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Dog/Cat First Aid Class

Saturday, April 20th: 8:30 am to Noon

506 Gunnison, Red Cross Training Building

Cost: \$65, includes book and DVD, Red Cross completion certificate

Learn how to respond to health emergencies and provide basic first aid for the four-legged members of your family. Practice and preparation will help you be calm and effective in an emergency, protecting you and your animal from further injury or suffering. Course length: 3 1/2 hours.

Course includes:

- Administering medicine
- Managing breathing and cardiac emergencies
- Managing urgent care situation
- Treating wounds
- Treating electrical shock
- Caring for eye, foot and ear injuries
- Preparing for disasters



For further information, please contact Ashley Edstrom at aaedstrom@bresnan.net

January & February Brags

Edna Schenck—**Emily Rose Sheedy (Emily)** Edna's first granddaughter born March 4th weighing 9 pounds to Erin & Patrick Sheedy in Novato, CA. Unfortunately she didn't send photos of the baby.

Kim & Joe Giannone—**GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil**, CD, ANDD, DD (**Narsil**) BOB at Rocky Mtn Cluster; 3 BOB and 2 Group ones in Scottsdale, AZ; Select in AZ Regional Specialty; CD in Garden City, KS; Versatility Dog Title.

Noelle Blair—**CH Redfox's Shut Up & Kiss Me (Smooch)** Select Bitch three times at Rocky Mtn Cluster in Denver.

Chris Barnes—**Copperridges I'm Gonna Get ?? (Shania)** WB, BO and a 3 pt major at Farmington, UT in February.



Wendy Spurr—**Sonora Guillermo (Gui)** went BOW on Saturday, March 2nd in Scottsdale, AZ, for a 4 pt major and his Championship.



Message from President By Cindy Clark

Happy Spring! Time for the Dog Shows to really get rolling! So, on that note I want to remind all of our members that April will be the last month for classes and practices at K9 PowerSports. Don't worry; it's just for a short amount of time. We will resume holding practices and training classes August 4th. Our volunteers and instructors need a little break, and they have dog shows to attend. Thank you to everyone making our practices and trainings a success!! The club appreciates all your hard work and dedication! Check our web site for current classes and practices.

Talking about practicing at K9 PowerSports.....If you were not able to attend our last general meeting, and are a current member, Linda will be sending you your 4 punch member punch card. This is a token of the clubs appreciation for their members, and a great chance for you to get out and see Geoff's wonderful facility! Contact Linda Lee, if you do not receive your card in the near future.

For all of you that attended our last general meeting, I hope you enjoyed our speaker as much as I did! We are fortunate to have a person like Judy Harrington living in our community. If you get a chance, pick up her book "The Gift" and read her story. I encourage *all members* to contact me if you have someone you would like to have speak at our general meetings. We have had outstanding speakers in the past, and I look forward to more in the future!

Last, but not least, a huge THANK YOU to all of you who made it to our meeting, and want to become members of our club! We are thrilled, and look forward to you all coming to the April meeting for your 2nd readings! We have a great membership with sooooo many talents, you picked a dynamic group of people to be around, and learn everything "Dog".

So Good Luck and safe travels as you head out to the dog shows, or just hang out with your best "furry" friends and let them know they are loved and cherished.

Nation's Most Athletic Dogs Compete in Companion Events Extravaganza

More than 1,600 of the nation's top obedience, agility and AKC Rally® dogs will jump, heel and retrieve their way into Tulsa, Oklahoma for the first-ever Companion Events Extravaganza, hosted by the American Kennel Club® on March 15-17, 2013.

The **AKC National Agility Championship** will feature 1,385 dogs, representing 104 breeds. In Agility, dogs and handlers must negotiate a timed obstacle course, off-leash, striving for a perfect score of 100.

The **AKC National Obedience Championship** will feature 97 dogs, representing 36 breeds. Dogs will show off their skills at scent discrimination, retrieving, heeling, hand signals and more.

Finally, in the inaugural **AKC Rally National Competition**, 168 dogs, representing 51 breeds, will compete in one of the AKC's newest events. In Rally, dog and handler complete a course of stations, each containing a sign with instructions regarding a skill to be performed.



Western Colorado Agility Club Hosts Trials

Here is the link to the premium and entry form for the AKC trial on May 10-12. It is here in town, out at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. If you haven't registered your dog with AKC yet, you need to do that right away in order to get their number in time to enter the trial before it closes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sydney

<http://lookoutgoldens.com/WCAC.htm>



Our Sympathy to Sandy & Fred

3/14/13 was a very sad day for Fred and me and the Timbree Goldens. Shimmer, at 13 1/2 suddenly went down hill in the last week. I can only guess that she might have been growing a tumor deep inside her beautiful body. An autopsy will not be done, I just couldn't bare to make that decision today. I couldn't watch her slide so I made the decision this morning after taking her for a brief and unsteady walk.

