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## Paper Cities Kennel Club Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, Nov.18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Willow Springs Gardens off of Hwy. K in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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We will have a raffle of the left over items from the trailer and old

kennel club equipment at the Nov. meeting.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHO(contact)		
Nov. 4	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI		
Nov. 6	Greater Muskegon KC	Grand Rapids, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Nov. 7	Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.	Grand Rapids, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Nov. 8	Grand Rapids Kennel Club	Grand Rapids, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Nov.18	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI		
Nov. 21-22	Lakeshore Kennel Club, Inc.	Crete,IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Nov. 21-22	Minneapolis Kennel Club	Shakopee, MN	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Nov. 28-29	Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.	East Lansing, MI	MB-F Inc.		
Nov. 28-29	Kankakee River Valley KC	Kankakee, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows		
Dec. 2	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI		
Dec. 5-6	Edwardsville Il KC	Bellville, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows		
Dec. 5-6	Granite City KC of St. Cloud, MN	St. Cloud, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows		
Dec. 11-12	Starved Rock Kennel Club	Wheaton, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Dec. 18	Chicago Goldcoast Kennel Club	Rosemont, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows		
Dec. 19-20	Skokie Valley KC,Inc.	Rosemont, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows		
Dec. 16	PCKC Meeting	Pending	Wausau, WI		
Jan. 6	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI		
Jan. 9-10	Land O' Lakes KC, Inc.	St. Paul, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows		
Jan. 22	Packerland Kennel Club	Oshkosh, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Jan. 23	Winnegamie Dog Club, Inc	Oshkosh, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Jan. 24	Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc	Oshkosh, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows		
Jan. 23-24	Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc	Des Moines, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows		

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

Info Dog Site: http://www.infodog.com/default.htm American Kennel Club: <a href="http://www.akc.org/index.cfm">http://www.akc.org/index.cfm</a>

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: <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/</a> Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary.aspx Site about responsible breeders: <a href="http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp">http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp</a> breeding/resources.cfm Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: http://www.lakeshorecorgirescue.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/

Planting a Safe garden: How to Plant a Dog-Safe Garden

Plants that are toxic to pets: Spring and Summer Plant Toxicity - What You Should Know A laser treatment that DR. Mills is now offering: http://www.companiontherapylaser.com/

Steroid Responsive Meningitis- Beagle Pain Syndrome: http://www.aladarbeagles.com/beaglepain.html

Food Safety Consumer Web Site: http://www.foodsafety.gov/

List of over the counter medicines safe for animals: http://www.walkervalleyvet.com/otc-meds.htm

Dog Show Poop (who is winning): http://dogshowpoop.blogspot.com/

Acupressure Bloat Point: http://bluefrontiers.us/bloat\_accupress.html

#### 2010 COMING EVENTS - Mark your calendars.

Jan 30th, AWARDS BANQUET @ Tony Romas Feb.20th MALL DEMO more info on these events later. Vickie

## Here is an interesting bill that has been introduced in the House of Representatives to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for pet care expenses. Sure would be nice if it would pass. ©

111th CONGRESS 1st Session

H. R. 3501

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for pet care expenses.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 31, 2009

Mr. MCCOTTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

#### A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for pet care expenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the `Humanity and Pets Partnered Through the Years (HAPPY) Act'.

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

- (1) According to the 2007-2008 National Pet Owners Survey, 63 percent of United States households own a pet.
- (2) The Human-Animal Bond has been shown to have positive effects upon people's emotional and physical well-being.

#### SEC. 3. DEDUCTION FOR PET CARE EXPENSES.

(a) In General- Part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to additional itemized deductions for individuals) is amended by redesignating section 224 as section 225 and by inserting after section 223 the following new section:

#### **`SEC. 224. PET CARE EXPENSES.**

- `(a) Allowance of Deduction- In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a deduction for the taxable year an amount equal to the qualified pet care expenses of the taxpayer during the taxable year for any qualified pet of the taxpayer.
- (b) Maximum Deduction- The amount allowable as a deduction under subsection (a) to the taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed \$3,500.
- `(c) Qualified Pet Care Expenses- For purposes of this section, the term `qualified pet care expenses' means amounts paid in connection with providing care (including veterinary care) for a qualified pet other than any expense in connection with the acquisition of the qualified pet.
- `(d) Qualified Pet- For purposes of this section--
- `(1) QUALIFIED PET- The term `qualified pet' means a legally owned, domesticated, live animal.
- `(2) EXCEPTIONS- Such term does not include any animal--
- `(A) used for research or owned or utilized in conjunction with a trade or business, or
- `(B) with respect to which the taxpayer has claimed a deduction under section 162 or 213 in any of the preceding 3 taxable years.'.
- (b) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by striking the last item and inserting the following new items:
- Sec. 224. Pet care expenses.
- Sec. 225. Cross reference.'.
- (c) Effective Date- The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009.



