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GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

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Lots of activities coming soon and in 2016. Mark your calendars and decide which of them you are volunteering for and contact the person in charge



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President's Report: Noelle Blair

We have lots going this month. Please plan to support the club and get your dog's pictures taken with the most wonderful Santa in the world. Of course the Santa is my dad, so I think he's pretty wonderful. You have my permission to give him a hard time! Santa pictures are Saturday December 12th from 9:00 to 3:00 at Chow Down. Tammy has done a great job getting this together and we have a new digital background giving you three different options for your pictures.

We have the seminars finalized and the flyers are up on the website! Please take a minute and check them out. We really need to start promoting the Bobbie Lyons seminar. If you are out and around at dog functions, please remember to talk them up.

Our Christmas party is coming up on the 15th. Big thank you to Suzanne her crew, Kris Fancher and Ashley Edstrom for putting this together. The deadline to RSVP is coming up soon. Please contact Suzanne to save your spot at spookynews@outlook.com. Our club wants to acknowledge your efforts and give you a free dinner! If you have titled a dog this year, you need to get your information to Ashley ASAP aedstrom@gmail.com.

If you haven't had a chance to get your dues paid, remember to bring them with you to the Christmas Party. We are voting in our new board and you have all dues, trophies and such paid for in order to be eligible to vote.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Noelle

Officer Nominations:

- ◆ President—Neelle Blair
- ◆ Vice President—Nanette Loya
- ◆ Treasurer—Ashley Edstrom
- ◆ Secretary—Tammy Barslund

Board Members at Large Nominations: (Vote for 3)

- ◆ Suzanne Rambo
- ◆ Amy Andreatta-Goble
- ◆ Amanda Hays
- ◆ Mark Edstrom
- ◆ Wendy Spurr

To All AKC Delegates:

At the September 10, 2015 AKC Board of Directors meeting, the AKC Board approved a recommendation to allow deaf dogs to participate in AKC agility, rally and tracking events.

This change is effective for all trials held on or after **October 1, 2015**.

The following regulations will be modified to reflect this change:

Regulations for Agility Trials

Chapter 1 – Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs . (Change to paragraph 7)

Rally Regulations

Chapter 1 – Section 15. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (Change to Paragraph 2)

Tracking Regulations

Chapter 1 – Section 13. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (Change to Paragraph 2)

Braggs for November



Suzanne Rambo—Sam’s Patriot games (Sam) 2 RAE, 2 points, placed 2nd, 3rd & 4th and Rally High Combined in the Pueblo Show.

Suzanne Rambo—Deadream Artful Image (Sketch) 2 RWD in the Pueblo Show.



Cindy Clark—Bit o Golds Lets Cruise (Harlie) WB Saturday & Sunday, BOS Saturday, BW Sunday in the Buckhorn Shows in October.

Harlie at our meetings

Julie Bathje— ASCOB Cocker Spaniel girl, Daisy. GVKC show in G.J. Thursday- 4 Point BOS Major, to finish her championship!! Friday- 2 GCH Points, Select/BOBOH Saturday- 2 GCH Points, Select/BOBOH Sunday- 3 GCH Points, Selec

Julie Bathje—BVKC show in Greeley Saturday- 3 GCH Points, Select Sunday- 4 GCH Points, BOS



Pee Wee Special Attraction

Clubs wanting to offer this special attraction geared toward children 5-9 years of age must submit a Special Attractions Application and follow the Pee Wee Class Special Attraction Procedures & Guidelines.

Decode your dog's body language

By Dr. Mary R. Burch, director of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program

Ears

Because of variations among breeds' ears - some are pointy, others floppy - a dog's ears are a little harder to read, but in general, the same principles for cats apply. "When your dog is relaxed, comfortable and under no stress, her ears will be held in the natural position. When your dog is alert and watching something closely, her ears will be raised and turned to whatever she is paying attention to," says Dr. Burch. In addition, she says, if the ears are gently pulled back, it's a "sign of a friendly greeting." If the ears are completely pulled down and back, however, your pooch is most likely feeling afraid. Follow us on Pinterest.