In her prime Shimmer was one of those girls who made everything look easy from delivering three lovely litters to earning all the Obedience legs with first placements to dazzling in Agility when she began at the age of seven. She loved applause and really turned on for a crowd. Her puppies carried on those talented genes as they made her an Outstanding Dam of the National Golden Retriever breed club. One of her favorite duties was to tear up our long, sloped driveway to grab the heavy Sunday newspaper to deliver it to my hands at the front door.

I'm very fortunate to have as Vets the carrying DVMs, the technicians and Amigo's office staff. Their kind words still touch my heart when I asked that Shimmer be laid to rest at home. Dr. Brian Wiseman arrived 20 minutes after my tearful call. His tenderness and gentle words meant more than I can relate.

I will always think of Shimmer and smile. It was a privilege to be part of her life, and I can only that I was worthy of the adoration in her eyes. Rest in peace my lovely, gentle lady until we meet again..





2013 TROPHY PLEDGE FORM

4 SHOWS - SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28 and 29

Trophy Sponsors will be printed in the Premium List & Catalog

CONFORMATION CLASSES

Again this year we are focusing trophy sponsorships on prizes for class dogs & bitches. Many participants at the class level are owner handlers and we want to reward their efforts. We are also hoping that this focus will encourage larger classes and build majors. **To that end, our first priority is to gather sponsors for WINNER'S DOG & WINNER'S BITCH in as many breeds as possible.**

Winner's Dog & Winner's Bitch - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows
 Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____

Best of Winners - \$20 per show up to \$80 for all 4 shows
 Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____

Other class - \$20 per show up to \$80 for all 4 shows
 Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEST IN SHOW PUPPY (Saturday) & BEST IN SHOW BRED-BY (Sunday) - \$50 each (circle one or both!)
 NON-REGULAR Groups (Puppy &/or BBEx) - \$40 per Group (covers all 4 placings)
 Group - _____

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

HIGH IN TRIAL - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows Number of Shows _____

HIGH COMBINED - \$30 per show up to \$120 for all 4 shows Number of Shows _____

OBEDIENCE CLASSES - \$20 per class up to \$480 for all 4 shows

Novice A, B / Open A, B/ Utility A, B (circle class) Number of Shows _____

RALLY CLASSES - \$20 per class up to \$480 for all 4 shows

Novice A, B / Advanced A, B / Excellent A, B (circle class) Number of Shows _____

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

BEST JUNIOR - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows Number of Shows _____

JR HANDLER CLASSES - \$20 per class, up to \$480 for all 4 shows

Novice Junior, Intermediate, Senior / Open Junior, Intermediate, Senior Number of Shows _____

YOUR NAME - _____ PHONE - _____

ADDRESS - _____

KENNEL NAME, IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF (Circle Choice) _____

TOTAL # OF TROPHYS PLEDGED - _____ TOTAL AMOUNT OF PLEDGES - _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYALBE TO GVKC & MAIL TO
 WENDY SPURR
 970-270-8979
 256 Nashua Court, Grand Junction, CO 81503
 QUESTIONS?? Email spurr@bresnan.net or Call 270-8979

Federal “PUPS” legislation

Federal “PUPS” legislation (S 395/HR 847), sponsored by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Rep. Jim Gerlach has been reintroduced in the U.S. Congress and assigned to the House and Senate Agriculture committees. The bill is substantially the same as previous versions introduced in 2011 and 2010, which never received committee hearings.

The AKC continues to express grave concerns about this measure. The AKC believes that all dog breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly and does not oppose the concept of regulating high volume breeder-retailers. However, as currently written, the definitions proposed in this bill are misleading, overly broad, and potentially damaging to small responsible breeders who individually maintain and breed only a few dogs in their homes.

Although the stated purpose of PUPS is to regulate *internet* sales of puppies, S 395/HR 847 as currently written would require *anyone* who owns or co-owns even a few female dogs that *collectively* produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a year to be regulated under existing USDA dog "dealer" regulations. **These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale or research, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections.** These requirements are not appropriate for small breeders who may keep only a few dogs in their homes.

