

# Papers Capers

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# *Meeting Notices*

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at  
Biggby's in Rib Mountain.

In case of questionable weather or road conditions, contact any officer or board member after 5:30 p.m. on the  
day of the meeting to verify whether the meeting will be held.

## *Brag*

Packerland Kennel Club - Sat. March 30, 2013

A'Capella Kyteral Vivace ( Papillon)

Vace was entered in the Open Dog class and was awarded WD and then BOW for a 3 point major.

Vace is owned by Dolores Slizewski.

*Congratulations Vace and Dolores!!*

## *Upcoming Events*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>	<b>WHO(contact)</b>
<b><i>April. 3</i></b>	<b><i>PCKC Board Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Biggby's</i></b>	<b><i>Wausau, WI</i></b>
April. 6-7	Saginaw Valley Kennel Club	Birch Run, MI	MB-F
April. 6-7	Kennel Club of Yorkville Illinois	DeKalb, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 13-14	Steele City Kennel Club, Inc.	Crown Point, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
<b><i>April. 17</i></b>	<b><i>PCKC Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Willow Springs</i></b>	<b><i>Wausau, WI</i></b>
April. 20-21	Fond Du Lac County KC	Fond Du Lac, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 20-21	Waterloo Kennel Club	Waterloo, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
April. 18	Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 19	Bloomington Indiana KC, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 20	Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 21	Bloomington Indiana KC, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
<b><i>May 01</i></b>	<b><i>PCKC Board Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Biggby's</i></b>	<b><i>Wausau, WI</i></b>
<b><i>May 4</i></b>	<b><i>Canine Amb. at Bike Rodeo</i></b>	<b><i>Weston Police Dept.</i></b>	<b><i>Weston, WI</i></b>
May. 3	Badger Kennel Club	Jefferson, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May. 4	Janesville Beloit Kennel Club	Jefferson, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May. 5	Badger Kennel Club	Jefferson, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May 11-12	Indianhead Kennel Club	Eau Claire, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May 11-12	Scott County Kennel Club, Inc.	Bettendorf, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
<b><i>May 15</i></b>	<b><i>PCKC Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Willow Springs</i></b>	<b><i>Wausau, WI</i></b>
May 18	Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc	Fond du Lac, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May 19	Winnegamie Dog Club, Inc.	Fond du Lac, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May 18-19	Kokomo Kennel Club	Greentown, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
May 18-19	Genesee County KC, Inc.	Flint, MI	MBF-Inc.
May. 24	IL Valley KC of Peoria, Inc.	Bloomington. IL	Onofrio Dog Shows
May. 25	Cornbelt Kennel Club	Bloomington. IL	Onofrio Dog Shows
May. 26	IL Valley KC of Peoria, Inc.	Bloomington. IL	Onofrio Dog Shows
May. 27	Cornbelt Kennel Club	Bloomington. IL	Onofrio Dog Shows

### \*\*\*\*Interesting Web Sites\*\*\*\*

Dog Show Scores Database: <http://dogshowscores.herokuapp.com/?mid=562>  
 New AAHA Vaccine Guidelines: <https://www.aahanet.org/PublicDocuments/CanineVaccineGuidelines.pdf>  
 New Test for Lymes: [http://ahdc.vet.cornell.edu/docs/Lyme\\_Disease\\_Multiplex\\_Testing\\_for\\_Dogs.pdf](http://ahdc.vet.cornell.edu/docs/Lyme_Disease_Multiplex_Testing_for_Dogs.pdf)  
 Info Dog Site: <http://www.infodog.com/default.htm>  
 American Kennel Club: <http://www.akc.org/index.cfm>  
 Merck Veterinary Manual: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>  
 Natural Holistic Health Care: <http://www.naturalholistic.com/nhpc/index.html>  
 EARS - Emergency Animal Rescue Service: <http://www.uan.org/ears/>  
 Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin: <http://www.wi-tdi-dogs.org/>  
 Amber Alert site for missing dogs: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/>  
 Lost Dogs in Wisconsin: <http://lostdogswisconsin.webs.com///>  
 or facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Dogs-of-Wisconsin/395490441240>  
 Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: <http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary/index.html>  
 Article on Bloat: <http://www.briard.com/about/liebesbloat.html>  
 Site about responsible breeders: [http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp\\_breeding/resources.cfm](http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp_breeding/resources.cfm)  
 Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: <http://www.lakeshorecorgirescue.org/>  
 Dog Federation of Wisconsin: <http://www.dfow.net/>  
 Dr. Patricia McConnell has a blog for training dogs: <http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/>

