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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To The Members of the Albany Kennel Club,

Hello to all. Hopefully we are all seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and we will get through this as we get back into the swing of things.

Our last meeting was at the Gateway Diner and ZOOM combined. Hopefully this will this will work for now until we can do meetings at Henry Hudson Park again.

Thank you to Calley Rupp-Potts for taking over the Tattle ail and thank to KC for all the years of hard work. You both are greatly appreciated

Corey Heenan, President

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Albany Kennel Club Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month @ 7:00PM in the back room at the Gateway Diner:

**April 6, 2021
May 4, 2021
**June 1, 2021
July 6, 2021

** Board Meeting takes place immediately prior to the membership meeting

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HYBRID UNTIL WE CAN HAVE OUTDOOR MEETINGS OR THE THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS IS MITIGATED.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The April Membership Meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

A contingent will be meeting for the Membership Meeting at 7:00PM in the private back room of the Gateway Diner 899 Central Avenue Albany on April 6, 2021.

Another contingent will be attending via a ZOOM option. After the reminder of the meeting is sent out, you will receive a ZOOM notification. Feel free to choose this option should you not feel safe yet to attend in person.

Choose either option to join us and share your thoughts and ideas! Your participation is appreciated!

MATCH SHOW

The 2021 Albany Kennel Club's Match Show, chaired by Corey Heenan will be taking place Saturday June 19th at The Henry Hudson Park in Selkirk. Conformation, Obedience and Rally will be held. If you would be willing to volunteer in any capacity or have any other ideas to share, please contact Corey.

OCTOBER POINT SHOW

- ☼ The Albany Kennel Club will be holding its yearly Point Show in conjunction with Troy Kennel Club on October 15th, 16th and 17th in the Better Living Center at The Big E.
- ☼ Show chairs Penny Kretchmer and Don Gillett report that all is on track. Please contact Penny or Don if you wish to lend a hand as a volunteer. I am certain that they have many volunteer opportunities for you!!
- ☼ Temperament Testing will be a feature of the show.
- ☼ Jeannette O'Hanlon is in charge of trophies. Please consider sponsoring a trophy. Pledge Sheets are located on this page to the right of this box. Donations are due no later than the June meeting.
- ☼ Paul Sargent is in charge of advertising. The prices for the 2021 Point Show on October 15th, 16th and 17th 2021 are as follows:
 Outside Cover: \$75
 Inside Cover: \$50
 Full Page- Member: \$28
 Non Member: \$38
 Half Page- Member: \$19
 Non Member: \$21
 Quarter Page- Member: \$10
 Non Member: \$12
 Pictures/Drawings- Member: \$13
 Non Member: \$12

(please be sure to include your name and mailing address on the back)

The due date for the advertisements, will be sometime in August. Those interested can bring their ad to our Albany Kennel Club meetings or mail it to Paul.

ALBANY KENNEL CLUB TROPHY PLEDGE

___ **Friday October 15, 2021**

___ **Saturday October 16, 2021**

Breed _____

Class _____

Trophy Description _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

It is agreed there are no verbal understandings in any way part of this pledge. It is further agreed that in the event the undersigned does not provide the above described trophy in sufficient time to be presented at the above named show(s), the named club has the right to substitute a trophy of equal value or description and bill the undersigned.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

WEB SITE

Visit our website at:
albanykennelclub.net
or
Visit us on Facebook

Zoom Meeting

Audio only

With video



CELEBRATING MEMBERS

This is a new feature to Tattletale that will focus on our members... both new and veteran. As we all emerge from hibernation, it is time to get to know everyone a little better! This Quarter, our **SPOTLIGHT** is on our newest to-be members.

In the future, consider "nominating" a member and send it to the editor of Tattletale. We will contact that member and ask them to send us the information. Feel free to nominate yourself!!

Dona Ries

Dona Ries is a mom of two teen boys, and a crew of critters both furry and feathered. With a passion for reading, the great outdoors and "do goodery" you can find Dona roaming the Capital District with her senior Havanese mix and Irish

Wolfhound pup.