AKC’s specific concerns with PUPS include the following:

- Defines “high volume retail breeder” as someone with “an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs”. This definition is overly broad and does not take into account co- and joint ownerships common among dog owners, dog show participants, hunting club members, sporting dog trainers and other hobbyists. This would hurt many small hobby breeders who keep or breed only a few dogs in their homes by subjecting them to commercial standards of regulation as a result of agreements they maintain with other small breeders.
- Defines “high volume retail breeder” as someone with “an ownership interest in or custody of one or more breeding female dogs”. Because the threshold for regulation is based on the number of dogs bred and sold, any reference to the number of dogs owned or in custody is unnecessary and potentially misleading.
- Defines “breeding female” as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older. This is misleading and implies that a female dog may be bred at 4 months. Female dogs are not sufficiently mature at 4 months of age to be bred and should not be deemed “breeding females”.
- Exercise language should be clarified with respect to the terms “solitary and goal oriented” to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of wholesome activity that could fall under this definition (e.g., playing fetch, field training for hunting dogs, or the responsible use of treadmills for keeping canine athletes in top physical condition).
- PUPS would exponentially expand the pool of breeders regulated and inspected by the Animal Care Division of the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). *However, a May 2010 audit of this program by the USDA’s own Inspector General demonstrated that the existing inspections program is insufficient to carry out current responsibilities.* AKC believes these issues and full funding for the current program and enforcement of current laws should be addressed before attempting to exponentially expand the program’s responsibilities and workload.

AKC encourages you to respectfully share these reasonable concerns about the potential damaging consequences of this bill with your member of Congress. To contact your Congressional representative, visit www.house.gov and enter your zip code in the “Find Your Representative” box at the top of the page.

To contact your two Senators, visit www.senate.gov and select your state in the “Find Your Senators” box at the top of the page.

AKC and AKC’s federal representatives will continue to closely monitor and keep you up to date on this measure.

Misinformation from the Internet (From: ItsForTheAnimals.com)

It's great to share helpful information that might benefit our animal companions. However, sometimes what's passed along may not be accurate and can create problems later on. That turns out to be the case with that "New Vaccination Protocols" message which continues to be widely circulated and published on some Web Pages.

I learned from experience that it's best to verify important information prior to sending it on to others. FYI, regarding that circulating message, "New Vaccine protocols" which is *excerpted in the paragraph below* – please be advised that is NOT Dr. Jean Dodds'.

" ... I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for Vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to Vets, and there will be skeptics. Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs. those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctors economic well-being should not be a factor in a medical decision..."

To follow is her reply to me regarding the above which is being circulated via the internet (again). She has since asked me to assist with this unfortunate situation and that's why I'm asking that this post be forwarded -- to let everyone know that the "New Vaccine protocols" contains false information:

"Dear Helen: No , ... This is the broadcast message sent around the world, or so it seems, LAST YEAR. It is not from me. I even got an e-mail from the AVMA last year asking where I got my information and data from ! Jean"

This is verified as Dr. Jean Dodds' Vaccination Protocol *for Dogs*: **CANINE VACCINATION PROTOCOL – 2011** **MINIMAL VACCINE USE**

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Note: The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one I recommend and should not interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.

<u>Age of Pups</u>	<u>Vaccine Type</u>
9 - 10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Intervet
14 weeks	Progard Puppy DPV)
16 -18 weeks (optional)	Same as above
20 weeks or older, if allowable by law	Same as above (optional)
1 year	Rabies
1 year	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV
1 year	Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks apart from distemper/parvovirus booster)

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request. [See www.rabieschallengefund.org](http://www.rabieschallengefund.org)



February 10, 2013
Dear Fellow Dog Lover,

The New York Times published an article using unsubstantiated, anecdotal episodes to paint a grossly misleading and biased picture of dog breeders who register their dogs and litters with the AKC. In addition, they relied on opinions of other animal rights organizations, without facts to back them up, in an attempt to refute the AKC's good working relationship with law enforcement, animal control officers, lawmakers and others who care about animal welfare and reporting animal cruelty.

AKC Respected As An Animal Welfare Organization

The article states, "But the A.K.C. is increasingly finding itself ostracized in the dog world, in the cross hairs of animal protection services, law enforcement agencies and lawmakers who say that the club is lax in performing inspections and that it often lobbies against basic animal rights bills because they could cut into dog registration fees."

- The truth is the vast majority of breeders are responsible; in fact, over 99% of the 55,000 that the AKC has inspected since 2000, have been found to be in compliance. When AKC does discover substandard conditions, our policies require that we immediately report them to local, state and federal officials.
- AKC has a productive, working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA, and works cooperatively with all of those agencies to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act.
- In fact, in many instances, the highly publicized raids for which animal rights groups take credit in the media have come about as a direct result of AKC's reporting to law enforcement.
- AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.