#### **Press Release**

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 24, 2009 Contact: AKC Communication Phone: 212-696-8343 Email: communications@akc.org

#### AKC INTRODUCES NEW TITLE MEDALLIONS

-Commemorate Your Dog's AKC Title With A Medallion This December -

New York, NY — The American Kennel Club<sup>®</sup> announced today that it will be offering AKC<sup>®</sup> Title Medallions to all owners whose dogs have earned titles at AKC events. The medallion is modeled after the original American Kennel Club Silver Championship Medal that was offered to AKC champions of record in 1910.

"As we look back on our history, our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a great time to bring back this tradition," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "These medallions illustrate how our dogs are part of AKC's history and allow fanciers to proudly display their achievements. They also make a special gift to congratulate someone on earning a title."

The AKC Title Medallion can be ordered for any dog with an AKC title and comes with a certificate of authenticity which verifies the achievement as well as space on the back of the medallion for the dog's name and title to be engraved. Owners can choose between two sizes: a small medallion that can be incorporated into jewelry and a larger size that can be displayed. Either size is \$25.

All past and present AKC title holders are eligible to purchase the medallion, which will be available in December 2009 through the AKC online store. In the future, when AKC-registered dogs complete a title, they will receive a customized order form and an additional blank form to order medallions when they receive their AKC title certificate.

Date: October 1, 2009 Contact: AKC Communications Phone: 212-696-8343 Email: communications@akc.org

## AKC ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

New York, NY -- The American Kennel Club® (AKC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 AKC® Lifetime Achievement Awards. The awards, engraved Tiffany and Co. sterling silver bowls, will be presented to the recipients on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the AKC Delegates luncheon held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California. A larger version of the Tiffany and Co. bowl, engraved with the names of all recipients past and present, is on permanent display at AKC headquarters in New York City.

The AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were created to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level. The recipients were selected from votes cast by AKC member clubs for nominees in each of the following categories: Conformation, Companion Events and Performance.

#### The 2010 recipients are:

#### Conformation: Sandra Goose Allen, St. Petersburg, Florida

Goose Allen began her steadfast commitment to purebred dogs more than 45 years ago when she established her renowned Windflower Skye Terriers. She later branched out to Scottish Terriers and has served as the Scottish Terrier judges' education coordinator for the Scottish Terrier Club of America and judges' breeder-mentor for the Skye Terrier Club of America. She recently developed an educational seminar that is given by the Skye Terrier Club of America.

In 1976 Goose Allen became an AKC-licensed judge and is approved for Sporting, Terrier, Toy and Non-Sporting Groups, ten hound breeds, and Best in Show. Important assignments include Westminster, Montgomery County and countless Specialty shows. She has judged the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship three times.

Goose Allen is a published author whose works include The Complete Skye Terrier, The Terrier Lover's Cook Book, and a myriad of terrier articles. Her Study of the Scottish Terrier, published by the Scottish Terrier Club of America, was awarded a Maxwell Medallion by the Dog Writers Association of America. Other honors include the Sterling Silver Service Medallion and the Anstamm Achievement Award, both presented by the Scottish Terrier Club of America.

In 1994, Goose Allen was honored for her charitable service by the National ALS Association. She has been involved with many charitable organizations over the years including homeless and animal rescue organizations. Goose Allen divides her time between judging (worldwide) and dog rescue and placement.

#### **Companion Events: Sharon Anderson.** White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Anderson will always be remembered at the American Kennel Club for her hard work in bringing the sport of Agility under the AKC banner. When she earned her first agility title on a Golden Retriever in 1988, there were no AKC sponsored Agility events.

