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A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder, of any changes to your address, phone or e-mail address. We don't want you to miss any of the PrairieLand newsletters!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2020

- January 15, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- May – TBA (watch for e-mail notification)
- July – TBA - (annual picnic)
- September 16, 2020
- November 21, 2020 (in conjunction with the Festival of Trees)



NEXT MEETING

The next PSSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th. Watch for email notification as we get closer to the date. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Just keep swimming!

Hi Everyone,

Since our meeting/picnic was cancelled due to COVID, I don't have any club news to highlight. Hope this note finds you all healthy and free of this nasty virus. Summer is my favorite season. It has been difficult this year, for all of us, I am sure. Hopefully 2021 will bring us a new normal.

Stay safe, wear your mask, and social distance.

Your President,

Connie Reidner

PSSC MEETING MINUTES

No meeting in July, therefore no minutes for this newsletter.



Meeting

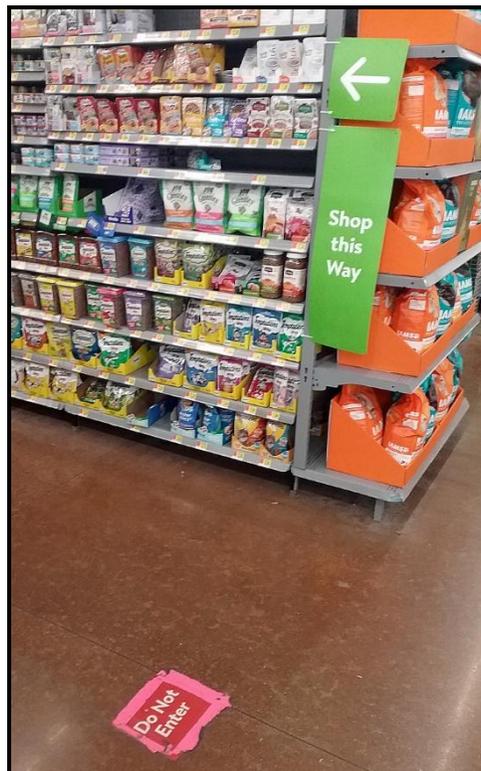
The next scheduled PSSC meeting is Wednesday, September 16th. We will review options closer to that date. . . depending on the COVID-19 situation and any business that needs to be considered. Mark your calendars - and then watch email for updates.



Something to look forward to. . .

We still plan to hold our annual Specialty next May 2021 in Bloomington.

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the various stories that members sent about their activities during this time. Be thinking about some more tales to tell for the next newsletter. We will send out a reminder before the deadline (October 7th).



This might be why people don't know which way to go down an aisle.

Note from Pibbee:

Mom said I needed to write this because it is about me. Yoga has become one of my Mom's favorite activities. She would always leave us for a few hours a couple days each week. She had her happy face on. We had to stay with Dad.

Along came this COVID thingy, so Mom didn't leave us anymore. She said she couldn't go to her Yoga class anymore and was sad. One day she announced she was going Zooming. Pinkee and I just looked at one another. We thought she was crazy. She explained we had to stay in the basement with Dad because she was Zooming in the living room. We didn't like it because we wanted to go Zooming to. It sounded like a lot of fun. We tolerated Dad for about 30 minutes and then cried at the basement door. This, of course, disturbed Mom's meditation time, whatever that meant.

A few weeks went by, and like good schnauzers we kept up our crying routine. Mom caved. She let us go Zooming, sort of. I had to lie on the couch and sleep. Pinkee had to lie in her crate and sleep. We wanted to see what Zooming was, so like good schnauzers we kept our eyes open and pretended to be asleep. Welllllllll, Mom doesn't zoom across the floor and have fun. She llies on the floor, without saying a word, and makes pretzel shapes with her body. There is a lady talking on Mom's ipad. What fun is that? Then Mom becomes very still and doesn't move like she is dead. I was really worried at this point. No more pretzel shapes, just absolute stillness. The lady on the ipad keeps talking 'cause she doesn't know Mom died. I jumped down off the sofa and put my paw on Mom's back. She didn't move. I kissed her on the cheek. She didn't move. I was worried because kissing always makes her move. I put my nose against her nose to see if air was coming out. She moved!!!!!! She's aaaaa'live!!!! Mom then sits up and bows down. I keep my nose on her hair. All of a sudden the talking lady stops, and Mom says "all done". Mom said we were very good and can stay on her yoga class days.