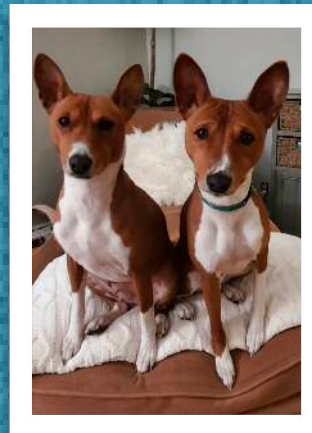
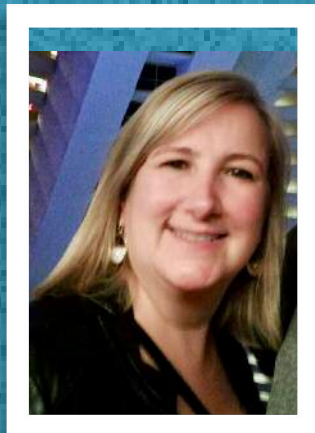
When at her home base in Poestenkill, NY Dona might be found volunteering at the library, newly hatched brood of quail elementary school. While 4H adventures coming, the world of dog shows is one arena Dona and Tig, her 9 month old Irish Wolfhound. Tig has the personality of an ambassador developing canine good manors for conformation and possibility of his own service in the community.



Poestenkill, NY Dona might be fostering kittens or bringing a into her place of work at a local and Boy Scouts have kept the dog shows is one arena Dona the arrival of Tig, her 9 month personality of an ambassador developing canine good manors companionship with the the community.

Rosemarie Sylvester

My name is Rosie Sylvester and I am new to the Albany Kennel Club. I have 2 basenjis who are 3 years and 1 year old and one rescue who is 13 years old. Can't wait to see everyone at the meeting!



AKC NEWS

As reported by
KC Gottschalk AKC Delegate

During the week of March 2nd - March 9th, I attended three committee meetings and the Delegates' Meeting via Zoom

Committees that I attended via ZOOM:

CANINE HEALTH COMMITTEE

MARCH 2, 2021

Dr. Calvin Carpenter reviewed the Mission Statement and Goals of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Since its inception in 1955 the Foundation has awarded 1040 research grants totaling \$59.5 million and supported 40 veterinary residencies and fellowships. The current research portfolio, including new grants added in 2021 is available on the AKC/CHF website. <https://www.akcchf.org/research/our-research/>

** Dr. Oberbauer's September presentation on genetic testing was updated in January and can be accessed on the AKC/CHF website. <https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/review-of-the-current-state.html>. **THIS WAS AN AWESOME PRESENTATION. IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, CHECK IT OUT!!**

Keith Frazier reported on Mari-Beth O'Neill's activities in veterinary outreach. Mari-Beth has been able to schedule 14 virtual meetings, all presented by Dr. Klein, AKC Chief Veterinary Officer.

Mr. Dziuk reiterated information on the new Cardiac Certification Program, which has been divided into a "basic exam," which can be performed by any veterinarian performing

auscultation of the heart; and an "advanced cardiac exam," which must include an echocardiogram and be performed by a veterinary cardiologist. Changes were effective on 10/01/2020. <https://www.ofa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/CARDIAC-CHANGES-REVISED-0908.pdf>

Mr. Dziuk reported that, primarily at the behest of Bulldog, French Bulldog, and Pug breeders, the OFA has undertaken to have the "brachycephalic index," developed at Cambridge University as a rating system for the severity of BOAS (Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome), modified for American climatic conditions and licensed for use in the U.S. **Mr. Dziuk** hopes that conditions will be favorable this summer for testing at dog shows.

Dr. Battaglia reported that he and Dr. Cindy Otto of the U. Penn Veterinary Working Dog Program had completed a survey study of 1300 Juniors who had participated in the Junior Showmanship program. The results are currently in peer review pending publication.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Charles Garvin presented the draft of an AKC project exploring the feasibility of their supporting a way of "establishing a frozen semen program which would increase gene pools, ensure saving of quality producers and eliminate the challenge for each Parent Club of taking this step for their breed or not, ultimately assisting breeders of today and in the future."

