

Blues News

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DOG TRAINING
CLUB, INC.



Established 1967

Legislative - Alice Harrington and Sharyn Hutchens

The Rabies/Licensing study group is underway. It is mandated in Delegate Bobby Orrock's HJ160 – a resolution *“to study Virginia’s procedures for licensing of dogs and cats”* and to *“assess the feasibility of establishing a state-wide system for recording rabies vaccinations and licensing that may include a statewide database of licensed companion animals that can be remotely accessed by animal control officers in the field.”* Even though the resolution talks about all companion animals one of the first study group decisions was to limit our efforts to just dogs.

Dr. Julia Murphy, DVM, MS, DACVPM – Acting Director, State Public Health Veterinarian (in the Health Dept, not VDACS) is the leader of the study. The first meeting was April 25, in Richmond. Alice and Sharyn both attended the meeting. The Treasurers Association is pushing this initiative. Everyone agreed that owners are good about getting their dogs' rabies vaccinations.

That is not a problem. However, there is very poor compliance in getting licenses.

The Treasurers are tasked with receiving notices from veterinarians for each rabies shot they give. Treasurers may have to forward these notices to other counties if the dog lives in another county. All of this is time consuming and does not yield much of a return for a county.

As one Treasure stated, he is also the tax collector for his county and his time would be much better spent going after tax evaders.

The Treasurers are “marketing” having a statewide data base as making licensing easier for the citizen to obtain, once licensed a lost dog can easily be returned to his home AND since he would not have to go to the shelter, shelter costs would go down.

There are detailed minutes and other documentation. If anyone wants them let Alice know.



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If I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then would you realize how special you are to me. - Unknown





"Thank You!"

I want to thank our evaluators: Donna Thompson and Diana Lieber and the many volunteers who came out (and the additional people who offered to come and help) for the CGC/TDI testing last night. We had so many come out that some of the early volunteers got to go home as a few later volunteers came in. There may be a video around of what fun our "crowd" was having during the TDI test. I would also like to thank our "friendly dog" Maggie for taking on a job new to her and doing a great job not greeting all of the dogs.

For the TDI we tested 9 dogs individually and 4 pairs of dogs and all passed. We also tested 9 dogs for the CGC test with 8 passing.

I would like to congratulate Blue Ridge's new therapy dog team: Jasper and Janet Moore and our new Canine Good Citizens: Bosely Gregory (with Becky Gregory) and Roxie Lutz (with Bobbie Lutz).
Joy

Congratulations to Janet and Jasper, Bosley and Becky, and Roxie and Bobbie! I am so proud of all of you.
Kathy

Dear Club Members,

Thank you ever so much for helping us last night--Marzenna made a video of some of you wandering around moaning, groaning, coughing, etc. You all looked like the "living dead."

It was a very long evening because the new test is pretty involved, and we had a few dogs who needed extra time to not eat the rice cakes off the floor. I apologize that you had to stay so late.

A big thank you to Joy who did all of the paperwork and set everything up.

And the best news of all--"Jasper" and Janet Moore passed their TDI after many months of hard work!

Hugs,

Donna t.



Picture Of the Month

“AHH A Lazy Day of SUMMER”

Breeze rich

Flea-Away
([Eastern Goldfields Kennel Club](#))

1/4 c. cottage cheese	1001 U. vitamin E
1/4 tsp. garlic powder	1 T. bacon grease

Mix all the ingredients and add to food daily. Not only will it keep the fleas away, the dog will love the way it tastes.

Five Deadly Terms Used by a Woman

- Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when she knows she is right and you need to shut-up.
- Nothing:** Means something & you need to be worried.
- Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission, do not do it.
- Whatever:** A woman's way of saying screw you.
- That's Okay:** She is thinking long & hard on how and when you will pay for your mistake.

BONUS WORD: Wow!
This is not a compliment, she's amazed that one person could be so stupid.

Happy

Mother's Day

10 Things Your Mom Never Told You

1. You made her cry... a lot.
2. She wanted that last piece of pie.
3. It hurt.
4. She was always afraid.
5. She knows she's not perfect.
6. She watched you as you slept.
7. She carried you a lot longer than nine months.
8. It broke her heart every time you cried.
9. She put you first.
10. She would do it all again.