Anderson was invited to serve on the first AKC Agility advisory board for AKC in 1993, then joined the staff as AKC Agility Field Representative and subsequently became the Director of AKC Agility, retiring from AKC in 2008.

Anderson was also the driving force in establishing the AKC World Agility Team and the criteria for world competition. She served as its captain since 1996, during which time AKC team members have earned numerous individual gold and silver medals. The crowning achievement was winning the Team Gold Medal, defeating 30 countries, in Portugal in 2001.

In addition to her extensive experience in agility, Anderson holds many obedience titles, including Obedience Trial Champion. Her involvement in the sport ranges from puppy class to competitive obedience, agility, flyball, tracking and fieldwork. She honed her skills by working with virtually every breed of purebred dog while owning three large obedience training schools. She has helped over a thousand handlers achieve obedience titles.

Anderson has held club offices ranging from President to Trial Chairperson. She is a lifetime member of the St. Croix Kennel Club and the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club.

#### Performance: Jacquelyn (Jackie) Mertens, Madison, Florida

Mertens has been a dedicated retriever enthusiast since establishing Topbrass Retrievers in 1968. She has bred or owned more than 130 Field Champions and Amateur Field Champions, Master Hunters and Qualified All Age retrievers. She won the 1985 National Amateur Championship with FC NAFC Topbrass Cotton. Cotton is also the hi-point Golden of all time and was inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame in 1993. He remains the only Golden Retriever to ever win the National Amateur title.

Mertens has judged almost 100 Open and Amateur Championship stakes, as well as the 1996 National Amateur Championship and 2003 National Open Championship. She also participated in numerous Judges' Seminars and the Golden Retriever Club of America breeder symposiums.

Mertens was Chairman and Chief Marshal in AKC licensed Field Trials for over 30 years. She is past president of the National Open Retriever Club, served as Chairman and Chief Marshal of their Championship, and is the National Representative for the Golden Retriever Club of America. She was President of the Women's Field Trial Club from 2000 – 2007 and was also a past president of the American Amateur Field Trial Club. She is currently on the Board of the Snow Bird Retriever Club and Women's Field Trial Club.

Mertens has written many Retriever Training articles and created the training video, Sound Beginnings. Mertens was inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame in Grand Junction. Tennessee in 2006. ###

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## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM FOR MIXED-BREED DOGS & THEIR OWNERS

 Program Benefits, Including Canine Competitions and Lifetime Recovery Service with Free ID Tag, Available to 34 Million Mixed-Breed Dogs in U.S. –

New York, NY — Starting today, mixed-breed dog owners can visit <a href="www.akccaninepartners.org">www.akccaninepartners.org</a> and enroll their dog in the American Kennel Club® Canine Partners Program. Mixed-breed dogs and their owners will now be able to participate in canine competitions held by AKC-affiliated dog clubs nationwide and access many AKC programs and services including lifetime enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR).

For a \$35 enrollment fee, owners will receive benefits worth more than \$50 including a free AKC logo ID collar tag with the dog's listing number and the AKC CAR pet recovery 800 number. Ensuring that your pet wears this tag increases the chances of finding your dog should he/she become lost. AKC CAR has reunited more than 360,000 animals with their owners since 1995.

Once enrolled, dogs will receive their AKC Canine Partners listing number plus:

Lifetime enrollment in AKC CAR Pet Recovery Service AKC CAR collar tag with AKC Canine Partners Listing Number One-year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine Frameable 8.5" x 11" AKC Canine Partners Certificate of Recognition AKC Canine Partners decal

Eligibility to participate in mixed-breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning in April 2010.

Additional benefits including a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, and various other offers from AKC affiliates and sponsors will be added to the program in the future. With more than 34 million mixed-breed dogs in the U.S. (according to the 2009-2010 APPA National Pet Owner Survey), AKC Canine Partners is designed to strengthen the human-canine bond by encouraging training, responsible dog ownership and pet owner education.

"While we have always been known as an advocate for purebred dogs, we have also always been concerned with the welfare of all dogs. Encouraging the public to do more with their dogs helps us achieve our mission when it comes to canine welfare and allows dogs and people to enjoy one another more, "said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "With the launch of AKC Canine Partners, mixed-breed dog owners will benefit from AKC resources and be able to discover the world of canine competition."