Mom is happy doing yoga and I am happy she's alive after she does that stillness thing. I will sometimes help her bow. I know that is the end of her Yoga. The Lady on the ipad gets to see me when I help Mom bow. She says I am cute.

That's my story, Pibbee





GOTTA LOVE OUR DOGS!!!!



Your dog gets absolutely nothing out of being competitive for you. Not a darn thing. Of course dogs are bred for specific jobs or they're bred to be athletic, to a certain degree.

They have no idea how much money is added to the pot. They have no idea that this is a qualifier. They have no idea that this is the World.

And **DESPITE** us... **DESPITE** our nerves, our flaws, our incorrect cues, our huge emotions, they get the job done to their very best ability. Even when we fail them by letting our emotions get in the way, they come back and they try again. For US. Let that sink in. If only we could all be so understanding.

To think of an animal that is forgiving and flexible enough to put up with the repetition of practice, the intense nerves of the handler, the stress of competition. . . they will still meet you at the end of their lead ready to go! This is **MIND BLOWING**.

If you haven't done so lately. Thank your dog.

If you're successful, thank the dogs that put you there and made you. Thank the dogs that gave everything they had for you simply because you **ASKED** them to.

If you're still on the journey to success, thank the dogs that made you fall in love with your sport and who have helped give you the confidence to want to learn more and be better.

We can never stop learning as dog men and dog women, by continuing our education. Every dog in our future will be better off.

Next time you head to a show or trial, leave your ego at the door and thank your dog!



Dogs get difficult when they reach adolescence, just like human teenagers

By Virginia Morell
Originally in *Science*

When our Scottish collie puppy reached doggie adolescence, she suddenly stopped obeying my commands. Previously, if I called “come,” Annie would fly across our yard to my arms. Now, the 8-month-old gave me a defiant “make me” look and ran the other way.

Our dog trainer advised us to stop fretting. “She’s a teenager,” she said. “She’ll grow out of it.” Now, a new study is backing that up: Dogs, it says, experience a hypersensitive period at the onset of puberty that makes them act out, just like human teenagers.

“There is abundant folk knowledge ... that the behavior of adolescents differs from younger or older dogs,” says Barbara Smuts, a behavioral ecologist at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, who was not involved in the research. This “very welcome” study, she says, is the first to back that up.

Puppies bond with humans much as children do. “But owners often feel like they’re failing when their puppies reach adolescence,” about 8 months for most dogs, says Lucy Asher, a behavioral ethologist at Newcastle University and lead author of the new study, out [recently] in *Biology Letters*. Like teenagers—whose bodies flood with hormones and whose brains are rewired during puberty—adolescent dogs can disregard and disobey their owners.

And owners respond in many ways, Asher says. Some punish their pups, some ignore them, and some even send them away. Indeed, teenage dogs are the most likely age group to land in U.S. shelters.

To see exactly how puberty changes dog behavior, Asher and her team monitored 70 female German shepherds, golden retrievers, and Labrador retrievers being raised as potential guide dogs. They asked caregivers to score the puppies on their attachment and attention-seeking behaviors—such as sitting very close to their owner or displaying a particularly strong bond for one person—as well as on separation-related behaviors like shivering or trembling when left behind. Both types of behaviors indicate general anxiety and fearfulness.

Dogs with high scores on either scale entered puberty earlier—at about 5 months, compared with 8 months for those with lower scores. Multiple factors cause

human teenage girls with poor parental relationships to also enter puberty at a younger age. Thus, similar to humans, dogs that have fraught relationships with their caregivers see shifts in their reproductive development.

That’s a “striking” finding, Smuts says. Further, adolescent dogs that were stressed by separation from their caregiver were also increasingly disobedient to that person, but not others—again, mirroring the insecurity of human teenagers.

To test obedience, the scientists assessed a separate group of 69 guide dogs, first at 5 months and later at 8 months. They asked the dog’s caregiver and a stranger to give the command to “sit.” All of the preadolescent pups quickly sat for both people, but when the same pups reached adolescence many “repeatedly” refused to follow the order from their caregiver. However, they readily—and annoyingly—obeyed the stranger. Dogs that weren’t securely attached to their caregivers were even more willing to follow the stranger’s dictates—again, much like human teenagers.

The pooch teenage phase seems to be transitory. Using data collected from a study of 285 guide dogs, the researchers found that preadolescent and postadolescent dogs seem to be more “trainable” than teenage poodles.

