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A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet and says "My dog is cross-eyed. Is there anything you can do for him?" The vet says, "Well, let's have a look at him." So the vet picks the dog up while examining his eyes. Finally he says "I'm going to have to put him down." "What? Just because he is cross-eyed?" "No, because he is really, really heavy."



Fall Show & Match Update

Only 2 short months to go to the Fall Show & Match!

The final revisions to the premium list have been submitted and will be mailed next week. An electronic version is on the club website, and on the MB-F website at <http://www.infodog.com>.

The match flyer and pre-entry forms are also on our website.

Match Judges:

Match judges are in the process of being lined up. If you have someone in mind that you know that would like to judge, or is working towards their license, please let Audrey Bye, Terri Jenkins, or Diane Johnson know.

The following have agreed to judge at the match:

- Lois Fair, Aiken, SC Obedience
- Marion Daniel, Evans, GA Sporting Group/Breeds
- Nanette Johnson Herding Group/Breeds

Trophy Sponsorships

We still need to collect a few trophy pledges for the Fall Show. Please help us out and mail your check to Gloria Janda.

- Carolyn Overstreet \$30.00
- Eva Rapp \$15.00
- Toni Reese \$27.50

Meeting Highlights

The July Summer Party was held on Wednesday, July 11th at Logan's Roadhouse. It was a long dinner, but we were in good company, so the time flew by!

Congratulations to Toni Reese, winner of the 2007 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award!

Kibbles & Bits

Want to be able to create show and trial entry forms that are neat, legible and fast?

Then visit <http://www.OakLines.com> and click on Express Entries. It's a FREE service, and once you have entered your dog(s) in the database, creating a new entry form takes just seconds.

All you have to do is log in, fill in the show name, the fees and classes you want to enter. Then print out your entry form, sign it and drop it in the mail with your entry fee. It's easy to use, and it makes for fewer errors when the superintendent or secretary can easily read the entry form. Try it out on your next show!



Anti-Dog Legislation

COMING SOON TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

by Audrey Bye

It's been a long year for those fighting the anti-dog legislation that has been spreading through the US like wildfire. It's hard to find a state that doesn't have something in the works, some new

bill to take away the rights of responsible dog owners, because of the actions of a few irresponsible owners.

Probably the most radical and frightening of these laws this year has been AB1634, The Healthy Pets Act (California), which would have required mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs and cats over 4 months of age, statewide. AB1634 would have been a death knell for the dog fancy in California, and came dangerously close to becoming law. Too close for comfort. It has been withdrawn for remainder of 2007; however, bill sponsor Lloyd Levine assures that the bill will be back in 2008. Florida legislators are now rumored to be working with Levine on a similar bill for the state of Florida.

In other states, Texas has seen dangerous dog legislation introduced that would have made a first bite a felony offense for the dog's owner, with massive fines and mandatory jail terms. A modified version of the law was passed, against strong opposition from the dog fancy and dog owning public. Now Oklahoma has a similar bill being introduced, which includes a \$10,000 fine and a 1 year mandatory jail sentence for a first offense.

Louisville has seen the enactment of an animal control law with pet limits, severe restrictions on the keeping of intact animals, licensing of in-home kennels, extreme differential licensing fees and vague definitions.

These are but a handful of the anti-dog laws introduced or passed this year. Dog owners are under attack like never before, and even though most of us find dealing with local lawmakers outside of our comfort zone, it has become a necessary evil.

So why does it matter what is going on in other states? First, because many of us travel with our dogs. Even passing through, we are subject to the laws of those states, counties and cities. Second, because once those bills pass into law, they become models for other states and localities to follow. If history has proven one thing, it is that anti-dog legislation spreads like a cancer. Once it gets a foothold, other governments elsewhere copy it. Third, because once a bill becomes law, it is easy to modify with lobbying from the animal rights groups. Anti-tethering laws can be expanded to include dog runs and pens, then crates and cages. Breed bans start with pit bulls, and then other breeds get added through amendments. Data from mandated licensing gets housed in national databases, which has been sold and used against owners by insurance companies.

