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Meetings

The next **General Meeting** of the Ann Arbor Kennel Club will be held **7:30PM** on **Thursday, June 3rd** at the Scio Township Fire Hall.

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Member News

Holy Smoke, Batman! Did we ever have fun over Memorial Day at Kazoo! **Sharil Coffee Bean, "Folger"**, was WD, BOS at the Saturday show for a 3 point major under Charlotte Patterson. His sister, **Sharil Silly Bean, "Sieva"**, was WB, BW, BOB for 3 points the same day. By photo time, Mrs. Patterson was referring to Sieva as "my girl."

On Sunday, Sandra Goose Allen awarded Folger with a 3 point major and BOB for his second major and sister Sieva was WB for a single point. After actually posing both Cheryl and the dog for the photo, she said Folger was her kind of Lhasa. But they made us take them home anyway. Brother and sister are bred and owned by Cheryl and me.

Highlander N Fusions Ruby Tuesday was WB at the Holland Michigan Kennel Club show and **CH Highlander's Diamonds R'Furever** was BOS two days in Kalamazoo and BOB the other two days. Bred/Owned by **Brian & Anne Palmer**

Ch. Domino's Luck of the Draw

(Papillon) placed 1st in Rally Excellent A at our Papillon Nationals on May 5, this finishes his RE title.

He also placed 2nd in Obedience, Novice B at our Papillon Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa on May 5, 2010. His first CD leg.



Sun-bathing is for the dogs !!

Debunking 6 myths about dog nutrition

A 14-year study that was recently published in the [Journal of the American Veterinary Association](#) (JAVMA) reports that dogs that were fed in a manner that helped maintain their ideal body weight throughout their lives had a median lifespan of 1.8 years longer, and were considerably healthier than their littermates. While making the connection between eating less and longevity isn't exactly a news flash, it is more solid proof that feeding our dogs the proper amount of a nutritious brand of food will help them lead healthier and longer lives.

But with so many dog-food options available, from raw and dehydrated to grain-free and single-source protein, what is the best diet for our canine companions? According to Mike Grant, the nutritional science director for [SeniorPetProducts.com](#), several dog nutrition myths have been debunked in recent years. Here's the scoop:

1. A raw meat diet is best. Many people continue to believe that dogs require a diet of raw meat to be healthy. The fact is that today's domestic dog is no longer a true carnivore. This means that a diet of raw meat alone is no longer able to meet nutrient requirements. Today's dog does need a meat-based diet; however, small amounts of grains, like rice, oatmeal, pasta, vegetables, and fruits are a normal and a desirable part of good dog nutrition. It is also untrue that dogs can not digest cooked or processed protein. Dogs have no problem using the protein in cooked meat.

2. Raw eggs are a no-no. This issue continues to whip up some serious debate, even among experts (eggsperts?). The risk of salmonella poisoning is the primary concern that is raised, but because dogs have much shorter digestive tracks than humans, they are far less susceptible to salmonella poisoning. Eggs are an excellent source of protein for dogs and the occasional addition of a raw or boiled egg to a dog's diet can actually be quite good for them.

3. Dairy products are unhealthy. Some dogs are lactose intolerant and may not be able to digest foods that contain high levels of lactose. Cottage cheese and yogurt are both low in lactose and can be excellent sources of calcium for dogs.

3. Fat is full of empty calories. In reality, fats are highly digestible and the main source of energy for dogs. One gram of fat provides 2.4 times the energy of one gram of protein or carbohydrates. Fat is also essential for the proper absorption of vitamins A, D, E and K. Omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids are two examples of low-saturated fats that are essential to maintaining a dog's good health. Read more: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/pets/detail?blogid=48&entry_id=61277#ixzz0II5D9TX8

Breeders' Symposium in Ames Iowa

There is still time to register for the Breeders' Symposium. Click here to register:

<http://support.caninehealthfoundation.org/site/Calendar/274224592?view=Detail&id=100101>

Breeder's Symposium: Iowa State University
Presented by the American Kennel Club and the Canine Health Foundation

Saturday & Sunday, June 5 & 6, 2010

Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Breakfast at 7:30 am)

Sunday 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (Breakfast at 7:30 am)

Check-in opens Saturday at 7:30 am

Cost: \$100 Day 1 Only (includes breakfast and lunch)

\$75 Day 2 Only (includes breakfast and lunch)

\$150 for Both Days

(\$275 for those wanting Continuing Education Credits)

Program Agenda: Day 1

How Structure Affects Performance: Pat Hastings

Breeding Options & Techniques: Dr. Lin Kauffman

Hips, Elbow & Orthopedic Certifications: Dr. Karl Kraus

Canine Ophthalmology and the Importance of CERF: Dr.

