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Meetings

The next **General Meeting** of the Ann Arbor Kennel Club will be held **7:30PM** on **Thursday, September 2nd** at the Scio Township Fire Hall.

There will be a Program and there will be Pizza at the meeting.

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Member News

At the Lorain Co. KC show (8-15-10), **Sandy Hanson's** newest dog **Fredo (Brynlea Bada Bing)** went WD, BOW & BOB over a special and then on to a Group 2 under breeder judge Janet Robinson. Not to be left out of the spotlight, **Maddie (Willowisp Brynlea Singularity)** went WB & BOS. It was a miserably hot day (over 92*) with little or no shade. Despite the heat, both dogs held up better than Mom. **Sandy Hanson**

Highlander N Fusions Ruby Tuesday was BOW at the Sugarbush Kennel Club show and **Highlander's Take A Chance On Me "Chunky"** won BOW at the Sturgis KC. This was Chunky's first show. Bred/Owned by **Brian & Anne Palmer**

Mary Anne Brocius has her first litter of OES in 4 years. 9 puppies 5 girls and 4 boys. They were born on August 29th and 30th. Mother and puppies are doing fine.....

Breed Spotlight

Basset Hound (Hound Group)

- **Original Purpose:** Hunting dog
- **AKC Recognition:** 1885
- **Temperament:** Gentle, sweet, and devoted
- **Did You Know:** In trailing ability, the accuracy of the Basset's nose is second only to the

Bloodhound.

Learn more: [Watch a video](#),
[see photos](#), or [read about the history](#) of the Basset Hound.

Happy Dog !!

Tackling Canine Osteosarcoma

Osteosarcoma -- a bone cancer referred to as OSA -- occurs in dogs (and children) and is the eighth most common form of childhood cancer. The cause of OSA is unknown and accounts for about five percent of all canine tumors. It is the most common bone tumor found in dogs and is listed as a top health concern by dog clubs in the U.S.

Each year, eight to ten thousand cases of canine OSA are reported. It can affect all dogs, but the frequency is higher in larger dogs. An OSA tumor is usually difficult to diagnose until it has become quite large. Some symptoms of OSA can include decreased appetite, vomiting and general lethargy, as well as a swollen or lame limb.

OSA is characterized as a highly metastatic-type of tumor that typically grows quickly and can be very painful. Tumors can easily spread to the lungs and other areas of the body. Prognosis for recovery or survival of OSA varies by dog and is based on many factors.

Treatment of OSA for both dogs and children usually involves chemotherapy and amputation of the affected limb. Amputation can be a good option for an otherwise healthy pet and many go on to lead a quality life. (Dogs tend to do well with amputation because they do not experience the emotional response that humans often do after losing a limb.)

[The AKC Canine Health Foundation](#) (AKCCHF) is currently funding two significant OSA research projects to:

- **Evaluate the efficiency of a potential drug** for treating the disease. This drug is using gene-based therapy that activates the immune system to prevent or delay recurrence and metastatic spread.
- **Identify genetic changes** in the bone tumors themselves. This will allow researchers to develop genetic tests for OSA, which will then lead to a better understanding of the disease, enabling development of more targeted treatment options.

Over the years, the AKCCHF has funded more than 20 individual grants for OSA, totaling nearly \$1.7 million. These studies have been successful in locating genomic regions associated with OSA in specific breeds of dogs.

Tackling Canine Osteosarcoma – cont.

This research is a significant accomplishment because researchers can use this information to work toward genetic tests for OSA that will allow treatments to be personalized to the affected dog. The research findings also provide valuable insights into human research because of the similarities between canine and human OSA. Other studies funded by the AKCCHF have investigated potential drugs to treat OSA.

For more information on OSA, visit:

http://www.akcchf.org/pdfs/newsletters/spring_2010.pdf

For more information on the AKC Canine Health Foundation, visit: <http://www.akcchf.org>

AAKC Web Site

The AAKC website needs your dog's help!

The Ann Arbor Kennel Club website will be updated this fall. The dog art will be replaced with photos of members' dogs at popular Ann Arbor locations. Therefore, it is my hope that all of you will contribute to this project.

Find a favorite spot in Ann Arbor, take a quick shot of your dog (or you and your dog) and send it to me. Either scanned or digital prints are welcome. Need an idea? Here are a few. Sandy Hanson is planning on taking a photo of her corgis at the dental school. Mary Ann B's OES will be posed at the law school.

As for me, I plan to take a photo of one of my bullmastiffs in front of the stadium with the caption "Big Dog at the Big House." I hope that all of you will participate in this project.

Thanks!

Chris Lezotte

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 Out of Harm's Way

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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July 13, 2010

Dear Club Secretary:

I represent the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders (VFDC&B). Once again we are offering our popular Dog Show Calendar for the upcoming dog show season. This is a 15-month calendar, covering the period October 2010 through December 2011. It covers all AKC all-breed shows.

Over the years this very helpful calendar has been quite popular with exhibitors in planning their show strategy.

Our corporate sponsor for this year is Wolfie's Wild Dog Food. Wolfie's website:

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

Pricing of the calendar is \$3 each to vendors only with a minimum purchase of 100. The cost of postage is extra. All costs must be prepaid prior to the order being shipped. We accept cash, checks, or PayPal.

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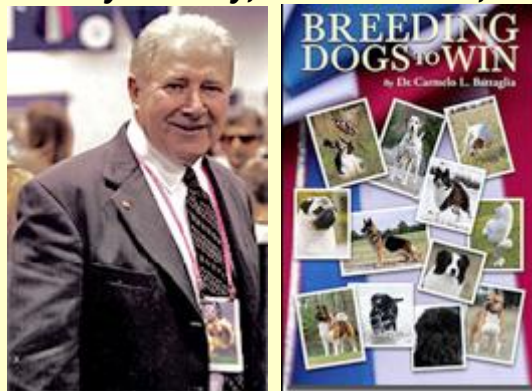
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