Canine Vision: <http://www.uwsp.edu/PSYCH/dog/LA/DrP4.htm>  
 Canine Health Foundation: <http://www.caninehealthfoundation.org/>  
 Ask vet about medicines for pets from FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm205666.htm>  
 Information on Dogs: <http://www.doggedhealth.com/>  
 Breeder's Handbook: Weaning More Puppies: [http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc\\_breeder/2010/spring/handbook.cfm](http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc_breeder/2010/spring/handbook.cfm)  
 Hormone Replacement Products affect Pets: <http://news.vin.com/vinnews.aspx?articleId=15950>  
 LYME VACCINE & LYME DISEASE: <http://www.thedogplace.org/Vaccines/Lyme-Disease1-10062-Jordan.asp>  
 DNR Wolf Alerts: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/mammals/wolf/dogdepred.htm>  
 Foods: <http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-reviews/brand/>  
 Michigan State University-College of Law-Animal Legal & Historical Center: <http://www.animallaw.info/>  
 Dr. Schultz online vaccination seminar –free: <http://www.showdogvideopros.com/PCAF2010SchultzA.html>  
 K9 First Aid: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/RyanHospital/K9FirstAid/tabid/1370/Default.aspx>  
 Study on causes of Death in dogs by breed: <http://www.lifewithdogs.tv/2011/04/landmark-study-reveals-breed-specific-causes-of-death-in-dogs/>  
 Ever need a more complete description blow by blow of those lab reports you get back on your pets :  
[http://www.broadwayvh.com/site/view/83223\\_AssessmentDescriptions.pml;jsessionid=g92sm55i901](http://www.broadwayvh.com/site/view/83223_AssessmentDescriptions.pml;jsessionid=g92sm55i901)  
 Vestibular Disease in Older dogs: <http://www.petconnection.com/blog/2011/08/04/a-poorly-named-but-common-condition-old-dog-vestibular-disease/>  
 Kennel Blindness: [http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc\\_breeder/2006/march/kennel.cfm](http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc_breeder/2006/march/kennel.cfm)  
 Pet Food and China - More Cause for Concern? :  
<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2012/02/01/pet-food-and-china-more-cause-for-concern.aspx>  
 Veterinarian Speaks Out on PETA and Westminster:  
[http://www.americanshihtzuclub.org/vet\\_speaks\\_on\\_peta\\_westminster](http://www.americanshihtzuclub.org/vet_speaks_on_peta_westminster)  
 This Plant Will Kill Your Dog (and maybe your kids): <http://www.tonyspencer.com/2007/10/03/this-plant-will-kill-your-dog-and-maybe-your-kids/>  
 Pet Poisons From A to Z — What You Absolutely Must Know  
[http://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/pet-poisons-from-a-to-z-what-you-absolutely-must-know?WT.mc\\_id=Email;Newsletter;Petwire;Mar-29;Article1](http://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/pet-poisons-from-a-to-z-what-you-absolutely-must-know?WT.mc_id=Email;Newsletter;Petwire;Mar-29;Article1)  
 How to create a reactive human (Karen Pryor Clicker Training):  
[http://www.clickertraining.com/node/2225?source=mnl\\_03\\_1204](http://www.clickertraining.com/node/2225?source=mnl_03_1204)  
 Five Things Your Vet Says That Aren't True  
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/five-things-your-vet-says-that-arent-true/>  
 Rabies Vaccine Labeling  
<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/rabies-vaccine-labeling/>

## The Facts The Today Show Didn't Tell You

*[Tuesday, April 30, 2013]*

The AKC is extremely disappointed that The Today Show was given all of the information below but chose not to include any of it in their segment this morning. We met with the producers for an hour prior to the taped interview - which also lasted nearly an hour – and we provided them with supporting documentation, and they chose only to include less than 1 minute of airtime for AKC. They disregarded important facts that should have been told. In fact, we requested to receive a copy of the tape of the entire, unedited interview with Jeff Rossen so that we could show you all of the information we gave them, but their lawyers refused to provide the footage to us. Here are some top facts that The Today Show didn't tell you:

1. They didn't tell you that no other organization does more to protect dogs than the AKC and that "being the dog's champion" means, among other things, donating more than \$24 million to canine health research, conducting kennel inspections, and offering more educational programs for responsible dog owners than any other organization.
2. They didn't tell you that when an AKC inspector finds substandard kennel conditions they must immediately report it to the appropriate federal, state and local authorities to take action.
3. They didn't tell you that, 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.
4. They didn't tell you that, as we explained to Jeff Rossen and his producers numerous times, there are no "AKC Registered Operations" or "AKC Registered Breeders" and that breeders use AKC services voluntarily.

5. They didn't tell you that less than 5% of AKC's registration revenue comes from commercial breeders or that the AKC is a not-for-profit organization whose total revenues are less than the total marketing budget of the HSUS.
6. They didn't tell you that AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when we instituted an inspections program. We did it anyway, even though it affected our bottom line negatively, because it was the right thing to do for dogs. And, more breeders left when we began DNA testing.
7. They didn't tell you that when AKC has concerns with legislation, it publicly puts legislative alerts on its website where anyone can learn about how a bill may potentially affect responsible breeders and dog owners' rights and not do anything to protect dogs.
8. They didn't tell you that AKC works to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act. As a result, 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.
9. They didn't tell you that 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.
10. They didn't tell you that the purebred rescue groups they referenced are actually AKC breed parent club groups and affiliates that make up the largest dog rescue group network in the country.
11. They didn't tell you that The Today Show's Natalie Morales made a TV public service announcement in conjunction with the Ad Council and the HSUS.

Please send your comments directly to the Producer of the Today Show Don Nash [don.nash@nbcuni.com](mailto:don.nash@nbcuni.com) and the President of NBC News Phil Griffin [phil.griffin@nbcuni.com](mailto:phil.griffin@nbcuni.com).

Watch the segment on the Today Show [website](#) and then go to [Rossen Reports](#) and [Today.com](#) and [NBCNews.com](#) to post your comments in support of AKC and all the responsible dog owners and breeders in this country.

## Features

### Seniors Benefit from Companionship of Well-Matched Pet

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A study published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society demonstrated that independently-living seniors with pets tend to have better physical health and mental well being than those who don't. But for many seniors, the fear of not being able to provide the proper care, training and exercise may keep them from experiencing the joy of dog ownership. By doing your homework and fully considering how a dog will impact your life, your decision to open your heart and home to a canine companion can be an enjoyable adventure.

Before you even consider dog ownership, determine whether you are financially able to care for a dog. Annual expenses such as food, vets bills and toys can add up to several hundred dollars. An unexpected illness or injury can run in the thousands. The amount of time you are out of the home should also be considered. You must be willing to have a well-established routine including an alternate "owner" for the dog when you are away.

If you are fiscally and physically capable of caring for a dog, your next step involves researching breeds. There are 153 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club, the nation's oldest and largest purebred dog registry. Don't be overwhelmed by the number of breeds available to you. Assessing your living situation, activity level and your own personal wishes will easily narrow down your choices. Seniors should consider some general questions when choosing the right breed to fit their lifestyle, including:

- How active are you and how much exercise are you willing and able to give your dog? If you like the outdoors, a sporting or herding breed sounds like a good match. If you are the indoor type, a smaller breed that enjoys the shelter of your home and constant companionship is the dog for you.
- Where do you live geographically? Try to match the breed's needs with your living space and location. If you hail from some of the colder areas of the country, a hairless or short-coated breed will need a sweater many months out of the year. If you live in a warmer climate, a Northern breed such as an American Eskimo Dog or Norwegian

Elkhound should be limited to early morning and evening walks on very hot days. Same goes for breeds with short muzzles, including Boston Terriers, Pugs and Bulldogs. These breeds will have trouble with anything more than moderate activity on a hot day.

