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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be August 1, 2017 at Apple Rehab/Shelton Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALENDAR 2017

July 22- Picnic
August 1- Meeting
Sept 5- Meeting
Sept 23-RDOD
Oct 3- Meeting
Nov 7- Meeting
Dec- Christmas Party date to be announced

Braggs



Anja was honored in Denver at the 2017 American Whippet Club National Specialty. She was presented with the AWC Award of Versatility. This award recognizes Anja's wide-ranging talents, including titles in Obedience (with High in Trial), Rally (with multiple High Combined Scores), Racing and Therapy Dog work. She is an ASFA Field Champion and a UKC conformation Champion.

Anja recently completed her Rally RAE title. She also qualified for the 2018 AKC Rally National Championships, in the Championship class. Our

portrait is from the 2016 AKC Rally National Championship in Tulsa, OK.

Anja is a TDI Therapy Dog, and did 4 visits in May.

Anja is UCH Jaytea Chesara Just One Look CD BN RAE SC FCH OTR THDA CGCA. (Submitted by Jan Miller)



Ever wonder what new breeds the AKC may approve for full-breed status? Come to an AKC Open Show and see for yourself!

Open Shows are conformation shows for the AKC "rare breeds." Open Shows are limited to the Miscellaneous Breeds and the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Breeds. These shows often have Meet the Breeds events associated with them to help folks get to know our "rare breeds".

Portuguese Podengos (medio & grande size) are currently an AKC Miscellaneous Breed. Bella participated in the Meet the Breeds events associated with the Greenwich KC and Longshore-Southport KC Open Shows. Bella loves to meet (and charm!) new people, especially children. Jan was once again a steward for both the Greenwich KC and the Longshore-Southport KC Open Shows.

We even got a fun caricature of us at the Open Shows this year!

Bella is Belle Chance CD BN RA MC CAX CGCA. She is a versatile performance Portuguese Podengo Medio Wirehair. She has 12 AKC titles in Obedience, Rally and Lure Coursing. She was the first Portuguese Podengo to achieve the Master Courser

title. Bella is a Best in Event (all-breed) lure courser. (Submitted by Jan Miller)



Ch Drago Castellano of Trollbo MH CD RE THDD JHR TKA CGCA (TDIGOLD, TWT,) 2013 AKC Award of Canine Excellence – therapy; recently earned his Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles.

Siena Castellana DiMorghengo MH CDX RAE THDD JHR TKA CGCA (TDIG TWT); recently earned her Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles. Both have over 20 therapy dog visits in the past few months.

AKC Delegate News

Canine Influenza Virus

This notice is being sent out to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy (unexposed) dogs. The information provided is not intended to alarm dog owners and handlers.

There are recently confirmed cases of the Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) that was first brought to and identified in Chicago, Illinois in the spring of 2015. The most recent outbreaks concern the following states: Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.

Here is some additional information about Canine Influenza Virus and tips for how to minimize the risk and reduce the spread of the disease:

Canine Influenza Virus

Canine Influenza Virus is spread through:

Close proximity to infected dogs (it is airborne and can travel up to 20 ft.)

Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing, dog runs, etc.)

People moving between infected and uninfected dogs

80% of all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it

The virus lives up to 24 hours on soft surfaces and up to 48 hours on hard surfaces.

Some exposed dogs will be subclinical carriers - meaning some dogs will contract and spread the virus without showing symptoms.

Dogs show clinical signs within 24-48 hours and can shed the virus for up to 28 days from exposure.

Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment.

Dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather are most susceptible to exposure to Canine Influenza Virus.

Symptoms

Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)

Lack of appetite

Lethargy

Discharge from the nose or eyes

Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)

Prevention

The best protection is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination for both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine.

Vaccination provides the best chance of immunity within 7-14 days of booster shot.

Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 30 days after symptoms subside.

Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc. Allow items to thoroughly air dry for a minimum of 10 minutes before exposing dogs to them. Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas

Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.

Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.

Food/water bowls should be made of stainless steel instead of plastic because scratched plastic is hard to fully disinfect.

Treatment

Treatment of Canine Influenza Virus requires veterinary assistance. If you believe your dog may have Canine Influenza Virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other, more serious problems. H3N2 can lead to severe secondary pneumonia which can cause extremely sick dogs with potential fatalities.

Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

Containment

Any dog suspected of having Canine Influenza Virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other places dogs gather.

Dogs are contagious for up to 30 days once they have started showing symptoms.

Contact your veterinarian to let them know that your dog may be showing symptoms of Canine Influenza Virus. If your dog is going to a veterinary hospital or clinic, call ahead to let them know you have a suspected case of Canine Influenza Virus. They may ask you to follow a specific protocol before entering the clinic to minimize the spread of the disease, including waiting in your car until they are ready to examine your dog.

Keep sick dogs at home and isolated from other dogs and cats until you are certain the illness has run its course (typically 3-4 weeks).

Consideration for Event Venues

Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas including show floors, grooming tables, ring gates, in-ring examination tables and ramps, and x-pens. Allow solution to completely dry (at least ten minutes in order to assure virus has been killed). Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas.

When wiping down hard surfaces paper towels are preferred over cloth.

Consider having two exam tables at every ring so that they can be cleaned and allowed to air dry frequently in between classes.

Provide hand sanitizer in each ring and in grooming areas.

Exhibitors should consider grooming dogs at their cars instead of using grooming areas where dogs are in very close proximity.

AKC Pet Care LLC Sinks Its Teeth Into The NYC Pet Care Market

Company acquires several new locations throughout NYC

New York, NY - AKC Pet Care LLC is pleased to announce that it has acquired all of SPOT Canine Club's locations. The acquired facilities are located throughout the New York metropolitan area—Tribeca, Chelsea, Upper West Side, Midtown West, and the Upper East Side. Additionally, the company has relationships with two residential onsite amenity spaces –the SKY building and Mercedes House, both luxury buildings.

The SPOT locations add to the newly launched AKC Canine Retreat where dogs experience a new level of care tailored to their individual needs and temperament. All of Canine Retreat's professional staff is trained in the most up-to-date care and training methods established by the American Kennel Club. This rapid expansion occurs just three short months after the successful opening of the AKC Canine Retreat facility in the VIA 57 NYC.

AKC Canine Retreat aims to create the ultimate dog experience and serve dogs better with extensively trained staff who are experts in breed behavior, using positive reinforcement training and leveraging AKC Canine Good Citizen® Evaluators to help dogs become good city dwellers.

Both AKC Canine Retreat and SPOT Canine Club offer daycare, boarding, training, walking and grooming and bathing services.

"SPOT Canine Club is a well-respected brand in the pet care space," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of AKC Pet Care LLC. "We are excited to expand our business and create a strong foundation on which we can continue to provide the best-in-class pet care."

Alexandra Aleskovsky, EVP and Chief Growth Officer of the AKC has observed, "The pet care industry continues to grow at a rapid pace. This venture is the next logical step in AKC Pet Care's becoming a powerful entity in that space. It is exciting that the AKC Pet Care brand is building a bigger and stronger business, while providing a valuable service to dog owners in the New York Metropolitan area."

DEADLINE for the July-August newsletter is August 7 2017

Editors Comments: Please send photos (Photos **must be sent as jpeg attachments**) directly to me at csweetwood@att.net. **Please fully identify the persons in the photo.** Articles should be in MS Word or simply written in your e-mail. Remember to include "TFKC" in the heading or it may never get opened due the high SPAM content these days.

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