Mark Your Calendar



BASSET HOUND SEMINAR

(approved Parent Club Seminar)

**FOR BASSET HOUND BREEDERS,
ENTHUSIASTS AND ASPIRING JUDGES**

OFFERED BY THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
AND THE POTOMAC BASSET HOUND CLUB

- SEMINAR IN MORNING
- RINGSIDE MENTORING DURING AFTERNOON JUDGING
- WORKSHOP/HANDS-ON AFTER BREED JUDGING

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2016
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BLUE CRAB CLUSTER
**5 DAYS OF SHOWS INCLUDING HOUND SHOW (06/30/16)
AND COON HOUND BENCH SHOW (07/02/16)**

SUE SMYTH, PRESENTER
(**No Charge** but reservations required)
Contact Sue Smyth to reserve a spot
oldyork2002@aol.com

Location
Blue Crab Cluster
Richmond International Raceway Complex
600 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA



Enjoying Your Dog in the Great Outdoors

Summer months are a special time to enjoy the great outdoors with your dog. Hiking, camping, boating, swimming or just taking a walk in the neighborhood are all enjoyable activities we like to share with our dogs.

Plan Ahead Before you Go

Before taking your dog along with you for an outdoor excursion, make certain he has had a complete check-up and is current on vaccinations, medications, flea and tick controls and de-worming, etc. *Always check with your veterinarian* about your specific outdoor plans because dogs all have different physical characteristics and needs. Some dogs may be too young or not developmentally ready for outdoor activities, while others might have orthopedic problems, health issues or other limitations.

When packing for yourself pack for your dog too! Be certain your dog's collar and leash are in good condition and ID tags are current. Bring along food, medications and a photo of your dog (in case he strays). You'll also need plenty of plastic bags to clean up after your dog. Don't forget to bring your veterinarian's contact information, along with your dog's medical history and [insurance forms](#), in case of a medical emergency. In addition, consider having your dog [microchipped before you leave](#).

A variety of outdoor products have been designed for dogs that travel and will spend time outdoors. Determine what your dog will need and don't forget to pack canine sunblock and unbreakable bowls for food and water. Dogs who spend long hours in the sun have a higher risk of developing eye disease -- canine sunglasses can help protect dogs and sensitive puppy eyes against sun damage, wind and airborne debris.

Before going on outdoor adventures, your dog should know and consistently respond to basic commands. His training, behavior and outdoor experience should help determine when to use a leash, versus allowing him to run freely. Keep in mind that using a leash helps keep dogs away from wildlife or from chasing predators.

Hiking, Camping and Boating

Summer heat is an important factor to keep in mind before you and your dog venture out. Some dogs can tolerate heat up to 80 degrees or more while others become hot at 65 degrees. Always bring along plenty of water (more than you think you will need) for you and your dog. Some owners use tricks to help keep their dogs cool while hiking or romping outside, such as hosing down the dog first or tying a frozen bandana around the dog's neck (wet, roll, freeze and unroll the bandana first).

Avoid excessive exposure during the strongest hours of sunlight, usually between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Watch to see if your dog tires too easily or shows signs of exhaustion or heatstroke, such as panting, drooling, unsteadiness or a swollen tongue.

Hiking is a great way to enjoy being outdoors with your dog. Familiarize yourself with the terrain where you and your dog will be hiking to evaluate its conditions and possible hazards. If you use a canine backpack, it should be fitted to your dog's frame and not be too tight, loose or heavy. A pack in a bright color will make your dog easier to spot if he begins to wander away. Don't forget to pack plastic bags to clean up after your dog to help keep the trail clean and odor-free for others.

When camping, check the camp's regulations about dogs in advance. Make certain your dog has his own blanket and something soft to sleep on. Even during summer months, some regions can become cold at night and your dog might need to come inside your tent with you. Never leave a dog alone at a camp site – he can wander away, become a victim of foul play, or be attacked by bears or other animals.

Dogs should be introduced to the water before going out on any kind of boat. Encourage them gently but don't push them. Let them splash and paddle around in shallow water and experience being fully wet until they are comfortable. It's best to let your dog become familiar with your kayak, canoe, powerboat or sailboat on dry land (or a dock) first and encourage them to practice jumping in and out.

If you are using a powerboat or sailboat, your dog will need to become used to its rocking motions before leaving the dock. Crank the engine slowly, since the sound may be unfamiliar or scary to your dog.

Your dog should wear a canine life vest at all times, in case he jumps or falls overboard. It can save their life if an accident occurs. The buoyancy of these vests helps enable dogs to swim faster and longer while also help-



ing them reserve energy for other activities.

Always supervise your dog at the lake, pool or beach and provide him with drinking water and a shady spot to rest. Keep in mind that boat surfaces (especially fiberglass) and sand can become extremely hot in the sun -- dog

After he has played in the water or sand be certain to rinse your dog off with fresh water. Remember to thoroughly dry his ears after water play, to avoid infections.

When you and your dog are out in warm weather, you might encounter armies of fleas, ticks, stinging insects, fire ants or snakes. They are all ready to attack us -- and our pets -- and cause itching, illness or even death. As the provider of the [AKC Pet Healthcare Plan](#), we at PetPartners, Inc. see an increased number of claims regarding stings, bites and other issues related to warmer weather. The best way to combat these pests is to avoid them in the first place.