So why is this happening? Why do legislators want to take away our rights to our dogs? What have we as fanciers and breeders done to bring all this down on our heads? The fact is there are problems - irresponsible owners that breed indiscriminately, owners that treat their pets as disposable and contribute to highly publicized shelter euthanasia rates, and owners that treat their dogs badly. Sometimes a highly publicized incident spurs lawmakers to immediate action, without input from the community and dog fancy. However, these problems are caused by the minority of pet owners, and it makes absolutely no sense that the majority of responsible pet owners lose their rights for the actions of the few.

Enter the Animal Rights organizations. While many of these laws may make sense at first glance to the average pet owner, it is important to know who is pushing them and backing them. Groups like the HSUS and PETA have become organizations led by animal rights radicals who want to take away our rights to our pets. They make no secret of the fact that they want to put an end to pet ownership, and pushing for anti-dog legislation is their modus operandi. Sadly for those of us in the dog fancy, these groups are well funded, well organized, and have a long range operating plan that most corporations would envy.

"Addressing the real issues of crime, poverty, animal abuse, ignorance, greed and man's lust for violence is far too daunting a task for most people and so we blame the dogs for our societal ills."
~Karen Delise



"If you talk with the animals, they will talk with you and you will know each other. If you do not talk to them, you will not know them, and what you do not know you will fear. What one fears, one destroys."
~Chief Dan George



First they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me.
~ Martin Niemöller

The answer to all of these problems is not more laws. In the words of Thomas B. Reed (1886), "One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils of this world are to be cured by legislation." History has also shows that these kinds of laws cost taxpayers more money to enforce, punish responsible owners, and in all likelihood, will still not be followed by the owners upon which they need to be affected. In most states, there are already leash laws and dangerous dog laws that are sufficient, if they are enforced.

The answer is education. Just like with drunk driving, the answer is not to take vehicles away from everyone who drives a car, but to educate, educate, educate. Punish the offenders with laws that are enforceable and that are aimed at the minority of drivers that do not follow the laws and endanger others. The dog fancy must step up to help teach owners about responsible pet ownership. We must ask states to enforce laws that are already on the books before enacting more laws. We must work with our community legislators to encourage reduced rate or free spay/neuter programs for pets and economically disadvantaged citizens. We must get involved in the legal processes in our communities, even though we don't like it. As breeders, we must mentor and teach people to breed responsibly. As clubs we must participate in pet related community events and show people first hand how rewarding to a family a good relationship with their pet can be.

More recently and closer to home, Atlanta has been thrust into the national spotlight, with Atlanta Falcon quarterback Michael Vick being charged with some of the most barbaric treatment of dogs many of us have ever seen. Also, the recent killing of a Down's syndrome child by a neighbors chained rottweiler occurred while the crack addict mother admittedly slept off her drug binge from the night before.

In the coming months, expect to see bills introduced in Georgia to mandate mandatory spay/neuter, breed specific bans, and anti-tethering. The AR groups have already begun stating their agendas for Georgia, so get ready, because it is coming.

ATTS Test Update

The ATTS test has been re-scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2007 and will be held at the Eisenhower Ball Field in Augusta. We are currently waiting on approval from the ATTS. More details in next month's newsletter, and info on how to enter your dog.

We will need several volunteers to run the test, so please mark your calendars!

Event Calendar

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, at the Wachovia Bank Building in Daniel Village. Board Meeting will start at 7:00 pm, followed by the Regular Meeting @ 8:00 pm.

Following the regular meeting, time permitting, will be the remainder of the DVD presentation of Dogsteps, What to Look For in a Dog, by Rachel Page-Elliott.

As always, the public is welcome at our Regular Meeting and at Education portion of the evening.

AREA EVENTS

The Carolina Kennel Club & The Greater Hickory Kennel Club will be hosting a B Match on Saturday, August 11, 2007 30 minutes after Best In Show. Pre-entries \$6, day of show \$7. Mail entries to Kay Lackey, 925 Clark Rd., Snow Camp, NC 27349, or pre-enter at the Hickory Kennel Club show on Friday from 11am-2pm.