Eyes

People use the term "puppy-dog eyes" for good reason: A dog's eyes can practically express the same emotional diversity as a human's. "When a dog is stressed or frightened, the eyes are not as wide open and they appear smaller. If the dog starts to squint (assuming there is no sun in his eyes), it could be a sign he is in pain," Dr. Burch says. Not only will a dog change the size and shape of its eyes, but the direction of its gaze is also a clear indicator of mood. Be forewarned that if a dog stares at you squarely in the eyes, or avoids looking at you in a way that lets the whites of his eyes show, he's on the defensive, so steer clear.

Mouth

A dog baring its teeth is a universal sign of aggression, but many people don't know that a dog can also express other feelings with its mouth. "When your dog is relaxed, its mouth is usually closed or open just a small bit. Dogs who are stressed or afraid often close their mouth and the lips are pulled back at the corners," says Dr. Burch. To better understand your dog's mood, it helps to factor in its whole body, advises McMillan Loehr. "One interesting thing dogs do that can be mistaken for aggression is the submissive grin; that's when they pull their lips back from their teeth, which might make you think the dog is going to kill you," she says. "Put it in context with the rest of the body." If her posture is relaxed and not stiff, "she might be doing a submissive grin."

Tail

While a wagging tail generally does mean that a dog is happy or excited, that's not always the case, according to Dr. Burch. "One of the greatest myths regarding canine body language has to do with the dog's tail. The myth is

that a wagging tail is the sign of a friendly dog," she says. "A dog that is thinking about attacking may hold his tail high and move it back and forth. The key is to look at the rest of the body; if you see the wagging tail with stiff legs, tense muscles and lips that are starting to be pulled back, you could be in for some trouble."

Body Posture

A dog's body posture tells a similar story to that of a cat. "Aggressive dogs try to make themselves look as big as possible. Their legs are stiff and they sometimes rise up on their toes. Dogs that are afraid may lower their bodies, dropping to the ground as if to say, 'It's OK, I'm so tiny and small, I'm not a threat,'" says Dr. Burch. The one posture that people seem to misunderstand the most, says McMillan Loehr, is when dogs freeze. "A dog who is panting and then stops panting - that's a sign that something is about to happen. A freeze is a sign that a dog is getting uncomfortable and it is often a threat," she says. Signs a dog is happy include an open mouth that looks relaxed and a shift in weight from side to side. Another big cue, adds Dr. Halligan, is when their body is curved into a C shape, which is called a "play bow."

Sounds

If your dog's movements aren't telling you enough, listen to his bark. Barking can indicate any number of things. According to Dr. Burch, you have to take it in context. "Barking related to play will usually be accompanied with a relaxed body posture and sometimes a wagging tail, whereas barks that are short, insistent yips can mean 'Stop that!'" she says. "If you see a stiff body along with a low-pitched growl, the barking can be a warning sign; also, some dogs have barks that are intended to get your attention." And then there's watchdog barking, which is a series of short and loud barks. "It's a warning or alert bark designed to let you know someone is coming - and to let [whoever that is] know there is a dog here that is ready to handle the situation," Dr. Burch says.

Behavior

When all else fails, watch for significant behavioral changes. Destructive behavior, like chewing things, is a big cue your dog is not happy. "The number-one reason they're destructive is that they're not getting out enough or being exercised enough," Dr. Halligan says. Another cue that something's amiss about their mental state is a drastic change in behavior - sleeping in a different place, hiding more or sleeping more than usual.



New York, NY – The Westminster Kennel Club and American Kennel Club (AKC®) present Meet & Compete, featuring the 3rd Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster and AKC Meet the Breeds®, brought to you by Purina® Pro Plan®. This exciting joint event takes place on Saturday, February 13th at Piers 92 and 94 in New York City, and gives dog lovers the unique opportunity to meet and play with hundreds of adorable dogs at AKC Meet the Breeds® while learning about responsible dog ownership, as well as see the nation’s top canine competitors race against the clock at the 3rd Annual Masters Agility Championship.

