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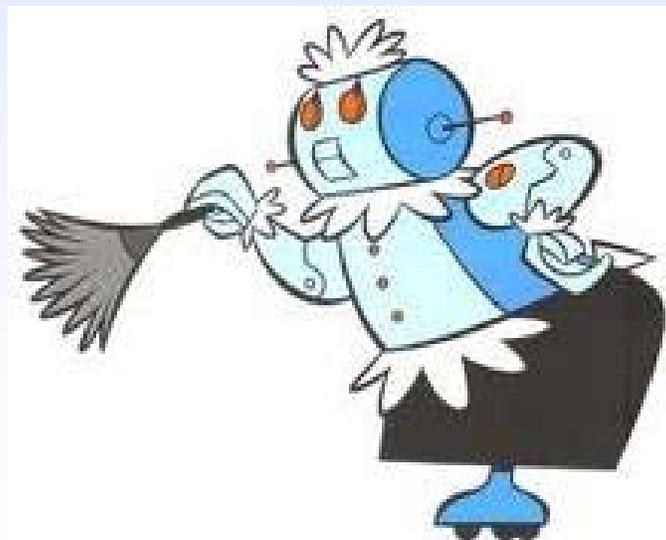
Our self-cleaning building!

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.



AKC opposes California pet store restrictions

AKC supports freedom of choice for puppy buyers and stands up for responsible breeders when activists lobby for and lawmakers consider anti-breeding bills that restrict or tax home breeders of purebred dogs.

Recently, AKC has also joined battles against legislative efforts that limit pet stores to selling only dogs acquired from shelters or rescues. Most of these efforts occur in cities or counties, but some are state-wide. Such a bill has passed its first legislative hurdle in California.*

In an article titled "Why Californians need to worry about AB 485, the 'pet store' bill," Phil Guidry, head of AKC's Government Relations Department, notes that such bills not only limit consumers' freedom of choice, they replace licensed and regulated sources of purpose-bred dogs with dogs of unknown origin, health status, and temperament provided by unregulated and uninspected entities that may not be subject to consumer protection laws.

Guidry said that activists have been successful with a divide and conquer strategy that labels commercial breeders and pet stores as substandard and abusive and uses home breeders to further their campaigns to end all dog breeding. He wrote:

It has never been more important than it is now for all dog lovers and those concerned about the future of our breeds to work together to preserve the freedom of individuals to choose from a variety of pets and to find one that is the right match for their lifestyle. Such pets can come from a variety of sources including directly from the breeder, from a retailer, or from a shelter or rescue. The decision to acquire an appropriate pet should be made by consumers themselves, not restricted by an arbitrary government limit pushed for by extremists who ultimately seek the end of dog breeding and animal ownership.

Home breeders are already restricted in many California communities by high fees to keep intact dogs, and additional fees to breed even a single litter. Passage of AB 485 will further limit opportunities for Californians to find a pet of their choice and will put a stamp of approval on retail sales of dogs with little or no health or temperament background that arrive at the pet store from an unregulated rescue or shelter. AKC is asking clubs and individuals to join the fight and will provide updates on the bill as developments warrant. For more information on AB 485, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at doglaw@akc.org.

* Ohio lawmakers resisted the anti-breeding lobby and passed a law that licenses pet stores and limits their puppy sources to qualified breeders and shelters, rescues, and humane societies. Qualified breeders are those covered by Ohio's own high-volume breeder law or USDA animal welfare regulations and those who have a state-issued dog retailer license. Governor Kasich signed the bill into law in December 2016. For more information, go to Section 956 of the Ohio Revised Code at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/956>.

Ohio law gives guidelines on saving pets and kids in closed vehicles



Summer temperatures bring stories of suffering in the extreme heat that can build up in closed vehicles. Exhibitors at dog shows and trials are particularly aware of the potential for problems because many show sites lack sufficient shade and crating space, thus increasing the amount of time dogs can spend in cars, motor homes, and vans.

AKC noted an uptick in legislative proposals to deal with dogs left in hot cars in its 2016 Year in Review (<http://tinyurl.com/kmow9tn>). Ohio was one of those states; lawmakers approved ORC 959.133, a forcible-entry addition to the state's cruelty laws, last August. ORC

959.133 outlines the process for entering a vehicle to rescue a pet suffering heat distress and exempts those who follow the guidelines from liability for damages.

