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Paper Cities Kennel Club

Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, July 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens off of Hwy. K in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Annie's Restaurant 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.

Announcements

**Don't forget the Show on July 18th and 19th at the
Greenheck Fieldhouse!!!
We need help with setup on Friday and cleanup on Sunday.**

*Thank You to all those who came out with dogs to Willow Springs on July 5th;
Phyllis Christensen, Beth Engelbert, Barb Jakobi, Gary Jakobi, Linda Knoeck,
Dorothy Raatz & Deb Raatz.*

Between us, we represented 6 breeds!

It was a beautiful day.

*We were able to talk to a lot of people about our dogs and our sport, and
generated new interest in our show.*

*Thanks to all for a job well done!
Deb*

**ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 19TH 2009
WILL BE HELD WITH THE REGULAR MEETING AT WILLOW SPRINGS GARDEN.**

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30PM, WITH PICNIC TO BEGIN AT 7:30pm.

Willow springs will do the meat, buns & condiments for us. The meat will be chicken and burgers at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Members will bring a dish to pass.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS AUGUST 10, 2009

Make checks to PCKC, and mail to:

**Vickie VonSeggern
13169 Co Rd FF
Merrill, WI 54452**

Sign up for dish to pass - contact Vickie, thorndale@dwave.net or 715-536-8959. Deadline is also 8/10/09

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - NO DOGS ALLOWED
If you bring a dog, you cannot have it inside the building. No exceptions.**

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHO(contact)
July 01	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI
July. 4	Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.	Amboy, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 5-6	Greater DeKalb Kennel Club	DeKalb, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 5-6	Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.	Monroe, MI	MBF-Inc.
July 10	Holland Michigan Kennel Club	Auburn, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 11-12	Battle Creek Kennel Club	Auburn, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 15	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI
July. 9 -12	Duluth Kennel Club	Duluth, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
July 11-12	Kishwaukee Kennel Club, Inc.	Belvidere, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 18-19	PCKC Dog Show	Greenheck Field House	Weston WI
July 25-26	Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.	Waukesha, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
July 27-28	Burlington WI Kennel Club	Elkhorn, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
July 30	Jaxon Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 31	Berrien Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 1	Sturgis Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 2	Jaxon Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 1-2	Coulee Kennel Club, Inc.	LaCrosse, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
August 05	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI
Aug. 8-9	KC of Freeborn Cnty MN, Inc.	Albert Lea, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug.7-8	Cudahy Kennel Club	Racine, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 9-10	Greater Racine Kennel Club	Racine, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.14	Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club	Marshfield, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug 15-16	Marshfield Area Kennel Club	Marshfield, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug.13	Muncie Kennel Club, Inc.	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.14	Anderson Kennel Club	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.15	Muncie Kennel Club, Inc.	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.16	Anderson Kennel Club	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug 15-16	Burlington KC, Inc.	W. Burlington, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
August 19	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI

****Interesting Web Sites****

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/>
The Dog Press News: <http://www.thedogplace.com/TheDogPress/dogpress.asp>
Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin: <http://www.wi-tdi-dogs.org/>
Amber Alert site for missing dogs: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/>
Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: <http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary.aspx>
Site about responsible breeders: http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp_breeding/resources.cfm
Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: <http://www.lakeshorecorgi Rescue.com/castaways.html>
Dog Federation of Wisconsin: <http://www.dfow.org/newsletter.htm>
Dr. Patricia McConnell has a blog for training dogs: <http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/>
Canine Vision: <http://www.uwsp.edu/PSYCH/dog/LA/DrP4.htm>
The Dog Place: http://www.thedogplace.org/Articles/Breeder/0901-Preferred-Type_Gammill.htm
The 33rd Congress of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Proceedings Online:
<http://www.vin.com/proceedings/Proceedings.plx?CID=WSAVA2008&O=Generic>
Speaking for Spot- how to be effective medical advocates for your dog: <http://www.speakingforspot.com/>

Permission to crosspost- Sherry Shivley Hobby Horse Boxers 'N Paints

Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs by Nate Baxter DVM

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it. Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling.

However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3-speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs were asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drug store I have found to be very unreliable, Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT**once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes

down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did effect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point: Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put it in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. I demonstrated this lesson this spring with my 10 month old pup. After doing a 15 minute session in yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, she was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6, above normal but too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I re-took her temp and it was 104.2, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show not get a hot dog wet and then put them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising but still being very warm, take a shower and get cooled off but as soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again. I know this is a bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information. Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

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Happy Dogs Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The queen-sized bed is soft and deep.
I sleep right in the centre groove
My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight,
And here is where I pass the night.
No one disturbs me or dares to intrude
Till morning comes and I want food!

I sneak up slowly and it begins
My nibbles on my human's chin.
She wakes up slowly and smiles and shouts,
"You darling beast! just cut it out!"
But morning's here and it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.