Dave Whitley

Managing Genetic Disease: Dr. Matthew Ellinwood

Canine Nutrition: Dr. Joe Wakshlag

Vaccines and Vaccination Protocols: Dr. Christine Petersen

Day 2: Special Session on Reproduction

Basic Pedigree Analysis: Dr. Matthew Ellinwood

Semen Evaluation and Preservation: Dr. Bruce Christensen

Testicular & Prostatic Disease: Dr. Bruce Christensen

Veterinary Management of the Stud Dog: Dr. Lin Kauffman

Pregnancy Management & Whelping: Dr. Bruce Christensen

Neonatal Nutrition: Dr. Joe Wakshlag

Infectious Disease of Puppies: Dr. Lin Kauffman

What I Learned at the Dog Show

Wow -- Got to read this one!!

http://humanewatch.org/index.php/site/post/what_i_learned_at_the_dog_show/

Federal PUPS legislation introduced

Legislation introduced. U.S. Senator Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) introduced US Senate bill S. 3424 late Tuesday evening, May 25th. The bill is designed to close the "internet loophole" in the Animal Welfare Act which allows breeders who sell numerous puppies over the internet or directly to the public to avoid the USDA regulation required of other breeder-retailers.

The measure, called the Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act (PUPS) is a complete revision of previous measures by the same name. This bill would require individuals who breed and sell more than 50 puppies a year over the internet or directly to the public to be regulated by the USDA. See here for more information.

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine_legislation/PUPS_legalalert052710.pdf

AAKC July Show News

Please leave July 10 & 11 open.

Liz Martin is our Trophy Chair and she can always use trophy table workers. Sandy Hanson is chairing the Eye Clinic and can use help there as well. Melinda Hart is our Pure Bred Information Booth and can use help answering questions at the table.

Please contact me if you are interested in working at the show. It's a great event to be part of.

Mary Anne

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Watch for Toxins in Your Spring Garden

New York, NY – The Annual Meeting of the AKC Delegates took place on March 9, 2010.

Due to their natural curiosity, their love of digging, and their tendency to consume anything they come across, dogs are at a high risk for accidental poisoning. This can be particularly true in spring, as front gardens and backyards come to life with new growth, and as dogs and their owners spend more time outdoors.

- Toxic bulbs, plants and flowers include tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, certain lilies, crocus, and lily of the valley. [See a detailed chart here.](#)
- Harmful fertilizers and ground cover include cocoa mulch, blood meal, bone meal, and any fertilizer containing disulfoton or organophosphates.

Store all poisonous substances in your home, garage, and yard out of reach of your curious canine, and block access to potentially harmful bulbs and flowers. If you suspect your dog has ingested a poison, call your veterinarian at once; or dial the Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680.

Breed Spotlight

Siberian Husky (Working Group)

- **Original Purpose:** Sled dog
- **AKC Recognition:** 1930
- **Temperament:** Friendly, gentle, and alert
- **Did You Know:** Siberian Huskies served valiantly in the Army's Arctic Search & Rescue Unit during WWII and in the Byrd Antarctic Expeditions.
- [Read more about the Siberian Husky.](#)

DON'T YOU DARE STEAL MY JOY

by Connie Cleveland

On the occasion of my tenth anniversary, my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us.

At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table.

He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!"

That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner. I took her advice and put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.

Are you a joy stealer?

"You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner.

"I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score."

"I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you."

"I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance," said to the winner.

"Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner.

"Boy, aren't you glad Mrs Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won."

"You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy."

"That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.

Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream.

"No Basset Hounds get UD's," said to the owner of the Basset in Utility class.

"I've never seen a Rottweiler that could do fronts and finishes", said to the owner of the Rottweiler practicing fronts and finishes.

"Do you have any idea how hard it is to get a UD and a Master Hunter? Do you know how few people have ever done it?" said to the first time dog owner setting out to do both.