Those who forcibly enter a vehicle to rescue a dog must:

- Determine that the vehicle is locked or there is otherwise no reasonable method for the animal to get out.
- Have a good faith and reasonable belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary because the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the vehicle;
- Make a good faith effort to contact local emergency responders before forcibly entering the vehicle. If prior contact is not possible, the person shall make contact as soon as possible after entry.
- Make a good faith effort to notify the vehicle owner with a note on the windshield giving contact information, the reason for the entry, the location of the animal, and the fact that the authorities have been notified.
- Remain with the animal in a safe location until law enforcement or emergency responders arrive.
- Use only the forced entry necessary to remove the animal. Excessive damage to the vehicle opens the person to civil liability.

Probiotics are for dogs, too

There's a lot of crossover between human and canine medical research and treatment, both for disease understanding and cures and for prescription and over-the-counter doses. Research provides the understanding and treatments, pet supply companies market the results, and pet owners make the cash registers hum.

As in many other fields, research in human medicine has produced awareness of and treatments for various digestive upsets, and dog owners are spending on the same and similar products for their pets and performance dogs. Prebiotics, probiotics, digestive enzymes, and limited-ingredient diets are growing in popularity, and retailers are devoting more and more shelf space to these products.

In "Gut check," an article in the trade publication *Pet Product News*, the reporter quotes Heidi Nevala, president of Natura Petz Organics in Minneapolis:

"The days of just assuming the dog has gas and leaving it at that are over. There is so much more emphasis on the digestive system for humans that they're paying more attention to it for their pets as well. People know that the digestive system is directly related to so many other things, including immune health, skin and coat, and just a general reflection of their well-being."

That emphasis has resulted in a quest by retailers to find the best place and method of displaying digestive health products and providing information so that pet owners will buy them. "Gut Check" is on the web at <http://www.petproductnews.com/May-2017/Gut-Check/>.



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Don't forget to include your name, dog's call name
& registered name if applicable, along with the title
or honor achieved.***

Braggs and Accomplishments

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



*Spirit waiting for the recall.
(Photo by Phyllis Ensley Photography)*

Less than one month before her 13th birthday, **Spirit**, owned by **Kate Stephenson** and bred by **Sherri Swabb**, finished her Beginner Novice title in April at the Belgian Sheepdog National Specialty. Kate writes, "Spirit and I had not done any training together for several years, and we had only a couple months to prepare for the Specialty—but the journey is one I will never forget." Spirit is now Sarron Five O'clock Somewhere BN.

Harper, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi owned by **Elaine Stoermer**, earned her CD and PCD on March 12 with placements as well as excusals in the Novice B ring. Now it's on to Open, Preferred Open and/or Grad Novice! Harper also earned her NoseWork1 title at the NACSW trial in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, on Sunday, April 2. She placed second in the exterior search, and earned first place overall with the fastest combined time in four searches/elements (exterior, interior, vehicle and container). She worked each hide consistently without Elaine's interference. She has been a diligent student in her Nosework classes under the excellent tutelage of Laura Martin. Once Harper decided she could move with a harness affixed to her compact body and once she decided to stop cruising around a search area, she figured out how to use her skills and inform Elaine where the scent was located. Harper may have an advantage with low hides, but she can locate elevated ones too. She will continue to sniff and Elaine will continue to follow her to the alert and finish.

Panda, aka **Blue Sky Pandemonium**, a Canaan Dog owned by **Norma Bennett Woolf**, was best female in two UKC trials at Clermont County Dog Training Club in late March, increasing her point total to 70 of the 100 points needed for her UKC Championship. At the same shows, **AKC/UKC GCH Blue Sky Desert Star Orion the Hunter**, aka **Rion**, was BOB and placed third in the Sighthound and Pariah Dog Group at the first show. Rion is co-owned by **Denise Gordon** and Norma Bennett Woolf.