“We’re excited to be partnering again with the Westminster Kennel Club to bring the public Meet & Compete,” said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. “We will have a fantastic variety of breeds at AKC Meet the Breeds® for attendees to meet and learn about straight from the experts.”

“We are combining and expanding two exciting events for Westminster Week 2016, and the dog-loving public is the winner,” said Seán W McCarthy, President of the Westminster Kennel Club. “We have more space for AKC Meet the Breeds® and more access for all to the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster. We are pleased once again to be partnering with the AKC to make it happen.”

The 2016 event marks the seventh AKC Meet the Breeds® and the second year the event joins the thrilling Westminster Week roster. This year, one daytime event ticket will grant event-goers access to both AKC Meet the Breeds® and the Masters Agility Championship at Westminster. The venue expansion will be enhanced by the addition of a newly-constructed interior staircase that will connect Piers 92 and Pier 94 for all events of Westminster Week. Attendees will have more room to interact with over 150 breeds in elaborately decorated booths that depict fun elements from the breed’s history and talk to experts about each dog, as well as see the exciting Agility competition taking place in Pier 94.

The agility competition takes place all day (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) in Pier 94, with the finals being televised live on FOX Sports 1 from 8-10 p.m. ET. AKC Meet the Breeds® will take place in Piers 92 & 94 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

In addition to the Westminster Kennel Club and American Kennel Club present Meet & Compete on Saturday, February 13th, Westminster Week events include the iconic 140th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Monday and Tuesday, February 15-16 and the brand new Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster on Monday, February 15. All events are presented by Purina® Pro Plan®, which is dedicated to helping dogs of all activity levels excel through performance nutrition and expert resources.

To purchase tickets for Meet & Compete and find additional information about the event, visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org.

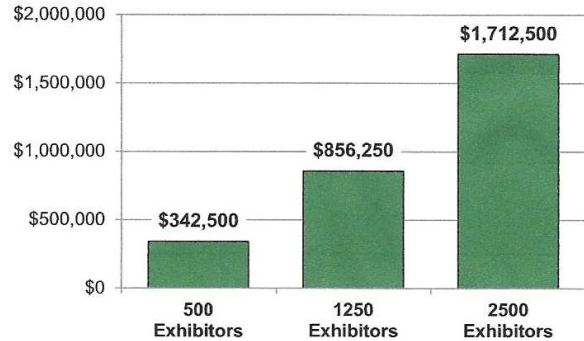


Perspectives – One Dog or 100, All Dogs Deserve Kindness and Great Care Enforcement of negligence and cruelty laws – such as the felony animal cruelty laws now in place in all 50 states – play an important role in stopping bad actors. But shutting down bad actors alone isn’t enough. AKC’s mission is to advance dogs, so this also means advancing those who love and care for them by ensuring they have the ongoing knowledge, education and expertise to be even better dog owners and breeders.

The Economic Benefits of AKC® Dog Events

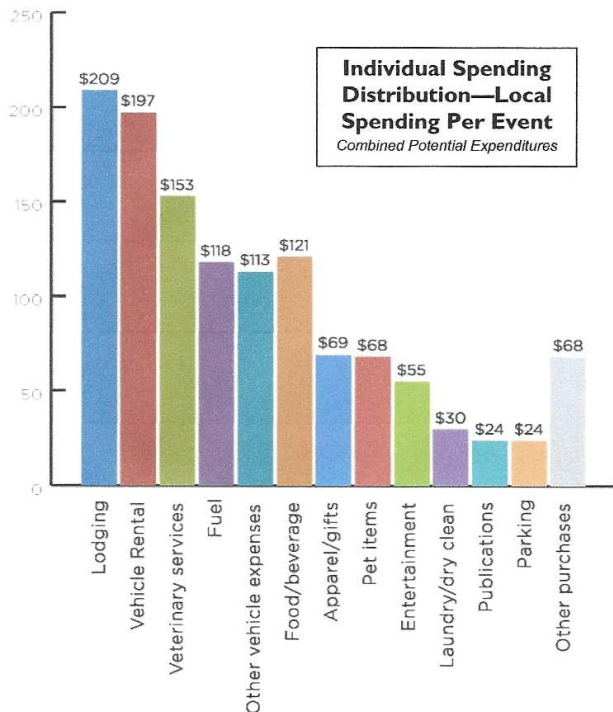


Potential local economic impact of American Kennel Club dog events: **MORE THAN \$1.7 MILLION**