Misguided Opinions Versus Facts

The article also quotes ASPCA President and CEO Ed Sayres who says "a majority of the commercial breeders in the raids that his group participated in had ties to A.K.C.-registered litters." But, there is no proof or numbers given to back up this charge. He goes on to state "The irony to the consumer is that they're paying a lot for a fake Rolex." and that he thinks "dogs are often genetically compromised and come from traumatic environments." Both of these statements are opinions that were printed erroneously as fact.

The ASPCA has a history of such tactics. Recently they reached a legal settlement with Feld Entertainment, Inc., the producer of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, agreeing to pay Feld \$9.3 million to settle all claims related to ASPCA's part in more than a decade of manufactured litigation brought by animal rights interest groups that attempted to outlaw elephants in the company's Ringling Bros. Circus. This settlement applies only to the ASPCA. Feld Entertainment's lawsuit, including its claims for litigation abuse and racketeering (RICO), continues against the remaining defendants, the Humane Society of the United States, the Fund for Animals, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute, Tom Rider and the attorneys who were involved. Discovery in the initial lawsuit uncovered over \$190,000 that these animal activist groups and their lawyers paid to Tom Rider who lived off of the money while serving as the "injured plaintiff" in the lawsuit against the circus.

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AKC is a Leading Not-For-Profit Organization

The article also states, "As recently as 2010, roughly 40 percent of the A.K.C.'s \$61 million in annual revenue came from fees related to registration. Critics say a significant part of that includes revenue from questionable breeders like the Hamiltons, or so-called puppy mills, which breed dogs en masse with little regard for basic living standards." We gave the reporter statistics that dispute this claim but they were not used. In fact, less than 5 percent of our total revenue comes from commercial breeders who register dogs and litters with us.

- The AKC, for 129 years, has been committed to responsible dog ownership and responsible breeding of dogs, and we will continue our proactive efforts to further those goals, even when those efforts impact our bottom line.
- AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when it instituted a care and conditions policy, and more leave when we sought to insure the integrity of the registry through DNA testing.

An Incomplete Picture Portrayed

Hamilton Case: While the article inaccurately portrays Hamilton as a high volume breeder or "puppy mill," court documents make clear that this was a situation where "hoarding is likely a factor in what was occurring as the Hamilton's were clearly unable to part with dogs that they had collected over the years."

Williams Case: The article fails to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Williams were charged in July of 2012 with one count of cruelty, and that charge was subsequently dismissed in September of 2012, based on the judge's determination that the warrant that led to the illegal search of the Williams' home and seizure of their dogs and the filing of the single charge was invalid. The Williams engaged in civil litigation to retain custody of their dogs from the "rescue" organization involved in the illegal seizure.

This is similar to the more egregious case of Dan Christiansen in Montana who is suing the HSUS for \$5M over a 2009 "raid" of his hunting dog kennel. A judge later ruled that the warrant for the raid was obtained based on intentionally misleading information, and all of the cruelty charges against Mr. Christiansen were dismissed.

Chilinski Case: Likewise, the story fails to acknowledge that along with the seizure of Mr. Chilinski's dogs, law enforcement seized over 200 marijuana plants that he was growing on his property, a vocation which likely led to the deterioration of his kennel and his overall ability to care for his dogs in the two years between his last AKC inspection and the raid of this property.

Voice Your Opinion

While the AKC's critics may be vocal, they are few, led by extremist national animal rights groups who see their legislative influence and massive fundraising abilities diminished by growing recognition that the focus of their efforts is not bettering the lives of dogs or enhancing our relationship with them.

Nonetheless, AKC continues to:

- **Spend millions annually on a kennel inspections program**
- **Donate millions for the advancement of canine health research**
- **Continues to give millions to canine search and rescue and disaster assistance**
- **Continues to support the rights of responsible breeders to breed and raise dogs, and fight for the rights of responsible individuals to own them.**

It is important to note that in any enforcement and regulatory program, there will be those who approach the regulated activity with a disregard for compliance with the rules. As a result, there is always a risk that those non-compliant few will reflect negatively on the vast majority who are in compliance. Nonetheless, the AKC remains committed to its inspection program and its belief that the AKC is helping breeders achieve compliance through education regarding best practices for breeding and caring for dogs.

Please share with your friends and family the facts and go to the NYT website and take the opportunity to post your comments about your commitment to responsible breeding and ownership of dogs.

Sincerely, Alan Kalter, Chairman of the Board , American Kennel Club

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Hidden Springs Labradors. all with high end field titles. CH/MH Blue Goose. Edna with my titled master hunters. l-r MH Bonnie, MH Drakey, MH Paris & CH/MH Blue Goose. All home bred and trained. black boy Decker CH/MH another son of Bonnie