No surprises: Labs are top dogs for 26th consecutive year

The easy-going, eager-to-please, fun-loving Labrador Retriever is the top AKC-registered breed for 2016. Black, yellow, or chocolate, the Lab continues to win friends and influence people in obedience and agility competition, on search-and-rescue missions, sniffing out contraband or explosives, assisting handicapped owners, and playing with the kids in the back yard.

Actually, the top six dogs in popularity are repeats from 2015: Lab, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, Bulldog, Beagle, and French Bulldog. The next three breeds are the same as 2015 but in juggled positions: Poodles took seventh spot from Yorkshire Terrier, which dropped to ninth; Rottweilers moved from ninth to eighth spot as Poodles moved up. Boxers were tenth again.

For a complete list of AKC breeds according to registrations, go to <http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/most-popular-dog-breeds-full-ranking-list/?button>



Online puppy scams hit Ohio

We know better than to send money for a puppy sight unseen, but the word can elude members of the public who fall for a charming photo, an outrageous claim, or a bargain price. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine tracks fraud in the state and recently issued a warning about online scams targeting potential puppy buyers.

Online ads for nonexistent puppies may include such red flags as pilfered puppy pictures, descriptions such as “cute puppies” or “adorable puppies,” and a phony breeder name. The ads contain a requirement to send money for the pup prior to shipment and are followed by a demand for additional funds to cover shipping or veterinary exams. If the buyer balks at the second charge, some scam artists may threaten to accuse him of neglect or abuse unless he pays.

DeWine said that potential buyers should watch for sellers who:

- request payment by wire service or money order;
- offer bargain prices such as \$500 for a puppy that would typically cost \$1000;
- use puppy pictures that appear on other websites in an online search;
- fail to provide in-person communication;
- claim a problem with delivery of the puppy;
- demand extra money for shipping or veterinary costs; or
- threaten to turn you in for animal neglect or abandonment if you don't pay.

He suggested that people research breeders carefully, check for complaints with his office and the Better Business Bureau, review feedback from other customers if possible, and report to his office if they suspect a scam. The OAG can be reached at www.ohioprotects.org and 800-282-0515.

AKC hosts US Detection Dog Conference

Since 2001, the world has seen a dramatic increase in the use of dogs trained to detect explosives, making it difficult for US government agencies seeking quality dogs. To resolve this dilemma, AKC convened a conference of government officials, military representatives, geneticists, and trainers to discuss the need for a US-based national breeding program for explosive detection dogs.

Topics at the February 28-March 1 gathering were:

- The rising threat of terrorism and the increasing need for explosives detection dogs;
- The current state of affairs in government procurement of detection dogs and the challenges faced;
- The Department of Homeland Security Detection Dog research and development program;
- Lessons learned in selective working canine breeding and the pressures involved in finding canine candidates;
- A vision of a National Breeding Program to produce quality working dogs, including a national semen bank, a breeding cooperative, a puppy raising program, a standardized screening/data collection plan and a cooperative work placement program;
- A plan for producing a large number of healthy, high-quality puppies purpose-bred for scent detection work;
- A discussion of problems encountered by small breeding programs.



For more photos from the U.S. Detection Dog Conference, visit <http://tinyurl.com/lkvux7z>.

PetsMart plans to buy Chewy.com

In a major move to add online sales to its bottom line, PetsMart Inc. announced in April that it will buy Chewy.com, a popular web retailer of pet foods and supplies. Chewy has been a major competitor of the brick-and-mortar retailers, often undercutting PetsMart on prices. The deal still needs regulatory approval but could close by the end of the PetsMart's second fiscal quarter this year.

Some analysts predict an increase in Chewy's prices as the company did not make a profit in 2016 and PetsMart agreed to pay 3.35 billion to acquire the online retailer. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kqlgsw>.

Upcoming Events

Summer Class Break

No Agility classes: June 30-August 13

No Obedience/Rally/Conformation classes: July 12-August 10

Agility Run-Thrus: Fridays, July 7, July 21, August 18, 6:30 p.m.

C-Match: Thursday, July 13

Obedience/Rally Trials: July 14-16

Board Meeting: Monday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.

Agility Trials: July 28-30; September 9-10

Building Rentals

August 5-6: ASCA Agility Trial

September 22-24: Hamilton DTC Agility Trial

Membership Meeting: August 8, 7:30 p.m.

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