only are they good "company" for your dog, the noise will also muffle the sounds of people in other rooms or walking down the hallway that may put a barker on the alert.

Set a good example before leaving, and clean up any stray hair and spritz the room with air freshener. Your actions will reflect positively and help protect the rights of all dog owners.

Additional tips on responsible dog ownership can be found on the AKC Website at www.akc.org.

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Subject: Dr. Ian Dunbar Seminar in MINNEAPOLIS 29-31 October 2010

From: Ian Dunbar <ifdunbar@mac.com>
Date: Sunday, September 12, 2010, 1:41 AM

I'm coming to Minneapolis, to give a three-day seminar 29th–31st October. I would be really grateful if you would spread the word amongst the members. J&K Publishers offer attractive group discounts off the regular $270 registration — 10% for five or more people and 25% for 10 or more people. Below I have pasted a brief blurb about the seminar plus an eCard to forward to your colleagues and club members. Hopefully, I'll see a few of you there. You'll absolutely love this seminar — new, exciting and nitty-gritty information.

Ultra mega woofs to you,
Ian

To see my Fall 2010 Schedule, please check out: http://www.jamesandkenneth.com/store/show_by_tags/Events

My Science-Based Dog Training (with Feeling) Seminar Series focuses on the scientific principles of learning but also makes sure that we don't lose our soul in the process. I am so excited about these topics and anticipate that dog training is about to make another paradigm shift. I feel these crucial issues to be massive quality of life considerations for dogs and their owners. Simply put, dogs with behavior, temperament and training problems are forced to lead restrictive lifestyles. Insufficient socialization and training usually means insufficient walks and romps and more surrenders to shelters.

We must not continue to waste puppyhood. Pupppyhood is the time to rescue adult shelter dogs. Also, we must teach owners how to quickly phase out all temporary training tools, so that they have off/leash, verbal control over their dog when it's at a distance and distracted and without the continued need of food, collars and leashes.

Far too many trainers are neglecting the most basic rules of learning — that behavior is driven by consequences and that consequence is binary. So many lure/reward trainers, who neglected to phase out the lure after just a dozen or so trials, end up trying to bribe adolescents — trying to drive behavior by increasing the value of the lure — smellier lures. But it just doesn't work. Behavior is driven by consequences, not by antecedents.

When it comes to consequences, some trainers use rewards only and other trainers use punishments only, or predominately. Certainly reward-only is infinitely more enjoyable than punishment-only but in either case, it's just too silly to try to train with only 50% of possible feedback. Consequence is binary.

The fear of binary feedback is, of course, the specter of bribes or punishment. Some trainers are afraid of using food because they don't want to bribe whereas others don't want to punish because they don't want to inflict pain. However, these assumptions are not necessarily valid. Using food in lure/reward training is simply the quickest, easiest and most enjoyable way to train a dog, or any animal. Food only becomes a bribe when used incorrectly. Unfortunately, far too many people are using food in an attempt to bribe their dogs. Similarly, occasional punishment is necessary for reliability, but by using our voice instead of implements, punishment doesn't have to be and therefore, shouldn't be painful or scary. Instead, softly-spoken reprimands become instructional. Unfortunately, too many trainers still feel the need to use aversive punishments and more disturbing, most aversive stimuli are actually not punishments at all, since they don't eliminate the undesired behavior. Continued use advertises ineffectiveness.

Sadly, the art of training is becoming lost in technology. So many trainers have become technicians administering quantum feedback — clicking clickers, delivering treats, jerking leashes or pushing shocks. Training has become sterile; it's losing its feeling and fuzziness. We have to get back to talking to our dogs — our companions. Verbal feedback is rich and may convey quality and instruction. Furthermore, when we use our voice in training, we simply transcend the constraints of laboratory-generated learning theory.

SBDTwF Seminars describe how to avoid (or resolve) the many pitfalls of puppyhood and adolescence and the quickest and easiest way to teach reliable, off-leash verbal control without the continued use of training aids. Moreover, this seminar rewrites existing laboratory-generated learning theory to revitalize the spirit and soul of dog training in this sterile quantum world of clicks and kibble and jerks and shocks.

In addition to Richmond VA, seminars are scheduled for Kansas City MO, Boston MA, Minneapolis MN, Houston TX and Pittsburgh PA in

Fall 2010 and three 4-Day Academies are scheduled for Anaheim CA in November 2010 and in Philadelphia PA and Chicago IL in 2011. For those of you who cannot make one of my seminars, I have started blogging, vlogging and editing articles for Dog Star Daily. My two latest blogs — http://dogstardaily.com/blogs/lets-just-be-humans-training-dogs and http://dogstardaily.com/blogs/bribes link to four articles that expand on these topics. Please enjoy. I am home for two more weeks before my Fall seminars and so am writing away.

Good Sportsmanship

The Veteran Dog

Permission to post this was given by Terry Russo.

In the short time since the following occurred, I can hardly believe the outpouring of comments and feelings that it has evoked. It all began 6 months ago and came to a head when I attended yesterday's meeting of our local breed club. I wasn't even going to attend the meeting until I noticed when checking the entries on-line that there was a certain lone entry listed... I knew then that I must attend and I must finally speak my mind...and my heart.

I sat down at my computer and carefully composed my thoughts. Tears came to my eyes as I wrote it and I feared that I could not read it aloud to the membership. And that was the case. As the President called out a request for "meeting adjourned", I stood up and said "I have one more thing" and handed the copy to a member who was seated next to me. "I'm afraid I won't be able to read this to you all, but if Lynda would, I'd appreciate it."

The following is what I wrote:

"I see that the *Smiths* have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered.

Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class.

Not one person applauded.
Not one person came up and said anything.
Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat.
Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again - back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions:

"It was nice to see him out there".
Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy".
Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him.

Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make her glad that she brought him. I don't think that's asking too much.

One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun - their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring.

My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again.

Thank you."

Addendum: Hundreds and hundreds have responded to this article from all over the world…owners, breeders, handlers, and judges. But amongst all the kind, heartwarming, and sometimes heartbreaking responses, one has stood out and touched me more than any other…

It was from a lady who told me that she always stayed for the Veteran Dog Class and applauded and congratulated the entries – and she had a favor to ask of me. Would I mind just giving her my boy's call name…so she could always think of him and include him?

Maybe those of you reading this might do the same…in his honor.

He'd like that.

His name is Ajax.

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