PARENT CLUBS COMMITTEE

March 4, 2021

- Discussion regarding Rescues provided by parent clubs and the effect of COVID.

- Crop and Dock sub committee will have no more meetings and will come back to present in person.
- Major Legislative actions were reviewed.
- Clubs should review their Health Statements for [AKC.org](https://www.akc.org)
- Pet Disaster trailers - 431 Clubs are participating. 91 trailers have been sent to 29 states.
- Veterinary Outreach (reported in the Canine Health Committee above)
- Juniors - a Webinar will be presented on March 22. Search Canine College in webinars to view this. **It is also recommended that a Junior Coordinator Abe added to all clubs.**
- The following committees reported activity: Code of Ethics, Parent Club Breeder Development

FOR MORE INFORMATION, go onto the AKC site and the full minutes are available.

ALL BREED CLUB COMMITTEE

March 5, 2021

- Board liaison reviewed new initiatives to assist clubs during COVID
- Reviewed Vet Outreach and Junior Programs (both reported in the committees above)
- Junior Showmanship pilot program - new scholarships and webinars have been added.
- Members examined financial best practices for clubs during COVID : Show Cancellations ,

Setting up a Financial Committee, Club Development. Consider reaching out to Diverse Communities for new members.

- Discussion: Should your club limit your show entry?
- Discussion on how to keep club members/exhibitors engaged during show cancellations and Zoom meetings.
- Discussion on the issue of show date/distance conflicts between clubs - as the bird fly vs actual driving time.

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DELEGATES' MEETING

March 9, 2021

- after initial introductions, a Ballot for Board candidates was conducted. **The winners were: Dominic Carata (282 votes), Rita Biddle (247 votes), Dr. Thomas Davies (229 votes), Thomas Powers (208 votes).** Other candidates: Patricia Cruz (207 votes) and Dr. Gregory Paveza (141 votes).
- Delegates seated since last meeting were introduced
- Vote was taken to include five new member clubs. All were admitted.
- The following reports were made: Chairman's, President's and Financial.
- **VOTE** taken on the amendment to **Chapter 6, Section 2.** When discussion took place, **I voiced our Club's concern that in this day and**

age, it was not a smart idea to include the address of the Show Chair. Another delegate voiced a similar concern. The creator of the amendment stated that it did not need to be an actual address, it could be a PO Box or an email address. **VOTE PASSED (83% v 17%)**

- **READ** on proposed amendment to **Article VII, Section 2**, to the Charter and Bylaws. This amendment moves an issue from Article VIII to Article VII.
- **READ** on proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 6**, to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - removing the phrase referencing one type of independent specialty to generalize the language among other things.

PLEASE REVIEW THESE PROPOSED CHANGES AND VOICE ANY CONCERNS TO ME. I will send them to the membership under separate copy.

- Under General Orders, presentation were made on
 1. AKC TV
 2. Judges Study Guide - various webinars including Canine Anatomy Course

And God said, I will send them without wings so no one suspects they are angels



DID YOU KNOW

10 Things to Know About Poodles By Jan Reisen

Dec 24, 2019

(reprinted from the AKC website)



Poodles are among the most instantly-recognizable of all the dog breeds. Known largely for their stylish looks, the athletic, eager, and intelligent Poodle has so many more talents besides simply looking pretty. Learn more than you thought you knew about this iconic **Non-Sporting Group** breed.

1. Poodles first originated in Germany, not France.

Although it is the national dog of France, the Poodle actually originated in Germany. The breed name comes from the German word, "pudeln" or "pudelin," which means "to splash in the water." In fact, the term "French Poodle" is a misnomer. In France, the breed is called *Caniche*, French for "duck dog."

2. They were originally bred as hunting dogs.

The Poodle was named after splashing in water because these dogs were originally bred to be [water retrievers](#). Their job was to bring ducks and other birds back to their masters. They haven't lost their skills over the years. Some waterfowl hunters still use Poodles in the field today.