- Does your family have a preference? Even if you are going to be the sole caretaker of the dog, consider the wishes of family members. For example, if your grandchild is allergic to dogs, it would be wise to consider a breed that gives off less allergy-producing dander, such as a Bichon Frise or Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.
- How much grooming are you willing to do? If you suffer from arthritis and daily brushings may seem difficult, you might consider a short-coated breed that needs little grooming.
- Should I get a puppy or an adult? If you want a young puppy, consider that you are committing to a ten year (or longer) relationship. Puppies also require basic obedience instruction, socialization and housebreaking. Another option is to adopt a purebred rescue dog, which doesn't require the same amount of time and energy as raising and training a puppy, yet still allows you the predictability of a particular breed. Of course, purebred rescues can require special care and training, depending on their background.

After you have selected the breed that fits your needs, you will need to find a responsible breeder who produces healthy, happy puppies. To learn more about how to find a responsible breeder, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

## Finding the Right Dog for Seniors

### Finding a Friend in Fido: American Kennel Club Offers Help For Seniors Considering a Dog

Studies show that having a pet can bring both emotional and health benefits to the elderly. But for many seniors, the fear of not being able to provide the proper care, training and exercise may keep them from experiencing the joy of dog ownership. To help, the American Kennel Club® offers the following tips for seniors to match the right breed with their lifestyle.

#### Exercise

Active seniors will enjoy a breed from the Working, Hound, and Sporting groups. Herding breeds love the outdoors. You can also find a specific breed within one of these groups that is ideal for a certain activity.

Less active seniors will enjoy a breed from the Toy group. These breeds need minimal exercise and are ideal for short walks or a small fenced-in yard.

#### Where You Live

Small apartments are suitable for Toy breeds, or small members of the hound and non-sporting groups. Large breeds need room to exercise. Rural settings are ideal for large breeds.

If you want your dog to cuddle, sit on the couch, or sleep on the bed with you, then smaller breeds are ideal. Toy breeds love to be on their owner's lap and curl up under the covers at bedtime.

#### Who You Live With

How many people live in your home? Do you have grandchildren who visit frequently? If you have several people living in your home or frequent visitors you should get a breed that is sociable.

Many herding breeds make great family dogs and love meeting new people. Most Toy and Non-Sporting breeds were bred for companionship and crave attention. This is not to say other breeds would not make great family companions. Any dog with proper socialization and training can be an ideal family dog.

#### Amount of Travel

If you travel often or prefer to take your dog on errands with you, then a small breed is for you. Toy breeds are small enough to fit in travel carriers so they are more apt to receive a friendly response from managers and employees at stores, hotels, and other travel destinations.

Small dogs are allowed to accompany travelers on airplanes as carry on baggage, while large dogs must stay in the cargo hold which is not temperature controlled.

#### How to Attain a Dog

Once you have narrowed your selection to a few breeds, the AKC suggests meeting a few dogs in person. Attend a dog show or consult dog-owning friends and neighbors to get a clear picture of what dog ownership requires and to find out more about different breeds. AKC's puppy buyer resource page ([www.puppybuyerinfo.com](http://www.puppybuyerinfo.com)) can help you find responsible breeders in your area who are members of AKC clubs as well as affiliated breed rescue groups that have dogs for adoption in your area.

Additional tips on how to choose the right breed for your lifestyle can be found on the AKC website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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## Helpful Tips

### Have Dog Will Travel: The American Kennel Club Offers Hotel Courtesy Tips for Pet Owners

From weekend excursions to family vacations, more people are traveling with their pets than ever before. As a result, an increasing number of hotels are allowing owners to travel as a pack with their dogs. The American Kennel Club offers the following canine courtesy tips to ensure that you and your pooch will be able to find a home away from home on your next trip.

Book your reservations at a pet-friendly hotel. Few things are more stressful on a trip than trying to sneak a dog in and out of the hotel.

Familiarize yourself with the hotel's policies before you arrive. Typically, hotels that require a deposit will refund your money at check-out after a room inspection. Deposits and fees can vary by number or size of the dogs. Some hotels have size restrictions so be sure to ask before you book your room.

At check-in, ask where you should walk your dog, and make sure you clean up after him. Carry plenty of baggies with you – you don't want to be caught without one! Don't allow male dogs to lift their legs on trash cans or other items on hotel property.

