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Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Biggby's in Rib Mountain.

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens in Wausau.

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.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHO(contact)
Feb. 15	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs	Wausau, WI
Feb. 15-17	Marshfield Area Kennel Club	Amhurst Junction, WI	Agility
Feb.16-17	Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
Feb. 23	Mall Demo	Wausau Mall	Wausau, WI
Feb. 21	Park Shore Kennel Club, Inc.	Chicago, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Feb.22	Blackhawk KC, Inc.	Chicago, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows
Feb. 23-24	International KC of Chicago	Chicago, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows
March. 6	PCKC Board Meeting	Biggby's	Wausau, WI
March 2-3	Detroit Kennel Club	Detroit, MI	MB-F
March9-10	Logansport Kennel Club	Auburn, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
March.9	Correction Match	Camp Bandy	Amhurst Junction
March. 20	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs	Wausau, WI
March 30-31	Clinton Iowa Kennel Club	DeWitt, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
March 30-31	Packerland Kennel Club, Inc.	Manitowoc	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 3	PCKC Board Meeting	Biggby's	Wausau, WI
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
April. 17	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs	Wausau, WI
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
May 4	Canine Amb. at Bike Rodeo	Weston Police Dept.	Weston, WI
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

****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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to create a reactive human (Karen Pryor Clicker Training):

http://www.clickertraining.com/node/2225?source=mn1_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/>

AKC® SYNDICATE

Helpful Tips

American Kennel Club Offers Tips on Dealing With a Dog Who is a Compulsive Kisser

Does your dog try to give your feet a bath every time you take off your shoes? While licking is a natural behavior in a puppy's litter, it sometimes continues into adulthood as a greeting, show of affection, or a means of communication. If your dog is a compulsive kisser, the American Kennel Club's (AKC®) Canine Good Citizen® Director and Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist Mary Burch, Ph.D., offers the following tips on how to help stop this behavior. Among them:

Don't reinforce any licking. Until you solve the problem, don't happily fuss over the dog as it "gives kisses" to greet you. In many cases, the licking problem began with the dog giving you kisses.

Teach a new skill. Train your dog to do a new command that does not involve licking, but does involve getting affection and attention from you. You can teach your dog to "get your brush" and then spend time brushing your dog when she completes the command. Brushing is also a great way for you to bond with your dog.

Try redirecting the behavior. If your dog is a serious licker, try directing the behavior somewhere else, like going outside, throwing the ball around, or practicing some obedience skills. It's important to remember timing. You don't want to start a fun game with your dog while she's in the middle of licking—that will simply reinforce the behavior you don't want.

Take a time out. In serious cases, consider giving your dog a brief, two-minute time out. If she licks you and won't stop, say "no lick" and take her to the other side of the room. Put her in a down-stay and do not give her attention for the two minutes—having contact with you will reinforce the licking. After the time out, release your dog. If she starts to lick you again, repeat the process. Make sure that you still do plenty of positive activities and provide play and exercise with her.

For more information on all 174 AKC-registered dog breeds and how to care for them, visit www.MeetTheBreeds.com

Cracking the Case: Debunking Common Dog Myths

Myths about our pets have been around for ages, some have even been passed down from generation to generation. Many are harmless but some, if acted upon, can actually harm your pet.

To help pet owners separate fact from fiction, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) debunk some of the most popular dog myths. Among them:

Dogs hate the mailman – False. Believe it or not, dogs really don't have anything against mail or the people who deliver it. If your dog barks at the mailman when he comes to your house it's probably just because dogs have a natural instinct to protect their homes and families from intruders. When your dog sees the mailman approach your home and walk away quickly, it reinforces to him that his barking is what scared him away. But if you want to keep peace between your dog and mailman then try closing the shades around the time your mail is typically delivered so your dog can't see outside or leave on a television for background noise.

Dogs have a look of love – True. Puppy love really does exist! When your dog looks at you with those big eyes and you think he just wants some treats, think again. Dogs locking eyes with their owners can genuinely be a look of love and not just a form of begging. Dogs can develop this behavior with human companions they are very close with.