3. The Poodle cut is meant for function, not fashion.

It might seem like the ultimate canine fashion statement, but the traditional Poodle cut is really all about function, not fashion. Less hair would make the Poodle a more efficient swimmer, but more vulnerable to cold water. To get the best of both worlds, Poodle owners placed puffs of hair around the joints and the upper torso to protect the joints and vital organs.

4. There are a variety of hairstyles for Poodles.

Each Poodle haircut has very specific rules about where the puffs and pomps of hair should be and how long they should be. To compete as show dogs, adult Poodles must have one of three hairdos: the Continental

Clip, the Modified Continental Clip, or the English Saddle. Puppies in competitions have the official Puppy Clip, which is an even length all over the body.

5. Poodles come in three size varieties, but all follow one breed standard.

From the tiny [Toy Poodle](#) to the mid-sized [Miniature Poodle](#) and stunning [Standard Poodle](#), the breed comes in different sizes. All the sizes fall under the same breed and are expected to comply with the same breed standard.

6. Regardless of size, Poodles are highly active dogs.

Taking a cue from their history as duck hunters, Poodle owners should give their dogs lots of [exercise](#). They're excellent retrievers and enjoy a good game of [fetch](#), as well as jogging and long walks. As superb water dogs, swimming is another great option.

7. They have hair, not fur.

"What's the difference between hair and fur?" you may wonder. Fur grows up to a certain point and then falls off—what we know as [shedding](#). Hair does not fall out and never stops growing. Poodle hair, like human hair, can respond to hormonal changes in the body. Female Poodles can experience hair thinning or loss after having puppies.

8. Lots of Poodles have jobs.

Poodles are among the smartest dog breeds. Their intelligence and eagerness to please make them great [service dogs](#). Poodles are also employed as guide dogs, assistance dogs for people with other physical disabilities, and [therapy dogs](#). They've even been utilized as truffle hunters due to their keen noses.

9. A team of Poodles once competed in the Iditarod.

The [Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race](#) takes place every year in Alaska and is now restricted to [northern breeds](#) well-adapted to the cold. This rule restricting the breeds was adopted after a musher, named [John Suter](#), attempted to compete with a team of Standard Poodles in 1988. Some of the Poodles were so cold, with frozen feet and hair-matting problems, that they had to be dropped off at checkpoints.



10. Many American icons have owned Poodles.

Elvis Presley was particularly fond of Poodles. He kept them as pets and frequently [gave them to girlfriends](#). Other famous [Poodle owners](#) include Elizabeth Taylor, Jackie Kennedy, Lucille Ball, Marilyn Monroe, Katharine Hepburn, and Walt Disney.

Quarterly Article

What's Behind an Epidemic of Canine Fear and Anxiety?

Analysis by Dr. Karen Shaw Becker
March 14, 2021 Healthy Pet Newsletter



If it seems the dog in your family, and perhaps other dogs you know, are more “nervous” than dogs once were, it isn’t your imagination. The truth is that fear and anxiety in dogs is a serious welfare issue these days, and according to some experts, the science that proves it suggests breeders should be paying more attention to selecting non-fearful animals for mating purposes.¹

Noise Sensitivity Tops the List of Behavior Problems

A 2020 study from the University of Helsinki in Finland concluded that anxieties and behavior problems in dogs are commonplace, with [noise sensitivity](#) topping the list.² The researchers examined data collected on 13,700 family dogs in Finland across 264 breeds, which makes it one of the largest projects of its kind in the world. Just under

52% of the dogs were female and ages ranged from 10 weeks to nearly 18 years.