Discuss with your veterinarian the safest products or procedures to use toward preventing these unwanted guests. Some common preventive methods include:

- **Use flea, tick and heartworm prevention;** some flea and tick preventives also contain a mosquito repellent.
- **Avoid standing pools of water** and keep water bowls fresh, to avoid mosquitoes.
- **Don't use 'human' mosquito repellents on animals,** especially those containing the ingredient DEET, since they can cause neurological problems.
- **Watch for fire ant nests** on the ground.
- **Don't let your dog explore holes in the ground,** logs or other objects where snakes or yellow jacket nests might be hidden.
- **After your dog has been in an area populated by ticks,** thoroughly comb him within four to six hours to help prevent ticks from attaching.

Be on the Alert for Stings

If you suspect that your pet has been stung or bitten by an insect, it's always best to call your veterinarian immediately for advice on what to do.

Dogs are often stung on their face or paws and these stings can be extremely painful -- sometimes you can't immediately tell what is wrong. A dog that has been stung will often become agitated and run around shaking his head or pawing at his collar. If stung in or around his mouth or throat, swelling can constrict his airway and be life-threatening. Multiple stings can also cause major problems, such as anaphylactic shock. Signs of shock can vary but may include depression, breathing problems, pale gums and a weak pulse.

If your dog is stung by fire ants, remove him from the area and brush off any ants remaining on him. Don't spray them off with water, as that will cause them to hang on with their jaws and continue to sting.

Spider bites can be very dangerous to dogs. Although generally harmless, there are several varieties of spiders that can cause severe problems. Some spider venom contains digestive enzymes that can damage skin tissue, causing a wound to grow quickly with a secondary infection.

Ticks can also pose a threat to your dog's health. If you suspect your dog has been exposed to ticks, inspect him thoroughly. Ticks can also carry and spread blood-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tick paralysis.

If your dog has been exposed to an area populated by ticks, thoroughly comb him within four to six hours to help prevent ticks from attaching. Ticks are most commonly found on the head, neck, ears, armpits and feet, although you should carefully check your dog's entire body.

Your veterinarian can suggest proper tick removal methods. If you do find an attached tick, remove it promptly. Also, observe your dog for any lethargy, lack of appetite or other abnormal behavior. If you suspect your dog could have contracted a disease from a tick bite, ask your veterinarian for advice.

Things That Slither and Bite

Snakes are beneficial to our environment because they control the rodent population, among many other reasons. In general, they prefer to be left alone and avoid conflict.



If your dog is bitten by a snake, try to identify it -- without getting bitten yourself -- as identification is important in determining treatment. Keep your dog as still as possible, since movement spreads snake venom. If you're outdoors, carry your dog to the car at a normal pace. Snakebites are very painful, so be careful -- even the most loving dog may bite when he's in pain.

To prevent snakebites, caution while outdoors is key. It's a good idea to keep dogs from nosing around in holes in the ground, or under logs or near other objects where snakes might hide for shade. While snakes do not have good eyesight, they do react acutely to body heat and vibration. If your dog moves suddenly, a snake can mistake them for prey and strike quickly.

Fortunately, injuries from the bites and stings of summer are covered under the [AKC Pet Healthcare Plan](#). The costs of treatment can quickly add up, especially if your pet experiences a life-threatening situation. One claim we paid was for over \$2,200 for the hospitalization of a dog in California, after she was attacked by a swarm of bees. After several days of intensive care and blood transfusions, she amazed everyone and survived this potentially fatal attack.

The range of AKC Pet Healthcare Plans offer quality and affordable coverage for a surprisingly low price, especially compared to human health insurance plans. You can choose from our Accident or Essential plans that can cover unexpected illnesses or injuries, or plans that also offer Wellness coverage. The Wellness plans cover flea, tick and heartworm prevention, as well as an annual check-up, annual dental cleaning and vaccinations. The Wellness Plus Plan offers additional coverage for spaying and neutering, vaccine titers and emergency boarding (if you are hospitalized). For more details on our plans and a no-obligation quote, visit www.akcphp.com or call toll-free 1.866.725.2747. It's time well spent when you consider the protection it provides for both you and your pets.

Summertime is an exciting, beautiful time of year we can enjoy outdoors with our pets but the unexpected can happen. Plan ahead for your dog's unforeseen health emergencies. Be safe -- not sorry!

The American Club (AKC) offers these additional tips for canine safety during summer months: http://www.akc.org/public_education/summer.cfm



**If you love
someone, set
them free. If you
hate someone,
set them free.
Basically set
everyone free
and get a dog.
People are stupid.**



"WAGS & BRAGS"



My Whippet Roxie earned her CGC at our club last month. She's now:

Windryder's Woman on Wheels, RN, JC, CGC

Her sister Pippa (owned by some friends) went Best of Breed at the Sat. Mattaponi KC show last weekend & then "Select" on Sunday.

