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RDO Day: *New Approach to an Old Favorite*

dog ownership and the demand for dogs has been on a consistent rise during the pandemic. It cannot be underestimated how valuable the human-canine bond has been for people during these difficult times. We have been hearing from breeders that they are encouraged by the increase of demand for purebred dogs, and we are fortunate to see an increase in litter and dog registrations.

AKC staff is working diligently to engage these new owners through various methods. We want to inform them of everything AKC has to offer and educate them on responsible dog ownership. One of the ways to do that is through our AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days. This year we will host our flagship [18th annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day](#) virtually. The virtual event will take place on Facebook and be celebrated across [akc.org](#), [AKCtv](#), and social media, and will feature expert staff members. You are invited to RSVP and be a part of the event on [AKC Facebook](#).

2020 Virtual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day activities will include:

■ **Opening Ceremony** An opening ceremony, introducing what the virtual event will offer and will simulcast on AKC.tv and Facebook Live within the Facebook event.

■ **Ask the Expert** A new episode on AKC.tv and Facebook with master trainer Kathy Santo, answering viewers' questions and sharing training tips.

■ **Digital Interactive Quizzes** Participants can test their RDO knowledge with these digital interactive quizzes.

■ **#ResponsibleDogOwner TikTok Challenge** Follow AKC Dog Star Poppy the Basset in an RDO TikTok Challenge. (Follow [Poppy the Basset Hound](#) on TikTok.)

■ **Enroll Your Dog in AKC Reunite** Find out how to sign up for AKC Reunite's microchipping service and enroll your dog online.

■ **Canine Good Citizen** Learn about



CGC training for basic skills and how to prepare your dog for a CGC Certificate at home.

■ **AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Pet Promise** Complete an RDO checklist and vow to be a responsible dog owner by signing the [RDO Pet Promise](#).

■ **Facebook Live Q&A** AKC experts will answer participants' questions on training,

canine health, [AKC Pet Insurance](#), therapy dogs, and sports and events.

AKC Pet Insurance returns this year as the presenting sponsor of AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days. AKC Pet Insurance is committed to responsible dog ownership and proudly works with the American Kennel Club to promote canine health and well-being. They will highlight the importance of pet insurance and the many ways it helps keep our canine companions happy and healthy.

We hope you will join us and encourage others to do so as well. We are excited to be able to reach dog owners on a larger scale, introduce new owners to the AKC, and further our mission.

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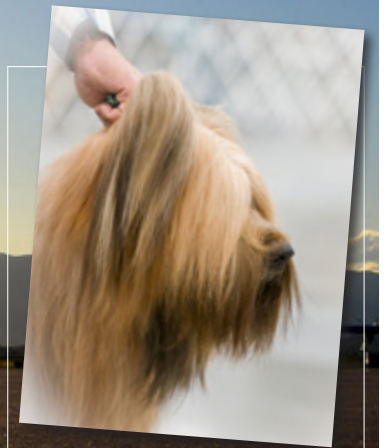
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Call of Duty



The tight bond between K-9 handlers and their dogs is conveyed in this photo by Airman 1st Class Dennis Hoffman, U.S. Air Force.



On Our Cover:
Briard, photo courtesy
Lynda Beam

Because of the timing of our monthly publishing schedule, this is the GAZETTE's only opportunity before Veterans Day to acknowledge military K-9 handlers and dogs who have risked their lives in the line of duty.

In the days leading up to November 11, America's dog lovers will utilize every media platform at their disposal to honor K-9 heroes. Among the ways the AKC will join this chorus

of approval and gratitude is a special episode of the "Down and Back" podcast series. The "Dogs of War" podcast will tell the story of canine valor from the time of Alexander the Great to the present. The script concludes with a passage that nicely sums up the history of dogs in war:

"After tens of thousands of years, the principle of war hasn't changed. And as with every chapter in the human story, dogs have been

key players. As the machinations and tactics of war have become more complex, the more humans draw on the diverse range of skills bred into dogs over the generations, and often over centuries.

"Unchanging through it all is the courage, the unflagging determination, the willingness to work that distinguishes the countless thousands of dogs who've served, and continue to serve, in war."

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Virtual Perfection

Puli Prevails, Police Dogs Profit in Video Dog Show

Owner-handler Jim Moen with Archie

Donald Sturz judged Puli GCh.B Cordmaker Boys Will Be Boys, PT, NAP, NJP (Archie), as Best in Show over an entry of 400 in the second AKC [Virtual Top Dog Challenge](#), completed August 25. Archie is owned by

Jim Moen, Catharine Pronzini, and co-breeders Sue Huebner and Penny Kelly.

Dogs were judged remotely in two classes: 6-to-12-Month Puppy and Open. Sturz gave his Reserve BIS to Cocker Spaniel GCh.S Loma Point

& B-Cubed's Limited Edition, owned by Marco Pasetta; Best Puppy went to Remedy's Perfectly Paired, an Australian Shepherd breeder-owned by Katie Knudtson. This virtual event does not award points toward show championships.

The group judges were Elliott Weiss (Sporting), Celeste Gonzalez (Hound), Paula Nykiel (Working), Wood Wornall (Terrier), Evalyn Gregory (Toy), Johnny Shoemaker (Non-Sporting), Linda Robey (Herding), and Jeff Bazell (Miscellaneous).

A donation of \$8,000, made possible by entry fees and a match by AKC Reunite, will go to AKC Reunite's [Adopt a K-9 Cop](#). The program works with AKC clubs to donate K-9s to police departments.

To enter the virtual event, exhibitors submitted videos of a dog stacked from the front and side, a breed-appropriate display of the bite and mouth, a view gaitting down and back, a free-stack, and a view of the dog circling in profile.

A third AKC Virtual Top Dog Challenge is in the works for October.

Link
[Group winners](#)

Humane Fund Announces Spurling Scholars

The AKC Humane Fund has announced the 2020 recipients of the Sir John D. Spurling Scholarship, celebrating the human-canine bond. Each year, the AKC Humane Fund awards five full-time students enrolled in courses of study that contribute to the well-being of dogs and the advancement of responsible pet ownership.

The scholarship is named in honor of Sir John D. Spurling, chairman of the board of PetPartners, Inc., the provider of comprehensive and affordable pet-health insurance to America's dog and cat owners. "Responsible pet ownership is a hallmark of the AKC Humane Fund, and these five outstanding students are the future generation of responsible pet owners and pet-care professionals," Humane Fund President Doug Ljungren says. "Each of the recipients has demonstrated excellence in their academic records and is dedicated to the well-being of dogs. We are pleased to award them with this scholarship."

The AKC Humane Fund awards

\$2,000 to each of the five scholarship recipients, payable as tuition assistance to accredited institutions where recipients are enrolled in courses of study relating to pet care.

The 2020 Spurling Scholarship recipients are Safari Richardson (North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine), Ryan J. Farrell (Auburn University), Aliyah Diamond (Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine), Caitlyn Rize (University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine), and Jennifer Hansen (Colby Community College).



Caitlyn Rize

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UPDATES



AKC Law Writing Contest Offers \$3,000

The AKC's fourth annual Companion Animal Law Writing Contest is now underway. The contest is open to students enrolled at ABA-accredited law schools, and offers prizes of \$2,500 for first place and \$500 for second place. This year's topics, which include "hypotheticals on the legal status of animals" and "forfeiture as a criminal sanction," offer students the unique opportunity to discuss

real-life examples facing animal owners at the forefront of animal law. Entries will be judged by legal and public-policy professionals with experience in laws affecting companion animals.

"Through many iterations of the contest, we have seen an extremely competitive pool of in-depth analysis of animal-law scenarios," says AKC Vice President of [Government Relations](#) Sheila

Goffe. "These students represent the future of animal law. We look forward to reading this year's responses on these cutting-edge legal issues and encourage those interested to submit their work."

The deadline for entries is 6:00 P.M. EST March 31, 2021. To learn more about the contest, including official rules and policies, click [here](#). You can also follow the contest on [Facebook](#).

Club Development

Have you visited the Club Development pages at [akc.org](#) lately?

The [AKC Club Development](#) department is a club resource for holding successful events, promoting activities, and increasing membership. Whether through sharing best practices and educational materials, providing event-planning support, or directing clubs to AKC subject experts, Club Development helps clubs achieve success. Club Development can provide feedback and guidance on many other issues related to events, show sites, or cluster partnerships.

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Feeding: What Your Puppy Buyers Might Not Know

ST. LOUIS— A survey conducted by Purina found that while most pet-puppy owners know dogs under a year old are considered puppies, the majority do not realize that breed size determines how long their dog is considered a puppy and ultimately how long pups require specially formulated food.

“Puppies have specific nutritional requirements to help support their rapid growth and development. Similar to babies, puppies’ bodies are fast-grow-

ing, but unlike babies, puppies pack all their growth into one to two short years,” says Dr. Callie Harris, a Purina staff veterinarian.

“It’s important to feed a high-quality puppy-food formula for at least the first 12 months and up to 24 months for large breeds.”

This is, of course, common knowledge to GAZETTE readers—but perhaps not to their pet-puppy clients, as the Purina survey results suggest.

Purina’s 2020 Puppy Owner Survey engaged a thousand U.S. puppy owners. Among the survey’s key findings:

Fifty-four percent of U.S. puppy owners have a puppy between 6 to 12 months;

Forty-one percent of puppy owners are aware that dogs up to a year old are considered puppies, but very few realize that breed size affects the length of time a dog is considered a puppy;

Forty-seven percent of small-

breed owners didn’t realize their dog needs to be fed puppy food for up to a year, and 92 percent of large-breed owners didn’t realize their dog requires puppy food for up to two years;

Forty-six percent of puppy owners consider their puppy’s current size when finding the right food, despite the fact that breed size, not current size of an individual dog, dictates the length of time a dog is considered to be a puppy;

For puppy owners who have stopped feeding puppy food, 36 percent believe their puppy has already reached adult size.

The survey also found that, even when they’re not eating, puppies keep their little mouths busy while awaiting the next meal. Seventy-seven percent of puppy owners say their puppy is always chewing on something, 74 percent say their puppy will eat anything that gets too close to their mouths, and 75 percent say their puppy is always on the lookout for scraps of food.

“Puppies like to chew. It’s

CHF Offers Spay-Neuter Webinar

The AKC Canine Health Foundation will present the webinar “Addressing the Spay/Neuter Conundrum in Dogs: Some Breed-Specific and Body Size-Specific Guidelines” at 8:00 P.M. EST Wednesday, October 7. It will provide an overview of the data-based findings from the hospital records of 35 breeds, and the spay-neuter guidelines for each breed and for each weight category of mixed-breeds.

Speaker Ben Hart, DVM, Ph.D., Diplomate ACVB, will offer suggestions for deriving guidelines for breeds not covered by the findings, with the intention of offering a “handbook” for vets wishing to guide clients in making spay-neuter decisions, breeders wishing to advise clients, and for those wishing to acquire a puppy. For more information, and to register, click [here](#).

what they do. Although it may seem that they’re more inclined to eat our slippers or furniture, it’s our job to make sure we’re helping them get the essential nutrients they need,” says Annie Valuska, Ph.D., Purina’s senior feeding-behavior expert. “A few ways puppy owners can do this is by establishing a quiet feeding area away from distractions and temptations, like food prep areas and dining tables, and setting up a feeding routine

or schedule by feeding him the same amount of food at the same times each day. Doing so will help keep his digestive system regular, make housetraining easier and keep him happy and healthy.

“And, while adult dogs should be fed twice a day, puppies require more frequent feedings, ideally three times a day.”

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Ten years ago Larry and Shirlee Kalstone, dog-care entrepreneurs known to generations of fanciers, donated a substantial part of their antique dog-headed walking-stick collection to the AKC.

Shirlee discussed the gift in a July 2010 *GAZETTE* interview.

The following is an excerpt.

“A round 1969 we began collecting many different categories of antique dog and cat items. When we bought our first cane, we thought it would be nice to collect them, too. At the time there were very few cane dealers in the United States, and of those almost none who had antique walking sticks with dog or cat heads.

“Larry’s business, Ring 5, took us overseas frequently, where we were introduced to a higher level of cane collecting and dealers. We would always take a little extra time to go hunting for walking sticks. At first, we’d come home with one or two, but pretty soon we were bringing back five or six at a time.”

“We almost always bought sticks with breeds that could be easily

recognized—seldom stylized—because we felt they were testaments to what the dog actually looked like at the time the cane was carved.

“Several of the canes are historically important: a Remington gun stick, a French-made Dumontier gun stick, a Greyhound measuring stick with a bubble level that was made especially for Colonel North (a well-known English 19th-century dog-show judge and breeder), blow-gun sticks, a cane that holds a cigar, another that is a match-safe, a dog with a vibrating tongue, and a few that move their eyes and ears.

“We donated about 100 of our best sticks to the AKC because the offices are filled with beautiful paintings, drawings, and bronzes depicting many different breeds,



but they didn’t have any canes. And now the AKC is the only kennel club in the world to have such a collection. We feel that there is no better place for the best sticks

in our collection to be displayed, particularly long after we are both gone.”

Larry Kalstone died in 2017 at

age 90; Shirlee, 88, joined her beloved husband in death in May of this year. As they hoped, their delightful legacy lives on at AKC headquarters in New York.

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Diehards, Liberty Hounds, & Jumping-Up-and-Down Dogs

You can tell a lot about your favorite breed by its nickname.



"Liberty Hounds"

DACHSHUNDS: TY FOSTER FOR AKC

Among show fanciers and the sporting set, there is a long tradition of coining nicknames for their breed of choice. These terms of endearment can be colorful, fanciful, or downright whimsical, but they can also convey what is essential—a breed’s original purpose, its character and conformation, and the qualities the breed’s founders prized most highly. Here is a glossary of a few of these nicknames. Some are still in use; others are archaic and little known today. But they all serve as handy reminders of some crucial aspect of a breed.

the Apollo of Dogdom Apollo played many roles in Greek mythology: god of music, agriculture, healing, and archery, among them. But it’s Apollo’s reputation as the model of masculine beauty and grace that led Great Dane fanciers to hang this name on their majestic giant.

Bas-Rouge Meaning “red stockings” in French, this name refers to the Beauceron’s squirrel-red feet.

From the journal of Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette (1873–1954), known to generations of adoring



“The Apollo of Dogdom”

Lynda Beam

readers as simply Colette: “I prefer the little *bas-rouges* of Beauce, a sensible breed, a thoughtful sheepdog whose characters are already evident at six weeks.”

Colette was reared in the cattle lands of Burgundy and was sufficiently enamored with the *bas-rouge*

to breed at least one litter in her later years. “Out of a litter of five presented to me by my beautiful bitch, I would be forced to give four away—which was I to keep?” After close observation of the litter, Colette made her pick and named the pup Belle-Aude, a breed nick-



“Bas-Rouge”

GREAT DANE: COURTESY LYNDA BEAM; BEAUCERON: DAVID WOO ©AKC

FEATURE



name she recalled from her youth. The novelist sat the puppy down and told her: “So you are to be my dog, and you shall be named Belle-Aude, after the fashion of the shepherds in the place where I was born.”

the Clown Prince of Dogs Take your pick: At various times devotees of the Boxer, Bull Terrier, Dachshund, Miniature Bull Terrier, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Pug, West Highland White Terrier, and even the regal Airedale Terrier, among others, have fit their breeds with the jester’s cap

and bells. But to our knowledge only one group of fanciers has incorporated canine clowning into its official identity. The literature of the Klun French Bulldog Club of the Free State (South Africa) explains, “The club’s name Klun is the phonetic version of the word *clown* in French, describing the character of the French Bulldog.”

the Comforter Dog The Maltese, among other toy breeds of ancient lineage, was for centuries a favored companion of well-to-do women. When milady was suffering from cramps or



“The Cyrano of Dogs”



“Comforter Dog”

stomach upset, her dog would curl up on her tummy to provide soothing warmth. Better than a hot-water bottle, the Comforter Dog stayed warm all night. Their mistresses relied on these dainty companions to provide another service: A Renaissance diarist refers to “small ladies’ poppees that bear away the fleas.” No small comfort!

the Cyrano of Dogs The hero of Edmond Rostand’s 1897 play *Cyrano de Bergerac* is a soldier, swordsman, poet—and owner of the largest nose in all of France. Ashamed of his protuberance, the forlorn Cyrano hides his love for the beautiful Roxane. In the early 1900s, when Rostand’s romantic drama was all the rage, the prodigious nose and sad expression of the Basset Hound made comparisons to Cyrano inevitable.

the D’Artagnan of the Show Ring The “heedless, reckless pluck” cited in the Irish Terrier breed standard reminded some long-ago fanciers of the devil-may-care hero of *The Three Musketeers*. Other high-spirited Irishmen who wore the name D’Artagnan

MALTESE & BASSET HOUND: DAVID WOO ©AKC



“the D’Artagnan of the Show Ring”



“the Diehard”

proudly were Gene Kelly and Chris O’Donnell—both actors played the role in film versions of Dumas’ novel.

A more familiar nickname descriptive of the Irish Terrier is “Daredevil.” The old-time nickname “The Poor Man’s Sentinel” derives from the breed’s rep as an alert and fearless watchdog of rural Ireland.

the Diehard The Scottish Terrier breed standard tells us that he “should exude ruggedness and power, living up to his nickname, the Diehard.”

the Gamekeeper’s Dog

Gamekeepers employed by English aristocrats during 18th and 19th centuries were vital actors in the story of several breeds. Two breed nicknames pay tribute to these all-around outdoorsmen, who maintained the wildlife and woodlands on vast country estates.

The Flat-Coat Retriever, developed in the mid-1800s, was Britain’s most popular retriever in the years before the rise of Labradors and Golden Retrievers. So prevalent was the Flat-Coat on the lakes and marshes of private estates, it was often referred to as the

“Gamekeeper’s Dog.”

The Bullmastiff, nicknamed the “Gamekeeper’s Night Dog,” pursued and detained poachers in Merry Old England—merry, we suppose, for everyone but poachers. During the mid- to late 19th century, the aristocracy’s game preserves were irresistible targets for poachers. “Penalties were severe,” wrote a breed historian, “yet poaching seemed impossible to eradicate by mere laws.”

Because poachers might face the death penalty if captured, they had nothing to lose when encountering an estate’s gamekeeper. They might choose to shoot it out with the gamekeeper when cornered, rather than



“the Gamekeeper’s Night Dog”

face the gallows.

Gamekeepers responded by breeding dogs big, swift, and brave enough to pursue and pin a man prowling the grounds in the dead of night. Eventually they hit upon just the right

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"the Gray Ghost"

combination of breeding stock by crossing Mastiffs to Bulldogs at a ratio of 60 percent Mastiff and 40 percent Bulldog. Inevitably, rivalries developed among gamekeepers over whose Bullmastiffs were best. Competitions and exhibitions of the best specimens were staged, and from there it was but a short leap for the Bullmastiff into the show ring.

the Gray Ghost If you have ever seen the Weimaraner's sleek gray coat and stealthy style of hunting, this nickname needs no explanation. A 1947 *Field & Stream* article, "The Gray Ghost Arrives," began America's continuing fascination with the breed.

the Jumping-Up-and-Down Dog This inelegant but evocative translation from an African dialect

describes the Basenji's habit of leaping to see above the high grass of the Congo plains. A better-known nickname for this yodeling hound is "The Barkless Dog."

King of Terriers By dint of his intelligence, versatility, and imposing size, the Airedale Terrier reigns as "King of Terriers"—though it's hard to imagine willful terriers living too

long under a king before plotting a revolution.

Liberty Hound After America's entry into World War I, movements arose to ban German words from the English language. The word *frankfurter* was discouraged in favor of the all-American "hot dog." There was talk of renaming sauerkraut "Liberty Cabbage." And the Dachshund, a longtime national symbol of Germany, was rechristened—at least, by some—as the "Liberty Hound." Similarly, English and American fanciers of

the era began calling their German Shepherd Dogs "Alsations" (the Alsace region being within the traditional borders of France, not Germany).

the Little Captain The diminutive Schipperke earned his captain's bars the hard way: as a watchdog and ratter on the canal barges of his native Belgium. The breed name is Flemish for "little captain."

Monkey Dog The name Affenpinscher is German for "monkey terrier" and alludes to the lavish



"Monkey Dog"

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says a pair of Afghans represented the canine race on Noah's Ark. When the storm-tossed ark began to spring leaks, Noah asked his loyal hounds to plug the holes with their long snouts. This explains (to all but those who insist on facts) why dogs to this day have wet noses.

the Plum Pudding Dog The English hung this one on the Dalmatian because the breed's distinctive spots resemble the pattern formed by the raisins, nuts, and bits of candied fruit in the traditional Christmas treat.

the Poor Man's Racehorse In the days when nobles ruled Britain,

facial hair and round eyes that give the breed its monkeylike expression. If your Affen feels "Monkey Dog" is beneath his dignity he might prefer the French nickname, "Diablotin Moustachu," meaning "mustached little devil."

Noah's Dog With archeological evidence dating it to at least 2200 B.C., the Afghan Hound is among our oldest breeds. A popular myth



the expensive hobby of breeding and keeping racehorses was the "sport of kings"—and dog racing was the sport of everyone else. The workingmen of Lancashire and Yorkshire coined this nickname for the Whippet, their preferred breed of racing dog and a much cheaper keeper than a horse. The Whippet is the fastest domesticated animal of its weight, achieving speeds of up to 35 miles an hour.

Sourmug A nickname for the Bulldog, it alludes to the wrinkly,

aggrieved-looking face of the breed. Sourmug has been a popular term of endearment among Bulldoggers for more than a hundred years.

swamp collie This phrase derives from the friendly rivalry between lake hunters who own short-coated "wash 'n' wear" Labrador Retrievers and those who prefer the Golden Retriever, whose long, flowing coat resembles a Collie's. A Lab owner calling a Golden a swamp collie is not exactly a compliment, but Golden

AFGHAN HOUND: MARY BLOOM ©AKC; WHIPPETS: COURTESY MARK STUMBO-AXIS IMAAGING; BULLDOG: COURTESY KATHLEEN RILEY PHOTOGRAPHY

owners tend to find it more amusing than insulting—especially on those days when their Golden tops a Lab in a field trial.



“the Tax Collector’s Dog”

the Tax Collector’s Dog Since the invention of money, one thing has been certain: The tax collector is never a welcome visitor. In certain precincts of 19th-century Germany, the reception was downright hostile. All too aware of this was taxman Louis Dobermann, who, desirous of an alert protector to accompany him on his rounds, began the development of the pinscher that today bears his name (minus an “n”).

“Lion Dogs”

The nickname “Lion Dog” figures in the histories of multiple East Asian breeds. The ancient cultures of China and Tibet were rife with creatures that appear to be half dog and half lion.

At a glance this connection between dog and lion is curious, considering that Asiatic lions had disappeared from China by the time the Sino-Tibetan breeds were developed. Why were Chinese dog breeders so fascinated by lions, an animal they had never seen? And why did the lion factor so prominently in the Buddhist beliefs of a region where lions had vanished long before Buddhism was founded? Kallie Szczepanski, a historian of Asian culture, provides these answers:

“Lions are included in many Buddhist myths and stories since they are present in India; Chinese listeners, however, had only highly stylized carvings of lions to guide them in picturing these beasts. In the end, the Chinese concept of a lion resembled a dog more than anything, and the Tibetan mastiff, the Lhasa Apso, and the Pekingese all were bred to resemble this re-imagined creature rather than authentic big cats.”

The lion was part of Buddhist mythology from the beginning: The Buddha was said to have ridden to earth on the back of a lion. A typical lion-dog tale tells of a lion who fell in love with a marmoset. “The disparity in their sizes made this an impossible love,” Szczepanski writes, “so the heart-sore lion asked Ah Chu, the protector of animals, to shrink him down to the size of a marmoset so that the two animals could marry. Only his heart remained its original size. From this union, the Pekingese dog (or *Fu Lin*—Lion Dog) was born.”

In Tibetan folklore the country’s protector is the mythical Snow Lion, and the Lhasa Apso is the Snow Lion’s earthly incarnation. An old Tibetan saying goes, “If the Snow Lion stays in the mountains, it is a



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Snow Lion; if it comes down to the valleys, it becomes a dog.” The breed’s western name, Lhasa Apso, literally translates as “longhaired dog of Lhasa”—but the breed’s Tibetan name, *Apso Seng-ky*, is loosely translated as “bearded lion dog.”