Dogs should be confined in a crate when you are not in the room. If housekeepers stop by to drop off extra towels or to turn down the bed, they won't be expecting a dog and could potentially allow your pooch to escape. Hang the "Do Not Disturb" sign on your door to ensure that no one enters your room.

Do not allow your pet on the beds or couches unless they are covered by a blanket. Bring your own blankets and towels – don't use the hotel's supply on your dogs. And remember, hotel bathtubs are for humans only!

A noisy or destructive dog should not be left unattended in your hotel room. It's common courtesy to keep your pet as quiet as possible and not disturb any of the other guests. Try leaving on the television or radio. Not only are they good "company" for your dog, the noise will also muffle the sounds of people in other rooms or walking down the hallway that may put a barker on the alert.

Set a good example before leaving, and clean up any stray hair and spritz the room with air freshener. Your actions will reflect positively and help protect the rights of all dog owners.

Additional tips on responsible dog ownership can be found on the AKC Website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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## American Kennel Club Offers Canine Courtesy Tips

No matter where you live, owning a dog is a long-term emotional and financial commitment. But for pet owners who share their sidewalks and parks with many others, it's especially important to take your neighbors into consideration so that the rights of all dog owners are not adversely affected.

This September, millions of families across the nation will celebrate the American Kennel Club® (AKC) Responsible Dog Ownership Day at events held by nearly 600 AKC-affiliated clubs and other organizations on a day of their choosing. The month-long educational and entertaining events are free for dog lovers and designed to teach the importance of being a conscientious dog owner and celebrate the deep bond between humans and their canine companions.

The AKC offers dog owners the following tips on responsible dog ownership to ensure a long and happy relationship with your best friend.

### **Train Your Dog**

Dogs need to be properly socialized and trained. Train for the AKC's Canine Good Citizen test. You can find a local evaluator at [http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc\\_bystate.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc_bystate.cfm)

### **Pick Up After Your Dog**

Always carry a plastic "baggy" or two with you when you walk your dog to pick up any waste it leaves behind, then dispose of it properly. Failure to clean up after your dog is disrespectful to your neighbors and against most city laws.

### **Exercise**

Dogs need regular exercise to ensure that they don't become destructive. Take your pooch for walks, visiting your local dog run, throw a ball around -- anything to get your pooch moving will prevent behavior problems.

### **Prevent Nuisance Barking**

Don't let your dog's incessant barking annoy your neighbors. Training and exercise can reduce barking.

### **Microchip Your Dog**

In addition to wearing an ID tag with your name, address and phone number at all times, your dog should have permanent ID in the form of a microchip. The size of a grain of rice, and implanted in between your dog's shoulders, it will increase the chances of your dog being returned to you if he is lost or runs away and ends up in a busy city shelter. You may wish to enroll your dog in the nation's largest database of microchipped pets - AKC [Companion Animal Recovery](http://www.akccar.org) at [www.akccar.org](http://www.akccar.org).

### **Get a License**

Make sure your dog is licensed by the city in which you live and remember to renew it annually.

### **Use a Leash**

Keep your dog on a leash no longer than six-feet whenever you are out in public. Not only will it keep your dog safe, it's also the law in most cities. Exceptions include dog runs, and off-leash hours in designated areas in some city parks. More than 600 Responsible Dog Ownership Day events will be held across the country this September. Find one in your local area at <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/events/>.

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## *Ask AKC with Lisa Peterson ---Q & A Advice Column for Dog Owners*

**Dear Lisa:** We have a beautiful 3-year-old female, spayed, Irish Setter. She is a wonderful companion, well behaved and working on her agility, even beating out a border collie in the trials. We are so proud of her. Unfortunately, she has one behavioral problem we just cannot seem to solve – she is a counter surfer. I have tried everything from crating her, spraying bleach on the edge of the counter to deter her and nothing helps. We have to keep a baby gate stretched across the entrance to the kitchen. I maintain she is hungry and the vet says no, that she is just strong-willed and is doing what she wants. She weighs 59 lbs, a perfect weight, according to the vet. Any help or suggestions you might provide would be greatly appreciated. – **Surfing for Snacks**

**Dear Surfing:** Ah yes, the counter surfer! I have one in my family and she is a real challenge to keep from exploring what food is on the kitchen counter. But I have her trained to immediately stop by using a single word! Notice I have never cured her of the problem, but can stop her. My dog's mother was even more talented. Her owner told me she learned how to jump "on" the counter before she surfed! I agree with your vet that she is a perfect weight and is most likely not hungry. She just needs to be reintroduced to some doggie manners with you in charge of letting her know what behavior is acceptable and what is not.