When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, "No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion." My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn't it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I received when those last 35 points were earned?

If you are willing to destroy someone's dream, perhaps you don't realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment.

My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles. "Darn it," I said, as he came out of the ring, "she didn't even try to find the right one!" "Oh", he replied, "but, weren't her heeling and signals wonderful?"

Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, "What did you think?" That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.

I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in (the coming year). Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the landmines of injury, failures and other setbacks. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don't let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days

Chairman's Report

-- Join Us for AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days This September – New York, NY - Planning is under way for our 8th annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days. We invite you to join us in celebrating responsible owners everywhere this September by hosting an event in your area. Nearly 600 clubs and other dog-related organizations hosted an AKC RDO Day in 2009 and we expect even more to participate this year. Our flagship event will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina on September 25, 2010.

These entertaining and interactive local events range from small efforts to large-scale fairs, including everything from demonstrations of AKC Rally®, Agility, Obedience and Herding; appearances by Law Enforcement K-9s and Military Working Dogs; Meet the Breeds; and AKC Canine Good Citizen® testing; to educational Q&A sessions; Safety Around Dogs presentations; and games and activities for kids. The first 500 clubs to sign up will receive a free kit filled with educational materials and other handouts for your event.

The importance of AKC RDO Days is twofold: not only are we building a groundswell of support for responsible dog ownership, but we're also discouraging restrictive dog legislation - all this while providing both new and long-time dog owners with basics on training, grooming, micro-chipping, dog events, and more. The event establishes your club as a resource in your community for local legislators. The AKC often touts "deed, not breed" in its dealings with legislators and most bad "deeds" can be prevented by the kind of education and information disseminated at AKC RDO Days events.

This year AKC Canine Partners enrollees will play a key role in RDO Days. Although mixed breeds have always been welcome at these events, now that all dogs are competing in AKC Companion Events, your club could potentially draw an entirely new audience to your event by including mixed breeds in your dog sport demos, which may attract new membership to your training club! The AKC Canine Partners brochure will be included in the AKC RDO Days resource kits along with enrollment forms, allowing you to reach out to more dog lovers than ever before this year.

Take advantage of social media to promote your AKC RDO Day event as well. Event invites and reminders on Facebook are a great way to promote your event and get the word out to club members, friends and others in your area. We encourage you to share your AKC RDO Days ideas, event recaps and any media coverage with us by posting on AKC's Facebook page or messaging us on Twitter at @akcdoglovers. Send us pictures and videos from your event and we'll post them on AKC's Flickr and YouTube pages. If your club is posting regularly about your event on any social media site, let us know and we will follow you!

Much is happening this year - allowing us to promote responsible dog ownership as never before! We urge you to get involved - sign-up only takes a few minutes at <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/> and you'll join hundreds of other clubs dedicated to the AKC's important responsible dog ownership message.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

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AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

May 6, 2010

To All Conformation Judges:

In accordance with the Rules Applying to Dog Shows the first Grand Championship points will be awarded beginning on May 12, 2010. This program comes at an opportune time as entries year to date have declined by over 30,000. For many owners there is little incentive to continue to exhibit dogs that have completed their championship title. All exhibitors do not have the financial means or desire to extensively campaign a dog in pursuit of top rankings. In addition many exhibitors are restricted in the number of dogs they can keep and this will allow them to show their dogs and continue to compete in AKC events. This title permits up to four quality dogs to be recognized without extensive travel as the Grand Champion title can be earned at all shows with Best of Breed competition.

Grand Championships was enthusiastically endorsed by the Board of Directors and then presented to and voted on favorably by the delegate body. Upon the delegates approval Grand Champion became a part of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Since all AKC judges are expected to judge in accordance with the Rules Applying to Dog Shows the entire judging community will be an integral part of this program's success and how well exhibitors receive this exciting new title opportunity. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this program do not hesitate to talk with a member of the Executive Field Staff or contact me.

The documents listed below should provide clarity and understanding of the Grand Championship program that is being implemented on May 12, 2010.

1. AKC Grand Championship Program provides an example of judging procedure.
2. Explanation for Exhibitor & Judges has more detail and is exhibitor friendly.
3. Grand Champion Judging Sequence is available and formatted to print on index type card.

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