The Shih Tzu appears in Eastern art going back some 2,000 years. The breed is thought to have been maintained by Buddhist monks who presented the dogs to Chinese emperors. In traditional Chinese, the breed was called *Shih-tzu Kou*, literally “Lion Dog.”

Of course, you don’t have to be a Buddhist to build a lion dog. Germany’s Löwchen, with its distinctive lion clip, is nicknamed the “Little Lion Dog.” This elegant breed is much-admired in France, where it is known as “Le Petit Chien Lion.”

Another German entry in the “Lion Dog” sweepstakes is the Leonberger, from the town of Leonberg. The big, lionlike Leo (a nickname that is, in a happy coincidence, Latin for “lion”) was bred in the 19th century to project the might and majesty of such regal owners as Napoleon III, Tsar Alexander II, and the Prince of Wales—truly a king of beasts fit for a king.



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Museum of the Dog Reopens—Safely

NEW YORK CITY—AKC Museum of the Dog staff walks us through the museum's new safety procedures. 2:45



SOMEWHERE IN ALABAMA—Well-known beagler [Tremayne Benson](#) visits with AKC Field Director of Hounds [Mel Stewart](#) at a gundog brace field trial. 3:57



John Buddie: Mr. Collie

CHESTER SPRINGS, PENNSYLVANIA—A [Collie Club of America](#) production: Breed legend [John Buddie](#) (2015 AKC Breeder of the Year) is interviewed by [Jennifer Rutkas](#). 1:37:19



All Talking, All Barking!

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA—The University of South Carolina has unearthed the earliest sound footage of dog shows we have ever seen. These newsreel outtakes were shot at Westminster, 1929! 11:02

America's Dog-and-Baby Lady

The GAZETTE and AKC Library & Archives had great fun last summer assembling the AKC Museum of the Dog exhibition Bannister Babies and Pet Pin-Ups. The colorful display of images and artifacts presented the work of photographer Constance Bannister, who for nearly 40 years was a fixture on America's pop-culture landscape. For those who missed it in New York, we bring the exhibition to you.

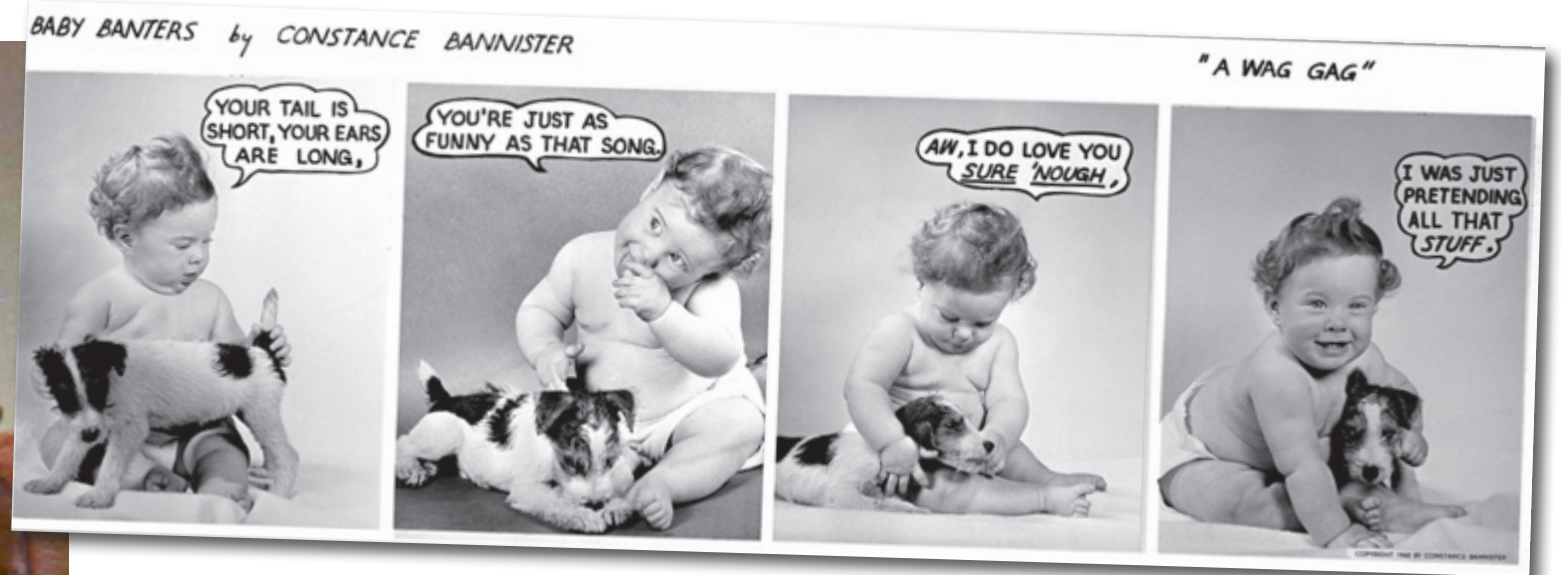
Late-1950s *Tonight Show* host Jack Paar once introduced Constance Bannister as the “world’s most famous baby photographer.” And Paar, whose popular catchphrase was “I kid you not,” was not kidding. At the peak of Bannister’s fame it seemed as though “Bannister Babies,” often accompanied by their mischievous dogs, were everywhere: TV, film, magazines, books, billboards, newspapers, ad campaigns, baby-food labels—just about every platform available to a pre-internet visual artist.

Bannister combined an instinctive feel for popular taste, a gleeful approach



“Never work with animals and children,” warned W.C. Fields. Apparently, he never met Constance Bannister.

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to self-promotion, a restless entrepreneurial spirit, and considerable talent to become one of the era's female trailblazers of modern pop culture. Like such contemporaries as Ruth Handler (Barbie dolls), Brownie Wise (Tupperware), and Estée Lauder (cosmetics), Bannister was a woman who knew what the public wanted and how to provide it with attention-getting flair.

Bannister was born in 1913, the second youngest of 17 children, in rural Ashland City, Tennessee. By the mid-1930s she was in New York City, where she studied at

the New York Institute of Photography and the School of Modern Photography.

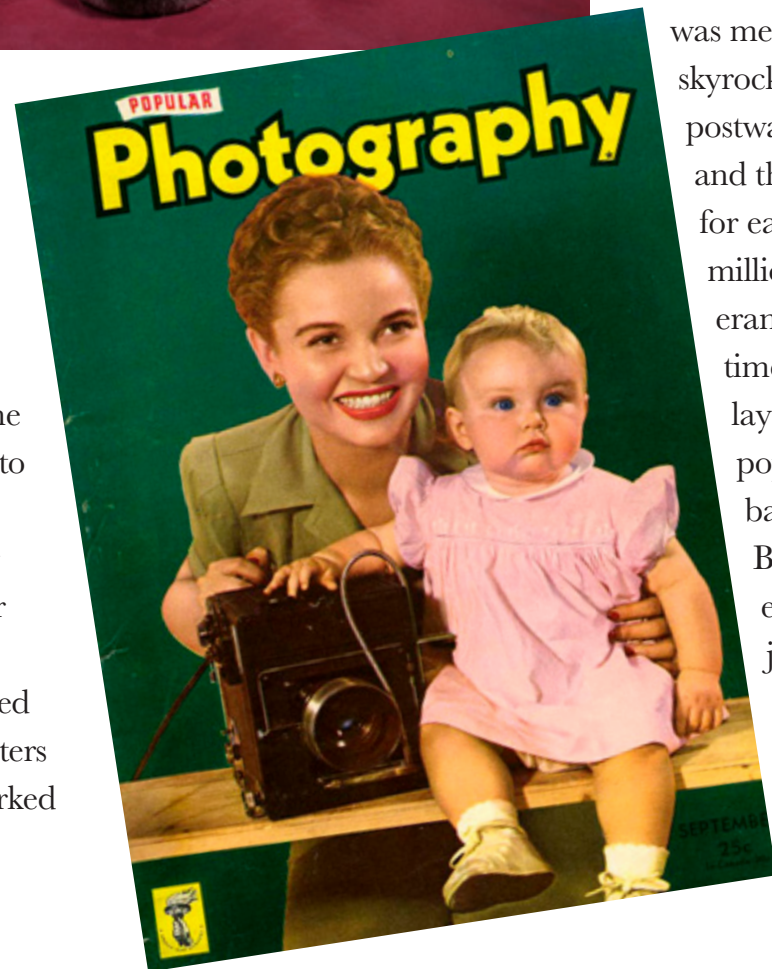
Before long, her work was showcased by the Associated Press, and in the *Chicago Tribune*





and *Saturday Evening Post*, among other major outlets. She opened her own studio at 24 Central Park South and began photographing babies in the park, selling the prints to delighted parents.

Bannister's knack for getting kids to shine for the camera led to her big break: the syndicated comic strip "Baby Banter by Bannister." She worked



steadily through World War II, while selling war bonds and making appearances at military camps. She even became a "pinup girl." A swimsuit photo of Bannister became a hot item among servicemen, and requests for copies poured in from around the world. From then on, her beauty and vivacious personality were part of her promotional toolkit.

BOOM!

Bannister's early success was merely prelude to her skyrocketing career of the postwar years. Bannister and the 1950s were made for each other. Some 12 million returning veterans made up for lost time by starting long-delayed families. The population soared. The baby boom provided Bannister with an endless supply of subjects. Parents were eager to see their children immortalized as "Bannister



Babies" and would sign release forms for the honor, allowing the savvy photographer to license the images for myriad purposes.

During the baby boom the gross national product doubled, fueling the exodus of the newly emergent middle class from cities to suburbs. A dramatic rise in the number of Americans with backyards,

increased leisure time, and children led to a rise in dog ownership. For many baby-boom parents it was the first time in their lives that they could afford a pedigreed pet, and purebred dogs with "papers" became a symbol of their upward mobility. (Bannister herself owned a photogenic AKC-registered Boxer named Duchess.)



Americans living the dream came to see their dogs as full-fledged family members. The humanization of the family dog, a trend that continues to this day, was reflected in Bannister's whimsical images of midcentury domestic life. Several of her pet portraits depict dogs wearing hats, glasses, and other human accessories, blurring the line between the species.

Dogs-as-humans Americana was around long before Bannister, most notably in Cassius Coolidge's 1903 "Dogs Playing Poker" prints that for decades hung in barrooms and men's clubs. Bannister's contribution to

“How I Photograph Babies and Pets”

6 Tips from Constance Bannister

- Prepare well in advance to ensure you and your camera are at the ready.
- Get in very close on the subject, so it fills the screen.
- Keep things plain and simple, with no distracting patterns or cluttered backgrounds.
- Try to capture action, without too much posing or artificial orchestration.



■ Give yourself lots of time.

■ And be sure to enjoy the process.

this subgenre of American kitsch was to move the anthropomorphized dog out of the saloon and into the

suburban living room and nursery, reflecting the home-and-hearth sensibility of the baby-boom years.

Bannister’s portraits of kids and dogs—either in crisp black and white or in the densely saturated reds, greens,





and blues typical of 1950s graphic art—are delightful artifacts from the era in which

America’s fundamental relationship with their pets began to change. They also remind

us that the self-empowered women of today are standing on the shoulders of those who

came before.
We gratefully acknowledge

Lynda Bannister, who inherited her mother’s approximately 100,000 photographs and supplied the materials for this story.

Mask Up! AKC Museum of the Dog Reopens

With the number of New York’s COVID 19 cases steadily declining, the city’s cultural institutions have begun re-opening after months of lockdown. Among them is the AKC Museum of the Dog. The museum reopened on August 25.

In case you haven’t heard, 2020 is a presidential election year. The Museum has kicked off its post-lockdown schedule with a new election-year exhibition saluting the dogs of U.S.



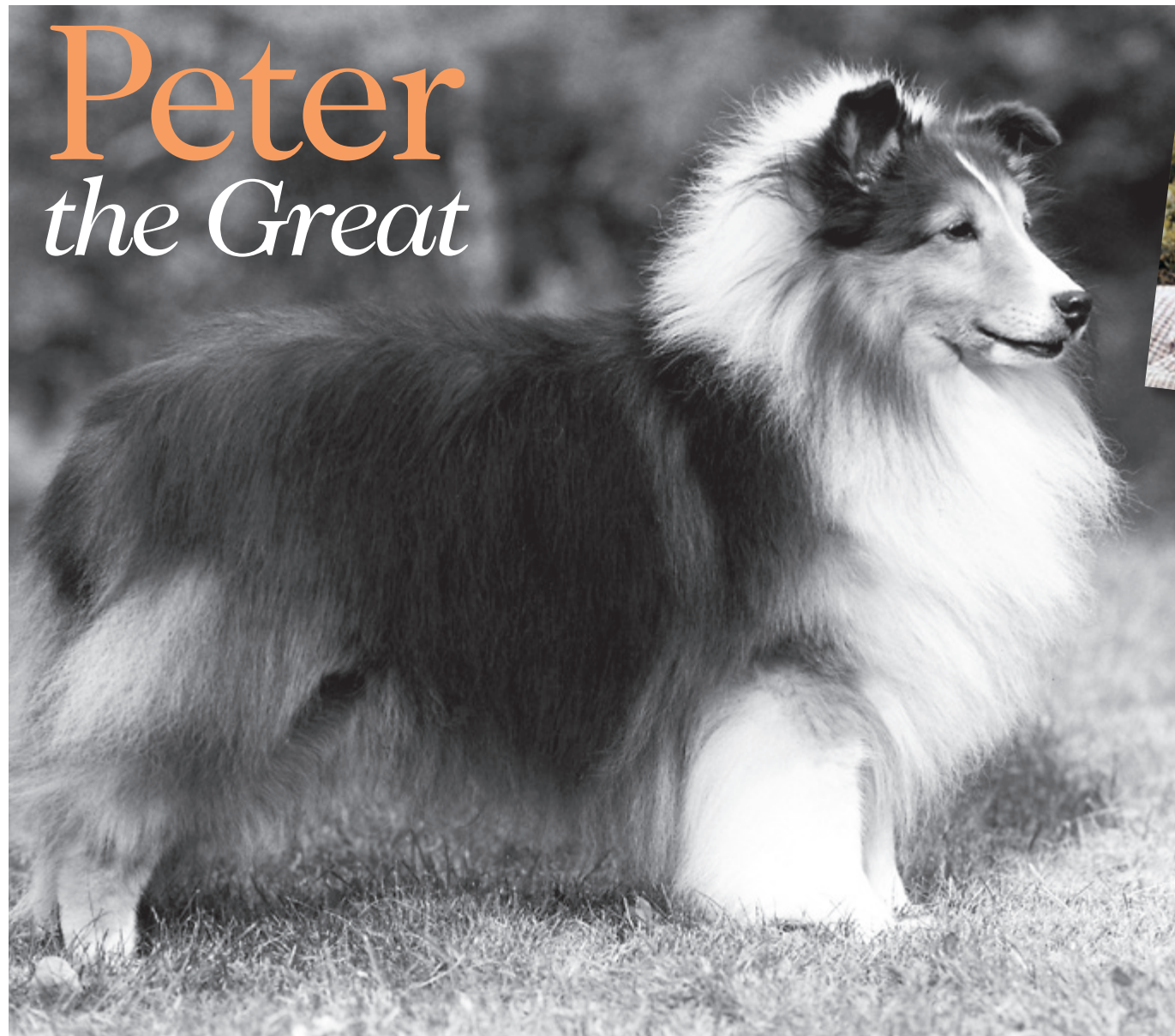
From “Presidential Dogs,” now at the AKC Museum: Miss Beazley and Barney, George W. Bush’s Scottish Terriers (painting by Constance Coleman)

presidents. The show combines the resources of the museum, AKC Library and Archives, and the GAZETTE to tell the story of America’s “first dogs.” For information on the museum’s new visitor-safety

procedures, see the video on page 17.

As a companion to the museum exhibition, presidents and their dogs is the theme of [episode 6](#) of the AKC’s “Down and Back” podcast series.

Peter the Great



Left: "He was a very dark sable, not a lot of white on him, but he was exceptionally big coated," recalled breeder Edith Overly. Above: Overly in 1965 with the litter that produced Peter

One of the greatest sires in AKC history, Shetland Sheepdog Ch. Halstor's Peter Pumpkin, ROM, was whelped on July 13, 1965. Bred by Edith

Overly and owner-handled by Tom Coen, Peter was a big winner and foundation stud of the influential Macdega line. "Peter was a dog of exquisite type and head quality," Pat

Trotter recalled in her book *Born to Win*. "Much admired for his correct dark eye and sweet expression, the dominant sable and white Peter was able to pass these characteristics on

to ensuing generations."

He won two American Shetland Sheepdog Association nationals six years apart, in 1968 and '74. His final tally included 105 Bests of Breed and some 40 group wins (an especially impressive feat in Peter's time, when herding dogs competed in the Working Group).

Peter scored some of his biggest wins as a veteran. At age 10 he took the breed at Westminster and won two all-breed Bests in Show,

making him the oldest BIS-winning Sheltie in history. As late as March 1976, Walter Fletcher could report in the *New York Times*, "Thomas Coen's Sheltie, who will be

11 years old in July, gave his young rivals a lesson at Providence when he romped off with the red, white and blue rosette."

Despite a sterling ring record, it is Peter's work as an stud dog that made him a legend. He is the top-producing sire in Sheltie history, with 160 champion get, including 10 Register of Merit honorees.

"In addition, because he was a dog who was 'made right' and passed that on too," Trotter wrote, "generation after generation of Shetland Sheepdogs was blessed with his sound structure and temperament." Four of his descendants were Westminster group win-

ners. "Peter was that unique sire who had the ability to improve on a wide variety of bitches," Trotter says.

With his reputation as the total stud, it might come as a surprise to learn that Peter was not exactly an ardent swain. "He just didn't have the vaguest idea how to breed a bitch," Tom Coen told the GAZETTE in 2003.

"His entire body would become limp, and there was very little anyone could do. Eventually we developed a system of lifting and guiding him, which was successful.

"When a bitch was brought for breeding, Peter would sniff her, jump around, and then bark at me for assistance. I think he bred a total of three bitches by himself in all those years.

"Once he was romping down the hall with a bitch, and she stopped short and he tied her. From the look on his face, I'm sure it was purely accidental."



Iris Love

We had the pleasure of Iris Love's company not long before her death. The devoted Dachshund fancier had agreed to participate in an oral-history project and visited AKC headquarters to tell her life story. And what a story! Love could count the Dalai Lama and Liberace among her friends. Her biography was so captivating that her *New York Times* obituary reads like the outline for an audacious novel:

“She was Indiana Jones in a miniskirt, a celebrity archaeologist hatched out of old New York aristocracy. Iris Love, art historian, champion dog breeder and the longtime romantic partner of the gossip columnist Liz Smith, was just as comfortable in the ancient world as in the society pages. . . . Sunburned, leggy and with a mop of cropped blonde hair, Ms. Love was catnip to the press. When, in 1971, the *New York Times* wrote about her for the third time, she was 38 and several years into what would become an 11-year dig at Knidos, an ancient Greek city that is now part of Turkey. There she discovered a temple to Aphrodite on the same summer day in 1969 that Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.”

We lost her to coronavirus in April. Till the end, Love retained her flair for living and her insatiable curiosity. The *Times* reported that when Love died, at age 86, she was learning Portuguese.

The word “coronavirus” isn’t new to the dog world. This month, Patricia S. Johnson (Boston Terrier Club of America) recalls the emergence of canine coronavirus in the 1970s and ‘80s, and the nightmare she endured when an entire litter of puppies was infected.



About the Breed Columns

The breed columns are a time-honored feature of the AKC GAZETTE. Each columnist is appointed by the breed’s national parent club, which preserves the breed’s standard and helps to educate breeders, judges, and the public about the breed’s traits, history, care, and training. A national parent club is made up of dedicated breeders and fanciers and represents many years of collective experience in the breed. Columnists are asked to write about topics of interest to serious dog fanciers in general as well as those of specific interest to judges and devotees of the breed. The breed columns rotate quarterly by group so that each breed’s column can appear four times a year. Information and opinions expressed in the breed columns represent the views of their authors, not necessarily those of the breed’s parent club or the AKC. For questions about the breed columns, e-mail Arliss.Paddock@akc.org.

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Brussels Griffons

ATTITUDE AND RING PRESENCE

When I first became involved with Brussels Griffons, lack of attitude was more common than not. To find a Griffon who would gait in the ring with his tail up was rare, even at our national specialty. I once heard a judge proclaim, as she gaited a Winners Bitch class, “I’m giving it to the first one who gets her tail up.” And that’s what she did.

Over the years, breeders and owners have learned the importance of breeding for temperament, and they’ve also learned how to socialize a puppy so as to instill confidence without creating a bad citizen. Nowadays, Griffis with poor attitude are in the minority, rather than majority, but there are exceptions. It is so frustrating to have an otherwise lovely dog show poorly because he hates to show and lacks confidence.

Good ring attitude starts in the whelping box, or even before. The dam has a major influence on the behavior of her pups, so choosing a brood bitch with the proper temperament is the first step. Socialization begins almost immediately after birth with daily handling. Even early nail-clipping contributes to dogs having a happy attitude later. Griffis are unforgiving and hold a grudge; wrestling with one the day before a show to do nails will cre-



*Brussels Griffon:
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ate a sullen creature whose sole purpose now is to make you look bad in the ring—something they’re very good at. Weekly nail-clipping from early on gets them used to the process. (It also keeps them from injuring the eyes of their playmates.)

We all know the basics of socializing—we take them to the mall, the park, the dog show, and the kids’ soccer games. We introduce

them to many foods, many beds, many surfaces, and many people. But what happens if, despite your efforts, or because you acquired a poorly-socialized puppy, you still have issues with attitude? And if you purchased a soft Griff, you didn’t do your homework. But that’s another column.

Following are two processes that have worked in the past for me and for others.

First, take your Griff to watch group judging or another noisy event—but don’t put him on your lap. Put him on a chair next to you. This teaches him that he can be safe in strange surroundings with you, without having to be glued to your hip. Reach over and pet or scratch him with a “Good dog!” on occasion, but only when he is relaxed and quiet. (It may take a few groups for him to relax, but you’ve got a total of seven to accomplish your goal!)

Another process that works as a quick fix on the day with well-trained dog who just isn’t quite sure of himself is to have a friend hold him away from the ring, and away from you, until it’s just time to show. Then the “holder” can bring him to the ring and hand him over just as your class is called. Often the dog is so happy to be reunited with his person that he forgets to be worried about where you’re taking him. A little “cootchy-coo” around the ring also helps.

What does *not* help is encouraging your Griff to bark at passing dogs and/or people. This only produces a nuisance dog—who often continues undesirable behavior in the ring. It also puts the dog at risk from a bigger, crankier dog who doesn’t like his attitude.

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Cavalier King Charles Spaniels EYE PROBLEMS IN THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

I thought that a brief review of eye problems in the Cavalier might be interesting to breeders, exhibitors, and pet owners. This was prompted by a remark suggesting that cataracts, and particularly inherited cataracts, are rampant in our breed. A review of literature and discussions with several long-term breeders suggest that nothing could be further from the truth, but I am getting ahead of myself.

Eye problems or diseases in the CKCS include cataracts, corneal dystrophy, distichiasis, entropion, microphthalmia, progressive retinal atrophy, retinal dysplasia, keratoconjunctivitis sicca (also known as “dry eye”), and corneal lipid deposits, or corneal dystrophy.

An internet statement using a 1999 study (1) suggests that an average of 30 percent of CKCS have “eye problems.” This statement is derived from 2009 source reviewing corneal dystrophy in the CKCS and may lead to a gross misunderstanding of eye issues. Let’s look at the some of the problems that can occur in our breed.

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) is a group of genetic diseases seen in some breeds of dogs, is similar to retinitis pigmentosa in humans and is possibly the most serious of the eye diseases. PRA is characterized by



degeneration of the retina, causing progressive vision loss and culminating in blindness. The condition is stated to occur in many breeds, is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait, with the exception of the Siberian Husky (an X chromosome-linked trait) and the Bullmastiff (an autosomal dominant trait). There is no treatment for PRA and the elimination of the disease in these breeds is based on testing and removing affected specimens from breeding.

While CKCS are mentioned in discussions of PRA, there are no statistics, and I could find no history of affected dogs among the breeders that I contacted.

Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, or “dry eye,” is a very serious autoimmune and inherited disease. It manifests itself by a loss of tear production from the dog’s lacrimal glands and requires constant treatment with eye drops and can progress to blindness. It is associated genetically with a disease called “Curly Coat.” Fortunately, it is both fairly rare and can be easily genetically tested so that carriers can be eliminated from breeding populations. (2)

The next two for discussion are distichiasis and entropion, which affect the eyelid. A distichia is an eyelash that arises from an abnormal spot on the eyelid. This abnormality, attributed to a genetic mutation, is known to affect dogs and humans. Distichia (the abnormal eyelash) usually exits from the duct of the meibomian gland at the eyelid margin. These lashes are usually multiple and sometimes more than one will arise from a duct. They can affect either the upper or lower eyelid and are usually bilateral. The lower eyelids of dogs usually have no eyelashes. Distichia may cause no symptoms if the lashes are soft, but they can irritate the eye and cause tearing, squinting, inflammation, corneal ulcers and scarring. Treatment options include manual removal,

electrolysis, electrocautery, CO2 laser ablation, cryotherapy, and surgical removal.

Entropion is often lumped in with or confused with distichia since it involves the eyelid. Entropion is a medical condition in which the eyelid (often the lower lid) folds inward. It is very uncomfortable, as the eyelashes continuously rub against the cornea causing irritation. Entropion is usually caused by genetic factors. This is different from when an extra fold of skin on the lower eyelid causes lashes to turn in towards the eye (epiblepharon). In epiblepharon, the eyelid margin itself is in the correct position, but the extra fold of skin causes the lashes to be misdirected. Entropion can also create secondary eye pain, self-trauma, scarring of the eyelid, or nerve damage. The upper or lower eyelid can be involved, and one or both eyes may be affected. When entropion occurs in both eyes, this is known as “bilateral entropion.” Cases of trachoma infection may cause scarring of the inner eyelid, which may cause entropion. Treatment is a relatively simple surgery in which excess skin of the outer lids is removed. The prognosis is excellent if surgery is performed before the cornea is damaged. (3)

Microphthalmia (microphthalmos) is an inherited defect in which, as the name suggests, one or both of the dog’s eyes is smaller than normal, resulting in restricted

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vision and possible blindness. While it is stated as being “particularly common in the Cavalier King Charles spaniel, according to the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO)”(4), my review of the article “Ocular Conditions Affecting the Brachycephalic Breeds” provides only a statement that “The American literature suggests that microphthalmos (MoD) may be inherited in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (3)” with no statistics or factual data. I could not find literature with data providing the incidence or prevalence of microphthalmia in the CKCS.

My last subject is the cataract. Inside the eye is a lens that focuses light on the back of the eye or the retina. Vision occurs at the retina. The structure of the eye is similar to a camera, which has a lens to focus light on the film. A cloudy or opaque lens is called a cataract. A common cause of juvenile cataracts in the dog is inherited disease, but other causes include injuries, diseases such as diabetes mellitus, and spontaneous or age related onset (5). Hereditary cataracts can affect many breeds, including the American Cocker Spaniel, Labrador Retriever, Poodle, Boston Terrier, and the Welsh Springer Spaniel, to name a few.

The effect of a cataract depends on how much it occludes vision. A cataract that occu-

pies 15 percent of the lens is considered incipient, requires magnification to be seen, and causes no visual defect. At 30 percent of the lens, or if only one eye is affected, there will be little visual loss. At 60 percent impairment occurs, and at 100 percent the dog is blind.

A study that is often referred to as demonstrating hereditary cataracts in the CKCS was performed at a French clinic (6). A total of 2,739 dogs presented to the Ophthalmology Unit from 2009 to 2012. Four hundred and four dogs (14.7%) (716 eyes) were diagnosed with a cataract. Only six were Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Fifty-four breeds were represented. The etiology was determined for each dog, along with their medical history, age of onset, stage of progression, location of opacities, and ocular lesions associated were evaluated for each etiology. The causes of cataracts included aging (22.8%), PRA (12.4%), congenital (5%), diabetes mellitus (4.7%), trauma (3.7%), uveitis (3%), and hypocalcemia (0.2%). In 20.3% of the cases, the etiology could not be determined. A congenital cataract diagnosed in one West Highland White Terrier, one Akita, two Australian Shepherd dogs, and two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Only the Yorkshire Terrier was considered to have a breed predisposition. A lesson to be learned: While cataracts do occur in the CKCS, they are certainly

not rampant in the breed and the sampling in this study was much too small to assign an inheritance percentage.

Note: The ACKCSC Health Committee is preparing a survey of all its membership on the subject of eye diseases in our breed.

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Chihuahuas

THE “MODEL” DOG

No dog shows, so what are you gonna do? Training our dogs continues, but the fun of going to a dog show is on hold. We are now seeing several shows popping up! *Yes!* But in the meantime, I found something exciting and fun to do with my little dogs.

It was years ago when I attended my first national specialty. One of the vendors had these cute little clownlike collars, so of course I bought one and put it on my dog while we watch the show. Time after time I got comments such as “Bet he hates that” and “Why would you do that to your dog?” So being new to nationals, I took the clown collar off, and I never put anything but show collars and leashes on them again.

Then Goldie was born. Being a show breeder, I always placed my tiny dogs in pet

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Goldie the Chihuahua has outfits for every season.

home, as I did not keep any dogs whom I considered too small to breed. With each placement, I would think how much I would love to have a tiny one, but it just wasn't practical. Twenty-plus years later, Goldie was born. She had a twin sister, both so tiny and so beautiful. Perfect show-quality girls, but much too tiny to breed. So I decided to place one and *keep* one for myself.

What a wonderful decision. This barely three-pound dog stole my heart and has become the ruler of all the bigger dogs.

Goldie is the epitome of the tiny little pet to be carried in your purse.

By the time Goldie was born, I was an established breeder known for my quality dogs. I was now secure enough and didn't need to let others tell me what I should or should not do with my dogs. I decided that I wanted to dress up my little girl and carry her around just like I'd seen in the movies.

Goldie *loves* dressing up. At first I could hardly find any little dresses to fit her, but as she grew, she finally fit in the extra-ex-

tra-small clothes. Who knew these tiny little dresses could be so expensive? There are designer dresses with hats to match costing more than my own. I was given one of these gorgeous designer dresses, but then I scanned the internet for more affordable outfits and sweaters. I found so many cute things, and Goldie has her winter and summer wardrobes.

During the holidays we are especially excited because there are so many fun doggie clothes out there now. The costumes are hilarious, and everyone enjoys seeing the dogs dressed up. I get people stopping me in the stores asking about Goldie and admiring her outfit for the day. It's fun for mommy to show off her little darling!

Of course not all dogs enjoy being dressed up, but when you have those special ones who do, it can be so much fun finding those perfect outfits, taking photos, and having strangers admiring your beautiful little dog. Goldie loves when we get a new dress in the mail. She watches me unwrap it and then can't wait to try it on and prance around as though she were the Queen.

What a wonderful new dog world I discovered. Try it. You'll like it!

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Havanese

SO YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR HAVANESE?

A few months back, I received a request (yes, I take requests) to write about what it is like to show dogs for nearly 50 (gulp) years as a breeder-owner. The request came before the coronavirus pandemic hit us, and now I wonder if this topic has any relevance at all. But with hope in my heart that dog shows, in some form, will resume, I do want to encourage you to show your dogs, when you feel comfortable to do so!

There are two realities about showing your own dog: First, it is not as easy as it looks. And second, it is not as hard as you think!

Showing a Havanese requires you to master the art of presenting your dog in the show ring *and* learning how to groom your dog properly, according to the standard. Learning to groom your dog takes more years of practice than learning how to show your dog. Each dog's coat is different, and asking questions of experienced exhibitors and professional handlers will help you to choose the techniques that work best for you and your dog, as long as they comply with the presentation as described in the standard. (Grooming your Havanese will be discussed in a future article here.)

Before you decide whether you want to show

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your own dog or have someone else show your dog for you, I strongly encourage you to learn *how* to show a dog. By knowing what needs to be done in a show ring, you will be better equipped to evaluate the many choices you have when hiring a handler.

In order to get comfortable with the process of showing a dog, start by attending an AKC dog show. Bring a chair, get there before the show begins, sit outside a ring and watch everything that happens in that ring from first thing in the morning to the time the Best in Show ribbon is awarded. Go over to the club table and inquire if the club offers handling classes, or if they know any classes in your geographic area. Taking handling classes is, in my opinion, the key to success in the show ring. *You* need the training, and *your dog* needs the training. I have participated in handling classes for most of the decades I have been showing dogs. Sometimes I have taught them, but most of the time I prefer to be the student. They are invaluable. Anyone who is successful in any endeavor in life will tell you they take lessons to get better. Some professions called them “continuing education courses.” To be good, you have to keep learning and practicing. No one knows or remembers everything. While learning the “how to’s” of showing a dog, these classes will help you to better understand the harder concept of what are



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your dog’s imperfections and how you can compensate for them.

How to best “show off” your dog’s virtues is also critical. A good instructor will be able to pick up on the nuances of this for you and will guide you in the process of how to work with your particular dog. Taking classes from different instructors gives you the benefits of

different suggestions and opinions.

Since every dog is different, I have felt that each dog I show must go to handling classes. You need to have an objective eye looking at your dog to tell you how your dog’s shortcomings need to be dealt with. Since a good number of people choose to hire a professional handler to show their dog (I hear many people say, “I can’t do it”), I think that is fine. But you need a reality check to know what to expect any handler to be able to do with your dog. No one is a miracle worker, and before you hire and fire a handler, think about what your goals and expectations are for your dog. You want a first-place ribbon in your class? You want your dog to be a champion? You want a Best of Breed ribbon? You want to go Best in Show? Set the goal, and be sure it is realistic, whether you are showing your dog yourself or you hire someone else to show him for you. Personally, I can assure you from experience that the most memorable ribbons my dogs have won were the ribbons won with me or my husband in the ring. Over the years, I have had some of the most wonderful handlers in the profession handling dogs for me. They have each done a great job, but doing it myself has always been the most rewarding.

You can’t evaluate the ability of a handler until and unless you have done it yourself first. The next column will be on things to consider

before selecting a professional handler to show your Havanese for you.

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Italian Greyhounds

Lilian Barber, our longtime columnist for the Italian Greyhound Club of America, wrote the following in 2010.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PUPPY BUYERS

There are things I’ve always required from prospective puppy purchasers. Most responsible breeders have a number of requirements that are pretty much standard. However, in the past few years I’ve added two new requirements to the list, especially for first-time IG owners.

Pet Health Insurance. The cost of veterinary care has escalated monumentally. If the new owner has not had a dog for a few years, he may not be fully aware of this. As new procedures enable veterinarians to extend the life and vastly improve the quality of a pet’s senior years, the cost can be as much as similar surgery and medications for a human. Most people, particularly those in their senior years, have at least partial insurance for themselves

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but not for their animals.

Years ago, a middle-aged dog or cat was considered old by age 10 or so. Today that same animal could live a happy, healthy life long into its teen years, but at a cost that can run into several thousands of dollars—dollars that the pet's owners probably have not factored into the family budget. Add to this the IG's potential for a broken leg, for which treatment is costly, and the average owner may in store have more expense than he is willing or able to handle. There have been numerous IGs returned to their breeder or given to rescue with a broken leg or other expensive-to-treat condition because the owner couldn't afford it. This is disastrous for the owner, the breeder, and most of all the IG. A health insurance policy for the pet could have prevented the situation. It's generally not difficult to sell to new owners the idea of getting a policy, especially since AKC offers a free trial period of pet-health insurance with registration.

A Fenced Yard. There was a time when I trusted puppy buyers to follow my instructions for training the new family member to use pads, papers, or a litter box when there was no safely fenced area available for the dog to relieve itself. That was before I placed an already paper-trained dog with a bestselling author who had just lost her beloved IG. She



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lived in a condo with no yard but assured me that she would walk the dog regularly and would keep pads down for him to use when walks were impossible.

Several months later, the woman called me, saying she had given up on the dog's house manners and was returning him. She hadn't followed my instructions. She said that she was too busy to walk him more than once or twice a day and that she couldn't possibly leave pads or papers down since she often had very important visitors. Consequently the dog had made a mess everywhere. She had sent him off to a "trainer" who deprived him of food and water as part of the training. When he came home to her he still wasn't housebroken. The poor dog was in terrible shape when I got him back.

Fortunately, his story has a happy ending, and the dog went to a wonderfully loving home. However, since the experience with this author, who talks as smoothly as she writes, I will no longer place an IG with people who don't have an enclosed yard. —L.B.

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Maltese

CELEBRATING THE BREED—VIRTUALLY

Due to COVID-19, I have not been to dog shows since the Louisville cluster,

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The breed's national specialty was canceled this year, but Maltese fanciers everywhere were able to participate in the Great American Maltese Virtual Celebration & Exhibition, held June 13–25 via Facebook. Luke and Diane Ehricht, of Hallmark Jolei Shih Tzu, judged an amazing total of 478 photo entries. Clockwise from top: Best Adult winner, Ch. Bar-Tell With Reasonable Doubt; Best Puppy winner, Ch. Marcris Don Juan; event organizers Daryl Martin and Pat Bullard; Historic Photo winner, Magic Addition White Star of Eternity; and Cut-Down winner, Validian Scruffy's Frequent Flyer. Congratulations to all involved with this event!



March 14. This is the longest time in my entire life, since I was 6 years old, that I have not been to a dog show!

Who knew the impact this virus would have on all of us—not just dog people, but everyone on the planet. This year I was going to be heavily campaigning my dog, so I did not breed any of my bitches,

in fairness to the future puppies and their upbringing. Now I wish I had done a breeding, as I would have another generation of my dogs and been able to cater to them 24/7.

For breeders the impact is an educational correction to our lives and plans. With time on our hands, we can reflect on our breeding programs and focus on the care of our dogs. Is just the win the important part of our love of dogs? I feel people are connecting more with others and learning more about their breeds. Maybe the show world will be better, with more breeders than just exhibitors. We must have a positive look at how the pandemic has changed things.

As Education Chair of the American

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Maltese Association, this summer I decided to put on a virtual Maltese show with the help of my co-chair, Pat Bullard. Since our national was cancelled, this was a venue where people could still have fun, be educated, and connect via Facebook. We had a wonderful entry of over 478 Maltese, with great prizes and a huge audience. More on this event (plus lots of Maltese info) can be found on the Facebook page “American Maltese Nationals, Regionals, and Breed Education.”

Remember: Read the standard, read the breed’s history, know what a Maltese is supposed to look like, be patient at breeding better dogs, and communicate with other breeders. We must combine our efforts to ensure that future Maltese continue on as the healthy, intelligent, beautiful toy dogs they have been for centuries!

In this time that seems so surreal, please be safe and healthy. This too shall pass.

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Miniature Pinschers

WORKING TOGETHER TO GET THROUGH THE NEW NORMAL

Greetings to all fellow canine enthusiasts! We’ve survived six months of this



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terrible disease and the “new normal” we’re all getting used to. Of course the health and safety concerns have seemed to eliminate the existence of shows for a huge part of our country (and the world), but I am thrilled to report that the Miniature Pinscher Club of America board worked overtime to make our national a reality. Two date changes and a long-distance move of venue from New Mexico

to Oklahoma allowed the shows to run as planned.

While I wasn’t able to attend, some local friends did, and they reported that it was a booming success, and there have been no reports of illness of dog or human. The videos showed how easily a show can happen with teamwork to keep things moving and a group of people who were glad to do whatever they

needed to help out. Entries were down some, as we were unable to welcome our Canadian friends and some others who could not attend for health reasons, but all events were nicely represented, from rally and obedience through Best of Breed competition at both the national and regional shows.

Many congratulations to all the winners! I don’t have a catalog for results, but all the wins were worthy accomplishments.

I believe that the preparation that was done by our club members could be a kind of guide for other clubs who are worried about taking the plunge—it proves the reality that this many people can come together, show the dogs they love, and have a wonderful time if they all work together! My state (Washington) is one of the harder hit, and most of it is still in a low reopening phase, but new COVID-19 guidelines for animal exhibition were just issued and should get us going slowly back to our passion. Idaho has several shows on the calendar, and those are so far still a go. I hope that other states that are opening up have the same positive things happen, but we all need to remain diligent so we don’t lose the ground we’ve gained.

As it’s often said, we will get through this and be even stronger!

Next column, a bit different ... see you then!
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Papillons

AN AKC BREEDER'S EXPERIENCE DURING COVID-19

Today we are living in “a different world” seemingly right out of a science fiction novel. It’s one we could never have imagined, with a worldwide pandemic called COVID-19. We all must take precautions to do what the scientists and doctors recommend—not because of any political posture, but to do what is right to keep us all safe. So how do AKC breeders adjust to these new practices for veterinary visits or to make an objective decision whether to breed or not? Or how to screen puppy buyers, and safely devise a new way of selling puppies?

Visiting my veterinarian for routine exams always was a pleasant experience! I so enjoyed watching her examine my puppies. Now, however, because of the pandemic, all clients were not able to go into the office with their dogs, but rather wait in the parking lot for a vet tech to come and pick them up. I really missed being able to personally ask my vet questions while she was performing the examination. Instead I was resolved to handing the vet tech a list of questions for the vet to answer.



I also missed seeing my vet and the vet tech’s expressions and reactions to my puppies. Most of all, though, I felt deprived not seeing them smiling and hugging my dogs. I also missed my puppies’ reactions to seeing them, especially since my pups missed their usual socialization period, when I used to invite my neighbors and friends into my home.

Selling puppies used to be an experience I enjoyed. It was a delight to finally meet the

buyers face-to-face after communicating with them online or by phone. I used to welcome them into my home and bring out the puppy for them to see and interact with them. Then I would bring out the parents, grandparents, and even possibly a dog from a repeat breeding from a previous litter. I was then able to see their interaction with my dogs. Oh, there were no masks then—I only made them take off their shoes!

Feeling uneasy about all of this new experience, I asked my breeder friends what they did when selling puppies during the pandemic. One friend told me she had the puppy buyer come to her home but she met the prospective buyer in her backyard where she had set up an ex-pen for the puppy, along with two chairs and an umbrella table. They both had on facemasks and gloves, and sat across a table from each other while talking, meeting

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the puppy, and exchanged contracts and the payment.

Other friends told me they didn't invite puppy buyers to their home at all, but met them in the parking lot at Walmart. They felt safer there, and it took up less time, since they too only brought the one puppy that was for sale. I thought this was smart and a good idea; however, I felt more secure in my own backyard, rather than chancing the experience in a parking lot, where I would feel uneasy. I also thought there might be curious people wanting to gather around to see the puppy, and I decided that was not a good idea for me.

So I mustered up the courage for my first experience in "the new age of a pandemic," which was a pleasant one, albeit it was with a former buyer who had become a dear friend. When she asked me if I had a puppy available, I immediately thought of my 3-year-old bitch who was a finished champion and half-sister to the bitch she had previously purchased from me. The last time I met with her, she had come into my home with her husband and children. They were able to see the puppies and made a choice between the two sisters I had available. Now this time, we phoned and corresponded via the internet to share photos. I met my friend at the door and waved, while she and her daughter were

about 10 feet away at the bottom of my steps! Meanwhile, her husband was patiently waiting in the car. We made our exchanges, signing contracts and so on, by putting everything in my mailbox. My friend then put her crate at my doorstep, and I in turn put my bitch in the crate. We had gloves and masks on and all went well. And in the end, we laughed, because it felt like a heist with a getaway car!

The next time I had a couple come to my backyard. I told them to please wear a mask and gloves and apologized for not letting them in my home because of COVID-19. However, I was prepared this time to try something different by setting up an ex-pen outside in my backyard, so they could interact with the puppy. They turned out to be lovely people, who previously had two Papillons, which both had passed away. We have since corresponded many times, and it turned out to be a great experience.

I miss going to dog shows that were such fun "in the good ole days" when we gathered together with friends to see and discuss dogs and then went to lunch after the show. But I am forever the optimist, and hopeful that in spite of our changing world, we will come back stronger and wiser. Be safe!

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Newborn Pekingese

Pekingese

PREGNANCY AND BIRTHING CHALLENGES FOR THE PEKINGESE

Today's preservation breeder is breeding *not* to improve the breed, as you hear many say, but rather is breeding to the breed standard. The Pekingese breed standard says: "The head is large in proportion to the body"; "The top skull is massive, broad and flat"; "The underline rises from the deep chest to the lighter loin, thus forming a narrow waist"; "Hindquarters ... are lighter in bone than the forequarters"; and "Body ... is pear-shaped, compact." This gives us a dog with a big head and chest whose pear-shaped body tapers to a narrow waist and lighter rear—not exactly the

ideal candidate for free whelping, thus many Pekingese are routinely C-sectioned. Most breeders wait for a temperature drop before heading to the vet.

However, what happens prior to the birth is key for a successful outcome. Nutrition is critical for the pregnant dam. Putting her on puppy food during the last two weeks of gestation helps the puppies get adequate nutrition, as there are more calories per bite in puppy food. Some bitches respond well to garlic or yeast products in their food to increase appetite. And rather than one or two meals a day, try four smaller meals. Many breeders assume that the food will take care of all vitamin needs. However, just as a pregnant woman benefits from prenatal vita-

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mins, so do your dogs. A good prenatal vitamin will help neural tube development, bone and palate development, and red blood cell development and prevent birth defects. Dams with low iron will produce puppies that are anemic.

Puppies that die within 48 hours usually die of starvation and dehydration rather than infection. So, getting your dam into releasing milk as quickly as possible is critical. With a planned C-section, the dam's body does not release prolactin, which is what tells her body to release the milk. Letting the puppies nurse on her will get the milk to release, but this can take up to 48 hours. If your vet will give her metoclopramide in surgery, this can help the prolactin to release six hours later. You can also use the herb fenugreek a week before the due date to get the milk to come in.

However, while you are waiting for the milk to come in, you still need to feed those puppies. The most effective way to feed newborns is to tube-feed them. But please, get someone who is experienced in this to show you how to do it. It is very simple ... after you've done it about a hundred times. The trick is to not insert the tube into the stomach, rather get it to the back of the throat and let the puppy swallow it. You will have marked the tube so you will know when it is in the stomach, and with the puppy swallowing the tube, it gets to the right place. Then you slowly and gently insert the formula. With

a newborn I give 1 to 1½ cc every 90 minutes. And yes, that means you will not sleep. Welcome to being a breeder.

After whelping, be sure you are giving your dam a calcium supplement every day. You can use anything from a half a Tums twice a day to a calcium supplement specially made for dogs.

Breeding Pekingese is not for the faint of heart, nor for anyone who needs eight hours of sleep a night. But it is one of the most rewarding things you can do.—*Susan Farrer Shephard*

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Pomeranians

STUD DOGS—WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

When done correctly, choosing a stud dog results in the next generation of quality, healthy purebred puppies. Before a stud dog can be chosen, breeders spend hours of time evaluating their female and researching her pedigree and lineage to understand the ideal male to breed to. However, the process of choosing a male is not always easy, and a more recent trend in the Pomeranian world has added a new layer of stress to the process of choosing a stud dog.

Many owners and breeders have chosen to drastically limit who can breed to their males, and many males are no longer available at pub-

lic stud. This means that even when a breeder has created a short list of males that would be a good match for their female, unless they own



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the male themselves, chances are, they will be unavailable.

Is it such a bad thing? If you're the stud dog owner, allowing outside bitches to breed to your male is a lot extra work and complication. It takes time to pick up the bitch at the closest airport, board the bitch for one week while you do the breedings, then drive back to the airport to ship the bitch home. Pomeranians tend to have small litters (often with whelping complications); do you guarantee one live puppy? If the bitch doesn't take, or no puppies survive, do you repeat the breeding for free?

There is also value in protecting the "brand" you have created with your male. You cannot guarantee that each puppy sired by your stud dog will be presented in a way that best reflects how your male produces. Not to mention that stud dog owners always seem to be the first to blame the minute the bitches does not get pregnant or a puppy does not mature the way the bitch's owner expected.

So as Pomeranian owners and breeders, what do we lose by not making our males available at stud? In a breed affected with alopecia and luxating patellas, it's becoming harder and harder to find pedigrees that offer enough new blood to avoid doubling up on the issues we wish to remove from our breeding programs. When a bitch owner does find a male to use, rarely is it in the same geographical area. We often rely

on photos of the male and his offspring to tell us what he looks like and what he's capable of producing. We rely on the stud dog owner to honestly evaluate and tell us about the dog's strong points and weak points as a producer—was there ever coat loss? Do the dog and offspring have correct bites? Does he produce good patellas?

I am not suggesting that stud dog owners make their males available to everyone who makes an inquiry. Instead, try to consider the larger picture, from the perspective of the breed as a whole. What does your male have to offer, and what would other breeders be missing by not being able to breed to the dog?

As bitch owners, we have just as much responsibility as the stud dog owner and must show due diligence. Do your research, and understand just how much work goes into making a breeding to your bitch possible. Be responsible with puppies, and help promote the best image of both your own bitch and the stud dog.

Right now we are asking where the stud dogs have gone. For those of us who have taken on the task of breeding and preserving the next generation of Pomeranians, it's essential that we work together so tomorrow we don't have to wonder where our beloved Pomeranian breed has gone.

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Bichons Frises

RAISING PUPPIES FROM THE SAME LITTER TOGETHER

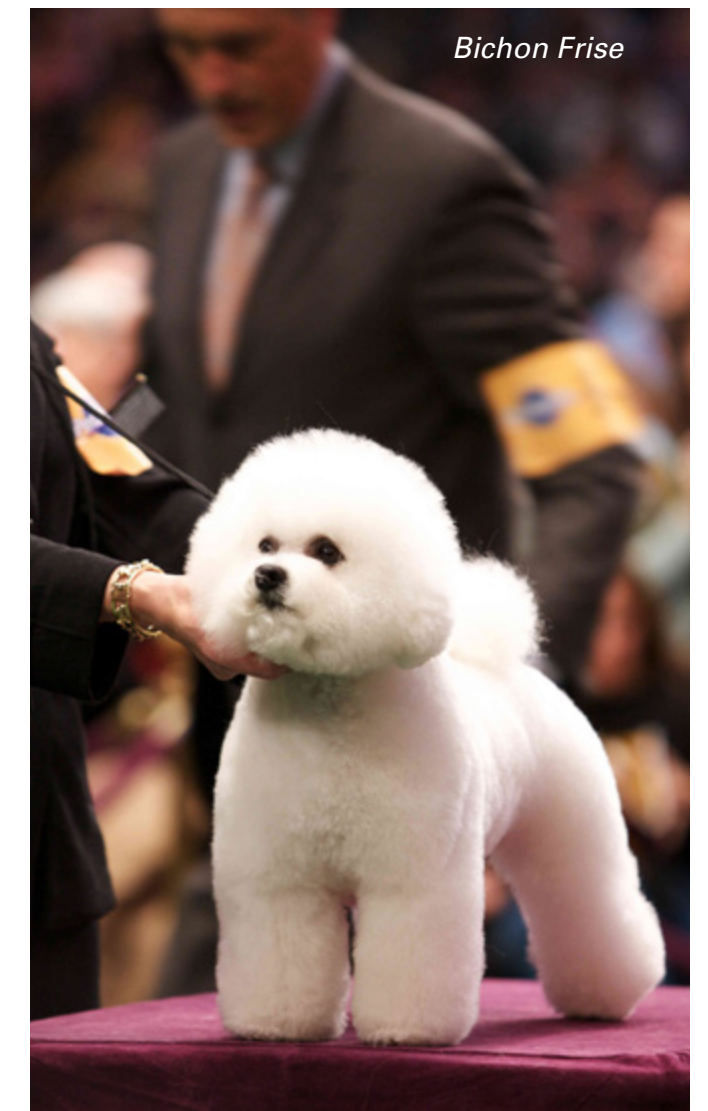
Sometimes breeders want to keep a couple promising pups to grow them out. Often buyers want two puppies together to keep each other company, or maybe they have a couple of kids and want each one to have their own dog. As the mother of seven wonderful children, I can safely state that this is a bad idea.

Raising two or more puppies together is harder than most people realize. Puppies need to bond to people and be properly socialized to many situations at an early age in order to make good pets. If they spend all their time with a brother or sister, they will not bond properly with their owners. For these reasons and more, I have never placed two puppy siblings in the same home.

Breeders who keep two or more pups from the same litter in order to "grow them out" as show prospects may end up with dogs who are not happy at dog shows nor anywhere else away from their sibling. It takes skill, knowledge, time, and money to raise two together. Some dogs become afraid of any new situation. Others end up with separation anxiety or other manifestations of distress.

It is best to start separating them during the day for naps from about 8 weeks of age, and

all night by 9 or 10 weeks, so that they will be used to sleeping in a crate all alone. They also need to spend some time away from their siblings for a portion of the day when they are awake. This can be done by keeping them in separate pens and also by taking them one at a time to different parts of the house. If the



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weather is nice, they can go outside in a safe area to play separately.

Socialization must take place between 5 and 16 weeks of age for puppies to mature properly. This means frequent exposure to all different kinds of people and places. The more different situations puppies are exposed to, the more likely they are to grow up happy and well adjusted. With the changes in our world currently because of COVID-19, it is extremely difficult to socialize even one pup.

The logistics of taking more than one puppy out alone to do all these things can be really tough. Carefully controlled puppy classes are invaluable, but usually there is only one puppy class going at a time (or none now). It is best to try to find one or more helpers (who are virus-free!), and the puppies should be kept apart in the class to get the full benefit.

Houstraining two puppies is exponentially harder than just one. They should go to separate dog runs if possible when exercising. They need to be able to explore the house alone so the owner can keep track of them. Catching one puppy in the act is tough, but it's pretty much impossible to say who had the accident when more than one is traipsing about.

Anyone contemplating raising two or more puppies to adulthood should think twice about it. It isn't impossible, but it surely isn't easy, either.

For an excellent article, please read "Problems Associated With Adopting Two Puppies at the Same Time," by Pat Miller, CBCV-KA, CPDT-KA, in the *Whole Dog Journal*, published Dec. 2009 and updated Nov 2019. This is the URL: https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/puppies/pre_puppy_prep/problems-associated-with-adopting-two-puppies-at-the-same-time/

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Boston Terriers CANINE CORONAVIRUS

This article is not about COVID-19, the new coronavirus spreading among humans. Rather, it is about canine coronavirus, which was originally identified in 1971. The first case reported in the U.S. was in 1973. The distribution of the virus in dogs happened worldwide. By the 1980s, inactivated CCV vaccines were introduced and available from veterinarians.

More information on canine coronavirus can be found in *Fenner and Whites Medical Virology*, Fifth Edition (2017):

"Until 2003, canine coronavirus attracted little interest beyond causing mild upper respiratory tract and gastrointestinal upset infections. This changed dramatically in 2003 with



Boston Terrier puppy

the zoonotic SARS-CoV, and the more recent emergence of MERS-CoV has confirmed the coronavirus as significant causes of severe respiratory disease."

Additional information appears in *Advances in Veterinary Medicine*, (1999), and *Small Animal Pediatrics*, (2011):

"Coronaviral infections of dogs occur very early in the neonatal period and are primarily spread via the fecal-oral route. Maternal antibodies protect the puppy to about 4 to

6 weeks, at which time the puppy becomes susceptible to disease. The virus infects the enterocytes of the small intestine. The age range shedding in the feces is 5 to 12 weeks old. Recovery usually occurs in 7 to 14 days. Control of CCV-induced disease depends heavily on vaccination of the dam. This reduces the shedding of the virus. Passive antibodies in the dam's milk will probably be important in controlling the newer variants, which are associated with respiratory disease in 8- to 12-week-old puppies."

As confirmed above, canine coronavirus has been around for some time, and a vaccine exists to help prevent the contagious disease.

Although once included with yearly shots, today some doctors tell me they haven't seen canine coronavirus in a long time, so it is no longer given as a routine vaccination.

The story I will be telling you is one of the worst nightmares a dog owner can ever have, where an entire litter of young puppies became severely ill. Thanks to the wonderful care given to my dogs by Dr. Craig Corry, former owner of Pittsboro Animal Hospital in Pittsboro, North Carolina, we were able to save two of the five babies. The three

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deceased pups were sent to N.C. Department of Agriculture’s veterinary diagnostic laboratory in Raleigh to diagnose the cause of death. The necropsies confirmed that canine coronavirus was the cause of death, and there was no evidence of parvovirus. The laboratory doctors were so kind in educating me on how this could have happened and explaining about the virus. One of the doctors had hunting dogs and was very familiar with it. Birds can carry infection on their feet into the yard, and this virus can be spread by contact, or fomites. If a puppy walks where the virus has been, then in around four days he or she can come down with symptoms, which include listlessness, a skeletonlike, dehydrated look in the face, not wanting to eat, and vomiting and diarrhea. The disease drastically depletes the cells of fluid. Unless fluid is given continuously by IV daily, and at night by injecting fluid under the skin, the pup normally won’t survive. I have never seen anything deplete the fluid from the body like this. After about four days, the disease dissipates. It is sometimes misdiagnosed because the last stages can look like parvovirus.

I had never heard of nor vaccinated for canine coronavirus until my puppies got the virus on October 28, 1987. After learning about a shot to help prevent the infection, I started having the vaccine given yearly. I was told that once the puppy recovers from this

virus, wait at least six months before giving the CCV shot. To this day, I have never seen another case. Many veterinarians haven’t experienced all the stages, and unless one has a diagnostic laboratory do an necropsy, in the last stages it can be mistaken for parvovirus, as it presents similarly.

Read and learn what is best for your dogs. This column is not to tell other breeders what to do but to share knowledge and encourage readers to discuss concerns with their veterinarian if they wish. I hope no one ever has to experience my canine coronavirus nightmare.

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Chinese Shar-Pei

A VARIED PAST LEADS TO A MULTIFUNCTIONAL DOG

Breeders and judges study the purpose of a breed because as most have heard, *form follows function*. While what the dogs *do* may have changed over the years, what they were bred for is at the heart of everything. How are they structured? How is the temperament? Why is that body part shaped like that? All of these things were considered when a breed was being developed. While some may change



Chinese Shar-Pei, June 1995 (photo: Sharon Eide)

for a number of reasons, where it all began and how it got from there to here is usually an interesting journey. For the Chinese Shar-Pei, a genetically ancient breed, there is a varied past that brought with it what we see today.

As a Chinese farm dog, the breed was developed to possess a broad range of skills. Open your back door and watch your Shar-Pei do the “perimeter check”—looking for breaches in the fence, smelling for any intruder who might have crossed that barrier, then following the

scent. *Who was it? Where did they go?* This leads to skills in both tracking and going to ground after vermin. Shar-Pei have a natural desire to make the squirrels and birds leave their space!

And there have been some Shar-Pei over the years who have shown strong herding instincts, too, because over many centuries farmers had a need for a dog who was a jack-of-all-trades. The structure for the breed is a dog who is sound and fluid in movement, with no need to race but a need to be able to patrol the farm all day, so they need soundness and stamina.

It is also believed that the breed’s profile and black mouths come from this point in time. The profile, with high-held head and the topline that rises over the loin, and the high-set tail give an instant impression of a warrior ready to defend his turf, proudly standing his ground. If you *look* like a warrior, you likely aren’t going to need to fight. We see this when we walk our dogs through shows and see many other breeds react as if our dogs are being aggressive. It’s the look, the carriage, designed to never need to fight intruders, because by simply standing there looking at them, they are convinced to move on. The Shar-Pei’s aloof nature is not one of welcome, not meant to encourage all comers to enter—but once the dog’s humans accept a stranger, he can be quite warm. And even the

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black mouth-pigment is said to come from the peasant farmers who believed that if the dog opened its mouth to bark at evil, the spirits would be scared away by that black coloring.

For a brief time, Chinese gamblers who gathered around dogfight arenas thought to try to make the Shar-Pei a fighting breed. This was unsuccessful, however, for the breed were not natural fighters, and the larger mastiff breeds were brought in around that time, quickly replacing Shar-Pei. Experience has shown that a Shar-Pei isn't likely to start a fight, although they are stubborn and will stay in it until the end, which isn't necessarily a good thing either. Thankfully, that chapter was short, but it did impart things we still see: the very harsh coat, so that if a dog got a mouthful, it would not want to keep it; the loose skin, so that a Shar-Pei had room to turn around and fight back; and the tiny, tight ears that are hard for an opponent to get a grip on, as well as eyes that are protected by their deep-set placement.

All in all, this created a multifunctional dog who was a partner on the farm, a beloved family companion, and one who would cause visitors with bad intentions to think twice.

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Chow Chows

THE CHOW CHOW—A SPECIAL FAMILY MEMBER

Our AKC Chow Chow standard says:

Temperament: Keen intelligence, an independent spirit and innate dignity give the Chow an aura of aloofness. Displays of aggression or timidity are unacceptable. Because of its deep-set eyes the Chow has limited peripheral vision and is best approached from the front.

Socialization is defined as the exposure of a young domestic animal (such as a kitten or puppy) to a variety of people, animals, and situations to minimize fear and aggression and promote friendliness. Socialization is important for any pet, but is especially important for our Chow Chows. It is a Chow's nature to be reserved and discerning with strangers. Without socialization, a Chow may become so suspicious of strangers that he avoids being touched by them.

Socialization should start when the puppies are born. A responsible breeder will handle each puppy daily, rubbing their tummy, head, back, and feet. A radio or television should be turned on during the day to get the puppies used to music, voices, and unusual sounds. After their eyes are open, they are encouraged go outside to play and explore with their mother. The breeder provides them with as



Chow Chow:
Ch. Scotchow
Liontamer Louise, 1968
(Photo by Tauskey)

many new experiences as possible. Even the noise of a vacuum cleaner!

Dogs learn from positive and negative experiences. Positive experiences are always the best. Praise and small food-treats or toys will make your job easier.

Gentle grooming (including nail-filing and foot-trimming) should begin as early as 4 weeks. Short trips in the car and short periods spent in a crate are also recommended.

Several times a day, pick up your puppy and put him on his back in your lap or on the floor. Be gentle but firm until he relaxes. Run your hands all over him—legs, feet, toes, ears, tail, and teeth included. It's important that you make these sessions fun. Have everyone in your household handle the puppy like this daily. Gradually increase the length of time the puppy must lie quietly until he will lie there to be massaged as long as you want.

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Grooming and nail care will be much easier for both of you if this training is done frequently.

Chows may be reluctant to meet new people, but they can be trained to enjoy the people they meet. You can prepare them for this as early as 6 weeks by wearing hats, gloves, big coats, floppy shoes, and other accessories when you play with them. They are always so happy to learn that even if you look different, it is fun! Praise and rewards always help.

The most important thing is that they learn to tolerate being handled by strangers (even the veterinarian). Without this training, visits to the vet, groomer, or boarding kennel may be difficult. Kennel clubs, veterinary clinics, and trainers offer “puppy kindergarten” classes that help with socialization and are great opportunities and fun for you and your puppy to enjoy meeting other dogs as well as strangers.

Once your puppy has had his puppy vaccinations and knows how to walk on a leash, take him with you to places that are pet friendly. Bring along some of his favorite treats and toys. Let him check things out at his own pace and encourage him with a happy, confident voice.

Most Chows require some form of socialization throughout their lives. Socialization refresher courses are never a waste of your

time. Let your dogs and puppies meet new people and make new friends.

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Dalmatians

CELEBRATING A RUN FOR THE RECORDS

The Dalmatian community is celebrating one of its own today. BPIS/GCh./Can. Ch./UNJ/UWP/UCA/MBIMBS/UCH Snapshot Don't Spill the Beans, VAX, FDC, CAX20, DCAT, RN, SHDN, SWN, SWA, SWE, SCM, ORT, NW1, NW2, L1E, RATO, TKP, CGCA, CGCU, ATT, DN, UADNJ, WPA, TC, ETD, SPOT, WAG1-Search, WAG1-Identify, PKQT3-COVID Achiever Dog, otherwise known as Taco, has hit a milestone in anyone's book.

After many years, much hard work, and dreaming big dreams, owner Linda Davis and GCh. Taco have added a new title to his already impressive resumé: CAX20! Not only is Taco the only Dal to earn this honor, but also his title is the first CAX20 (Coursing Ability Excellent 20) title ever awarded to any dog by the American Kennel Club.

Beginning in 2013 and running for seven years, Linda and Taco have driven thousands of miles and competed in hundreds of events,



Run, Taco, run! Taco the Dalmatian is the first dog of any breed to earn the AKC's CAX20 (Coursing Ability Excellent 20) title.

and are now reaping the rewards. To make it even more impressive, Taco has completed over 500 consecutive runs without missing a beat. His runs were (pun intended) *spot on*. Every trial equaled a leg, and Taco *never* DQ'ed.

Taco also made many friends and fans with his pre- and post-run antics. His excitement was palpable, and you just could not miss Taco coming to the starting line with his signature bounce that would have made Tigger proud. Reaching heights of six-feet-plus, Taco's made the grandest of entrances of all, then followed by his equally impressive runs.

And in Taco's book, the end was as much fun as the beginning as he enticed his fans with a game of keep-away. Thankfully, Linda knows him well, and he was corralled promptly each time.

As proven by his many titles, Taco is a great example of the breed in both conformation and performance and can be considered a dog who can do it all—a true Renaissance Dog, if you will.

Congratulations to Taco and Linda on a once-in-a-lifetime achievement! It's hard to imagine him topping this performance, but we think Taco and Linda can accomplish any-

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thing they set their sights on.

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Finnish Spitz

TRY BARN HUNT!

Barn Hunt is a relatively new and popular canine sport, one well suited to the Finnish Spitz temperament. It works with their hunting instincts, and also with the partnering demands they make on their owners.

Things start off simply: Find one rat, jump on a bale of hay, and scoot through a short, straight tunnel. Initially, in training the dog will be shown a rat in an open cage. Most Finnish Spitz will show great interest. The next step is to find a rat enclosed in a protective tube. This is usually an easy transition, and is where you start paying attention to how your dog identifies the rat. Some dogs have subtle signals, but Finnish Spitz tend to have obvious, boisterous ones. Novice level goes quickly.

Open level, with two rats, and a turn added to the tunnel, is pretty straightforward as well.

Senior level is where the rubber hits the road. Two tunnel turns, four rats. At first glance, no big deal; your dog loves finding rats, there are just more of them. I was nonetheless



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warned that this is the most difficult level to get through. Some dogs require extra work on the tunnel, which becomes darker and more mysterious. The additional rats, though, are our culprits when problems arise. Most dogs hit the first of three qualifying runs with enthusiasm and brilliance. But then, almost inevitably, they start singing, “Is that all there is?”

I cannot speak for other breeds, but Finnish Spitz have one very important question at this point: “What on earth are we doing?” *We*. Not me. Not you. *We*. When you advance to four rats, your dog will question the premise that he or she is supposed to do all the work.

This is where the fun begins.

I am blessed with a very demanding bitch. Our trek through Senior began with a bang, an HIC with a lightning-fast run. At our next trial, I NQ’d us by touching a bale while rounding a corner. My girl knew something had gone wrong, and it was not her fault.

We entered a period where she coached me on improving my performance.

After what seemed an endless spell of practices and trials where her preferred instructive style was running to the exit, pretending there were no more rats to be found, preceding these pronouncements with many voluntary, sassy trips through the three-turn tunnel, I finally gave up and went along with her routine. My only recourse was to become straight

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woman to her idea of comedy. We played to the crowd. She loved it. Her star quality was finally getting the recognition it deserved. We finished her title.

Having established myself as a viable partner in this gambit, the time had come to change the rules again. At Masters level you don't know how many rats are hidden—there will be anywhere between one and five. You need to figure out a routine where your dog lets you know there are no more rats. Really. No faking.

I began this part of training by “chaining,” which is to teach the last part of a behavior sequence first. Our first runs were done with no rats. Once she knew that finding no rats was OK, we introduced variable numbers of rats.

The tactic worked well. We got our first leg in a trial with an HIC. I'd love to say it was smooth sailing to the end, but of course that didn't happen. Loose ends in our dialogue appeared. She would say something simple, and I'd misread it. I would say something very sensible, and she would be certain I meant something else. We have spent our training time fine-tuning signals—discarding some, adding others, and zeroing in on what we expect from each other. We search for perfect synchrony. It's meticulous mental work, fascinating, and so exciting each time we connect another dot.

Finnish Spitz have a favorite message for

those who dare to train them: “Yes, we've done that, we can do it again, but let's make it better instead!” Barn Hunt is the perfect vehicle for delivering that invitation. Hop aboard for a thrilling ride.

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French Bulldogs

CAN CBD HELP OUR DOGS?

Two weeks ago I knew nothing constructive about the use of CBD. The research began following a frantic call from a friend who has a very dear and lovable Frenchie. This sweet boy had just had four grand mal seizures in 90 minutes. He spent the day at the vet's being X-rayed and having bloodwork. He checked out completely healthy and normal, so does he have late-onset epilepsy at 8 years old? The vet labeled his seizures as idiopathic epilepsy without a known cause. The other diagnosis possibility is a brain lesion/tumor and requires an MRI for diagnosis. My friend was advised to watch him carefully for another seizure, and he is on an anticonvulsive. Can CBD help him?

Cannabidiol, also known as CBD, is now legal in 47 states, but not all CBD is of equal quality. Therefore, research is a must. The



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quality must be as pure as possible without pesticides. If the label does not have a Certificate of Analysis (COA), then ask to see one.

The membership of our club is always eager to share their experiences and help another Frenchie in trouble. I was surprised at the number of Frenchies taking CBD for so many different issues: arthritis, anxieties, allergies, epilepsy, and even brain tumors. Owners have reported positive effects for their dogs' health. Although vets don't usually prescribe it, several members have said that over time the vets reviewed the results as positive and got on board with the treatment.

There is a lot of research being done about CBD and canine issues, and there is a list of resources at the bottom of this column. One study of special interest is supported by the French Bulldog Donor Advised Fund in conjunction with the Canine Health Foundation: the research is currently underway, and results have not been published. <https://www.akcchf.org/research/research-portfolio/2323.html>

"While studies suggest CBD doesn't pose a risk of addiction and generally causes few side effects, there are some risks," says Casara Andre, DVM, founder of Veterinary Cannabis Education & Consulting, a resource for pet owners and veterinarians.

For one thing, Andre says, CBD can interact

with medications, including those used by vets. Also, there's less oversight and testing of products marketed for pets, and there have been reports of animals harmed by contaminated or spoiled CBD products, she says. There have also been reports of animals that seemed to get high from products, possibly because the formulations had more THC than was claimed. (CBD-only products are supposed to contain less than 0.3 percent THC.) Continue reading at Consumer Reports, which has an excellent article available at <https://www.consumerreports.org/cbd/how-to-shop-for-cbd/>.

There is a hemp grower in my area, Lee Crabtree, who filled me in on his side of CBD oil growing, harvesting, and testing for purity. Lee Crabtree also produces a product for sale: <https://www.tnhomegrown.com/product/hempdawg/>. He produces a product that is the same for pets and people. Lee grows organically and tests the product for purity. He warns that there is a lot of sketchiness in the business, so you need to do your homework and be sure that the product has been inspected by the state granting a COA.

This is a subject for owners to research for themselves and make their own decisions about regarding the best quality to purchase. And be sure you do this in consultation with your vet, to be certain there are no concerns with drug interactions or other issues.

If one of my dogs ever needed this type of medicinal aid, I would be willing to try it with my vet's approval. Arm yourself with information.

Resources:

- <https://naturesultra.com>
- Forbes article on the CBD and Dog Arthritis study done at Cornell University: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/julieweed/2018/12/13/cornell-university-research-could-help-hemp-entrepreneurs-and-make-dogs-feel-better/#2f65985783c2>
- Cornell University CBD and Dog Arthritis study: <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fvets.2018.00165/full>
- Colorado State University release on the preliminary data from the (pilot) study looking at CBD as a treatment for epilepsy in dogs: <https://combs.source.colostate.edu/preliminary-data-from-cbd-clinical-trials-promising/>
- CBS News story on the CBD and epilepsy (pilot) study done at Colorado State University: <https://denver.cbslocal.com/2018/07/16/csu-cbd-oil-dogs/>
- Here are the two companies that had their products tested in these clinical trials (these would be the two companies to look at first if you're interested in finding CBD products for your pets): ElleVet Sciences is the company whose product was tested in the Cornell (the dogs and osteoarthritis study), while Applied

Basic Sciences Corporation (ABSC) is the company whose products were tested in the Colorado State University dogs and epilepsy (pilot) study.