About the study:

Our goal was to identify spending in local communities by dog lovers who attend, participate in, and host American Kennel Club events. An online survey was sent to 84,000 event participants; more than 14,000 responded.



AKC dog events provide significant positive economic benefits to the host community:

- Participants spend an average of \$685 per event in communities hosting AKC dog events.
- Local spending by participants in an AKC event can inject more than \$1.7 million into the community.
- Most participants travel more than 100 miles to get to AKC events and spend at least two to three nights in the communities where events are held. More than half bring traveling companions with them.
- The AKC licenses and sanctions more than 22,000 events across the country every year, including dog shows, agility and obedience trials, performance events, and much more.
- AKC dog events are hosted by more than 5,000 clubs, which are not-for-profit volunteer organizations.
- Nationwide, AKC dog events have the potential to generate more than \$1.5 billion a year in local spending.

In addition to participant spending, communities benefit from spending by the event-giving club, which may include:

- Lodging, Meals, and Transport for Event Officials and Judges
- Facility Rental, Fees, Permits
- Rental Equipment, Tents, Chairs, Tables
- On-site Security, EMT, Veterinarian
- Local Vendors and Concessions
- Catering
- Flowers
- Trophies
- Advertising

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Eukanuba National Championship

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship has drawn record numbers in its 15th year. An entry of 4,670 dogs will compete for the title of National Champion on December 12 and 13, 2015 in Orlando, Florida. Combined with other weekend events like the AKC Agility Invitational, the AKC Obedience Classic, and the Junior events, the overall show totals top 6,100 entries, making this the largest dog show held in the United States in the past 20 years.



“The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is a unique experience for any dog lover –whether they are streaming it on live.Eukanuba.com or www.akc.org, watching it live on the FidoTV channel, or enjoying it in person,” said Dennis Sprung, AKC President and Show Chairman. “With more than 1,000,000 square feet of event space, thousands of dogs in competition, nearly 100 vendors, the North America Diving Dogs National Championship, 156 AKC Meet the Breeds® booths and more, there is nothing that can compare to this complete canine extravaganza.”



AKC/Eukanuba Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar To Provide Educational Opportunities For Breeders

Among the many activities at the 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC and EUKANUBA™ Dog Foods will offer the first-ever Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar, powered by Royal Canin and the Theriogenology Foundation. Attendees will receive cutting edge information on a variety of reproductive topics straight from the veterinary experts. All breeders are welcome

PR and Social Media Tips Are you entered in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Obedience Classic or AKC Agility Invitational and interested in promoting your involvement to your local media? Email us at communications@akc.org for templates and other outreach assistance.

We can also send you fact sheets about each event if you need help explaining what the competition is all about to a non-dog person. Just let us know!



The American Kennel Club Announces Strategic Partnership With FidoTV

The American Kennel Club (The AKC®) would like to announce that it has partnered with new network FidoTV, the first television programming channel dedicated solely to dog lovers on Dish Network (Channel 245). As part of this strategic partnership, FidoTV will air the 2015 American Kennel Club/Eukanuba National Championship evening events December 12th and 13th.



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Eric Salas Schedules Us For 2016

***June 10, 11 12, 2016**

We are on the books for Eric Salas for next year. We will have Beginning, Advanced and Grooming. The only way people can take Advanced is if they have taken Beginner - so this way if people want to stay for all 3 days they can take both levels of handling and then stay for the Grooming. He will also be available for Private lessons.