A dog's mouth is cleaner than a human's – False. No one knows why, but it was once believed that dog saliva was antiseptic. This is not true. A dog's mouth carries even more bacteria and germs than a human's. Keep your dog's mouth squeaky clean by brushing his teeth regularly using a canine toothpaste since human toothpaste can upset a dog's stomach. Provide your dog with hard, safe chew toys as well. The natural process of chewing also cleans his teeth.

Dogs and cats are enemies – False. Movies and television have made it seem like dogs and cats naturally hate each other, but this just isn't true. They both can peacefully coexist, especially if raised together from kitten and puppyhood. If you're a dog owner looking to add a cat to your home, carefully consider your dog's breed to make sure he doesn't have a lot of hunting instincts for small animals. Keep the two separated for a few days so the cat can get acclimated in a room with the door closed and your dog can sniff by the door to get used to the new scent. For more information on responsible For more information on responsible dog ownership, visit the AKC website at www.akc.org.

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

Dear Lisa: I have a 9-year-old Shih Tzu and I have been wondering if I could leave the house at 60 degrees or lower during the day? I have it at 65 now. What would be the right temperature to keep him comfortable? – Thermostat Trials

Dear Thermostat: A dog's normal body temperature is approximately 101.5 degrees F. Small dogs may have a slightly lower temperatures and large dogs slightly higher. Dogs can handle some shifts in air temperature but are unable to handle wide swings in their body temperatures. Because of this dogs have wonderful internal mechanisms that keep their body at the correct temperature at all times, regardless of the air temperature. Dogs have an insulating coat which keeps them both cool in hot weather and warm in cool weather. And their panting which people associate with keeping a dog cool, in reverse, actually helps keep them warm.

A dog uses the panting mechanism to rid his body of excess heat. A dog breathes in air through his nose, where it picks up moisture from tissue (i.e. a wet nose) which then captures the heat generated from the body and it is exhaled through the mouth. This rids the body of the excess heat, thereby keeping the body at a normal temperature. In the reverse, if the dog wishes not to lose body heat, like in cold weather or cooler indoor temperatures, he breathes in air through his nose and also exhales through his nose to hold the body heat in. And from my experience, while the thickness of coat plays a small role in keeping dogs warm, we have all seen that if a dog is kept a few degrees cooler it does tend to grow a thicker coat to help with the insulating properties.

Just to keep your dog comfortable, I would also make sure your dog has access to a warm bed up off the cool floor and maybe a blanket to nest in as well for a little extra protection. You could also put the temp down over the weekend, put on a jacket and after a few hours see if your dog appears to be too cold with shaking or cuddled up into a very tight ball and then adjust the temperature accordingly.

First Pets of the United States

***The American Kennel Club and Cat Fancier's Association
Offer Insight On Some of the "First Pets" of the United States***

Having a family pet is as traditional as apple pie, and dates all the way back to the "first family" of the United States, the Washingtons (American Foxhound), and continues today with the Obamas (Portuguese Water Dog). Many U.S.

Presidents have owned purebred dogs and pedigreed cats, and in honor of President's Day, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) and Cat Fancier's Association (CFA®) shed light on some of these famous dogs and cats, and what makes them unique breeds.

Richard Nixon owned a few purebred dogs (Yorkshire Terrier, Poodle and Irish Setter), but most famous was his **Cocker Spaniel** named Checkers. During a 1952 speech, Nixon addressed accusations against him about gifts he had accepted. He said that one gift he would not give back was a little black and white dog the Nixon children named Checkers. This speech has since been referred to as the "Checkers Speech." Cockers are a small, yet active breed that needs daily exercise. They are intelligent, gentle dogs that thrive as part of a family.

Both George Bush and George W. Bush owned **English Springer Spaniels** during their administrations. George Bush owned Millie who had a "dogobiography" called Millie's Book and had a litter of six puppies. George W. Bush brought Spot, a puppy from Millie's litter, to the White House in 2000. Springers love their families and make excellent house pets, but require daily exercise and need regular brushing and trimming.

Rutherford B. Hayes owned the first ever **Siamese** cat in the United States. The breed came to America from Thailand in the late 1800s. After him, both Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford had Siamese cats. They are beautiful, smart, loving cats, and they come in 4 color varieties: seal point, chocolate point, blue point, and lilac point.