Responsible Dog Owners Day - The Augusta Kennel Club will be partnering with Augusta Animal Services to host a joint event on Saturday, September 29th at the AAS facility in South Augusta. More information on the exact times, but if you would like to help out at this event, please contact Carol Cox.

Be Careful What You Wish For!

As an elderly lady sat on her front porch reflecting on her long life, a Fairy Godmother suddenly appeared and offered to fulfill three wishes for her.

After a few minutes of thought, the woman said, "Well, I guess I'd like to be rich."

POOF! The Fairy Godmother waved her wand and filled her coffers with gold, and turned her home into a luxurious palace.

"And for your second wish?" asked the Fairy Godmother.

"I wouldn't mind being young and beautiful."

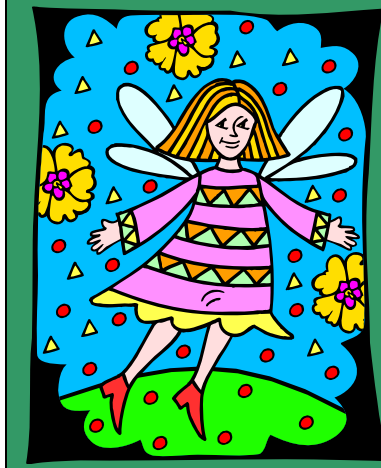
POOF! The Fairy Godmother waved her wand again and turned the old woman into a beautiful young woman.

"And now for your final wish?" asked the Fairy Godmother.

"Could you possibly turn my wonderful, loving and faithful dog into a handsome prince?"

POOF! The Fairy Godmother waved her wand for the last time and there in the dog's place stood the most handsome young man anyone had ever seen. She stared at him in awe, completely smitten.

As he came toward her, her knees weakened. He bent down, brushing his lips across her ear as he whispered, "I'll bet you are sorry now that you had me neutered!"



A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a new litter of Labrador puppies. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were three boy Labrador puppies and four girl Labrador puppies."

"How did you know that?" his mother asked.

"Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it is printed on their bottoms."



GENUINE MISPRINTS TAKEN FROM REAL PUBLICATIONS

FREE PUPPIES: part German Shepherd - part dog .

FREE PUPPIES: ½ Cocker Spaniel - ½ sneaky neighbor dog.

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER, 8 years old. Unpleasant little dog.

GERMAN SHEPHERD, 85 lb., neutered, speaks German, free.

FOUND: dirty white dog, looks like a rat, been out awhile, better be a reward.

CUTE KITTEN FOR SALE, 2 Cents or best offer

FREE: Farm kittens, ready to eat.

KITTENS 8 WEEKS OLD - seeking good Christian home.



Columbia County's Animanía Pet Fair will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 11 am-4 pm behind the Columbia County Library in Evans.

Want to know what our club is up to? Check out the event calendar on our website at www.augustakennelclub.org. The event calendar is regularly updated with information on our future events, and also includes a handy list of upcoming shows in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Braggs

- ✿ Angie Hubbard & Niko (Dachshund) finished their RN title and Q'd for their 1st Rally Advanced leg in Savannah!
- ✿ Terri Jenkins and Peyton (Shih Tzu) took his second major and finished his AKC championship!

Congratulations to our members and their dogs on their accomplishments!

American Kennel Club News

EDUCATIONAL MATCHES

The American Kennel Club® has announced that an AKC® "Educational Match" will be held Saturday, September 29th on the grounds of the Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton, N.J. AKC held the first Educational Match in Raleigh, NC in March 2007.

The purpose of these events is to offer the general public and new exhibitors a friendly forum in which to learn about the sport of purebred dogs, and to provide AKC clubs with a template that they can emulate in their communities.