With mixed-breed classes beginning April 1, 2010, dog owners have time to kick-start their competitive training regimen. Go to <a href="www.akc.org">www.akc.org</a> to the <a href="www.akc.org">club</a> search function and look-up agility and obedience clubs in your area where you can enroll in classes and begin learning about events so that both members of your team can be ready to hit the ring and rake in the ribbons come Spring!

AKC-affiliated clubs may begin applying for events now by visiting: http://www.akc.org/eventplans/index.cfm or contacting AKC directly at eventplans@akc.org.

To find an event near you starting April 1, 2010 visit: <a href="http://www.akc.org/events/search/">http://www.akc.org/events/search/</a>

AKC Canine Partners specifically benefits mixed-breed dogs and their owners, however the AKC has long included mixed breeds in programs such as AKC Canine Good Citizen®, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund's disaster relief efforts. AKC advocates for the rights of all dog owners and the welfare of dogs through its Government Relations efforts and serves dog owners through its affiliate organizations such as the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery.

For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program for mixed-breed dogs visit: www.akccaninepartners.org

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#### Writing a Letter to a Government Official

Writing a letter can be an effective way of making your voice heard in your town, county, state, or in Washington, D.C. To give your correspondence the most impact:



- Address only one issue in each letter.
- Legislators receive a lot of e-mail. If you have time, mail the letter instead. If you e-mail, use the format of a traditional letter.
- Be brief. Keep your letter to one page.
- Be courteous, but make your point and don't be apologetic. If you're angry or feel strongly, you can let that show, but be polite.
- State your specific purpose or position in the first paragraph.
- Refer to specific legislation by number and title.
- Mention if you are a constituent, or identify another connection with the recipient's district.
- State why you support or oppose a particular measure. Don't concede the other side's points, even if you agree with some.
- Personalize your letter. If you must use a form letter, type or write it yourself.

To a Federal Senator:	To a Federal Representative:	To a State Senator	To a State Representative:
The Honorable (name)	The Honorable (name)	The Honorable (name)	The Honorable (name)
United States Senate	U.S. House of Representatives	(state capital address)	(state capital address)
Washington, D.C. 20510	Washington, D.C. 20515	Dear Senator:	Dear Assemblyman or Assemblywoman: OF
Dear Senator:	Dear Congressman or Congresswoman:		Dear Representative: OR
	c c		Dear Delegate: (title used in that state)

#### Calling a Government Official

When there is no time to write a letter, a phone call to your legislator's office can be effective in delivering a quick, simple message. To give your phone call impact:



- Plan exactly what you want to say before you call.
- When you place your call, ask to speak to that person's staff assistant who handles your issue. If you get to speak to the official, that's a bonus.
- Make your message short and simple. State your name and your main point: "Please vote against Senate Bill 123" and then say why in a few sentences.
- End by repeating your name, where you live, and/or your connection to the legislator's jurisdiction. Give a phone number and offer to provide more information if the legislator requests it.
- If the person who handles your issue is not available, leave your name and phone number. If your call is to support or oppose an upcoming vote, also give your main point as part of the message.
- If you don't know a federal legislator's direct number, call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for that Senator or Representative's office.
- Look in the telephone book for listings of government offices to find telephone numbers for state and local officials.
- Follow up with a letter if there is sufficient time.

### Meeting With a Government Official

Meetings with legislators can be a productive way of communicating, although some may be able to meet personally with only a fraction of their constituents. To give your meeting the maximum effect:

- Schedule an appointment in advance.
- Plan, time, and rehearse your comments prior to the meeting.
- Appoint a spokesperson who will do the talking beforehand if you go with a small group. Dress professionally.
- Get to the main point within five minutes
- Other group members may add comments, but should only do so to reinforce or elaborate on your main point.
- Answer any questions accurately and briefly. If you don't know the answer, say so and offer to follow up.
- End by asking the official to do what you want him or her to do, such as "Will you vote for Senate Bill 150?"
- Leave a one-page statement of your issue and position.
- If you meet with a staff aide instead of the legislator, remember that educating the staff is very important too. Many legislators rely heavily on their staff's advice.
- Follow up with a thank-you letter, answers to any of the legislator's questions that were not handled during the meeting, or any other information you offered to gather for the legislator.

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