Bobbie Lutz

Spumoni did a conditioning workshop in April with Lindsey Hinds and Robby J Porter (It's Possible!) in Richmond....

He also passed his HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response screening in Rockville, MD and will go on to Michigan in June for 3 day crisis response training

Lisa Marino

The Nansel pups have some Dock Diving brags.

Rory jumped Data at two Dock Dogs National Sportsman Series events in February. The average of his top 5 jumps have placed him as the #10 dog in the country in the National Sportsman Series, as of today. In Worldwide rankings, Data is the #35 dog in the US. In both rankings, he is the highest ranked Golden Retriever in Dock Dogs!!!! OMG! Of course this can all change quickly as the season progresses, but it's pretty exciting to see now! At the Belgian Malinois Specialty, Data was a rock star with Rory L. Nansel, as he got to combine his two favorite sports – agility and dock diving. In agility, he finally got out of "Open Hell" on Saturday with a beautiful first place jumpers run and moved up to Excellent on Sunday. Good timing on his part, because that eliminated any conflicts with the North American Diving Dogs (NADD) finals on the other side of the parking lot. Data jumped in 8 splashes over 3 days and qualified for the elite finals with a 25 ft. jump. His other jumps were in the 20-24 ft. range. He saved the best for last, and finished 3rd in the elite finals (highest jumping dogs of the weekend) with a 25'6" jump - a new personal best! After checking the NADD website, I see that as of today, Data is the 3rd biggest jumping NADD Golden Retriever in the country!

Carol Nansel and Finn (9 months old), made their diving debut at the NADD event at the Belgian Ma-

linois Specialty. This was Finn's first time jumping into a pool. He earned his Junior NADD title (5 jumps between 10'- 14'11"), and earned 4 legs toward his senior title (4 jumps between 15'- 19'11"), and Finn qualified to jump in the senior finals, along with his Aunt Kenzie.

The following weekend, Finn and Carol made their Dock Dogs debut at the Chesapeake Dock Dogs Puppypalooza pond event in Purcellville. Not to be deterred by the constant rain, mud and cold, Finn earned his Junior Dock Dogs title and placed 2nd in the Junior finals. Carol and Kenzie qualified to jump in the Senior finals where Kenzie was also recognized as a veteran dog (over age 8). Rory and Data qualified for the Elite finals and placed 4th. All three dogs won great prize bags, which luckily included Earth Bath shampoos, which were used as soon as we all got home.

Carol Nansel



Data Nansel





“More Brags!”



Finn Nansel



Garth Stokes (RBRandL Thunder Rolls, CGC, WC) earned his first AKC hunt title, the Junior Hunter title.



Kinzie Nansel



Mt. Hammond's Blue - Sandy Stokes new Grand Baby



Wow. Lock your car by hitting the lock button in your car BEFORE YOU LEAVE NOT THE REMOTE. read why...

-Cathy Brunner

Subject: : Hit the lock button inside your car before you close the door because...

[How to Lock Your Car Properly and Why](#)

I locked my car. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and locked my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation . I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight to the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful, scheme being used to gain entry into cars. Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening.... While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase.....you name it. He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic -- there is a device that robbers are using now [to clone your security code](#) when you lock your doors on your car using your key-chain locking device..

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They know you are going inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom and that they now have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said to manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.

When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen.

This is very real.

Be wisely aware of what you just read and please pass this note on. Look



how many times we all lock our doors with our remote just to be sure we remembered to lock them -- and bingo, someone has our code...and whatever was in our car.

Snopes Approved --.Please share with everyone you know

I also checked this out and talked to the local police. It's legitimate!

Dear God: I t's Me, The Dog

Dear God: Here is a list of
just some of the things I must remember
to be a good Dog:

1. I will not eat the cat's food before he eats it or after he throws it up.
2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.
3. The Litter Box is not a cookie jar.
4. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.
5. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
6. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
7. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying 'hello'.
8. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.
9. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house - not after.
10. I will not come in from outside, and immediately drag my butt across the carpet.
11. I will not sit in the middle of the living room, and lick my crotch.
12. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy', so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.

P.S. Dear God: When I get to Heaven,
may I have my testicles back?



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 17 - meeting
 July 8-10 AKC Agility Trial
 Aug 5-7 akc Obedience & Rally trial
 Nov 18-20 obedience trial
 Dec. 2-4 akc agility trial

month a visit to the
nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
 Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
 Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



**General Meeting
 June 17
 At
 The Bernie Thompson
 Training Room
 Meeting starts at
 7 p.m.**