Attendees will learn how to groom, train and show their dogs with the help of AKC staff and local area AKC club members. The educational portion of the event -- running 9 a.m. through noon -- is free and open to anyone with an interest in dogs. Planned activities include:

- ✿ Handling classes for adults and juniors
- ✿ Grooming demos and one-on-one tutorials
- ✿ Dog show 101 classes – how a dog show works, descriptions of different classes how to become an AKC Champion
- ✿ Dog show entry assistance from an AKC licensed superintendent
- ✿ Equipment advice – breed specific advice on equipment and tools
- ✿ AKC Canine Good Citizen information and testing
- ✿ Agility, Obedience and Rally demos

Local clubs are invited to participate with grooming, training and handling demos as well as mentoring at the AKC booth or at a club table where members can provide literature about their club and upcoming events. All clubs that provide significant participation in assisting with this match or its educational activities will be credited for holding an AKC sanctioned match. To date, the following clubs have confirmed participation:

- ✿ Central New Jersey Hound Association
- ✿ Chihuahua Club of Mid Jersey
- ✿ Garden State English Springer Spaniel Club
- ✿ K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County
- ✿ Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey
- ✿ Meadowlands Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
- ✿ Morris & Essex Kennel Club
- ✿ Newton Kennel Club
- ✿ Plainfield Kennel Club
- ✿ Raritan River Akita Club
- ✿ Shih Tzu Club of Northern New Jersey
- ✿ Somerset Hills Kennel Club
- ✿ Sussex Hills Kennel Club
- ✿ Twin Brooks Kennel Club

"Many people enjoy watching dog shows on TV but don't realize that it's a fun, family sport that is easy to get involved in. Learning to show your dog can be

intimidating to a novice so we are holding this unique event specifically to create a welcoming and educational environment for newcomers," said Gina DiNardo Lash, Assistant Executive Secretary of the AKC.

"We are very thankful to the clubs who have already volunteered the assistance of their dedicated and experienced members, and hope we can count on support from other clubs in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania."

JULY 2007 AKC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 🐾 The Board reviewed a number of current Fees. As the current Event Service and Recording Fees cover a very small percentage of the expenses related to the administration of events, the Board discussed how any increases to these fees could be held to a minimum. At the same time the Board is considering a reduction in event application fees, which are more onerous for clubs with small entry events. The Board also looked at registration transfer and lease of bitch fees, as well as the Open Registration Fee. Any of the above fees could be changed at the August 2007 meeting with a future effective date.
- 🐾 The Board approved several changes to the Obedience Regulations, effective January 1, 2009. They make three current Non-Regular Classes, optional Tittling classes and create a new non-regular Wild Card Class. They also create regional events at which dogs may qualify for the National Obedience Championship (effective July 1, 2008). The complete changes are included with the minutes of this meeting.
- 🐾 The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) was added to the list of domestic registries with pedigrees for dogs whelped in the United States eligible for AKC registration. This would not apply to Irish Setters until AKC hears further from the Irish Setter Club of America.
- 🐾 The Board voted not to approve or disapprove an amendment to the AKC Bylaws, submitted by the Bayou Kennel Club, to remove term limits for AKC Board members. The proposed amendments will be read at the September 2007 meeting, and voted at the December 2007 meeting without a Board recommendation.
- 🐾 Since 1996, AKC has awarded medallions for dogs earning all of their championship points in the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class. Beginning in January 2008, special medallions will be awarded to breeders who have won five and ten of the original Bred-by-Exhibitor medallions.



AKC TO HOST EUKANUBA WORLD CHALLENGE AT AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that it will host the inaugural Eukanuba World Challenge in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, Calif. on December 1-2, 2007. This exciting new international competition, which will feature the top dogs from 40 countries, is the first event of its kind.

"The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship started out as a show for the U.S.'s finest dogs and has grown into a prestigious event featuring some of the world's greatest canine competitors," said Michael Canalizo, Director of AKC Event Management. "We are delighted to add this new special attraction to the show and we are especially pleased that Eukanuba is generously underwriting all travel costs for

these 40 top international dogs to attend and compete at our event."

The Eukanuba World Challenge is sponsored by Eukanuba with the cooperation of The Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI). Eukanuba will provide an all expenses paid trip for each dog and two of its owners to attend the competition. The eligible countries include 37 FCI recognized countries in addition to the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

Each of the participating countries can select the competing dog based on a ratings system of their choice, or they may designate a show where the Best in Show winner will receive this honor. For instance, the AKC has designated the winner of the previous year's AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to represent the U.S. in the Eukanuba World Challenge (if that dog is unable to compete, then the Best Bred-by-in-Show winner will be invited).

Anne van Merkensteijn, Associate Marketing Director for Eukanuba Europe stated that "this unique event is possible because of the AKC's efforts and the cooperation of the kennel clubs participating in the Eukanuba World Challenge through the assistance of The Fédération Cynologique Internationale. All of these parties are

cooperating together with Eukanuba to ensure that the crème de la crème of purebred dogs attend this unique competition."

The competitors in the Eukanuba World Challenge will be divided into three classes based on their geographic region: 1. Europe, 2. Asia and Australia and 3. the Americas. One dog will be selected from each of these three regions to compete in the Eukanuba World Challenge finals.

The winner will be awarded the title of "Eukanuba World Challenge Champion" and \$10,000. There is a \$3,000 prize for the runner up and \$2,000 for the second runner up. All international competitors of AKC recognized breeds will also receive an invitation to compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. International entries who qualify, will also be eligible for the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show competition.

Eukanuba World Challenge judges will be disclosed shortly on the AKC's web site, www.akc.org.

For more information about the Eukanuba World Challenge please contact Michael Canalizo at mlc@akc.org or 212-696-8213.

Dog Treat Recipes

FROSTY PAWS DOG "ICE CREAM"

Everyone knows ice cream is bad for dogs, but not this recipe! It is good for your canine pals, and the blueberries pack a powerful wallop of anti-oxidants and ellagic acid. Just be sure and use plain yogurt, not vanilla, and do not use artificially sweetened peanut butter. A great summertime treat for your canine pals!

- 🐾 1 32 oz. carton of plain yogurt
- 🐾 2 T. natural creamy peanut butter, with no sugar added (i.e. Smuckers Natural)
- 🐾 1 very ripe banana, peeled and mashed
- 🐾 2 T. dried blueberries or dried cranberries
- 🐾 2 T. honey

Place all ingredients in a blender and process until smooth. Pour into ice cube tray or small, disposable drink cups and freeze until solid. Remove from molds and store in freezer.

TUNA BOW-WOWNIES

Cut these into small, bite sized chunks for training treats. They hold together nicely and freeze well. The dough is sticky, so it helps to flour your rolling pin, or if pressing out by hand, grease your hands first.

- 🐾 2 cans of Tuna Packed in Water, drained (you can substitute salmon, canned chicken or turkey)
- 🐾 2 Eggs
- 🐾 1 t. Garlic Powder
- 🐾 1½ C. Flour

Mix all ingredients in small bowl. Add additional flour if needed to make stiff dough. Roll out to ¼" thick and bake on a greased cookie sheet at 250° F for 30 minutes. Cut into pieces and refrigerate or freeze

PEANUT BUTTER PUPCAKES

- 🐾 1 C.+1 T. water
- 🐾 1 C. natural creamy peanut butter, with no sugar added (i.e. Smuckers Natural)
- 🐾 1 large egg
- 🐾 1 t. vanilla
- 🐾 4 C. whole wheat flour
- 🐾 1/2 C. cornmeal

In a large bowl, whisk together water, peanut butter, egg and vanilla. Stir in flour and cornmeal until well incorporated. In the bowl and using hands, knead until dough holds together. Transfer to a lightly floured surface. Using a rolling pin, roll out dough to about 1/8-inch thick. With a fork, poke holes all over the surface of the dough. Using a pizza cutter or a sharp knife, cut dough into bite-size rectangles or squares. Place about ½ inch apart on baking sheets. Bake in preheated 350° oven, in batches if necessary, for 18 minutes or until firm. Place pans on racks and let cool completely. Reduce oven temperature to 300°. Bake for 20 minutes longer or until hard. Transfer cookies to a rack and let cool completely. Store in a tightly sealed container for up to 30 days. Makes about 1 lb of cookies.

See You At The August Meeting!