Mixed breeds and the following 14 breeds made up 35% of all the dogs for which data was collected: Bernese Mountain Dog, Miniature Schnauzer, Border Collie, Rough Collie, Finnish Laponian Dog, Shetland Sheepdog, German Shepherd Dog, Smooth Collie, Labrador Retriever, Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier, Lagotto Romagnolo, Spanish Water Dog, Laponian Herder, Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

The research team examined the prevalence of seven undesirable canine behaviors:

- Noise sensitivity (including thunder, fireworks and shots)
- Fearfulness of humans, other dogs and unfamiliar locations
- Fear of surfaces and heights
- Inattention and impulsivity
- Compulsive behavior
- Aggressiveness
- Separation anxiety

73% of Dogs Display Noise Sensitivity and/or Fearfulness

The study results showed that unwanted behavior occurred in an astonishing 73% of dogs.

- Noise sensitivity proved to be the most common anxiety, with 32% of dogs afraid of at least one noise, and 26% fearful of fireworks, specifically
- Fear came in second, found in 29% of dogs, and included fear of other dogs (17%), fear of strangers (15%) and fear of new situations (11%)
- Noise sensitivity — especially fear of thunder — increased with age, as did fear of heights and surfaces, such walking on metal grids or shiny floors
- Younger dogs were more likely to damage or urinate on items when left alone, they were also more often

inattentive, hyperactive or impulsive and chased their tails more than older dogs

- Male dogs were often more aggressive and hyperactive/impulsive, whereas female dogs were more often fearful

The researchers also found differences between breeds. For example, the Lagotto Romagnolo, the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier and mixed breeds were the most noise sensitive. Spanish Water Dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs and mixed breeds were the most fearful. Just under 11% of Miniature Schnauzers were aggressive towards strangers, compared to 0.4% of Labrador Retrievers.

The researchers also looked at links between individual behaviors. As in past studies, they found that fearful dogs are also often [aggressive](#), however, some new and unexpected findings were also uncovered:

*"We discovered an interesting connection between impulsivity, compulsive behaviour and separation anxiety," said study co-author and doctoral candidate Milla Salonen. "In humans, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) often occurs together with attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), but this is the first time the same has been seen in dogs."*³

Dogs are similar to us both physiologically and behaviorally, and we share the same complex social environment. One of the goals of the research team is to learn more about human mental health problems.

"With the help of this project and data, we will continue investigating how good a model species the dog is in research focused on human mental health problems. Our previous genetic research pointed to the

same genomic areas in fearfulness and noise sensitivity," lead researcher Professor Hannes Lohi said.⁴

The Role of Genetics in Unwanted Behavior

The research team compared the frequency of behavior traits among the 14 breeds and mixed breeds above and discovered significant differences between them. Border Collies, for example, engaged in more compulsive staring and light/shadow chasing — behaviors that occurred much less often in all other breeds.

"One of the biggest differences among the breeds was identified in fearfulness of unfamiliar people, in which there was an 18-fold difference between the most timid breed and the bravest breed, the Spanish Water Dog and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier," said Salonen.

The researchers make the point that many unwanted behaviors, such as fearfulness and noise sensitivity, can cause such intense stress in dogs that owners may relinquish them.

"Our findings indicate that unwanted behaviour seems to be inherited, which means that, through careful breeding that relies on suitable behaviour indicators, the prevalence of such behaviour traits could be decreased. This would improve the quality of life of not only the dogs, but their owners too," Lohi stated.

In my experience, while genetics play some role — as yet undetermined — in the development of unwanted behaviors in dogs, there are many other factors involved that have much more to do with “nurture” than

nature. Genetic predispositions for certain behaviors can be shaped by human reactions to expressed behaviors, so the experiences an animal has (and the way in which we respond to them) influences whether the behavior improves or worsens.

And while I’m a huge advocate of responsible dog breeding programs, I don’t see “careful breeding” based on “suitable behavior indicators” as a realistic approach to mitigating the current problem, at least in the U.S., given the current thriving puppy mill market.

The number of poorly bred puppies being churned out to satisfy the North American puppy market far outweighs the number of small, ethical breeders responsibly screening for genetic and temperament flaws. Until we can educate puppy buyers on how to select a reputable breeder, inherited breed flaws, including possible temperament issues, will persist.