So Thank you, Lord, for giving me
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares her bed with me at night.
- Author Unknown

Deb Hoff and Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club Win Inaugural Diane Albers Memorial Disaster Relief Award

– *"Albers Award" Honors Extraordinary Community Service in Disaster Preparedness and Relief* –

The American Kennel Club and AKC Companion Animal Recovery are pleased to announce that Deb Hoff and the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club have been named the first recipient of the Diane Albers Memorial Disaster Relief Award. Established in memory of former AKC Delegate Diane Albers, this award recognizes individuals or AKC clubs that have continued her vision by volunteering during natural disasters and promoting disaster preparedness in their communities.

During the recent floods in Fargo, North Dakota, AKC CAR reached out to club officers in the area to offer assistance. The Secretary of the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club, Deb Hoff, responded and began working to coordinate disaster relief where it was most needed. With the help of the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund, she obtained immediate supplies for a temporary shelter at the Fargo Fairgrounds where evacuated and displaced pets were being housed. Deb and her husband also transported and assembled 10 Jewett-Cameron AKC kennels for the shelter. Although the donated supplies were facilitated and financed by AKC CAR, the quick actions of Deb Hoff gave the shelter instant and much needed disaster relief before the other shipments of crates, kennels and leashes arrived.

"We congratulate Deb Hoff and the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club on their efforts," said Tom Sharp, CEO of AKC Companion Animal Recovery. "Because of AKC club members like Deb, AKC CAR was able to come to the rescue quicker and with great emphasis for local AKC clubs in the area. We thank her for selflessly assisting owners and dogs in her community, actions that definitely embody the spirit of the Albers Award."

AKC CAR created the "Albers Award" to honor Diane Albers, who was a trailblazer in the arena of disaster preparedness and relief. As AKC Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club and President of the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs, Albers worked tirelessly to get supplies and care to animals affected and displaced by natural disasters, especially hurricanes.

The Albers Award is awarded quarterly to an individual who is a member of an AKC-affiliated club or to an AKC-affiliated club as a whole who have helped AKC and AKC CAR implement disaster relief, volunteered to care for displaced animals, secured supplies locally or instituted a meaningful disaster preparedness education program in their community. An award of \$1,000 to \$5,000 is made from the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund for the winning club to continue their disaster relief efforts and ongoing disaster preparedness education efforts.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year. For a nomination form, please visit http://www.akc.org/news/disaster_preparedness/

Evacuation Checklist for Pets From AKC

Dog medicine(s), i.e. heart worm, flea, ear mite medicine, etc.
Dog Bowls
Dog Food (1-week minimum, 2-week suggested), dog treats, etc.
Can opener
Leashes: walking leash, short leash
Harness (Strap for Seat Belt)
Extra dog tag, (masking tape, laundry pen) Cell #, Hotel # and Room #
Pet records stored in waterproof container (plastic zip lock bag)
Crate
Dog bed/blanket/toys
Supplies/paper towels, rug cleaner, toilettes, towels, flash light
Current dog photograph(s) with your notification information: useful for fliers should your dog go missing or must be left at shelter
Dog friendly hotel listings/ telephone lists
Shampoo
Litter/portable litter pan
Duct tape
Bottled water
Pet First Aid Kit
Pets

Evacuation Kit for Pets From AKC

Water-proof storage container for kit
Antiseptical/anti-bacterial cleansing wipes/ Alcohol prep pads
Eye wash
Eye and skin wash in one
A sock (foot wrapper)
Latex surgical gloves
Pedialite powder (electrolytes, add to water on hot days)
Emergency space blanket
Small flashlight
Bottled water
Bag balm
Leash and collar
Soft muzzle
Feminine sanitary napkins (wrap around finger/dog leg- won't stick to wound)
Speak to your vet about what to pack in case your dog has a sudden allergic reaction
Vet Wrap (flexible bandage used to wrap and injuries)
Gauze roll
Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip hair around wounds
Wood splint (paint stirrer)
Paper towels
Plastic baggies
Small cold pack and hot pack (self activating)
Long Q-tip type swabs
Bacitracin ointment/ Neosporin packets
Tweezers
Space for copy of dog's papers & vet records (sealed in ziploc bag)

Helpful Tips

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

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](#) at 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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Helpful Tips

Keep Your Dog Itch Free: Flea & Tick Care and Prevention Tips

Flea season is in high gear during the spring and summer seasons. These pests can be irritating to both you and your dog, but they can be downright dangerous too. The risks involved vary depending on where you live and how often your dog is exposed to these pests. The American Kennel Club® (AKC) offers the following facts and tips to protect your dog from the discomfort and illness caused by fleas and ticks.

Ticks

Ticks pose greater risk, annually infecting pets and thousands of people with illnesses such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. These pests may carry various infectious organisms that can transmit diseases to dogs, including the following:

Babesiosis: lethargy, appetite loss, weakness, pale gums

Ehrlichiosis: high fever, muscle aches, paralysis

Lyme disease: lameness, itching pain, swollen joints, fever, poor appetite, fatigue and vomiting (some infected animals show no symptoms)

Rocky Mountain spotted fever: In the acute stage, dogs may have a variety of clinical signs, which can mimic many other diseases. These include a loss of appetite, fever, depression, pain in the muscles and joints, swollen lymph nodes, and edema (fluid accumulation) in the face and legs.