Because of the similarity between adolescent pups and humans, dogs could serve as a model species for studying puberty in humans, the scientists say. And on a more practical note, the temporary nature of dog disobedience might make us worry less when our pups suddenly get minds of their own. Just ask Annie—she’s now happy to come, sit, and stay a while.



Noteworthy from AKC

AKC Breeder Tool Kit

The AKC staff is dedicated to creating new tools that assist our constituency and enhance user experience on akc.org. One of their focuses has been creating tools for breeders. We are very happy to share with you that we have recently launched the free AKC Breeder Tool Kit (which replaces our older Online Record Keeping System (ORKS)). It is available now on www.akc.org. The easy to use tool features:

- Quick link to register a litter with prepopulated information
- Access your favorite breeder tools in one easy-to-use location
- Maintain you dog and litter records through updated screens
- Meet your AKC record keeping requirements and more
- View official AKC litter and puppy registration data
- AKC Marketplace, Online Reports and the Reunite Hub quick links
- Download or email AKC Pet Insurance benefit forms for your puppy buyers
- Create, maintain and print your Kennel Emergency Plan

We sincerely hope you find this tool useful.

Estate Planning and Our Pets: What If My Dog Outlives Me? Long Term Planning for the Care of Our Dogs

The following survey is about a potential service that would give AKC registered dog owners access to a new type of high quality, affordable life insurance which includes the legal and financial means for their dogs to continue to receive care after their owner has passed away.

AKC survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZ93FZ9>

This would be a life insurance policy that includes a Pet Trust. You would not have to set aside any funds in advance for your dogs; your life insurance would provide the funding for your Pet Trust in the event that you die before your pet(s). The legal set up and maintenance of your Pet Trust would be included in the price of the life insurance policy.

This program could be called The AKC Pet Trust Program



AKC VIRTUAL PILOT PROGRAMS

Pilot programs end at Midnight, December 31, 2020

AKC Rally Novice

“During this time of necessary social distancing, we want to give our beginner AKC Rally® exhibitors a reason to continue training their dogs and to stay engaged with the sport of Rally. The AKC Rally Novice Virtual pilot program will provide these exhibitors an opportunity to stay-at-home and enter an AKC Rally® event.”

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

Just added:

AKC Rally Intermediate

This class is an optional titling class, meaning the dog doesn't have to earn the Rally Intermediate (RI) title to be eligible to enter the Rally Advanced class. It is a great class for Rally Novice titled dogs to gain additional on-leash experience. The dog must have earned the AKC Rally Novice (RN) title and may not have earned the Rally Advanced (RA) title. The course is performed with the dog on leash.

AKC Agility ACT 1

AKC also wants to provide those with dogs that are ready to test their agility skills a way to try the sport of ACT Agility locally. The AKC Agility ACT 1 Virtual pilot program will provide exhibitors an opportunity to stay-at-home or use their local training site and enter an AKC ACT 1 event.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/act-program/act-virtual-program/>

Just added:

AKC Agility ACT 2

07/09/2020 – “The AKC Agility Department is excited to announce the expansion of the virtual ACT program to include the ACT 2 class. ACT 2 is the next level of AKC agility above the entry-level ACT 1. It has been one month since the ACT 1 program was announced and we have received a terrific response to it.”

AKC Tricks

“In response to COVID-19, the AKC has opened up the Trick Dog titling program to be accessible via submission of videos which are reviewed and approved by CGC evaluators. This time of social distancing is the perfect opportunity to get your dog involved in the Trick Dog program. Under the new rules, AKC trick titles can be observed and earned digitally.”

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>

FitDog

If you live somewhere where it is safe for you and your dog to get out of the house regularly to [walk each day](#) don't forget about the [AKC's Fit Dog program](#). Check your local regulations and maintain at least six feet of distance between anyone else you may pass on your walk. For the program you and your dog commit to walking each day either:

1. Walked at least 30 minutes 5 times per week for a total of at least 150 minutes per week for at least 3 months. *For dogs and people in good shape.*

2. Walked at least 15 minutes per session at least 10 times per week (e.g., two 15-min walks per day) for at least 3 months. *For dogs or people who would benefit from a walk that is a shorter duration, e.g., senior dogs. When you and your dog have achieved either of these benchmarks you fill out the AKC FitDog form and will be sent a free FitDog program magnet!*

Virtual Top Dog Challenge

Are you missing the fun and competition of dog shows? Want to try conformation but don't know where to start? The AKC Virtual Top Dog Challenge is an online conformation event for AKC-recognized breeds and the Miscellaneous class. To enter the Virtual AKC Top Dog Challenge II, [read the Official Rules](#) completely, then [visit AKC Shop to purchase your \\$25 entry beginning August 3](#).