Learn more about these breeds and others at www.meetthebreeds.com.

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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.

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,



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Relentless Positive Action --

New York, NY – In my August Chairman's Report, I introduced the concept of "relentless positive action" as a driving force in delivering new programs, new events, and new outreach. That philosophy is one that most certainly drives our best breeders in their determined quest for constantly improving their lines, and subsequently, their breeds. Like those breeders, the American Kennel Club is on a determined quest for improvement – in events, and subsequently, our sport.

To paraphrase former New York Mayor Ed Koch, "How are we doing?"

What's Working

The Grand Champion title was launched May 12, 2010. The entire logic behind the program was an understanding that a large number of owners wanted to continue to compete in conformation after achieving a Champion title on their dogs, but they did not want to actively campaign their dog for a national ranking. We believed the Grand Champion program would offer those exhibitors a meaningful goal in continuing to show their dogs and, therefore, help entries at shows. In the year prior to the launch (2009), the Best of Breed class accounted for almost 374,000 entries. In the first full year of Grand Champion competition (2011), Best of Breed entries increased by almost 78,000 entries. Last year, the Best of Breed class accounted for almost 476,000 entries, an increase of 102,000 over the base year. The only explanation for this increase in entries is the Grand Champion program; there is no doubt the positive impact this new program is having on entries and the finances of our clubs.

We believe the National Owner-Handler Series will continue to build Best of Breed entries.

The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition – which provides the opportunity for training, socialization and an introduction to conformation – became an approved sanctioned event on July 3, 2012. There were 96 Beginner Puppy events last year with a total entry of 2,171 puppies. The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition is an excellent public outreach program to bring new exhibitors and new dogs into Conformation. I encourage every club to consider offering this event.

The Beginner Novice optional titling class – a very popular combination of basic obedience and rally – seems to be having a positive impact on Obedience entries, which are up almost 7,300 entries for 2012. Not only are the Beginner Novice classes up, but all obedience regular and optional classes are seeing positive growth.

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) – a fun and healthy event modeled after lure coursing that is open to all adult dogs - is attracting a following. While Lure Coursing did not exhibit growth in 2012, the CAT program added more than 6,000 entries.

Agility continues to grow and we believe the Time 2 Beat Agility Class, a unique, “hybrid” titling class, is having impact on that growth. Last year, Agility – our second largest sport - increased entries by more than 117,000.

The AKC Canine Partners program, launched in 2009, continues to grow and bring new exhibitors and dog lovers into the world of AKC. Last year, these dogs and their owners, many coming from 4-H clubs, entered our events more than 40,000 times.

What Are We Working On?

The 2012 Conformation entry statistics reveal two other interesting trends. The number of new dogs being exhibited has remained basically constant at 41% of the total dogs exhibited. However, it appears people might be waiting until their dogs are more competitive before beginning to show them – most likely a result of the economic state of the nation. Creating additional opportunities to show young dogs is a priority for us. Fortunately, we are currently vetting a unique concept conceived by an active breeder/exhibitor/judge that appears to hold significant promise for the future.

Next month in Tulsa the AKC is hosting the first ever AKC Rally® National Competition in conjunction with the Obedience and Agility National Championships. This event will help bring recognition to those owners and dogs that train for and enjoy the sport of Rally.

AKC My Dog Can Do That!® has proven to be extremely successful in bringing new dogs and new exhibitors to experience Agility and Rally. About half the participants are Conformation people who were interested in learning about a new sport and half were people who had never been to a dog show. We are developing a program to make it easier for clubs to activate this program locally.

The success of Beginner Puppy and My Dog Can Do That! are perfect examples of using the AKC registrant database to benefit clubs, owners, and their dogs. We will continue to find ways to use this powerful tool in support of our clubs and their events.

Our continued success in events depends on our continued ability to innovate new programs. AKC Staff is committed to doing just that. While not every program will be successful, the spirit of “relentless positive action” requires that we stay open to new ideas and are willing to risk the occasional failure.

Our success also depends on a bit of relentless positive communication. Now that you know some of our success stories, let’s all help spread the word. As in all sports, momentum is part of the game.

Your comments and suggestion are most welcome atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,

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