Tick paralysis in dogs: gradual paralysis, seen first as an unsteady gait from uncoordinated back legs (some infected dogs don't develop paralysis).

If your dog is outside regularly, ask your vet about getting the Lyme disease vaccine depending on where you live. If you suspect a tick-borne disease, see the veterinarian right away. With early diagnosis, antibiotics can lessen symptoms and ward off chronic conditions.

Fleas

Fleas are most often found in areas where pets rest or sleep, so be especially vigilant in those spots.

Vacuuming frequently will eliminate most fleas from the home. Change your vacuum bags frequently, disposing of them by first sealing them in plastic bags and then placing them into a covered trash bin.

Put pillows into a warm dryer for 10 to 15 minutes on the air-fluff cycle to help keep them free of fleas.

Wash your dog's bedding at least once a week in hot, soapy water.

Have new or used carpets and upholstered furniture professionally steam cleaned or shampooed before you bring them home.

Look for fleas when you groom your dog. If you see any, you will need to treat your dog and his environment. There are numerous products available, but the best treatment is a preventive that attacks both fleas and ticks. Ask your veterinarian what would work best for you and your dog.

Additional tips on how to keep your dog healthy can be found on the AKC Website at www.akc.org.

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION LAUNCH WEBSITE DEVOTED TO WORLD'S LARGEST SHOWCASE OF DOG & CAT BREEDS

- Tickets Now On Sale at www.meetthebreeds.com -

New York, NY – Calling all dog and cat lovers, the world's largest registries of purebred dogs and cats – the American Kennel Club® (AKC) and the Cat Fanciers' Association® (CFA) – have launched www.meetthebreeds.com, a new website dedicated to the first stand-alone event of the same name which will showcase over 200 dog and cat breeds. Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare provider, Meet the Breeds will be held October 17 & 18, 2009 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City.

The site includes event information, a special advance ticket offer and a list of vendors who will be selling unique dog and cat products. Enhancements soon to be added include interactive features such as downloadable breed banners that will allow dog and cat lovers to declare allegiance to their favorite breed on their social networking pages, a blog hosted by AOL's Paw Nation, a "name that breed" game provided by ZooToo.com and profiles of every dog and cat breed.

Tickets purchased at www.meetthebreeds.com are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18. Each ticket allows admittance for one day. Preview the event on [YouTube](http://www.youtube.com).

"This is truly an exciting event," says CFA President Pam DeLaBar. "For the first time, pedigreed cat and dog lovers will be available to answer your questions on the various breeds, their unique characteristics and how one may just be the perfect pet for your home. Or if you just want information on cats and dogs in general, you will find your answers here."

"If you're crazy for cats or passionate about pooches this is an event you cannot miss," says AKC spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "It's an opportunity to get up close with dogs and cats, be entertained by amazing demonstrations, learn from experts and shop for some unique items. It's a really fun and affordable way to spend time with friends and family too."

From the Afghan Hound to the Turkish Angora, the Meet the Breeds event will showcase 160 AKC registered dog breeds and 41 CFA registered cat breeds in booths individually decorated to depict each breed's country of origin, historical purpose/function, and attributes as a family pet. The family-friendly event is an opportunity for potential pet owners to interact with responsible breeders and play with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens while educating themselves about responsible pet ownership and how to choose the right pet for them.

The event will include a number of demonstrations including Agility – where families can watch dogs and cats race against the clock over an obstacle course that includes ramps, jumps, weave poles and tunnels; law enforcement K-9s; pet first aid; an introduction to cat shows; AKC Canine Good Citizen®; dog and cat grooming and more.

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About Meet the Breeds -- With 160 dog breeds and 41 cat breeds, plus demonstrations, shopping and children's activities, no pet lover will want to miss Meet the Breeds. Each breed will be presented in its own designated space, decorated to reflect its heritage, characteristics and unique attributes as a pet, while allowing attendees to literally "Meet the Breeds" by petting dogs, cats, puppies and kittens and learning about them directly from the experts. The event is proudly presented by [PetPartners, Inc.](http://www.petpartners.com) a leading pet healthcare provider, and will feature over 115,000 square feet of dog and cat festivities. Sponsors include Invisible Fence, ADT Security Services, WebVet, YourDogsHeart.com, JAKKS Pets, and Paramount Chemical Specialties Inc. Get your tickets now at www.meetthebreeds.com.

The American Kennel Club (AKC), proudly celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org. AKC, American Kennel Club, the American Kennel Club seal and design, and all associated marks and logos are trademarks, registered trademarks and service marks of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. (CFA) was founded in 1906 as a non-profit association of member clubs and is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. CFA's mission is to preserve the uniqueness and beauty of the pedigree breeds of cats, and to enhance the well-being of ALL cats. CFA promotes education, responsible cat ownership and proper care to the owners of millions of cats worldwide. CFA and its affiliates work nationally with local shelters, at a grassroots level, to help improve the problem of stray cats and abuse, and to encourage neuter/spay programs. To learn more about the Cat Fanciers' Association, the pedigreed breeds of cats, or to find the nearest CFA cat show, visit their web site at www.cfa.org.