For more information on AKC titles and programs you can do from home, please visit:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/akc-titles-programs-can-home/>



3 IMPORTANT REASONS TO WARM UP & COOL DOWN WITH YOUR DOG

DOING WARM-UP AND COOL DOWN EXERCISES BEFORE AND AFTER EXERCISE WILL HELP PREVENT INJURY DURING ACTIVITY

- 1 Increases Oxygen**
Warming up dilates the blood vessels, increasing supply of oxygen and nutrients to your dog's muscles and nerves
- 2 Stretches Muscles**
Warming up and cooling down stretch the muscles, tendons and ligaments
- 3 Aligns Bones**
Warming up and cooling down align the bones and distributes joint fluid

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No upcoming birthdays to report.

If you failed to include your birthday with your renewal, please drop an email to Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@fontier.com so she can add you to the list.



SCHNAUZER TALES



This is your chance to share “tales” about your Schnauzer – show ring wins, performance wins and titles, or any other accomplishments or news that you want everyone to know about. Send e-mails (pictures welcome too!) to our editor, Kathi, himeldad@aol.com for the upcoming issues!! Remember to e-mail things as they happen. . .don’t wait for the deadline and then forget. We love reading about your Schnauzers!

What have you been up to???????????



Alexis Hubbard writes. . .

Tory and I earned our novice (TKN) and intermediate (TKI) trick titles today (August 3, 2020). It was a zoom class/test, but she was so excited to be doing it. Lots of hikes and stuff but no classes in months make for a bored schnauzer!

Tory is now:
Himmlisch Storybook Love CD PCDX BN RE FDC
AX AXJ THD RATN CGC TKN TKI

Kathi and Roy Dvorak have been busy. . .



Some of the kids "loot". I found a place on line that makes "COVID-19 Dog Training Club" rosettes.



July 26 – Arnold and Rita earn their ACT2 titles (virtually)

Arnold (CH Himmlisch-Arjo's Time Of My Life TKI) earned his Trick Dog Advanced title (TKA) and Agility Course Test 2 title (ACT2) through the AKC virtual programs. Then he earned his Barn Hunt Instinct title (RATI) and Novice Barn Hunt title (RATN) with placements!

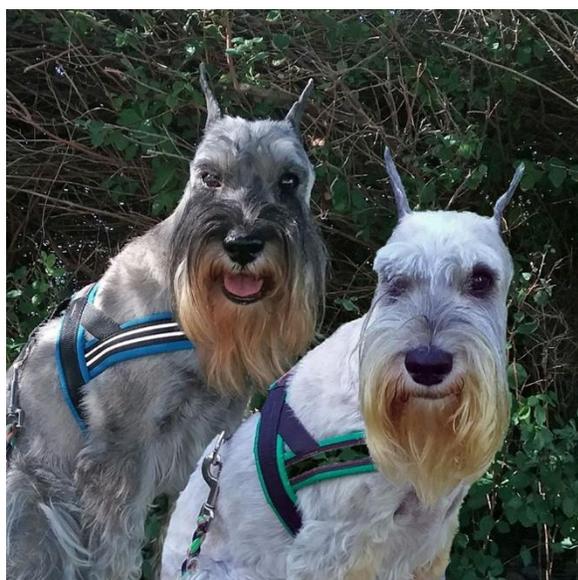


Rita (CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time High TKI) earned her second Q for her Agility Course Test 1 title (ACT1), Trick Dog Advanced title (TKA) and Agility Course Test 2 title (ACT2) through the AKC virtual programs. Then she earned her Barn Hunt Instinct title (RATI) and Novice Barn Hunt title (RATN) with placements and 2 High In Novice Class rosettes! Rita even earned her first leg toward her Open Barn Hunt title.

Lindy (GCH Ch. Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past, NF, ACT2, TKA) earned her Trick Dog Performer title (TKP) through the AKC virtual program. Then she earned her Barn Hunt Instinct title (RATI) and Novice Barn Hunt title (RATN) with placements and a High in Novice Class rosette!



**Happy 12th Birthday
to our sweet
Cassi and Merry!**



Liebe still enjoys playing in the hose at 14 3/4 years young.



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive

