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2016 Obedience and Beyond

2016 has been an extraordinary year for our Obedience program. Thanks to the hard work of our Darlene Rak, our Program Director, we have added new classes which have been met with enthusiasm.

Basic obedience for Performance is perfect for active dogs and handlers who want more self-control around other dogs and want to have their dogs stay with them off lead. This is done through lots of activities which are fun and challenging. This is offered on Thursday nights at 7:45 p.m. If you haven't done so yet, come check it out.

The Junior Dog class was created to provide a fast paced curriculum for dogs from seven months to less than 12 months. It also is a place for young dogs coming out of puppy class who aren't ready for the intermediate class. Its purpose is to meet the needs of young active dogs whose attention span is short by using a variety of activities; one of favorites is barrel racing.

We have been inundated with students, which is a good thing. The challenge is finding instructors to teach all our classes especially during the winter when those who live at a distance are reluctant to volunteer because of weather conditions.

Please contact Darlene if you would like to see if teaching is for you. We start people out as assistants so you can learn from the lead instructor. Helping people begin their journey of dog training can be very rewarding!

2017 is starting where 2016 left off. It is amazing that there are so many people who are in need of learning how to train their dogs. Thanks to all who help, our reputation continues to be one of excellence.

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CHF tackles top health concerns of dog owners

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has initiatives to research the following health concerns of dog owners.

Bloat

The bloat initiative is a major research effort to identify the underlying mechanisms of this disease. In response to donor concern, CHF hopes to better define and ultimately eradicate canine bloat. For more information, visit these links.

Canine Cancer

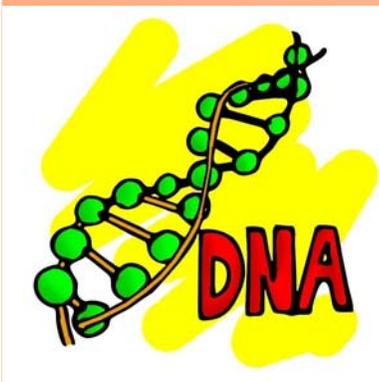
Cancer is a devastating diagnosis for both humans and our beloved canine companions. There are more than 77 million owned dogs in the United States and a fourth will develop cancer - including those in the bone, breast, pancreas, liver, prostate, lung, and skin. Owners increasingly want to treat their pets rather than just manage their discomfort, but treatment options are limited and cost of radiation and chemotherapy can be prohibitive. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is committed to funding studies that will prevent, treat and hopefully one day cure canine cancers.

Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a general term for neurological conditions that cause seizures. Among the most common neurological disorders in dogs, it can affect any breed or mixed-breed. Epilepsy can be heritable and some breeds are believed to be predisposed to the condition.

Hypothyroidism

Despite a sufficient understanding of the mechanisms underlying acquired canine hypothyroidism, diagnosis of the disease is not straightforward and remains one of the greatest challenges in veterinary medicine. Age, breed and systemic illness all affect thyroid hormone concentrations, and clinical signs of hypothyroidism are often indistinguishable from other diseases. As such, veterinarians and breeders know that hypothyroidism is commonly over-diagnosed in the dog. CHF is pleased to announce the funding of a new grant that will investigate three novel diagnostic methods that investigators believe will provide a more accurate diagnosis than the currently available tests.



To learn more about these initiatives, visit the CHF website:
<http://tinyurl.com/gvfakxr>.

Our self-cleaning building!

Okay, the title may not be totally accurate. It does seem like our building cleans itself. The bathrooms are always clean. You can see out the glass windows and doors and the dog hair on the floors mysteriously disappears. However it's because of a very dedicated group of DDTC members that our building gets cleaned almost every week.

Roberta Shellabarger heads up this committee that meets to take care of all the cleaning. One of the long-time members, **Mary Savage**, recently retired from this position. We want to thank her very much for all of her service in this area.

Mary's main duties as far as the cleaning crew was concerned were cleaning the restrooms, refilling the dispensers in those restrooms (soap, paper towels, and toilet paper), and cleaning the glass doors of both entrances to the club, inside and outside. She also cleaned the sink on the agility side and tried to help Roberta with anything else she needed.

We need someone to take over Mary's duties. The club reimburses crew members for the cost of cleaning supplies. Although Mary came on Thursday mornings with the other cleaning crew members, anyone doing this job can come anytime it works her schedule. This is a very important task that members and guests alike are very appreciative of. If you can assist please contact Roberta Shellabarger at 937-426-3546.



Junior handlers rule!

AKC's kids corner has breed info, games, stories, videos, advice, and an intro to junior handling to help young dog owners. <http://www.akc.org/kids-corner/>



Candy company adds vet clinics to its bottom line



Veterinary clinics are big business. Over the past decade or so, many veterinarians have opted to affiliate with a corporate entity rather than start or continue an independent solo or group practice. The largest such parent corporations are Banfield Pet Hospitals, which has clinics inside PetsMart stores, and VCA Animal Hospitals and Day Care Centers, which operates established clinics in more than 40 states.

Best known for its candy products, Mars Inc., the owners of Pedigree, Iams, and Royal Canin, purchased Banfield a few years ago and plans to add VCA to its expanding list of pet industry companies by the end of

2017. Estimated cost of the purchase is \$7.7 billion; the acquisition will give Mars nearly 2000 veterinary hospitals in the US.

While dog owners embrace a new range of veterinary products and animal health advances for the sake of pets and performance dogs, companies like Mars see business opportunities. According to the American Pet Products Association, pet owners spend more than \$50 billion on veterinary care, over-the-counter medications and supplies, and pet food in 2015. Consolidation of facilities under single ownership also increases opportunities for these animal hospitals to offer pet health plans and food brands owned by Mars.

Although there are many Banfield Pet Hospitals in the Miami Valley, the only VCA facility is North College Hill Animal Hospital near Cincinnati. Other Ohio VCA hospitals are in central and northern portions of the state. For more information see "Mars to buy vet operator VCA for \$7.7 billion" in the Wall Street Journal and "When big business happens to your pet," a Bloomberg article about corporate veterinary medicine in general and Banfield Pet Hospitals in particular.

"Surfing Dog Float" breaks world record at this year's Rose Parade

Question: What was 125 feet long and weighed more than 148 thousand pounds?

Answer: The Lucy Pet's Gnarly Crankin' K-9 Wave Maker, a float in the 2017 Rose Parade. Focal point of the exhibit was the 90-foot, 8000-gallon tank featuring surfing dogs. See the story on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/news/surfing-dogs/>.

AKC, state dog federations tracked more than 2000 issues affecting dog owners in 2016

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf, DDTC legislative liaison

AKC's government relations department tracked 2200 legislative proposals and more than 800 state and federal regulatory changes impacting or potentially impacting dog ownership last year. Most legislative bills were introduced at the state level, but the department also saw an increase in the number and variety of anti-breeder measures ordinances introduced at the local level.

AKC depended on state federations such as Ohio Valley Dog Owners in Ohio and partnerships with the National Animal Interest Alliance, various hunting organizations, veterinary groups, and the pet industry in its continuing fight to prevent unreasonable laws and regulations and promote statutes and rules that enhance dog ownership, breeding, and welfare.

Ohio saw one major change to our dog laws -- a bill to license and inspect pet stores and define the sources of pet store puppies. That bill also banned passage of local ordinances to restrict pet stores from buying commercially-bred puppies. As a result, at least one Ohio city has promised to repeal its ban and Petland has dropped its lawsuit protesting that ban.

Other Ohio changes: The governor signed bills into law that allow people to break into vehicles under certain guidelines if an animal or a child appears to be in distress; allow first responders to give some first aid to animals if responding to an accident, disaster, or fire; and raise penalties for some cases of deliberate animal cruelty. The latter bill also provides for veterinary education about opioid scams.

While Ohio lawmakers have been dissuaded from passing breeder licensing law for show and performance dog breeders since passage of the commercial kennel regulations of 2012, the national trend is toward more state and local laws regulating breeders by the number of intact females owned (sometimes as few as four), not by the number of litters produced or puppies sold. AKC expects the trend to continue along with more efforts to limit pet store dog sales to shelter and rescue dogs and new campaigns to limit breeding by charging high intact dog fees, establishing licensing and inspection regimens based on number of intact females, and forcing owners charge with violations of cruelty law to pay for dog care before they are convicted.

For more information from AKC, go to <http://tinyurl.com/z5scju7>.



Bridging the Gap

DDTC's Junior Dog class fills the gap between puppy and beginner classes for dogs that are 7-12 months of age and need greater impulse control. The class includes sit, stand, down, stay, controlled walking, drop it, leave it, and wait commands and games and other activities that help handlers to better connect with their dogs.



Winter Weather Class Cancellation Policy

The DDTC class cancellation policy is as follows:

We cancel classes based on the forecast, local cancellations, and the level of emergencies declared by the counties surrounding our area.

The DDTC President will make a decision as soon as it is clear as to whether or not to cancel.

- Morning Classes: No later than 7:30 a.m.
- Start Program: No later than 2:00 p.m.
- Night Classes: No later than 4:00 p.m.

How to find out if you have class:

- Check your phone and email messages.
- Check our website: www.daytondogtraining.com.
- Check our Facebook page.
- Call the Club phone number: 937-293-5219.

Braggs and Accomplishments

Congratulations to all members who have achieved titles and other milestones with their dogs.

Dakota (Genesis Secret Agent of the FBI, CD BN RE CGC), owned by **Sherry Shafer**, earned their fourth RAE leg with two 2nd places and their third High Combined award.

Dakota's sire Aslan (Genesis Chronicles of Narnia RE), owned and bred by **Kate Stephenson**, finished his RA and RE. Two days, four trials, four placements (2nd, 4th, 1st, 2nd), and two new titles (RA and RE).



Dakota

Photos courtesy DickClarkPhoto.com



Aslan

Alaskan huskies star in the Iditarod

The famous Iditarod dog sled race from Fairbanks to Nome, Alaska, starts on March 4. Since we did an overview story in the February 2016 issue of *Clublicity*, we're focusing this tribute for the race on the very special dogs that power the sleds and bring the mushers safely to the finish line.

The Alaskan husky is not a purebred dog. Instead it is a consummate example of a type of dog selected for stamina, speed, and a working attitude in a harsh climate. As such, characteristics such as color and uniformity of conformation matter little while muscle structure, health, teamwork, and ease of handling can make the difference between getting to Nome or dropping out at one of the trail's twenty-plus checkpoints.



Alaskan huskies are northern dogs that generally resemble the Siberian Husky and the Alaskan Malamute, two breeds whose ancestor came from Siberia, but they also carry genetic material from the Canadian Eskimo Dog and the Greenland Dog, two native breeds used for draft by the Inuit people. Breeders have also included German Shorthaired Pointers, German Shepherds, Greyhounds and Salukis into their lines to improve performance.

Male Alaskan huskies range from 40-60 pounds for males and 35-55 pounds for females. Although they resemble the racing strains of the Siberian Husky, they are leaner and have a more-pronounced tuck-up. Because they are bred for performance, not color, Alaskans come in almost any canine color or pattern. They have shorter coats than most northern breeds to make it easier to dissipate body heat on the trail.

These are people dogs, affectionate and cuddly, and they love to play. They are good with children and generally social with other dogs, a good trait for a dog that must work in a team. They are not apartment dogs; they need a strong fence to keep them confined as their need for exercise makes them wanderers. Exercise is a must!

Because mushers have concentrated on working ability and the Iditarod Trail Committee is strong on health, Alaskans have few health problems. Dogs entered in the race get an EKG screening and bloodwork 30 days out, are wormed within 10 days of the start and are examined by a veterinarian at the start and finish and at the checkpoints along the trail. Mushers keep a health log on each dog that vets read at the stops, and the vet's decision is final if a dog shows signs of illness or fatigue when examined.

Sled dogs have their own veterinary medical association [International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association, (<http://isdvma.org/>)], a professional association of veterinarians dedicated to maintaining and improving the health and welfare of the dogs. The Iditarod Trail Committee also has a veterinary center (<http://iditarod.com/about/veterinary-center/>) and details the rules for dog care prior to, during, and after the race.

How much chocolate is dangerous to your dog?

With Valentine's Day looming, pet owners will find this PetMD chocolate meter useful. Go to the link below, plug in the dog's weight, the type of chocolate (milk chocolate, dark chocolate, etc.) and the amount in ounces the dog may have consumed. The meter calculates whether the danger is mild, mild-to-moderate, moderate to severe, or severe. It also lists symptoms to watch for.

http://www.petmd.com/dog/chocolate-toxicity?icn=petMD-utility_bar&icl=3_choco_meter



Motel 6 offers a 10% nationwide discount to owners of AKC-registered dogs.

To receive the discount guests must reference the AKC account number CP542764

- 100% of Motel 6 locations are Pet Friendly
- Motel 6 Does NOT charge a Pet Fee
- Motel 6 Does NOT have weight limits on pets
- Motel 6 allows 2 pets per room

Reservations can be made at 800-4-MOTEL6 (800-466-8356), or with any Motel 6 property directly, or by clicking here: <http://tinyurl.com/jjqdvbc>

Top 10 names for dogs in 2016

Rover.com has released their annual list of top dog names. In addition to seeing the classics remain in the top ten, they also saw an increase in pop culture dog names, dogs named after powerful women, and food names.

The top ten names for male dogs are:

Max
Charlie
Buddy
Cooper
Jack
Rocky
Bear
Duke
Toby
Tucker



Hello! My name is Max.

and for female dogs,

Bella
Lucy
Daisy
Lola
Luna
Molly
Sadie
Sophie
Bailey
Maggie

As for the 2016 trends, Rover found that "53% of dog owners have named their dog after a movie or TV character, book character, or celebrity." Names connected with Harry Potter increased about 10 percent, and Game of Thrones monikers grew about 16 percent. For more fun facts surrounding dog name choices, go to rover.com.



Next Clublicity Deadline

March 1, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Send articles and brags to clublicity@daytondogtraining.com. Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name & registered name if applicable, along with the title or honor achieved.

Questions, questions, does anyone have questions??

General Club Questions?

Please call 937-293-5219

Agility Questions?

Contact Dennis Steinke at Wetry4par@aol.com

Obedience and/or Rally Class Questions?

Contact Corky Andrews at 937-434-3822

Tracking Questions?

Contact Richard Eppley at trackingdot@daytondogtraining.com

Nosework Questions?

Contact Laura Martin at laura@dogsontarget.com

How to Join DDTC Yahoo Group

by Sue Peterson

Send an email to ddtc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com Include your name, Yahoo ID, email address, and date you joined the club in the request. This is the best way to be added to the list. My sending you invites to join does not always work. It's a Yahoo thing.

Upcoming Events

Agility Run-Thrus

Fridays, February 17, March 3, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Monday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Agility Trials

Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12

Spring Session Classes

Agility begins March 6

Obedience, Rally, and Conformation begin March 13

Tracking begins May 2017

Nosework start date to be announced

Membership Meeting

Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.

Building Rentals

ASCA events: March 25-26; April 8-9

C-WAGS Rally Trials: April 28-30 (info: <http://www.c-wags.org/Rally.html>)

DDTC Officers and Board of Directors



President: Linda Gordon

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