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Lhasa Apsos

THE HAMILTON FOUNDATION LINE

Important bloodlines are a crucial piece of a breed's history. They represent the work of gifted breeders who established their mark on their breed's identity, wielding influence long after their work is finished. The Lhasa Apso was alien to Western cultures until the early 20th century, making early breeders pioneers with a unique opportunity to influence the breed's future.

Among the first Lhasa Apsos to be imported into the United States were those sent to Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Cutting, of Hamilton Farm in Gladstone, New Jersey, by His Holiness the 13th Dalai Lama. Hamilton Farm currently is a private golf club and event center. At that time it was a private estate complete with stables and kennels.

The dogs arrived in early 1933, the foundation of what was to become one of the most renowned and successful lines of Lhasa Apsos.

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Lhasa Apso: "Which end is which?" Ch. Hamilton Torma (Joan Ludwig photo)

A generally accepted definition of a Hamilton line Lhasa Apso is one descended from the dogs imported by Hamilton Farm and subsequently bred there, with no outcrossing in succeeding generations.

The Cuttings employed Fred Huyler and James Gladstone, experienced kennel man-

agers, to breed and show their dogs. In 1934, a Lhasa Apso was exhibited at Westminster Kennel Club under the designation of Lhasa Terrier. The first AKC breed standard, which strongly echoed the English standard, was approved in April 1934. The first registration in the AKC studbook occurred in May 1935.

The breed competed in the Terrier Group as a Lhasa terrier in 1936–1955, was first called the Lhasa Apso in 1944, then moved to the Non-Sporting Group in 1956.

The Hamilton Lhasas recorded in the March 1936 AKC Studbook were the Tibetan imports Hamilton Bidgy (bitch), Hamilton Tsaring (dog), Hamilton Sarong (dog), and the Tsaring-Bidgy offspring Hamilton Taski, Hamilton Drepung, Hamilton Khampa, Hamilton LunPo, Hamilton Padmeh, and Hamilton Sera—all dogs—and the bitch Hamilton Rimpochi.

The Cuttings had the resources and the will to build their line quickly. In 1937, both Cuttings visited Tibet and brought out a pair of golden Apsos presented to them by the Regent, as the 13th Dalai Lama had died. The Cuttings expanded the Hamilton gene pool in the late 1930s and early 1940s with the acquisition of Shanghai and Lhasa from Hawaii—the offspring of Lhasa Terriers imported to Hawaii from Holly Heath Kennel in Shanghai. Four dogs were imported, and others were born in quarantine. Shanghai was sired by Rags out of Betty. Lhasa was out of Monk and Prim. Shanghai and Lhasa were taken to Hamilton Farms and bred to Hamilton Sigm. Sigm and Shanghai produced Hamilton Kyi-Chu, the granddam of the fabled Ch. Hamilton Tatsienlu.

In 1950, the Cuttings received the last pair to come from Tibet: a male, Le, and female, Phema, from the 14th Dalai Lama. By then the Hamilton line was established and a force in the breed. Both became AKC champions. Le sired puppies that were shown, but Phema proved barren.

In 1957, Ch. Hamilton Torma, a bitch sired by Tatsienlu, made history, becoming the first Lhasa Apso to attain an AKC all-breed Best in Show. Torma, bred by the Cuttings, was owned by Marie Stillman, of Americal's Lhasa Apsos, and handled by Mitch Wooten.

Mrs. Cutting died in 1961, and Mr. Cutting sold the Hamilton Lhasas to Dorothy Cohen of Karma Kennels, who pursued the same dedication to breed type and quality as Hamilton Farm. The Cuttings produced a foundation line synonymous with consistent breed type, elegance, and quality, beginning with direct imports derived from centuries of somewhat random breeding. For decades "pure Hamilton" or "straight Hamilton," meaning a dog who was never bred outside the Hamilton bloodlines, represented the gold standard to breeders and exhibitors with serious interest in the breed.

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Shiba Inu

PUPPIES IN AN APARTMENT

Upon perusing through information on the Shiba, a common thread that runs through most literature is that Shibas are easy to housebreak. Compared to other breeds, this is true. In fact, they are practically born housebroken and will scream to get out of the whelping box at 3 weeks of age when they have to poop. Confining a puppy at night or when he can't be watched combined with easy access to a fenced yard, especially through a sliding glass door, makes the process virtually trouble free.

Ease of housebreaking combined with a Shiba's size and clean habits puts a gleam in the eye of an apartment dweller. Here is the practically perfect apartment dog, right? Possibly, but raising any breed in an apartment comes with its own attendant set of problems. Shiba puppies are not good at using newspapers, wee-wee pads, or "Potty Parks"—those things are shredded, spread throughout the house, and/or consumed. It's best to bite the bullet and prepare to walk the puppy outside whenever he needs to "go."

To prepare yourself for this experience, there are several steps you can take to test your readiness.

On the first rainy night, you should stay up until midnight, as you will be playing with

your puppy to tire him out, anyhow. Go for a short walk in the rain before retiring and set your alarm for 2 A.M. Get up, put on your clothes, and go for a 20-minute walk up and down your block. Come home, throw a couple of tablespoons of water onto the floor or carpet because your puppy couldn't hold it while you got dressed. Clean it up.

Find the most irritating ringtone on your phone. Have it go off every two minutes for 15 minutes. Set the alarm for 5 a.m. and get up quickly, throw on a jacket, go outside, and walk and stand around for 10 minutes. Ignore the stares of your neighbors leaving early for work. Go inside and get a plastic bag and flashlight, because your puppy finally pooped in the neighbor's ivy and you need to pick it up. More stares.

The second night, you go to sleep comforted by the thought that your puppy "did his business" during the midnight walk, but you set your alarm to the irritating noise every 30 seconds because the puppy wants to play. After 15 minutes you get up, bring in the milk crate that is your substitute for a dog crate. Every time the alarm goes off or the recording resets, you slap the crate and say "no." After three times, you reset the alarm for 4 A.M., get up, get dressed, and walk around outside for 10 minutes. Go in the house and throw some water on the floor inside the door, because the



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puppy didn't quite make it outside. Step in it with your bare foot, hop around cursing and clean it up.

Having learned your lesson, on the third night, you sleep in your clothes prepared for anything, but after just a couple slaps on the milk crate, the puppy sleeps until 5 a.m. You're on your way to success.

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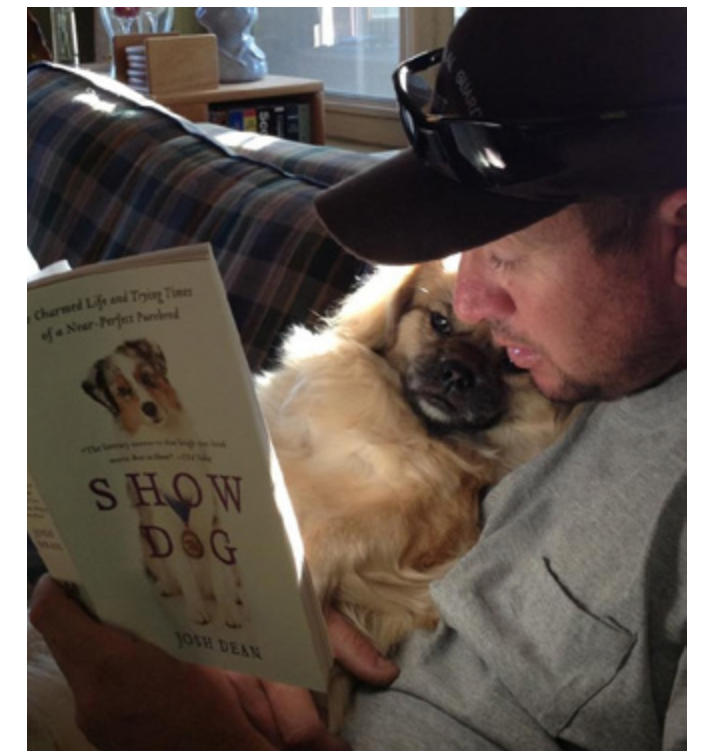
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Tibetan Spaniels

Our guest columnist for this issue is Lexine Thompson, who can be reached at tibbies@sbcglobal.net.

THE NOT SO WILD WEST

A little background on me: With a maiden name of Rover, I was destined to have a life that would include dogs. My father always had AKC-registered dogs, and I have followed suit. In 1975, as an adult I started with a Golden Retriever, first in conformation, and then field training, as I was a bird hunter. I found conformation to be quite subjective, while field trials were based on the performance of the dog. I decided I would pursue field trials after a rattlesnake bit our young Golden on the face while hunting. It left a scar



Guest columnist Lexine Thompson with husband JB and Tibetan Spaniel Archie, GCh. Hi Desert All in the Family; the author with Wizard, Ch. Aangkichi Midnight Magic, CGC, ROM, after showing in Veterans at the 2019 national at age 14½; JB reading a bedtime story to Ziva, GCh. Hi Desert Ziva's a Diva.

on her face, making conformation difficult.

Fast-forward, and after different breeds we found the Tibetan Spaniel. As an owner of five Tibetan Spaniels, I would like to talk about how living on the West Coast limits our ability to obtain needed points for AKC championship titles. Because breeding is my passion, I found the necessity to compete in conformation in order to breed better Tibbies. I have come to love showing my dogs, but because there are not many breeders on the West Coast anymore, we have limited entries,

making it difficult to obtain their titles.

So how do we get younger people in our area involved? That is the big question. My local all-breed club is working on relationships with 4-H groups, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts to try to bring in juniors. Maybe we should offer an AKC dog to a junior in these organizations so they can learn to show. Our all-breed club is dwindling in membership, so we need to find a way to get the communities involved in our sport.

In order to get a major, even with the small

number required in our area, we can't seem to get enough Tibbies together to build a major. My husband and I finally had to travel to our national twice to get the two majors required for our male's Bred-by championship. For the first, we traveled from Carson City, Nevada, to York, Pennsylvania, where he was able to get one major at the specialty show held in conjunction with our 2018 national. Of course, this was very costly, but going to the national is always worth the trip. We still had no majors in our area during

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the 2019 show season, so we headed the next year to our 2019 national in Albany, Oregon, where he took Reserve Winners Dog for the major. Happily, the next day in the ring as a new champion he took breed at the supported show. Our boy was now just under 3 years old, older than when any of our others received their championships. Most of the breeders/owners of Tibbies are back East, which requires air travel, limiting us to two dogs if both of us travel. (Our breed cannot be in cargo, as it is considered snub-nose.) The closest area for shows for us is Northern California, and we have to hope there are enough of our breed there to get points. The cost is approximately \$500 per weekend, which becomes quite expensive. In Northern Nevada we only have two clubs a year that put on a show, and not many in our breed travel here to enter.

I need to add that even though it is expensive for us, my husband and I love being able to travel and be with all the wonderful people we have met who enjoy our breed so much. We wouldn't change a thing and look forward to the day we can once again be in the ring competing with our friends. —L.T.

Thank you, Lexine.

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Tibetan Terriers

A CONVERSATION WITH TUULA PLATHAN OF KARAMAIN KENNEL IN FINLAND

SONAM KUSHNER: *Tuula, you have a very long history with our beloved Tibetan Terriers. Can you share a little about your beginnings?*

TUULA PLATHAN: Our foundation stock was bred in Finland. Our first Tibetan Terrier, Int. & Nordic Ch. Dali-Jarkan Ba-Dok-Pa, born in 1974, was a handsome, compact dog of the correct size. He was a top-winning show dog, an excellent stud, and a good family dog. The mother of our foundation litter with him was Int. & Nordic Ch. Matinsuon Nan-Gy. This first Karamain litter, born in 1978, with three males and three females, produced five future champions and was the foundation stock for three new TT breeders.

SK: *Over 30 years ago, you imported two beautiful all-Lamleh puppy girls, Karma and Dolma, from Sandy Hoffman (Illinois), and a champion male, Kalai's Lord Chesterfield, from Glenna Kuehn (Kentucky). You bred Karma to Margareta Sundquist of Sweden's all-American Lamleh male, and this litter of six puppies was the beginning of a new era for the Lamleh line in Europe. From this litter, you kept two girls and one boy—the legendary Ch. Karamain Pan American. Can you say a little about this special boy Pan American, and the subsequent development and*

influence of the European Lamleh line as a result of this litter?

TP: I bred two litters from both of my Kamaru Losang girls, Karma and Dolma. They produced nice puppies, and quite a few of them were exported to breeders abroad. The Lamleh line was not strong in Europe after Dr. Greig's passing, and breeders in Europe had lost interest in the bloodline. When Margareta Sundqvist and I imported quality Lamleh line TTs from the U.S. and carried on breeding the line, many European breeders became interested again, and the pure Lamleh line was saved!

Karma's son Ch. Karamain Pan American was a beautiful specimen of the breed, possessing all-important special details of the breed, described in the standard. He has left his footprints in the breed. He was the sire of multi Ch. Karamain Jo-Wo Pan-Bu, who in turn was the sire of the cosmopolitan male, multi Ch. Karamain Koppertone Kid. Also, Ch. Kalai's Lord Chesterfield produced several champions and two European winners. Both of them sired quality puppies with Lamleh bitches, as well as with bitches of the mixed Lamleh-Luneville lines. They can be found on all my pedigrees still today.

SK: *In 2018, you did a TT breeding with traditional English line-breeding. For those of us who do not know what this is, can you talk just a little about*

it? Is line-breeding a feature that you use a lot in your breeding program? How important is it to outcross?

TP: Doing in-line breeding every now and then is a method to maintain the correct breed type as it is described in the breed standard. I double one excellent specimen of the breed in the line-bred pedigree. When it is done carefully, with knowledge and experience, you will get an even litter of puppies in type and size. Outcross breeding often produces more variety in type and size. However, I prefer outcrossing today. Because we cannot get "new blood" in the breed anymore, we are dealing with live animals in a limited population. I believe it is important to keep the gene pools wide and TTs healthy and vital. Various health-checks and gene tests support this goal. It is equally important to maintain the original, correct breed type. In outcross breedings it is particularly important that the stud dog and the brood bitch represent the same type. I have bred 121 Tibetan Terrier champions. They come from both bloodlines, all-Lamleh and mixed line, and equally from outcross and line-bred litters.

SK: *Recently in July 2020, you had a litter. This means that you have been breeding Tibetan Terriers for 42 years! Can you describe the changes that you have observed during these years, and how the original style of TT has evolved to what we see presently?*

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Ch. Karamain Pan American, August 1988—just 9 months old at his first official show weekend, winning Best of Breed over top-winning champions; Ch. Karamain Yarmilara with her litter of outcross puppies; Ch. Kalai's Lord Chesterfield, June 1989; Ch. Dali-Jarkan-Ba-Dok-Pa (1974-1990).

Yes, our latest Karamain litter goes 13 generations back to my foundation stock. It is an outcross litter—the five-generation inbreeding rate is 0.00%. The pedigree of the puppies looks like the map of the Western world! However, the puppies look alike in type, because their

parents and ancestors represent the same original breed type. In general the correct TT breed type hasn't changed in 98 years in the Western world, thanks to the devoted breeders. Grooming has changed. And the TT temperament has changed for the better: TTs today are

friendly and outgoing, lovely family pets and not aloof with strangers as their ancestors often were some 50 years ago.

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Australian Cattle Dogs

THE VALUE OF HEALTH TESTING

It's hard to believe, but some people still do not know or care about health-testing their breeding stock.

It is a privilege to place your hopes and dreams into creating a future generation. But it shouldn't be about using your favorite dog, unless your favorite dog meets the standard and is health-tested, and you can find a suitable health-tested mate.

Working dogs—and in my opinion, all dogs—need all their body parts to work in harmony to remain sound and pain free. This ideal should be the gold standard. It's not production or sales, not ribbons, but great construction that allows for a happy-temperament partner.

Australian Cattle Dogs rarely share their discomfort until it's too late to ameliorate the problem. When you have a breed with a great heart, who love their people, love to work, and have so much “try,” serious and thoughtful consideration should be given to the beginning of your relationship. All puppies are wonderful, but for the sake of the breed and the intense partnership into which you will place your skills, training and love into, practice the following:

- Seek health-tested puppies from health-tested parents and multiple generations.



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- Demand tested puppies and dogs
- For the sake of the dog, start by being their advocate.

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals is an open database for checking health-testing records.

Testing requirements for the Australian Cattle Dog:

- Hip dysplasia
- Elbow dysplasia
- Eye exam

- Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA)
- Congenital deafness (BAER testing)

Primary lens luxation

—and several other optional tests.

You, the consumer, have the power to assure dogs and puppies get the best start.

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Bearded Collies

WHAT IS A BEARDIE?

Some four decades ago or thereabouts, the favored few who enjoyed the company of Beardies in those days were often accosted in public by curious folks who queried, “What kind of dog is that?”

Replying “It's a Bearded Collie” inevitably resulted in a wrinkled brow, a puzzled

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expression (Lassie with a goatee?), and the question, “What’s a Bearded Collie?”

Not an easy question to answer. But after giving the matter serious thought, I slipped a sheet of paper into my typewriter and took a stab at a description of our beloved buddies. (If the word *typewriter* is unfamiliar, you might want to look it up in Wikipedia under “ancient artifacts.”) This is what I wrote all those years ago:

What Is a Bearded Collie?

A Beardie is springtime on snowflake paws. It’s a happy grin, eyes brimming with innocence, and a calculating mind covered in a shaggy coat cleverly concocted to invite cuddling. It’s an insistent paw stripping the blanket from your shivering shoulders, and a chill, damp nose nuzzling your neck at sunup. It’s your shadow.

A Beardie has carefully concealed coiled springs for hind legs and believes heeling at shoulder height is a perfectly acceptable practice. A Beardie can jump into the air facing north and come down facing south—removing your hat and kissing your ear in the process. A Beardie is devotion with a dash of devilishness, intelligence peppered with impishness and spirit sparked with a sense of humor.

A Beardie is a study in contrasts. She can hear you take out your car keys from five rooms away but can’t seem to hear your shout



Bearded Collies: “Springtime on snowflake paws”

of “Come” from 10 feet. The sound of running water in her dish brings her to the bathroom, but the sound of running water in the tub results in her disappearance. She’ll turn up her nose at her own dinner and gobble up someone else’s—even though they’re exactly alike. And you can always count on her to be well behaved—except when you have company.

A Beardie is a glorious whirlwind of flying fur, a nonstop wag with dog attached. Or it’s

a pleading face in the window, a paw against the pane, hoping you’ll reconsider and return. A Beardie is a “You’re not alone” nudge under your elbow when you’re feeling down, and an inquisitive tilt of the head when you talk. A Beardie is an audience, a companion, and a friend. Living with a Beardie may not always be easy, but for me, living without one is impossible.

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Belgian Malinois

IN 2020, DOG SHOWS ARE A PRIVILEGE

There’s been no shortage of ink devoted to the subject of how best to carry on with dog sports during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many thoughtful people sweated hard over how to conduct events safely given what is known about transmission of the deadliest disease to sweep the U.S. since the 1918 H1N1 flu pandemic, which killed about 675,000 Americans.

AKC performance event rules were changed to minimize close human contact and cross-contamination of equipment. Each event club has then had to translate the new AKC guidance into rules that adhered to state public health mandates and made people feel safe enough to actually enter and attend the events.

I had not been to a dog show in five months when I agreed to spend the weekend stewarding at an outdoor obedience trial recently. I would like to respectfully share my observations on that experience, for whatever help it may provide future event chairmen in making their events both safe and attractive to safety-conscious exhibitors.

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1. *Event rules should clarify that each person is expected to actively participate in creating a safe atmosphere.* Exhibitors were not required to wear masks. Unmasked folk, oblivious of their proximity, crowded me repeatedly to get a better view of the ring, ask questions, or to look at the posted run order. I was left to do 100 percent of the physical-distancing work, which made me feel resentful and unsafe. I'm not a stickler for outdoor masking when there is plenty of space. But if one is taking advantage of the cool, refreshing outdoor air, one must be prepared to participate in the work of distancing. This applies especially to situations like walking agility courses, when exhibitors are focused on handling their invisible dogs instead of distancing from other people.

2. *Event rules should clarify that masks, when required, must cover both the nose and the mouth at all times.* A notable percentage of exhibitors wore masks that were ill-fitting, constantly slipping down below their noses. The shape of one's face/nose can contribute to difficulties in this regard. In my opinion, however, we are far enough into this pandemic that people should by now have discovered a mask design and attachment method that keeps their masks in place despite breathing, talking, and sweating. I use double-sided tape for this purpose.

3. *Clear and consistent criteria improve performance.* At this trial, exhibitors did as they



pleased, stewards were masked full-time, and the judge did not wear a mask at all. Though this technically complied with the rules, it set a poor example, since the judge does closely approach the exhibitor for some exercises. The clearer and simpler a dog-training performance criterion, the quicker the learning and the more solid the performance. I believe this observation should be adapted to a simple rule: Everyone wears a mask at all times at a dog event. This leaves no doubt in anyone's mind about the expected behavior.

4. *Make full use of the generous rule changes.* I was asked to handle utility gloves (perhaps unavoidable), leashes, and dumbbells (avoidable). I was surprised about the latter. For my own safety, I wore gloves. Obviously, I cross-contaminated everyone's equipment, though no one other than me seemed concerned. Surface contamination may be less of a transmission risk, but the clear intention of COVID-era rules is to avoid cross-contamination.

5. *The event committee must be committed to acting on complaints.* On Trial Day 1, a show official wore a face shield that was tilted up and outward. I mentioned this to another event official, and the next day, the face shield had been replaced by a mask. It is incredible how much peer pressure there is to "go along to get along," so this kind of swift reinstruction is crucial, and was much appreciated.

I think outdoor events can be done safely if people observe not just the letter, but also the true spirit of the COVID procedures. This means we must make more than the lowest-common-denominator amount of effort. Each of us needs to think in terms of setting the most concerned person at ease with all of our actions. That's good sportsmanship. None of us wants to find out the hard way that we attended the Millinocket Wedding (147 COVID-19 cases, three deaths) of dog events.

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Belgian Sheepdogs

BELGIAN SOCIAL PART TWO

In my last column, we looked at how socializing a Belgian puppy would take place amid COVID-19 restrictions. In the months that ensued, we found new questions. Flight restrictions and fears about flying created challenges for people who wanted to get their new puppies across the country safely. Puppy classes were also being started up again, both indoors and outdoors. Dog shows also proved to be a sensitive subject for many, as shows began to resume indoors and outdoors throughout the country. How do we manage this safely for ourselves and our dogs?

It has been amazing to watch our Belgian community rally in support of one another during these critical times. In my area, Linda Mizrahi had assessed the need for a safe conformation handling class at our local park as outdoor gatherings were expanded beyond groups of 10 or more as allowed by our governors. We have had seven litters of Belgian Sheepdogs born in the last year just in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia alone. Needless to say, we have had a lot of puppies

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ready to learn.

With group effort and open conversation, Linda facilitated our Friday group with pole markers for ring entrance and exits, masks on both our instructor and class participants, and hands sanitizer readily available. Interestingly enough, we did find that masks had little bearing on reactions from the puppies, who ranged from 3 to 10 months in age. Our Belgian puppies were their usual selves, exhibiting careful and cautious but not fearful behavior. They learned to have their bites shown by their handlers and be examined by the judge. They happily gaited around the ring, learned patterns like triangles and L's, and practiced the art of the signature Belgian free-stack.

Indoors, we found instructors had to get bit more creative. One Belgian in his puppy obedience class found himself with his own large ex-pen area along with five other puppies, all spaced out according to their local indoor-distancing guidelines so that their instructor could safely resume teaching class in their new normal. They learned the basic sit, down, stay, heel, recall, and "leave it" skills necessary for any young Belgian puppy to be successful in life. Some owners with compromised immune systems themselves sent their Belgian puppy with a family member, friend, or handler to these new types of classes and gatherings to make sure their puppy did not miss out on



Belgian Sheepdog

critical training opportunities essential for any young Belgian Sheepdog.

We have also seen many AKC events begin to open up. Venues like Fast CAT, scent work, tracking, herding, and dock diving have been successful, largely because these venues can be set up easily within the social-distancing modifications assigned by their state and local governments. Agility, obedience, and

conformation have also begun more recently to resume. Our BSCA-supported local and regional specialties show promise of a future with the large entry recently found at the shows in Canfield, Ohio, in July. Lots of us have found ourselves trying out and enjoying new venues with our Belgians that we would have not if it weren't for the changes in lifestyle COVID-19 forced into place. Many Belgian friends have also kindly taken us through Facebook on their wonderful hikes and socially distanced outdoor adventures that encourage us all to think outside the box.

Flying a puppy, as it turns out, really hasn't changed that much. When a friend asked me in July to fly a puppy to his new home, I set off with the 12-week-old Belgian puppy in his Sherpa bag via Alaska Air. Flying was business as usual, except that flights were booked two-thirds full and everyone was wearing masks. Direct flights are still available, also making for easier travel with your Belgian puppy.

In the end, it is important to remember that while COVID-19 has forced unprecedented changes to our lives, Belgian breeders are still breeding, and people are still reaching out to Belgian breeders in search of their next four-legged family member. Socialization and training to both Belgian and their person gives a feeling of confidence, achievement, and normalcy in an otherwise uncertain time.

Stay safe, friends.

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Belgian Tervuren

SHOWING YOUR DOG'S BITE

In readying your dog for the show ring, you should have trained him to accept someone placing their hand on his muzzle, lifting the front and side lips, and possibly rubbing their fingers over his teeth. This type of exam is done because the Tervuren standard references missing teeth or dentition. This exam requires either the judge or the exhibitor to separate the front of the lips to display the meshing of the incisors and canines. It also requires lifting the flews on each side of the mouth to see the pre-molars and molars on the upper and lower jaw for each side.

This type of exam may be done by a judge—or, in training classes, someone pretending to be the judge. When you are expected to show your dog's bite yourself, the same type of exam is done, but only it is performed by you.

Now here comes the tricky part in doing it yourself: You are going to do this at your dog's side, and without blocking the vision of the judge. So be sure to practice doing both

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sides of the dog's mouth. You may need to turn your dog's head slightly when showing the side bite. Be sure the dog is comfortable with this. Your hands may at times be blocking the dog's eyes by performing this examination with you at his side. Be sure to get the dog used to this—it may not be intentional when this happens, but may be just how the judge is approaching or looking at the bite and where you need to be during this approach. You want your dog to be comfortable in all situations.

The other “hint” I can share is to remember that you are fully aware of what your dog's bite looks like. Keep your head out of the judge's way, and don't block his vision with your head, body, or hands.

If your dog has a level bite that may look a slight bit off, a judge might run the flat of her thumb across the front of your dog's teeth to “feel” if the bite is truly level.

The Tervuren standard does not require a “mouth” exam that includes opening the mouth and counting all the teeth. Our judges' education program does train judges that a mouth exam is not used in our breed, but occasionally that information may slip through the cracks, and you will see a judge perform this type of exam. It may not be a bad idea to train your dog to accept this type of exam so they don't have a meltdown if it

happens. Do not expect it be the norm.

The entire bite exam should take seconds. Practice until you feel you are doing a smooth presentation.

In the event a judge still wants to check the bite on his own, remember you may ask if you can show the bite instead. Most judges will comply, but remember it is their choice.

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Briards

PROCRASTINATION

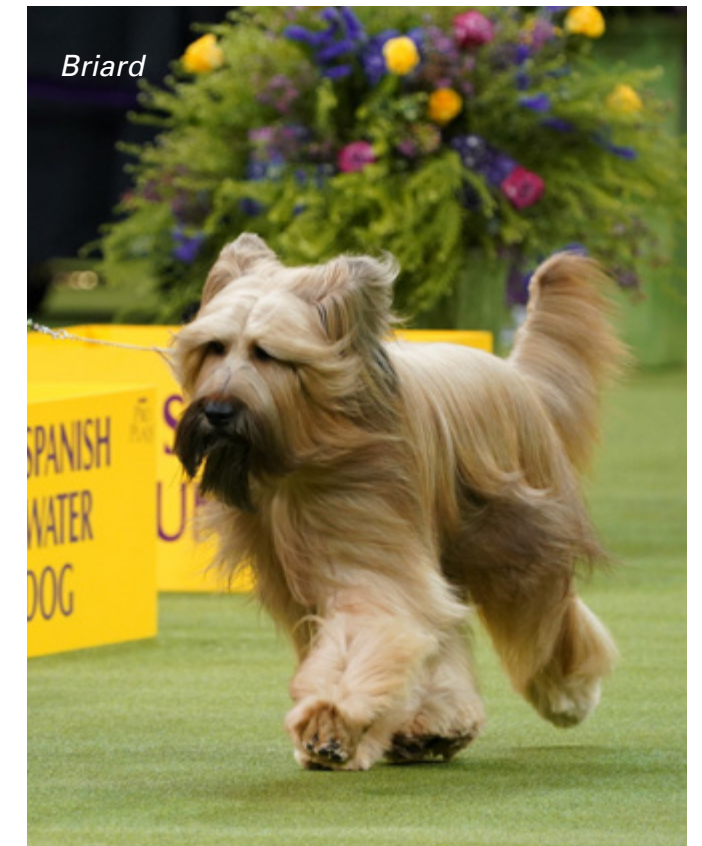
Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow. Procrastination has been elevated to an art form by countless members of the dog world. Seriously! How many times have you submitted your dog show entries within an hour or so of closing? How often have you sent off entries by FedEx or express mail in order to meet the deadline? Have you ever phoned a magazine editor to beg for an extension and tell her “the ad is in the mail”? How frequently have you groomed and bathed your Briard at midnight for next day's show?

Yeah, me too. But I know I'm not alone. Did you ever wonder why so many of us operate this way? Maybe it has something to do with

the nature of the game. It works something like this: Your Briard needs one paltry point to finish. Now if you enter him in just one show, you can almost guarantee he'll lose. Of course, if you enter him in a trio of weekend shows, he'll go Winners Dog all three days. Sure, you could move him up to specials, but (A) he's too young to be truly competitive in that group, or (B) you'd break the major and have all the other exhibitors unhappy with you. However, if you left him in class competition and he won all three days, they wouldn't be exactly ecstatic either.

Perhaps you don't want to enter a show that closes Wednesday until you find out if he finishes at the show the Sunday before that. Maybe you hold off entering until you know there will be competition. Then there's the fear factor. Optimistically, you send the entry in weeks in advance. How likely is your Briard to develop a hot spot? Or start limping for no known reason? Or suddenly decide to drop that luxurious coat? So exhibitors have learned to wait until the last minute to enter in order to shorten the time span in which untold calamities could occur.

Some years ago, the show secretary of our club moaned we would go bankrupt because it was only two weeks before closing and only 37 entries had been received. Then, as the closing date approached, the entries flooded



in, inundating her. One year, the club elected to combat the last-minute tsunami by offering a reduced rate for early-bird entries. It worked quite well, though we were perplexed when one exhibitor paid FedEx \$15 to deliver the entries by the early-bird date to save himself \$8.

Obedience competitors are just as bad when it comes to procrastination. It might be that the bitch is due to come in season in the near future. Postponing the trial entry until just before closing narrows the time span in which to nibble nails and hope she holds off for the

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next two weeks at least. As in conformation, delaying an obedience entry until the last minute may be because he could pick up the elusive third leg on the Sunday (you hope) prior to the midweek closing date.

Grooming and bathing a Briard several days in advance of the show virtually ensures there will be three days of rain in the interim, or your dog will opt to excavate a subway system in your yard. With any kind of luck (mostly bad), he may even find something dead and malodorous to roll in.

Procrastination is almost a necessity in the dog world. Let's face it, if it weren't for the last minute, nothing would ever get done.

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Canaan Dogs

CANAAN DOGS AND COVID-19

At the time of writing this column, many American states are beginning to ease the stay-at-home order placed on the national populace due to the onset of the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic in order to reduce or slow down the spread of this deadly virus. Offices, stores, restaurants, doctor and dental locations, factories, schools, and countless businesses closed as people learned a “new



normal” way of life, which included teleworking, online classes, and ordering groceries and meals for home delivery, as well as discovering or rediscovering hobbies, books, games, and such to occupy unscheduled hours.

This “new normal” also includes our Canaan Dogs. For those with conformation and/or performance dogs, the cancellation of shows and training facilities has meant a new challenge to owners and handlers—how to keep their Canaans active and in condition for when the shows returned. Even for those owners who have pet-quality Canaans and don't go to shows found the “new normal”

meant a different lifestyle with a highly intelligent breed that can get easily bored. With the advent of the AKC's Virtual Trick Dog, Fit Dog, and Rally, numerous owners found an answer to their wishes. Social media bloomed with photos and videos of Canaan owners and their dogs practicing for the new titles. One owner reported that her Canaan learned to bowl, play the piano, honk a bike horn, open and close doors using a pull, play the ring-toss game, jump through a hoop, jump on a small trampoline, discriminate between toys, and retrieve an old-style mobile phone, which the dog also dials with her paw then hangs up.

The most favorite trick in this dog's repertoire is to pull a tissue from the box and present it to the owner at a pretend sneeze and the word *Achoo!* Next, the clever Canaan is slowly being introduced to a skateboard.

Many Canaan Dog owners who commuted to daily jobs prior to the pandemic suddenly found themselves teleworking from home—or worse, in the unemployment lines. This emotional and financial shift caused stress in owners, and Canaans, who are masters at body language and moods, were a part of attempts to alleviate that anxiety; quite a few Canaan owners reported that their normally aloof dogs would unexpectedly nuzzle or sit next to them when the owner was feeling particularly distressed. One owner's two Canaans who normally spent their daytime in their dog room would now wind up sleeping within a couple feet of the owner at her desk and made the home office a place of Zen tranquility. One method for both exercise and stress reduction is taking the dog for a walk, whether around the block or around the park, though in both cases, the sudden appearance of squirrels, birds, chipmunks, rabbits, and such made a walk very interesting!

Even when not on walks, Canaans will remain alert for critters. An owner reported that her Canaans had learned the schedule of the area wildlife: 7 A.M., 4 P.M., and 8 P.M. for

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the deer, including a doe who wakes up late and strolls through the yard at 8 A.M., and the fox who comes through at 10 A.M. and 6 P.M., with different barks for each intruder, while the bluebirds and barn swallows are ignored as they swoop over the dogs in the yard, and the starlings nesting in the eaves of the roof are yelled at in “Canaan speak” vociferously.

While the emotional, financial, and sadly, in many cases, devastating upheaval caused by this deadly virus and its aftermath will be with us for years to come, even long after a control and/or cure for it has been discovered, the ever-adaptive Canaans and their owners will find a way to deal with this “new normal.”

Thanks to the following owners (and Canaan Dogs) for their anecdotes: Marcia Muller (Ziva), Alla Geretz (Penny and Ginger), Denise Gordon (Dancer and Angel), and Amanda Pough (Cole and Reen). —D.G.

The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. would like to invite everyone to attend the CDCA national specialty to be held Friday, October 16, at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. For information on all the national specialty events being held that week, go to the CDCA website (link below) or the [CDCA Facebook](#) page.

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Cardigan Welsh Corgis

I’VE GOT A BONE TO PICK WITH YOU

When a well-respected breeder judge adjudicates your national specialty, it is wise to listen to the speech that is typically given at the banquet, culminating the end of the weeklong festivities. This is when the judge can pontificate on the virtues of the dogs presented to them and also comment on what the future may hold for your favorite breed. I repeat that when it is a well-known breeder-judge, one should take heed to their perspective. Our entry in 2019 was the largest ever, and this allowed for a wide range of styles, both good and bad, to be presented for evaluation. In a situation like that, one better be prepared to know their breed extremely well from nose to tail.

As I tentatively tuned into our esteemed judge’s overview on our breed and the entries that were presented, one comment in particular stood out to me. Once he said it, I thought, what a brilliant and simple way to understand a much-misunderstood feature of our breed. It was so simplistic, yet efficient. It went like this: *oval feet, oval bone, round feet, round bone*. I have looked at hundreds if not thousands of Cardigan feet, and this just struck me like an epiphany. When presenting the judges education program to prospective judges, we always discuss this important feature, but the



The Cardigan standard says, “The feet are relatively large and rounded, with well filled pads.”

visual impact of this statement should make it far easier for a judge to access this important aspect of the breed.

If you look at the official cardigan standard, it says, “The feet are relatively large and rounded, with well filled pads.” As we read further into the standard, it says, “Overall, the bone should be heavy for a dog of this size,

but not so heavy as to appear coarse or reduce agility.”

One has to be careful, though, as it is very common in the world of purebred dogs to over-accentuate any feature of dog as described in the standard in an effort to draw attention to that feature in hopes of capturing the judge’s attention. Many of us are notorious for thinking that if one inch is required, then two inches has to be better. Remember, overall balance is far more important than one or two overly exaggerated elements.

Although our standard does not state directly that the bone should be round, it has been the practice to teach that for quite some time, and it makes perfect sense for that shape to carry to through the foot, given the basic construction of the Cardigan and his ability to perform his job as originally designed many years ago. (Some say over 3,000, but let’s save that discussion for another time in the future.)

Interestingly enough, the rear foot is not quite described the same way in the standard. It states in the section featuring the hind-quarter description the following: “Feet point straight ahead and are slightly smaller and more oval than front.” Now, we don’t want you assuming that if the rear foot says oval, then the rear bone should be oval as well. As you all should know, the front assembly of the Cardigan is the hallmark of our breed, and we

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concentrate on that feature. Once again, balance is the key element to judging the overall dog.

The takeaway from this brief article is for you to look closely at the feet of your Cardigan and compare to the standard. Now do the same for that beautiful front assembly: Is the bone rounded, are feet rounded. Hare feet are not rounded—and if you think so, *I have a bone to pick with you.*

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Collies

PROJECT IDEAS FOR PANDEMIC TIMES

While I recognize that this pandemic continues to negatively affect people, I couldn't help notice how many different ways everyone has utilized this stay-at-home time. I don't mean to make light of a terrible situation, but even in bad times there can be positive outcomes and inspiration. It also seems like different phases of sequestration result in different trends on how to keep busy.

Things to do during a pandemic:

Clean out closet that you meant to reorganize for years.

File family photos or dog or show photos into some kind of sequential or chronological order.

Tackle a longstanding project that you've thought about for years and finally have time to face head on.

Restore or remodel your house, or attack a renovation project.

Watch the CCA Outreach interviews of well-known breeders, either live or archived.

Read old magazines for Collie history.

Get involved in a good discussion about a particular part of our standard.

Read lots of books. I asked my Facebook friends for reading recommendations, and they delivered in a big way. I received well over 70 suggestions of books or authors, so I compiled them in a list so all could easily access them.

Find something doable to volunteer for in your community (your dog club, your town or county, your church, whatever).

Foster kittens or animals from a local animal shelter or rescue group.

Breed a litter. Many people are taking advantage of being home from work or shows to raise a litter (or even litters) of puppies.

Take some time to be out in nature. Go for a hike in the woods, a walk in the park, or a stroll in the neighborhood.

Go out at night and look up at the stars. (Maybe you got to see the Neowise comet.)

Take the opportunity to train your dog, or maybe your new puppy—I know lots of peo-



Collie Tartanside Preview, ROM (b. 1989)

ple got puppies during the pandemic and are teaching them to do tricks, obedience, something fun and different from just a show pose. Train that too, for future shows!

Many people started vegetable gardening for the first time, and there's still time to do a fall garden—you can plant spinach, for example, or fall bulbs.

Even more people started cooking or baking, sharing recipes and photos of food on Facebook. Some who never really cooked tackled cakes, and baking bread seemed to become highly popular. My husband is busy making pickles in the kitchen. Or make jams.

Shop for cool masks. Consider shopping in your area and support your local businesses.

Sleep. I see lots of reports of folks getting more sleep, which is a good thing.

Connect with someone you have lost touch with. (It can be fun, or it can be a bust.)

Call and talk to people, rather than text or email. In the "olden times," dog people used to call each other all the time for news, gossip, and information.

Start a journal. You'll be surprised what you can write when you are doing nothing.

Take photographs, and challenge yourself to do something different or "artistic," or just fun. I've never taken so many photos of our flowers as I have this year. I go out trying to see them in a fresh, new way each time. Photograph your dogs. Give yourself an assignment.

Clean out and reorganize the van or RV. I see a few people buying new cars, finally ditching that 15-year-old van.

Groom the dogs. Most of the country has had pretty extensive heat waves, so there's lots of hair to brush out ...

Finally, my sympathies go out to parents of kids who need to be entertained and educated. This is a tough time! Fortunately there are a lot of ideas posted online, easily found with a Google search for schooling and keeping kids busy at home. Good luck, you have my

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sincere well wishes. One friend was happy to have so much time available with her kids, so that's the good part of this.

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Norwegian Buhunds

"READ TO THE DOG" PROGRAMS

Mondays and Fridays during the school year find my Buhunds eagerly looking forward to their "Read to the Dog" programs at two of our local elementary schools. These programs are becoming increasingly popular across the county as people recognize the benefits of children reading to therapy dogs.

The "Read to the Dog" programs in school settings provide children with the opportunity to read in a positive, nonthreatening environment, with teachers selecting the children who would most benefit from the program, setting goals, and monitoring progress. The children who are selected for these programs tend to have difficulty reading or lack confidence when reading aloud. The programs help improve children's reading skills, increase reading scores, and, most important, encourage a lifelong love of reading. Children are partnered one-on-one with therapy dogs that



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have been trained, tested and certified for health, safety, appropriate skills, and temperament. The reading programs are most successful if the child reads to the same dog for a length of time (for example, 10 to 15 sessions over as many weeks, with each session lasting for approximately 20 minutes). This type of program allows a trusting relationship to develop between the child and the therapy dog, and it also enables the school to assess and document the child's progress toward specific goals.

During a reading session, interactions between the dog and the child consist of the dog lying or sitting quietly by the child's side and listening to the child read. Our recent virtual reading sessions are similarly organized, with the child reading to the dog through Zoom or another online portal. Reading to a dog provides a more relaxed context and helps the child to associate reading with relaxation. The younger children especially want the dog to see all the pictures in the books. They often do not believe me when I tell them that the dog cannot read and insist on making sure that the entire page is clearly visible to her. The children also try to select books that they think will appeal to the dog. Some of the most popular books that they bring to read, such as the Henry and Mudge series or the Clifford series, involve dogs in the stories.

Libraries are also interested in increasing enthusiasm for reading, and "Read to the Dog" programs have been popular in many libraries. Children can just sign up to read to therapy dogs in these libraries, unlike in schools where teachers and reading specialists select the children for the programs.

Why are "Read to the Dog" programs so popular in schools, libraries, and other places? Therapy dogs are ideal listeners because they do not care about mistakes, are nonjudgmental, and allow children to proceed at their

own pace. This gives the child confidence and increases enthusiasm and motivation in reading. I have often seen children check out more books from the library and take them home to read after participating in this program. Some even tell me that they tried to read to their family dog. And research on "Read to the Dog" programs in schools has demonstrated improved reading skills in children, along with increased self-confidence and self-esteem.

Finally, I have also found "Read to the Dog" programs to be beneficial for my aging (16-year old) Norwegian Buhund, Kinzi. It gives her the opportunity to engage in an activity that keeps her mentally and physically active, and allows her to visit with children (whom she loves) on a biweekly basis. She enjoys the "Read to the Dog" programs and always appears refreshed and energized after her sessions.

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Old English Sheepdogs

MOVING FORWARD IN THE COVID-19 ERA

In my last column, I described the rise of what might be termed OES social clubs, whose members utilize both Facebook and

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face-to-face gatherings to stay in touch and interact with each other. Although the in-person social gatherings are on hold due to COVID-19 concerns, these clubs are well suited for these turbulent times, due to the use of various internet options that allow people to stay in touch.

The AKC is also working to adapt its programs in response to the ongoing pandemic. With the gradual return to a more normal level of activity in some areas, the AKC's Sports and Events department is working on suggested guidelines for best health practices to be used as events resume. However, as I write this, the situation is still in a state of flux. You should always check for the latest recommendations by going to <https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>. Here you will find the currently suggested best practices for each sport. These include separate recommendations for conformation, agility, obedience and rally, herding, and even the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) programs. All these have a common set of suggested general practices, followed by event-specific recommendations. These may apply to any or all of the event participants, club personnel and officials.

With regard to the general practices, the key is that everyone must adhere to the state, local, and facility directives that apply to the area and



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the site. Social distancing should be practiced, and congregating at gates or elsewhere should be minimized to the extent possible.

If they are not actually required, face coverings and disposable or washable gloves are certainly recommended. Hands should be washed frequently, and disinfecting sprays or wipes should be readily available and used on frequently touched surfaces like door handles, railings, keypads, and so on. For you fashionistas, you will want to be sure that your mask and gloves complement the rest of your event outfit.

You should also acclimatize your dog to the sight of people wearing masks and gloves, which can make strange noises when rubbed together or taken off or put on. You can wear your mask and gloves while doing chores, feeding, or just relaxing in front of the TV. Other family members or friends should be recruited to wear masks and gloves around your dog in order to help desensitize him to these trappings. You may also want to take the same approach to familiarize your dog with hand sanitizers, which can have strong scents that might be unpleasant.

Other general practices include avoiding handshakes and other physical contact. You should also refrain from touching dogs that are not your responsibility.

The event-specific practices for the different

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sports are far too numerous to cover in any detail here, so you will want to check the AKC website noted above and carefully read the event premium list for the latest information. However, here are some examples of what you may encounter:

In conformation, you may be asked to groom at your vehicle, weather permitting. If grooming is indoors, you can expect six-foot-wide aisles, with no blowers or forced-air dryers permitted. If possible, the rings will be separated or have a buffer zone set up along adjoining sides. Each ring will have six-foot markers on the ring surface to provide reference points for social distancing. There will also be separate entrance and exit gates. The latter may have a self-pickup ribbon table (be honest now!). Armbands will probably be laid out on a table by the entrance. Win photos may be taken without the judge, whose image will be inserted digitally to finalize the photo. You can view some of these practices in action from the June show in Guthrie, Oklahoma, using the link found on the AKC web page noted above.

If you show in obedience, the figure-8 exercise will utilize inanimate upright posts, rather than actual people. In the Novice group exercises, the six-foot distance between dogs has been increased to eight feet. In the Canine Good Citizen tests, most distances to people

have been increased to six feet.

If all these face-to-face activities seem too worrisome health-wise, then consider some of the virtual events the AKC is developing. However, any further discussion of these will have to await a future column.

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Pembroke Welsh Corgis

FINDING NORMAL

The time since March has been an interesting one for all of us. We have all had to make adjustments and have had to make decisions we never knew we would be making. It has been no different for Pembroke fanciers.

My local specialty club was making adjustments on the fly. With a stay at home order issued just four days before a club general membership meeting at which the main topic was taking nominations from the floor for board and officer positions, we held our first ever telephone conference call, something not covered in our club constitution and by-laws. We will have a committee to take a look at them and bring us into this century and its technology.

At this meeting, we discussed a new judge for our specialty as our foreign judge was

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unable to come. The new judge accepted and then two days later, we had a quick change of date decided by the cluster of which we are part with no advance warning. At the next membership meeting, again by conference call, we voted to cancel our 2020 specialty and move on to 2021, for all the many reasons other clubs cancelled their events.

Members looked for ways to deal with working at home with technology new to them. A steep learning curve presented many stresses. One member had one of her fourth-graders tutoring her on how to use Zoom when so many of our schools went to distance learning. Our faithful Pembroke Welsh Corgis were there to help us remember to take a break, take a walk, eat, and reflect.

With all dog events canceled, travel greatly restricted, and all training classes put on hold indefinitely, new ways to pursue our dog hobbies had to be found. Those members who had litters born after the shelter in place orders were issued had to deal with new policies of their veterinarians as well as new ways to socialize puppies. Others just postponed breeding plans. Some members took their first ever online dog training classes, either as an introduction to a new sport or to continue training in a familiar one. With AKC's virtual Rally and Trick Dog programs available, there have been many people introduced to

those sports as well as to what a quick learner a Pembroke can be, especially if there is food involved in the teaching!

Social media became a way to stay in touch with friends whom you would have seen at the many cancelled specialties. New Facebook pages arose. One in particular that Pembroke fanciers need to check into is Pembroke Corgi History, administered by Simon Parsons. It has been an in-depth discussion of the early history of the breed, complete with photos and pedigrees of dogs from as far back as the 1920s. Artwork has been shared and even some very old AKC GAZETTE columns! If you are a history buff of any breed, this group is a definite must.

With training facilities slowly reopening, COVID-19 practices need to be followed. Dogs don't seem to be bothered by masks as much as some of their owners have been. My Pembroke Welsh Corgis are so happy to be back at classes and have picked up where they left off. With only a smattering of events scheduled for the next several months, there is plenty of time to refine skills and add some new ones before returning to normal.

Note: The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America 2020 national specialty and all associated events scheduled for the end of September in Virginia have been cancelled. We will meet again the first week in October of 2021 at the same sites for

conformation, obedience, and rally. Check out <http://www.pwccanational.com> for the most up-to-date information.

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Pulik

MAKE A SPLASH WITH DOCK DIVING

Dock diving (also known as dock jumping) is an increasingly popular sport during this time of COVID-19, with people looking for activities that not only will wear their dogs out both physically and mentally, but also give owners and their dogs opportunities to work and play as a team. A pool (about four feet deep) connects to a 35- to 40-foot platform that acts as the dock, giving the dogs a good running start toward the water. Normally, the dog's handler stands on the dock and throws a toy or "bumper" into the water for the dog to retrieve after jumping.

Dock diving made its first appearance in a competitive setting at the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge in the late 1990s. The AKC began recognizing titles of the North America Diving Dogs organization in June 2014. Dock diving competitions initially focused on distance scores (Distance Jump). Nowadays, dogs also may compete to see who can jump the

highest to grab a bumper suspended in mid-air (Air Retrieve) or race to catch a bumper, swim to the end of the pool and back the fastest (Hydro Dash). In Distance Jump, there are two classes: Open Class (any size dog welcome), and the Lap Class (for dogs measuring under 16 inches at the shoulder). A division title is earned by accumulating five qualifying jumps within one division. There are five divisions, ranging from Novice to Elite. After earning the initial division title, dogs can earn Advanced and Excellent level titles by completing additional qualifying jumps.

Although there are Pulik in the U.S. practicing dock diving, as of July 2020 no Pulik had earned an AKC dock diving title. In Australia, however, there are Pulik owned by Ms. Lou Stephen who have competed in dock diving. Cool Beanz and Blizzard (5 and 10 years of age) competed at the Dog Lovers Show in Sydney in 2019. Lou was looking forward to continuing to practice during 2020, but COVID-19 has put events on hold in Australia.

Lou told me that Blizzard, who has been a water lover from Day 1, and Cool Beanz, who just follows everything his "twin" does (and usually does it better), were entered in their first dock diving competition without ever before having jumped off a dock. There is of course a big difference between the height of

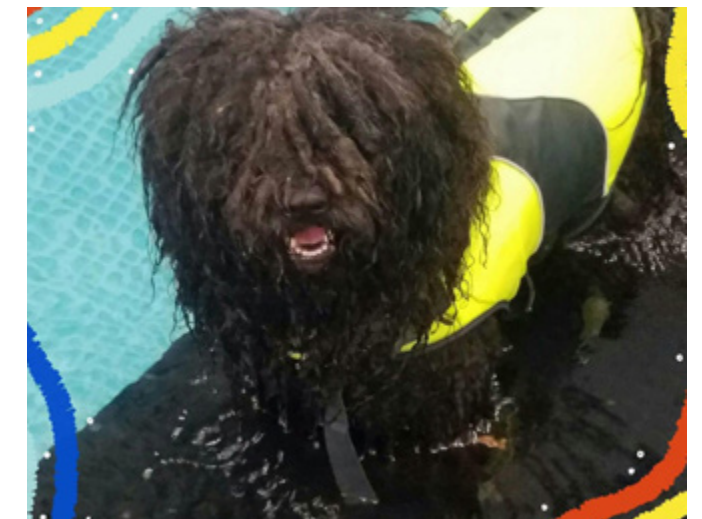
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Cool Beanz taking a plunge; Cooper on the ramp; Ella in her vest. (For Pulik with a full corded coat, to ensure safety it is very important that the dog wear a life vest (which also can be used during competition and not just during training).



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jumping off a dock to the water, compared to that of a regular swimming pool! Blizzard” being a bit water- and tennis ball-obsessed, readily took the plunge, but Cool Beanz needed much encouragement. Since the two Pulik were lucky enough to practice dock diving before the actual event, Blizzard was able to encourage his pal Cool Beanz to follow his lead. A lot of fun was had by both Pulik, and Lou and her Pulik hope to get back to competing in dock diving during 2021.

Almost any dog can do dock diving, as long as he or she loves water, knows how to swim, and has a natural passion for retrieving. Dogs train at dock diving facilities and also do a variety of conditioning activities at home that can include backyard drills and fetch. Since retrieving in water is not inherent to the Puli as a breed, the steps must be taught incrementally: (1) first stepping off something into the water (it takes a great deal of prey drive or courage to step into the unknown); (2) jumping into the water; (3) bringing back what is thrown; and, finally, (4) jumping in after something thrown and bringing it back.

Doing dock diving in cords—while making for an impressive visual display, with the cords wildly flying—will have challenges that the dog’s owner will need to consider. The cords are somewhat water resistant, and many of us have seen photographs or video of the cords

fanned out over the water’s surface. However, once those cords (of any length) are soaked, they are able to hold an incredibly large amount of water, thereby adding additional weight and drag on the dog, which would make additional jumps, as well as swimming, more difficult. And then drying time will also need to be taken into consideration, since a simple shake and rub with a towel will not dry the cords. I fully expected that any Pulik training or competing in dock diving would have a short, clipped coat, but I was surprised to see photos of dogs with a few years of cord growth participating in the activity. In the case of Blizzard and Cool Beanz, who do flyball as well, they have their coats clipped, with cords only left on the tail and their heads.

If you have a Puli, you will also take into consideration whether the dog wants to swim or not. Much like people, it seems that there are some individuals who are suspicious (and even sometimes scared) of getting into a pool; some overcome their trepidation, while others do not. Dr. Julie Schuh, who lives in Wisconsin and has been training her Puli Ella for dock diving, noted that for Pulik with a full corded coat, it is very important that they use a life vest (which also can be used during competition and not just during training) to ensure that the Puli is safe in the water.

For more information on the sport of dock

diving, see <https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/dock-diving/>, and on how to get involved in this sport, check out <https://outdoordogfun.com/how-to-get-started-in-dock-diving/>. Specifics about the NADD/AKC titling program and the AKC title application form can be found in the AKC Title Recognition Program section of the AKC website. To locate dock diving events, check out <https://northamericadivingdogs.com/Event/eventList>.

Thanks to Lou Stephen and Julie Schuh for sharing their Puli dock diving experiences and photos with us.

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Spanish Water Dogs

EARLY ONSET PRA IN SPANISH WATER DOGS

Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) refers to a group of inherited conditions that lead to blindness in many dog breeds. Over time, the dog’s vision is impacted by progressive, bilateral loss of light-responding cells (photoreceptors) leading to thinning of the retina, changes to the blood supply to the retina, and ultimately complete loss of vision. Blindness from PRA due to progressive rod-cone degeneration (PRCD-PRA) has been known for

some time to occur in Spanish Water Dogs with vision changes noted from about 4 years of age. Fortunately, a genetic test based on DNA analysis to determine carriers and affected dogs as well as those who are genetically clear has been available to breeders for over 10 years.

A few years ago, a family group of SWDs was found to have developed a new form of PRA that resulted in vision problems at a much earlier age (as early as 1.5 years of age) than had previously been seen in the breed. This was despite DNA testing being done on the parents to ensure that PRCD-PRA would not occur in any of the puppies produced. Owners of Sophie, the first dog diagnosed with this condition, worked with the Health and Wellness Committee of the Spanish Water Dog Club of America (SWDCA) to access information and seek researchers who might identify the underlying cause of their dog’s blindness.

The Comparative Ophthalmology Lab at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine was contacted in 2018 regarding Sophie’s condition (PRA). Through partnership with the SWDCA and its members and funding from the Myers-Dunlap Endowment for Canine Health, research was undertaken at Michigan State University to find a genetic mutation that

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could explain this new form of PRA.

Due to three repeat breedings of the same parents, Sophie was one of 26 offspring, at least seven of which were diagnosed with this new form of PRA, providing an opportunity to access genetic material from a number of related animals. Because both parents were unaffected by any form of PRA, it was assumed that the new form of PRA had an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance. That is, each unaffected parent would be a carrier of the abnormal gene, and affected puppies would receive the abnormal gene from both parents. Researchers accessed blood samples from the dam (obligate carrier), two affected siblings, and an unaffected sibling. Eye examinations were performed on the dam, and one each of an unaffected and affected sibling. Images of the fundus (the interior of the eye including the retina and optic disc) were also taken of the affected and unaffected siblings.

Meanwhile, DNA samples and results of detailed eye examinations were collected from more than a dozen other unaffected Spanish Water Dogs of varying unrelated ancestry and donated with owner consent. Through careful and detailed analysis, whole genome sequencing, and finally screening of a panel of genes having potential association with PRA, the researchers



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identified a specific genetic mutation that they feel is highly likely to be the cause of the new form of PRA in SWDs. From there, a DNA test was also developed. The full article describing this process in considerable detail appeared in the May 2020 issue of the journal *Veterinary Ophthalmology*. It can be requested from me (e-mail below article) or from the Health and Wellness committee of the SWDCA.

The SWDCA encourages all breeders to have their active breeding dogs checked for this new form of PRA. It is important to understand that each PRA test only identifies one particular form of PRA; the test of PRC-D-PRA will not identify animals with the new form of PRA, and vice versa. The team at Michigan State University offers the DNA-based test for \$50 per sample, or if four or more samples are submitted at the same time, the cost is \$40 per sample. Please contact eyersearch@cvm.msu.edu for the forms and test kits.

(Adapted with permission from "A novel mutation in PDE6B in Spanish Water Dogs with early-onset progressive retinal atrophy" by Paige A. Winkler, Harrison D. Ramsay, & Simon M. Peterson-Jones, Michigan State University.)

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The next meeting of the Delegates will be held via video Zoom Webinar on **Wednesday, December 2, 2020** beginning at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time. It will follow the Delegates Forum which will begin at 11:00 a.m. ET.

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Nominating Committee

The AKC Board of Directors, at its July 2020 meeting, elected the Nominating Committee that is to select candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors that are to be filled at the March 2021

Delegates Meeting. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2025.

The Nominating Committee members are:

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The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Richard Whetsell (Prairie Grove, AR) from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a \$1,000 fine, effective August 11, 2020, for submitting false applications to register or transfer which affect the Stud book and submitting applications to register litters containing false certifications as to the signature of one of the owners. (Rottweilers)

NOTICE

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Effective August 11, 2020:

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The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant

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CONFORMATION JUDGE: RESIGNED BREED

The judge below has notified AKC to resign their privileges for the following:

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German Shorthaired Pointers, Labrador Retrievers

RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGE

Dr. Sandra B. Barker

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mrs. Sue Mills

Mrs. Karen S. Riddle

APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club.

Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary:

A'LORING-Vizslas- Alexandra R. Lorenti and Allyson R. Lorenti

BEARFOOT BALOO-Olde English Sheepdogs-Inger Martens

BIRDWING- Beaucerons- Susan Griffin and Jack Carney

BIRKLINE- Doberman Pinschers- Samary K Birkline

CANEYBRANCH- French Bulldogs- Ellyn Hutson

CHICKASAW-Golden Retrievers- Harry L. Erickson and Bernadette Erickson

CONQUEST-Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers- Kristen Creamer-Allison

COULETY-Border Collie-Denise M Coyle and Thomas J Coyle

KALON-Doberman Pinschers-Rachael P Kelsey

PATRIOT FARM- Boston Terriers- Lorraine Chapman

PETITE FLEUR-Pugs-Patricia A. Manney and Peter M. Manney

PINNACLE- BOXERS- Julie Lawrence and Michael Shepherd

POINT BREAK-Australian Shepherds-Tracy

L. Marek

QB - Boston Terriers- Dominic Koon and Jodi Koon

REGAL- Chinese Cresteds-Norma M Feldman and Douglas C. Feldman

RICK'S- Labrador Retrievers-Rick E. Dickman

ROYALWORTH-Dachshunds-Paige Horne

RUKAYA-Rhodesian Ridgebacks-Taylor Suterko

STONESIDE- German Wirehaired Pointers- Brad Fetner

TWISTED ACRES-Mudi and Border Collies- Rebecca W. Ingersoll

ULYSSES-Shetland Sheepdogs-Chris U. Putnam and Kristine L. Putnam

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:

BLUE HEAVEN – Labrador Retrievers – Dori Lenaeus & Rachael Lenaeus

CASEN POINT – Vizslas- Carter Forbes

CHERRYHILL – Shetland Sheepdogs- Rachel R. Perkins

CHOPTANK – Norfolk Terriers – Kay R. Graham & Tom J. Graham III

LANSDOWNE –Irish Wolfhound– Eliza Gordon & Derek Gordon

MK HAUS– German Shepherd Dogs– Kara L. Spinner & Mike Spinner

MORENA– Australian Shepherd -Olga Ledy & Sofiya Blankenship

NEVANI– Golden Retrievers- Nicole M. DiOrio

REGALIA– Akita- Carol D. Laubscher & Terri L. Martin

RELGALF –Norwegian Elkhounds – George G. Matthews

SIREN– Bichon Frise- Amanda L. Aaron

SPELLBOUNDS–Maltese– Helene M. Rezek

STONECREST– Labrador Retriever- Claire White-Peterson & William N. Peterson

SUNLIT- Afghan Hound & Chinese Cresteds- Tara M. Richardson

WILLYNWOOD- American Staffordshire Terrier-William F. Peterson

ARTISTRY'S – Pomeranians- Marina Persic Lehn

BELLA NOTTE'S - Labrador Retriever- Angela M. Rice

BLUE RUN- Portuguese Water Dogs- Cheryl W. Hoofnagle and Juanita Casey

BLULAKE-Kerry Blue Terriers- Phillip J. Lemieux and Jose C. Benavidez

BUCKSKIN- Boxers – V. J. Ferguson

CATOCTINMTN- Bulldogs Debbie S. Morrison

COOL RUNNIN- Dachshunds- Roberta C. McKay and Dickie R. Rice

EARTHBORN- Miniature American Shepherds- Josephine W. Zukas

ENERGON- Bull Terriers- Pamela Pichilli

HEARTLAND- Havanese- Sandy McCabe & Kevin McCabe

HHK- Australian Shepherds- Vivian Beard

JINGLE- Boston Terriers- Jill M. Moore

KASSEL- Poodles- Debra L. Smith

KNOLLWOOD- Golden Retrievers- Caroline A. Cafarelli

LIL DESCHUTES- Dachshunds- Debi K. Ferrante

LINDMAR- Kerry Blue Terriers- Linda M. Hickey

MAPLEWOOD- Vizslas- Amanda G. Mize & Brandon L. Mize

OUTBARK-German Shorthaired Pointers- Erica R. Walker & Shane J. Walker

STARFIRE- Giant Schnauzers- Marianne Mazzenga & Keli Mazzenga

STONEBROOKS- Xoloitcuintli- Dorothy Baker

SUDOX- Dachshunds- Susan D. Thomas

TIFFANY- Miniature American Shepherds- Melissa Tiffany & Mark Tiffany

THUNDER PAWS- Siberian Huskies- Scott M. Barber

TIMELESS- Cocker Spaniels- Michelle L. Juliussen

TWILIGHT-Staffordshire Bull Terriers- Chiara Crawford

VERDES PAMPAS-Dogo Argentino-Aurea R. Giacomelli & Rogers R. Silveira

VON STELLAR AWF-German Shepherds- Austin W. Fowler & Rebecca C. White

WAIDMAN- Irish Red and White Setters- Christina Phillips

WINDSONG-Biewer Terriers-Deborah G. Billings

WODEN-Mudi-Chris Echard



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE, NEW
YORK, NY AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
AUGUST 11, 2020**

The Board convened via Video Conference on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 11:02 a.m.

Mr. Sprung was present in the NY Office. All other Directors participated in the meeting by telephone or video conference. The Executive Secretary was present in the NY Office and participated by video conference.

The July 14, 2020 Board meeting minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the July 14, 2020 Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sprung complimented the Chairman,

Vice Chairman and the entire Board of Directors on the diligence and productivity of their meetings in a one-day time frame as well as appreciating the quality of work by the field and in-office staffs.

Aggregate entries are 55% below year over year totals or minus 921,438 thru June 2020. Combined with 57% of our events being cancelled we are taking a very conservative outlook but remain positive in the big picture.

Virtual offerings are engaging fanciers and welcoming people new to AKC, we are researching ways for expansion in this area.

Registration continues to increase amidst the temporary spike in demand for puppies. Multiple departments are collaborating on leveraging this interest with offers tailored to new registrants.

At the same time, we are experiencing increases in social media and a strong e-commerce uptick for products in our online shop and of our brand's legacy offerings specifically for core constituents.

A number of presentations will be part of today's meeting including IT, Finance, Government Relations, Marketing,

Broadcasting, Sponsorship and Media Advertising Sales.

September Delegate Meeting – Balloting System Demonstration:

Tim Pursell, Director, IT Operation, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mr. Pursell provided an overview on the software solutions that will be utilized during the September Delegate Zoom meeting in order to implement the Delegate Committee elections and the votes on proposed rule changes.

Legal Update:

The Board reviewed a legal update as of July 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, provided a financial update for the six months ended June 30, 2020:

We continue to provide a positive picture of AKC's operations in a most challenging time.

YTD Net Operating Income is \$5,492 million which is \$3,064 million higher than the same period in 2019. This is primarily

due to increased revenues from litter and dog registrations, merchandise sales, and admissions to AKC Meet the Breeds® held in January 2020.

Expenses are a significant driver toward Net Operating Income as a result of containment measures that reduced overall costs to a level slightly lower than the same period in 2019. YTD Revenue increases were offset by lower revenue from Recording & Service Fees which includes Event Services.

Total Revenues were lower than the 2020 budget by \$(902k) or (2.2%). Total Expenses were lower than the 2020 budget by \$(6,046) million or (15%).

One item of note which projects positive direction toward future events, fulfillment activities reported an increase in expenses in June vs. May due to requests for Event Kits, as well as CGC and Puppyfolders.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services; Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations; Brandi Hunter, Vice President, Communications and Public Relations; and Ashley Jacot, Director, Education, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Proposed Amendment to Article VIII, Section 7 of the AKC Bylaws

The Board reviewed a proposed amendment to Article VIII, Section 7 of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc. which was submitted by the Beaumont Kennel Club in accordance with Article XX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Bylaws.

Article VIII of AKC Bylaws addresses the Nominating Committee and Elections.

Currently Section 7 of Article VIII reads: SECTION 7. All elections shall be by ballot.

The wording of the current Bylaw, strictly interpreted, requires AKC to hold an election for Board members even if there are no candidates running in opposition to the Nominating Committee's Slate. The Beaumont Kennel Club is proposing an amendment that will add wording into the Bylaws so that if no valid additional nominations are received by the Executive Secretary; no balloting will be required, and the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed amendment submitted by the Beaumont Kennel Club. The proposed amendment will be read at the September Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the December Delegate meeting.

Proposed Amendment to Article VIII, Section 7:

SECTION 7. All elections shall be by ballot; except, if no valid additional nominations are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required. If no valid additional nomination(s) are received by the Executive Secretary by November 15; for any partial term up for election, the partial term candidate shall be declared elected at the annual meeting and no balloting will be required.

Proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws

The Board reviewed a proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc. which was submitted by the Delegate Parent Club Committee in accordance with Article XX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Bylaws.

The proposed Amendment if approved will prohibit local breed specialty clubs from becoming member clubs of the AKC.

Proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 1:

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All multi-breed Clubs or Associations which have held at least three

Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, or Agility Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Parent Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of pure-bred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (In favor: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Dr. Davies, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Knight, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Tatro, Mrs. Wallin; abstained: Mr. Hamblin) to approve the proposed Bylaw amendment.

The proposed Bylaw amendment will be read at the September Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the December Delegate meeting.

American Hairless Terrier Stud Book

The Board reviewed a memo from the American Hairless Terrier Club of America requesting to keep the Stud Book Open for the Breed. This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Small Munsterlander – Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed a request from the Small Munsterlander Club of America (SMCA). The SMCA, seeks approval to move the Small Munsterlander breed into the Miscellaneous Class.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the breed for eligibility in the Miscellaneous Class as of January 1, 2021.

New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® – Japanese Akitainu

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Japanese Akitainu to be accepted into the FSS program. The Japanese Akitainu Club of America requested the Japanese Akitainu be approved for recording into the FSS program with a Non-Sporting Group designation.

AKC Communications Q2 Report

The Board reviewed a report on the AKC Communications department's media coverage totals and activity highlights for the second quarter of 2020.

TOTALS:

Clips Evaluated in Q2: 4,329

Q2 Audience Reached: 5,211,042,070

Publicity Value for Q2: \$11,510,343.29

*Numbers and values provided by the third-party media monitoring platform Cision.

Highlights include announcing the most popular dog breeds in an exclusive online piece with the Associated Press. More than 1,300 clips resulted, including CBS News, Martha Stewart Living, CNN, TODAY and broadcast affiliates across the country, among others.

AKC Education Q2 Report

The Board reviewed a memo that provided an update of Education department's activities and accomplishments for the second quarter of 2020 as well as a status update of current projects and initiatives.

Canine College - Breed Courses and Exams

The Pekingese, Bernese Mountain Dog and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel courses launched in quarter 2, with 100% of learn-

ers reporting that they would recommend the course to others. The Portuguese Podengo Pequeno and Australian Shepherd courses were updated in Quarter 2 and the Whippet and Silky Terrier courses are currently under development.

Breeder Education

The "Selection of Breeding Stock", "Kennel Blindness", and "Genetic Health" courses were completely redesigned and relaunched in quarter 2, featuring the most up to date information, as well as state of the art interactivities. The breeder exams for "Pedigree", "Selection of Breeding Stock", "Kennel Blindness", and "Genetic Health" were updated in Quarter 2.

Special Projects

The Safe Handling course was launched in Quarter 2 and the AKC FIT Dog Level 1 course was developed and launched in Quarter 2.

Public Education

The AKC PupPals Program has had tremendous success since its launch in August 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic left many feeling isolated, so Public Education worked collaboratively with Marketing and Communications to

expand the AKC PupPals Program to reach both children and adults with video PupPal messages. The Education Department received over 320 dog video submissions and more than 600 requests for PupPal videos. Nominees included healthcare workers, individuals in the hospital, and those in quarantine seeking a positive message.

To assist parents and teachers during this difficult time, Public Education created online activities for children to do at home with their dogs. These activities include, "do it yourself agility," creating art with your dog, and making your own dog treats.

Building on the success of the AKC Patch Program, Public Education created the AKC Virtual Patch Program so that this important program could carry on during a time in which dog shows were not readily available. Children participated in a virtual scavenger hunt by viewing resources and videos to learn about purebred dogs and AKC sports, before receiving a virtual patch.

In Quarter 2, Public Education hosted the AKC "At Home with My Dog" Art Contest. This contest encouraged participants to show us what "at home with my dog" looked like during this time. It allowed the

public to choose the winner for each category: grades K-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12, and adults. 1,500 votes were cast over the course of a week.

A new program, AKC Breed of the Week for Kids, launched in quarter 2. This program provides participants with a new breed each week about which they can learn. Children navigate through a variety of fun activities and view interactive videos about the breed, before finally earning a sticker of the breed that they can add to their AKC Breed of the Week sticker chart. These courses are on AKC Canine College and are free.

As Public Education continues to work towards growing our resources for diverse audiences, several resources were created in Quarter 2 that are geared towards exceptional learners. Exceptional learners are those that require academic modification in order to be successful in the classroom and include children with intellectual disabilities, hearing or visual impairments, those on the Autism Spectrum, etc. Public Education now offers lessons and activities geared towards these learners, as well as modified versions of our most popular offerings that suit their specific needs. We were honored when our resources for exceptional learn-

ers were featured on the cover of the June 2020 issue of Exceptional Parents Magazine, reaching a worldwide readership of over 100,000.

AKC Government Relations Q2 Report

The Board reviewed a memo which provided updates on the activities of the Government Relations Department (GR).

AKC Government Relations continues to monitor more than 2,300 bills at the federal, state, and local levels that could impact responsible dog ownership, the health and wellbeing of dogs, the rights of dog owners, and/or the interests of the American Kennel Club.

In the first two quarters of 2020, AKC GR published 156 legislative alerts online and via geo-targeted emails to impacted constituents, parent clubs and social media. This number represents significant increase over the same period in 2019. In the second quarter, GR published 46 alerts, not including daily updates and reports related to COVID-19 matters. This also represents significantly higher activity in tracking, analysis and reporting than over the same period in 2019. A good portion of the increase in activity is due to increased legislative activity caused by the pandemic as well as the front-loading of

legislative activity in the first half of an election year.

GR is also monitoring 753 proposed regulatory (administrative rule) changes at the state and federal level, with approximately 630 actively pending.

In addition, AKC GR is monitoring, analyzing and responding to constantly changing state executive orders in all 50 states, state and federal legislation and relief packages, business/events closure requirements, and efforts to limit legal liability regarding COVID-19 transmission for organizations that follow CDC, state and other relevant health and safety precautions.

COVID-19 Related Activity: Since mid-March, the GR team has been active in public policy areas related to the COVID-19 pandemic and response. This has included outreach to state governors, administrators and lawmakers across the country to ensure that pet food and crucial supplies, along with care/kenneling facilities be deemed essential to ensure the health and safety of pets, their owners, and essential workers needing alternate pet care options during the pandemic. AKC GR has conducted outreach to key constituencies to urge their engagement on

this issue as well.

GR continues to expand resources on the AKC GR COVID-19 resources webpage on the AKC Legislative Action Center, with daily updates on the constantly changing status of state legislatures, and rules impacting dog owners.

GR established a second informational/resources webpage specific to COVID-19 Civil Liability Limit Legislation to monitor and advocate on behalf of legislation that provides temporary, targeted protection from COVID-19 civil liability litigation for nonprofits and events that operate in keeping with CDC, state and other recognized health and safety guidelines. Daily reports and updates on this page provide information on proposals in federal and state legislatures around the country, their status, advocacy assistance for clubs including a sample letter.

GR provided advocacy and assistance with respect to assuring federal, state and local policies that allow AKC to maintain minimum basic operations in the light of group gathering restrictions and business closure orders.

AKC GR Key Issues pages are a one-stop

resource for information, organized by topic or issue, on major canine policy issues. The pages contain issue overviews, analyses, information about AKC efforts on the issue, links to alerts, testimony, articles, position statements, model legislation (if available), sample letters, webinars/videos, and other resources. GR developed three new key issues pages in the second quarter: One on Detection Dogs, one on COVID-19 Civil Liability Protections for nonprofits and events in compliance with health and safety standards during the pandemic; and one on Pet Importation: Protecting Pet and Public Health.

Other highlights included: Congressional introduction of the Healthy Dogs Import Act (HR 6921) which requires new health checks for dogs being imported into the U.S. to protect U.S. pet and public health; development of the AKC Taskforce on Anti-Breeder Harassment and Retaliation (set for launch in August); positive new USDA commercial dog breeder/dealer rules (concluding a two-year rule-making process) that recognize and reflect AKC comments and recommendations; and an outline of more than 20 state legislative successes in the second quarter.

Sheila Goffe provided a presentation on a

new series of comprehensive public policy guides on canine issues developed by GR. These guides are in keeping with maintaining and advancing and AKC's place as preeminent thought leader in canine policy. The guides are designed to provide lawmakers, advocates, and the public with in-depth analysis, case studies, statistics, and model legislative language. The first of this series, Why Breed-Specific Legislation Doesn't Work: An Analysis of Dangerous Dog Policy was introduced in late May. The Board reviewed the guide which includes background on the issue, case studies, and sample legislation.

Detection Dog Task Force

The Board reviewed an update on the Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) and specifically, the DDTF Pilot Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP).

The purpose of the AKC Detection Dog Task Force is "to study specific areas in which the AKC could help address the crisis (of a shortage of high-quality explosives detection dogs for U.S. national and public security) while also advancing recognition of AKC as preeminent authority on canines." The DDTF focuses on three major areas:

- Breeder Education and Outreach,
- Conferences/ Webinars, and

- Public Policy (GR).

The Patriotic Puppy pilot program (PPP) is part of the DDTF's Breeder Education and Outreach initiatives. The program was established to study whether typical AKC breeders could, on a voluntary basis, breed and rear a suitable and reliable source of future "green" dogs that could then be purchased by law enforcement or the military for advanced training and successful deployment as explosives detection dogs.

A number of valuable insights have been learned from the first phase of the Patriotic Puppy Program, which will conclude shortly. The DDTF will study, and if feasible, transition the PPP program, to a new phase that addresses current challenges including breeder incentives, specific market demands, new educational structures and approaches, and program scalability.

The DDTF has developed significant training and educational resources from the first phase of the PPP that are currently in a test environment. These materials will be used in the second phase and will be made available online shortly.

The Conference/Webinar and Public Policy (GR) aspects of the DDTF will

remain in place. Likewise, the other major portion of the DDTF Breeder Outreach and Education program—the Confident Puppy Canine College course—will also advance as planned. Whereas Patriotic Puppy focuses on one-on-one assistance and data collection, the Confident Puppy course focuses on a broader audience and provides a more structured approach to understanding the fundamentals of raising a confident puppy that could go on for advanced training as a detection dog, service dog or well-trained competitor or pet. The Confident Puppy course is scheduled for deployment in October.

COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Dr. Mary Burch, Director, AKC Family Dog Program; Carrie DeYoung, Director, Agility; and Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Virtual Home Manners Program

Dr. Burch presented a recommendation to implement a new program called Home Manners (HM). HM fits well as part of AKC's Family Dog Program, especially during this "stay at home" time and when so many new dogs have been added as house-

hold pets. The evaluation of a dog's ability to perform ten home manners skills will be done by a video recording. Two levels of Home Manners will be offered – Virtual Home Manners Puppy (VHMP) and Virtual Home Manners Adult (VHMA). Dogs that pass the tests will be awarded these titles.

The Virtual Home Manners Puppy test is open to any dog that is between 12 weeks and one year of age and registered/listed with the AKC. The evaluation of a dog's ability to perform ten home manners skills will be done by a video recording viewed by CGC Evaluators.

The Family Dog Department will announce the program during the week of October 5 – 9, 2020 and will start accepting videos on October 19th for title application processing, which will start on November 2nd.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the new Home

Manners program.

Retriever Hunting Tests – Reduce Mileage Conflict to 150 Miles

Ms. Murphy presented a staff recommendation to amend the *Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* to reduce the mileage conflict between Retriever Hunting Tests from 200 miles to 150 miles.

In some parts of the country during certain times of the year, the demand to enter tests exceeds the supply of available slots. Some limited Master Hunter (MH) level tests fill within minutes. This is very frustrating for participants, particularly amateurs who typically cannot travel long distances from home. This makes it especially discouraging when trying to earn a MH title or also qualify for major events.

Steps were taken on January 1, 2020 to allow clubs to offer additional entries at their limited tests. This has helped somewhat but many participants are still being shut out from entering Master Tests. Over time this recommended change will allow more events to occur during the optimal time of the year.

The Retriever Hunt Test Advisory Committee unanimously supports this rec-

ommendation.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

Beagle Field Trials – Two Class Option for Brace

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Beagle Advisory Committee to allow clubs applying to hold Brace trials, the option to hold two classes divided by sex rather than the standard four classes divided by both height and sex. The change provides clubs the option when applying for a traditional brace trial, the ability to offer two classes and avoid having to combine classes later during the trial. Clubs believe if they have the option to advertise and offer two classes, Open Males and Open Females, it will help conserve upfront resources/expenses plus make for a more predictable and efficiently run trial. This recommendation was voted on during the Beagle Advisory Committee's June meeting where it was unanimously voted in favor by all 12 members representing all beagling areas of the country.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add a new paragraph 5 to Chapter 9, Section 1 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules.

Chapter 9. Description of Classes and Championship Requirements - Section 1. (new 5th paragraph)

At a licensed or member Beagle field trial, the regular classes shall be:

Open Dogs not exceeding 13 inches in height.

Open Bitches not exceeding 13 inches in height.

Open Dogs over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height.

Open Bitches over 13 inches but not exceeding 15 inches in height.

However, if when the entries are closed, it is found that there are fewer than six hounds of a sex eligible to compete in any class, the Field Trial Committee shall have the option of combining that class either by gender or size into a single class.

However, only in the case of traditional Brace trials, the host club has the option to offer only two classes – Open Dogs and Open Bitches. The advertisement for the trial must clearly identify the classes offered. Once approved by the AKC, a

club may not decide to split a class by size.

The proposed rule change will be read at the September Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the December Delegate meeting.

Expansion of Agility Course Test (ACT) Program

The Board reviewed a recommendation to expand the Agility ACT program to include Jumpers classes. This is consistent with the normal agility levels, which includes Standard classes and Jumpers with Weaves classes.

ACT1 & ACT2 are similar to Standard classes, requiring contact equipment (i.e., A-Frame, teeter) that many potential exhibitors do not have at home. Given the success of the Virtual ACT program, it appears this is the perfect time to offer ACT Jumpers classes, which require less obstacles and will be easier to set up at home. Also, it gives the traditional ACT events additional classes to add to their program. Dogs that earn two qualifying legs in the ACT Jumpers classes will be awarded the titles ACT1J and ACT2J.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Dog Show Judges; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support; and Alan Slay, Director, Event Programs participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Oshkosh Kennel Club Request for 3-Day Event

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow the Oshkosh Kennel Club to hold their 2020 shows over three days. AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows requires AKC permission for an event to exceed two days in duration.

Oshkosh Kennel Club (OKC) applied and has been approved for shows on November 28 - 29, 2020 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Oshkosh has expressed a need to reduce the number of people in the buildings used for their show. In addition to this, the club will limit the number of dogs per day. The club is requesting permission to hold their two shows over three days. Each day will include breeds and groups for both days with the 3rd day holding the final breeds, groups and two Best in Shows.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, sec-

onded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the request and allow OKC to hold two simultaneous shows, within a three-day format.

The Board also VOTED to permit other clubs to hold their events using this format when requested, without further action by the Board through July 2021. Staff will review each request and provide approval for the use of this event format.

Junior Age Eligibility for 2021

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation for an exception to the Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations to allow Juniors to continue to compete beyond their 18th birthday up until their 19th birthday or December 31, 2021, whichever comes first.

The cancellation of the majority of AKC Conformation events for 2020 and the 2020 Juniors Classic for Obedience and Rally in Orlando in December has prevented Juniors from participating in AKC

events. Extending the opportunity for Juniors to compete up until their 19th birthday or December 31, 2021, whichever comes first will allow Juniors to compete through 2021 and allows AKC to support the participation of Juniors in AKC events.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Smyth, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to allow Juniors to continue to compete beyond their 18th birthday up until their 19th birthday or December 31, 2021, whichever comes first.

Formulation of the Points Schedule Based on 2020 Events

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify the formulation of the Conformation points schedule that will be effective in May 2021 based on 2020 events.

The foundation for the Points Schedule Formulation process is the number of events with competitors in each division/breed/sex combination in a calendar year. The 2020 events would likely

drive up the 2021 point schedule, which is not representative of the normal level of competition.

To minimize the impact of the reduced number of events in 2020, the Staff recommendation is that the 2020 point schedule will be used for 2021 except in those cases where the point schedule formulations process indicates the number of competitors should be reduced.

There was no objection by the Board to modifying the formulation of the May 2021 Conformation points schedule.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Tim Thomas, Vice President, Dog Show Judges, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Mandatory Ramp Examination – Miniature Bull Terrier

The Board reviewed a request from the Miniature Bull Terrier of America. The Miniature Bull Terrier of America has requested that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for all examinations of the breed including during group and Best in Show judging. Currently, Miniature Bull Terriers may be

judged either on the ground or the table at the discretion of the judge.

This will be discussed further at the October Board meeting.

CLUBS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Lisa Cecin, Director, Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Delegates and Member Clubs

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette, requests for AKC membership applications, and a report on Member Club Bylaws approved and newly licensed clubs.

Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in June and July 2020

Atlanta Kennel Club, Fulton County, GA (1916)

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (1981)

Clumber Spaniel Club of America (1989)

Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association,

Scottsdale, AZ (1983)

Windham County Kennel Club, Windham County, CT (1978)

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs approved in June and July 2020

National Treeing Walker Coonhound Association, 31 total households (13 households in 5 states west of the Mississippi River; 18 households in 8 states east of the Mississippi River).

COMPLIANCE

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President; Marcus Bach, Director, Investigations and Inspections; Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance; and David Roberts, Executive, Breeder Development participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Request for Special Application of Hardship Policy

The Board reviewed a request for a special application of the Hardship Policy to allow for the transfer of dogs and semen owned by a deceased person who was on referral and awaiting suspension at the time of death.

This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page)

MARKETING SPONSORSHIPS AND MEDIA

Marketing Updates and Highlights for Q2

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President, Consumer Demand participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Overview of Q2 2020 Results

- Continuous search engine optimization and production of relevant content helped AKC capture the surge in puppy and dog related searches driving record traffic levels for AKC.org and Marketplace. Users: 33M (+72% Year over Year) Sessions: 46M (+74% YOY).
- Q2 was an exceptional quarter for AKC Shop with traffic approaching levels not usually seen until the Holidays and very strong performance from key email. Users: 510k (+28% YOY) Sessions: 674k (+24% YOY). Q2 revenue +36% versus Q2 2019.
- AKC email sends grew by 30% in Q2 2020 versus 2019 while keeping engagement metrics strong.
- Total number of emails sent was higher in Q2 2020 than Q2 2019.
- Despite the significant increase in sends, open rates and click through rates increased.
- The first ever AKC Virtual Top Dog Challenge was a rousing success! A great example of cross department

collaboration, this event garnered almost 700 entries.

- The AKC social department continues to grow key social channels through innovative and relevant programming:
 - AKC Facebook finished Q2 2020 with a total of 4,010,934 followers (+0.08% vs. Q4 2019)
 - AKC Instagram finished Q2 2020 with a total of 317,918 followers (+4.4% vs. Q4 2019)
 - AKC Twitter finished Q2 2020 with a total of 100,378 followers (+1.5% vs. Q4 2019)

Broadcasting, Sponsorship, & Media Advertising Sales

Ron Furman, Director, AKC Media and William Ellis, Manager, AKCTV participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Digital Ad Sales

Year-to-Date AKC Digital ad sales are 92% to budget for the 1st half of 2020. Total Revenue in Q2 2020 was up 11% YOY despite pauses in ad spending due to COVID-19. Direct Digital Sales also increased 6% YOY for the first half of 2020. Several new brands came on board for Q2.

AKC.TV Update

ESPN celebrated “National Puppy Day” on March 23rd with encore broadcasts of the AKC Agility Premier Cup and the ESPN Championship Pup.

On June 6th, the AKC premiered “World of Dog Sports” on ESPN. World of Dog Sports celebrates canine athletes across the sports of: Agility, Fastest Dog (Fast CAT), Diving Dogs and Flyball.

Encore broadcasts of AKC World of Dog Sports and ESPN Championship Pup were included on ESPN News on July 4th and 5th. To date in 2020 there has been seven hours of original programming featuring the AKC across the ESPN networks:

- 3/23 AKC Agility Premier Cup
- 3/23 ESPN Championship Pup
- 6/6 AKC World of Dog Sports
- 7/4 AKC World of Dog Sports
- 7/4 ESPN Championship Pup
- 7/5 AKC World of Dog Sports
- 7/5 ESPN Championship Pup

AKC.TV TRAFFIC (1/1 - 6/30) Plays:

- AKC.tv web: 2mm+
- AKC.tv apps: 409k+
- Social: 1.07mm+
- Dynamic Content Embeds: 13.8mm+

AKC.tv has continued to produce new con-

tent since AKC TV began to work remotely on March 16th. Weekly episodes of AKC DogCenter continue to premier every Tuesday and Friday with 30+ new episodes and 352+ new minutes of content.

Interviews and features include:

- Coronavirus updates with Dr. Klein
- Book of the Month with author interviews
- NYPD Transit bureau K9 Unit
- Treat of the Month
- Canine Partners anniversary
- Training & Socialization tips
- Paw of Courage award

Additional AKC.tv Premiers new Meet the Breed documentaries:

- Australian Shepherd
- Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- Miniature Schnauzer
- Shih Tzu

CONSENT

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent item:

- Delegate Approvals

Delegate Approvals

The Board VOTED to approve the following individuals to serve as Delegates:

Roy Ed Degner, Montclair, CA

To represent California Collie Clan

Joao Luiz Lopes Machado, Humble, TX

To represent Chihuahua Club of America

NEW BUSINESS

December Delegate Meeting

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Smyth, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to hold the December AKC Delegate Meeting as a virtual meeting via Zoom technology on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Voting for all planned and published proposed Rule and Bylaw changes will take place in the meeting. Delegate Committee Meetings will be held the week of November 16-20, 2020. Meetings will follow the same format as the June and September 2020 Committee meetings.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

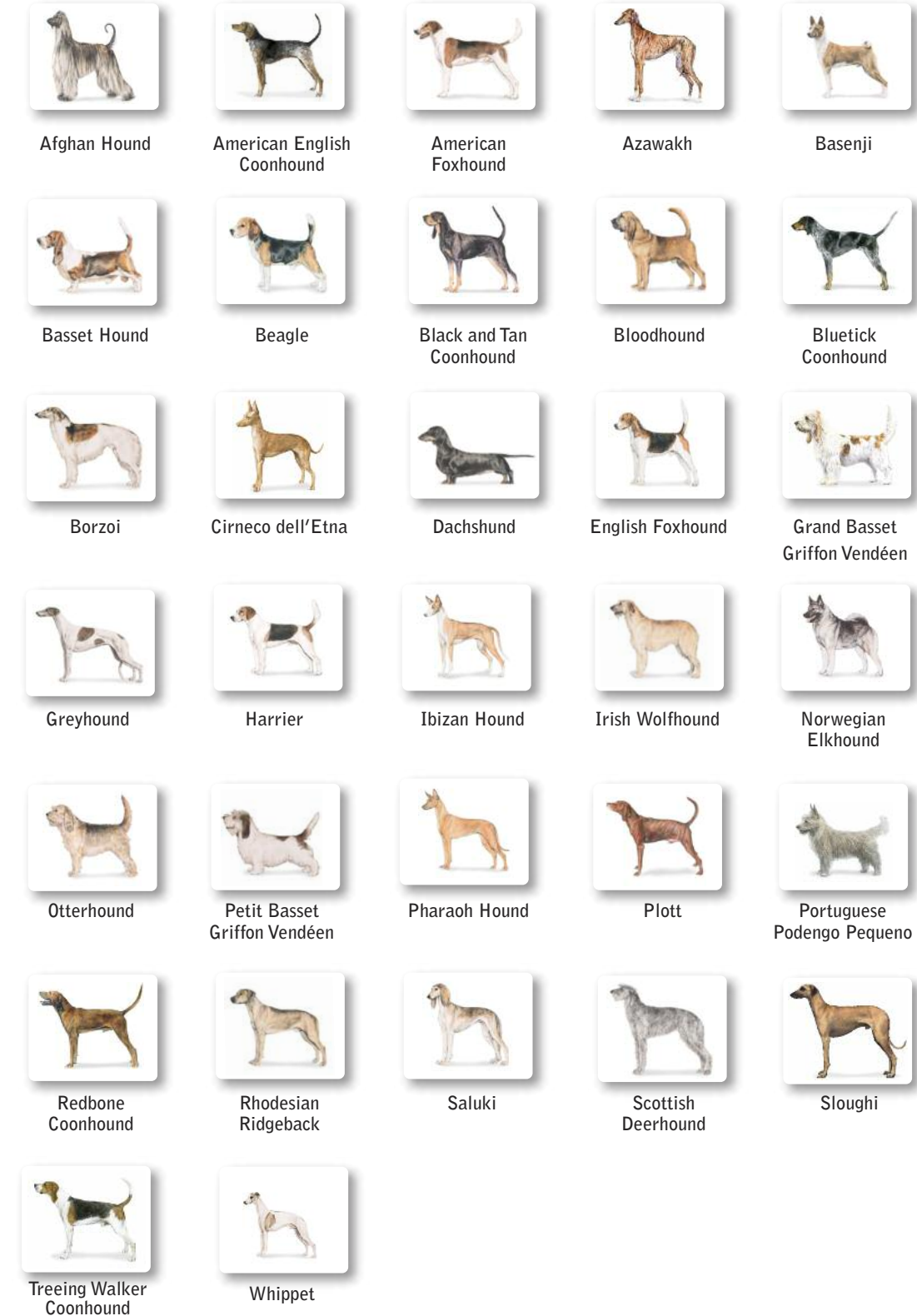
PARENT CLUB LINKS



SPORTING GROUP



HOUND GROUP



PARENT CLUB LINKS



WORKING GROUP



Akita



Alaskan Malamute



Anatolian Shepherd Dog



Bernese Mountain Dog



Black Russian Terrier



Boerboel



Boxer



Bullmastiff



Cane Corso



Chinook



Doberman Pinscher



Dogo Argentino



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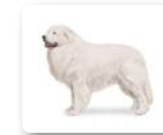
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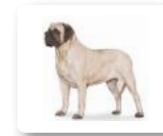
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Mastiff



Neapolitan Mastiff



Newfoundland



Portuguese Water Dog



Rottweiler



Saint Bernard



Samoyed



Siberian Husky



Standard Schnauzer



Tibetan Mastiff

TERRIER GROUP



Airedale Terrier



American Hairless Terrier



American Staffordshire Terrier



Australian Terrier



Bedlington Terrier



Border Terrier



Bull Terrier



Cairn Terrier



Cesky Terrier



Dandie Dinmont Terrier



Fox Terrier (Smooth)



Glen of Imaal Terrier



Irish Terrier



Kerry Blue Terrier



Lakeland Terrier



Manchester Terrier



Miniature Bull Terrier



Miniature Schnauzer



Norfolk Terrier



Norwich Terrier



Parson Russell Terrier



Rat Terrier



Russell Terrier



Scottish Terrier



Sealyham Terrier



Skye Terrier



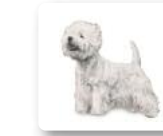
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Welsh Terrier



West Highland White Terrier



Wire Fox Terrier

PARENT CLUB LINKS



TOY GROUP



Affenpinscher



Brussels Griffon



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



Chihuahua



Chinese Crested



English Toy Spaniel



Havanese



Italian Greyhound



Japanese Chin



Maltese



Manchester Terrier (Toy)



Miniature Pinscher



Papillon



Pekingese



Pomeranian



Poodle (Toy)



Pug



Shih Tzu



Silky Terrier



Toy Fox Terrier



Yorkshire Terrier

NON-SPORTING GROUP



American Eskimo Dog



Bichon Frise



Boston Terrier



Bulldog



Chinese Shar-Pei



Chow Chow



Coton de Tulear



Dalmatian



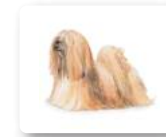
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French Bulldog



Keeshond



Lhasa Apso



Löwchen



Norwegian Lundehund



Poodle (Miniature)



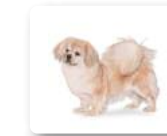
Schipperke



Poodle (Standard)



Shiba Inu



Tibetan Spaniel



Tibetan Terrier



Xoloitzcuintli

PARENT CLUB LINKS

HERDING GROUP



Australian Cattle Dog



Australian Shepherd



Bearded Collie



Beauceron



Belgian Malinois



Belgian Sheepdog



Belgian Tervuren



Bergamasco



Berger Picard



Border Collie



Bouvier des Flandres



Briard



Canaan Dog



Cardigan Welsh Corgi



Collie (Rough)



Collie (Smooth)



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German Shepherd Dog



Icelandic Sheepdog



Miniature American Shepherd



Norwegian Buhund



Old English Sheepdog



Pembroke Welsh Corgi



Polish Lowland Sheepdog



Puli



Pumi



Pyrenean Shepherd



Shetland Sheepdog



Spanish Water Dog



Swedish Vallhund



AKC REGISTERED HANDLERS

The American Kennel Club Registered Handlers Program establishes criteria and standards for responsible, knowledgeable professional handlers. All handlers enrolled in the Program have met these criteria and made the commitment to follow the guidelines and Code of Ethics as set forth by the AKC.

For additional information concerning the Registered Handlers Program, click here:

<http://www.akc.org/events/handlers/>

For information on upcoming RHP Handling Clinics

<http://www.akc.org/events/junior-showmanship/junior-clinics/>

<http://www.akc.org/events/handlers/adult-clinics/>