One of the most impactful determining factors of a dog’s overall ability to cope with stress throughout life is how much early puppy socialization they received from day 1-64, prior to their owners even taking their puppy home. Puppy mills don’t provide the critical neonatal sensory and handling experiences needed for healthy experiential development, which contributes to many dogs having lifelong fear and anxiety.

For those of you with canine family members whose behavior needs significant improvement, I recommend as a first step a veterinary checkup to ensure there isn’t an underlying health problem causing or contributing to the issue. Once you’ve cleared that hurdle, I recommend hiring a professional fear free dog trainer.

Choosing a Dog Trainer

It goes without saying that helping your dog shape (or reshape) his behavior starts with finding an experienced training professional who is right for both you and your furry family member. That's why it's important to know what questions to ask and what criteria to look for when evaluating potential trainers. Things to consider:

- **Areas of specialization** — Just because a person is a dog trainer doesn't mean he or she has experience with every conceivable type of training situation. For example, training a puppy in basic obedience requires different skills than helping a rescue dog overcome severe separation anxiety. Depending on your dog's individual needs, it can be very beneficial to try to find a trainer who specializes in one or more of them.
- **Training method** — There are a number of different training methods, some of which are punitive in nature. Scientific research and most experts agree that the most humane and effective approach is positive reinforcement behavior training. It's important to avoid trainers who use punishment, fear-based or pack-theory techniques, as these approaches aren't scientifically supported and are very controversial, in terms of long-term, positive outcomes. Addressing your dog's fear and aggression with fear-based training techniques can be predictably disastrous.
- **Education** — Since there are no state or federal certifications for dog trainers, it's extremely important to find one whose background includes professional training courses and certifications, and who keeps up to date on the latest industry developments.

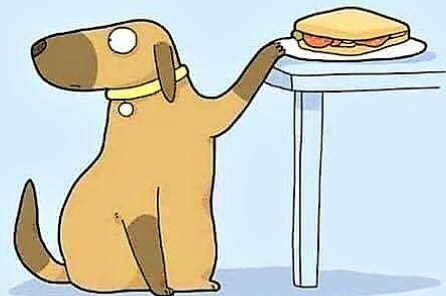
- **References** — It's also important to ask potential trainers for references, and to make contact with those clients to get their input. Do they feel using the trainer was a good investment? Are they happy with the results? If a trainer can't or won't provide references, it's a big red flag. If he or she has more than one bad review and the complaints seem legitimate, it's also a red flag.
- **Cost** — You want to be very clear on a potential trainers' fees so there are no surprises. To calculate how much you'll spend in total, you'll want to know how many sessions the trainer thinks your dog will require.

You can find directories of credentialed dog professionals at the following sites:⁵

- [Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers \(C.C.P.D.T.\)](#)
- [International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants \(I.A.A.B.C.\)](#)
- [Karen Pryor Academy](#)
- [Academy for Dog Trainers](#)
- [Pet Professional Guild](#)

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TO GUARD YOUR HOUSE,
BUT YOU CAN'T TRUST YOUR DOG
TO GUARD YOUR SANDWICH.

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Cricket, *MACH* Esoteric's Tacoma Third Time's A Charm, CDX BN RE MX MXB MXJ MJB MJS XF FDC SCN SEN SBN CA TT THDN RATO CGCA TKA RS-E JS-E GS-E STCA VERSATILITY DIAMOND, an American Staffordshire Terrier owned by John & Jeannette O'Hanlon, earned her Versatility Diamond Award, the highest Versatility Award offered by the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America



PASSING THE BATON...

After serving as the editor of Tattletale for the past five years, I feel that it is time to turn it over to a new member.

We have many talented and artistic members and we are lucky enough to have one of them step up to the plate. This will be my final edition. I know that our new editor will be bringing many new, fresh ideas. I am excited to see the direction that she will take it.

Our new editor of Tattletale is

CALLEY RUPP-POTTS

"It is better to have eaten something and thrown it up... and then eaten it again, than to have never eaten it at all"

- Unknown wise boi