Here are two options. First, you must always be with her in the kitchen to "catch" her before she "surfs" and can interrupt the surfing and reinforce the desired behavior you want. Whenever you are in the house with her, put her leash on her collar and attach the leash to your belt loop. This way when you are in the kitchen, she is in the kitchen. When you are not, she is not because she is following you wherever you go since you are joined at the hip! The reason I suggest this is that I suspect those surfer incidents happen when you are not in the room. I'm also going to assume that you don't leave any food within reach on the counter, which might entice this behavior.

### **One word wonder**

Try this simple training exercise to alter her behavior. Since you already have her leash at the ready when you are in the kitchen, when she goes to surf, make a quick distracting noise like "atch" and then pull the leash toward you and when she looks at you and not the counter, ask her to sit and give her a treat, quickly! So, here's the order of this exercise: she tries to surf, you say "atch" and pull the leash toward you, ask her to sit, and give lots of treats! You could also try this positive reinforcement using a clicker to mark the desired behavior as well. A local trainer could help train you in clicker training. In addition, bring her in the kitchen and just do the sit and treat behavior as well to reinforce that the only time she will get fed is if she sits quietly for you. If she is currently fed her dinner in the kitchen I would move her food bowl to another room.

If you keep up this routine before you know it she will be sitting by the counter waiting for her treats rather than engaging in surfing. At the very least you'll know how to stop it with a single word before it happens. Don't forget to reduce her calories at dinner when you are feeding her extra treats during this training sessions.

### **Invisible Option**

Your other option is to install one of those invisible fence barriers in the kitchen near the counter so she won't be able to get near the counter yet join you in the kitchen. This option would allow you to get rid of the baby gate across the door. This option would cost more than investing in a good training routine, but would teach her to avoid the counter.

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Performance Events Department

February 19, 2013

To: All Clubs Licensed to Hold Earthdog Tests

Subject: The New Sport of Barn Hunt

The Barn Hunt Association and the American Kennel Club are pleased to announce that the AKC will recognize titles earned in the new sport of Barn Hunt.

The sport of Barn Hunt is based on the hunting and teamwork skills historically used by “rat catchers” who traveled the countryside riding farms of vermin. Dogs and handlers work as a team to locate and mark rats (safe in aerated tubes) hidden in a maze of straw or hay bales. The event is open to all dogs.

“Barn Hunt tests the nose, speed, agility and surefootedness of dogs that have a history of above-ground vermin hunting,” said Robin Nuttall, founder of the Barn Hunt Association. “We quickly found out that many breeds and mixed breeds enjoy the search and can excel at this sport.”

Barn Hunt events include a pass/fail Instinct class for owners who want to familiarize their dog with the test. The AKC will recognize titles at four testing levels above Instinct. Courses are made increasingly difficult by adding more obstacles, additional diversions and more rats to find. The BHA has developed the sport to be fun for all participants, plus easy and inexpensive to hold.

Legs, or qualifying scores, toward Barn Hunt titles are earned by the dog and handler team completing the course within maximum course time. Placements based on time are awarded, but Barn Hunt is a non-competitive event and teams do not have to beat other dogs to title.

“We are pleased to work with the Barn Hunt Association to recognize Barn Hunt titles on a dog’s AKC record,” said Doug Ljungren, VP for Companion and Performance Events. “Barn Hunt is another great way for dogs to test their instincts and for both owners and dogs to enjoy a fun activity together.”

If owners choose to apply, Barn Hunt titles will appear on their dog’s AKC pedigree. The Barn Hunt title application form and information regarding holding Barn Hunt in conjunction with AKC events can be found on the AKC’s Title Recognition Program website.

The BHA has been holding practice events country-wide. The first sanctioned event is scheduled for April 13-14, 2013 in Columbia, MO. For more information, including the official rules and event application process, visit [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com).

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