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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 2022

- January 19, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- May 29, 2022 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July – TBD (Saturday) - (annual picnic)
- September 21, 2022
- November 19, 2022 - Saturday (Christmas dinner)



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 19.
Please see more information below.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone!

Happy Fall! I can't believe the summer is over. Hope you had a good summer and had fun showing your Fuzzy Faces. Our next meeting will be the annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Thank you for joining our last meeting (via Zoom). There is not much news to share from that meeting. We are waiting to see if the AKC brings their matching funds program back for 2023 to see if we can go ahead with the Police Dog initiative with Corn Belt Kennel Club.

Have a fun fall. Enjoy the weather with your Standard Schnauzers. Get out and just play! I will see you at the Christmas dinner in November.

Your president,
Connie Reidner



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 09/21/2022

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club met Wednesday, September 19, 2022, 7:00 pm CT, via Zoom. Thank you to Don Kachur for arranging the meeting.

Attending: Connie Reidner, Kathy Koehler, Kathi Dvorak, Penny Duffee, Gwen Kirman, Sharon Talaga, Marsha Landers, Don and Diane Kachur, Thomas Mair, and Lynne Conder.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published.
(Gwen/Marsha)

Treasurer's Report: No report.
A copy of the full report is available by request to the treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

AKC Pet Insurance informational meeting

- Emily Larsen, an AKC Pet Insurance representative, is holding an informational zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00. All PSSC members are invited. Penny is taking reservations to attend.

Darcy Morgan meeting

- Connie attended a zoom meeting held by Darcy Morgan about improving ways SSCA and regional clubs can work together. Connie offered suggestions regarding PSSC experiences.

NEW BUSINESS

Festival of Trees

- This year individual club members will support the Baby Fold's Festival of Trees.

November Christmas meeting

- Our annual get-together is planned for Saturday, November 19, 1:00 in Bloomington. Dinner and gift exchanges are the highlights. More information to come....

Project with police

- The local McLean County sheriff's department wants to add a new dog to their canine unit.
- Penny and Don are working with them for possible donation toward this effort.
- SSCA offers matching funds grants to regional clubs. However, all of the grants for 2022 have been used. Penny will continue checking with SSCA about possible future 2023 grants.

BRAGS

- Thomas Mair told about his obstacle course runs.
- Kachur's had a recent Veteran sweeps win at the Heartland specialty.
- Kathi D has dogs active in FCAT, Barn Hunt, and puppies in Star Puppy class.
- Gwen had 2 Best of Opposite wins at Heartland specialty.
- Marsha had a Best of Opposite win in Amana, IA.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm Central.

- The next meeting is a very short business meeting at the November meeting.

Submitted by Lynne Conder, PSSC Secretary

NEXT MEETING - CHRISTMAS PARTY!



It is hard to believe that we are talking about a Christmas party already but it is getting close!! Our November meeting will be on Saturday, November 19th – the weekend of the Festival of Trees at the Interstate Center.

We will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Penny & Kathy's home. The club (via "Chef Kathy") will provide turkey, dressing and ham. Everyone else will bring a dish to share. Watch for an email closer to the date to sign up.

If you still have the wine glasses we made for everyone several years ago, be sure to bring them. They add to the table décor – and can be used for any drink – not just wine.

Main attraction is always our crazy gift exchange! Bring an item (either doggie or people items) of approximately \$10 value. With the stealing that is allowed (actually encouraged!) it usually gets pretty crazy and everyone has a lot of fun!

NEXT YEAR

Plans are under way for our Specialty next year. Mark your calendars and plan to be in Bloomington May 26-29, 2023.



AKC REUNITE ADOPT A K-9 COP



The AKC Reunite Adopt a K-9 Cop grant program works with local AKC clubs to help law enforcement agencies obtain a trained K-9. PSSC and Corn Belt KC (the local all-breed club) are working together to try to obtain a grant for the McLean County Sheriff's Department. AKC will match funds raised locally at a 3:1 ratio up to \$7,500 maximum grant. All grants for 2022 have been awarded but the program will begin new applications again at the beginning of the year.

The McLean County Department already has 2 trained dogs and was beginning to consider how to budget for adding a 3rd

officer/dog team to their department. They are very interested in working together to try to make this happen. To date the AKC program has not placed a dog in Illinois – we hope they will help secure the first one.

The Lieutenant indicated that the cost of the K-9 officer is just a small part of the over-all cost to add such a team to their department. The dogs are typically about \$10,000 - \$15,000 and the cost of training, equipment (including a specially equipped vehicle) may run around \$70,000. Any assistance that can be provided is greatly appreciated!



DUES ARE DUE SOON

You will be getting an email from the PSSC treasurer, Kathy Koehler, soon. Club dues must be received by the treasurer by December 20th. Everyone gets busy and forgets to get it sent. Please surprise Kathy by just responding as soon as you get the email - so she doesn't have to keep sending reminders.

Thank you Lynne Conder for submitting this article:

For Better Dog-Behavior Training:

Pretend Your Dog Is a Tiger



Frustrated with your dog? Then manage and train him as if he's a captive animal out of his element – because he is!

Excerpts from Whole Dog Journal, 8-10-22, by [Kathy Callahan, CPDT-KA](#),

If you really commit to it, the “Pretend he's a tiger” experiment can put you on the fastest path to a mutually happy life with your dog.

Owners often turn to dog trainers when they're feeling exasperated. They report that their dog has the following behavior and training issues:

- Has no idea how to walk on a leash!
- Chews their shoes!
- Jumps all over the guests!
- Barks wildly at other dogs!
- Chases the cat!

Of course, trainers have detailed behavior-modification dog training plans for all of those things. But to start with, I like to suggest this all-purpose, magic tip: ***Pretend you have a tiger, not a dog.***

Dog training – like so much of life – is all about expectations. If you're in the wrong headspace, it'll ruin any training plan you try. The right mindset is your greatest advantage when it comes to creating a home where you and your dog are living happily together. That's where the tiger exercise comes in.

If This Were a Tiger, Would You Be Mad?

You wouldn't expect a tiger to immediately blend into a human household. If you adopted a tiger, you'd work incredibly hard to set everyone up for success, always keeping in mind that this is not the tiger's natural environment. Rather than feeling angry at a chewed shoe, you'd be thrilled it wasn't worse, reminding yourself to better tiger-proof next time.

Close your eyes. Think about that last unfortunate incident with your dog. Now, adjust that visualization, and picture your dog as a tiger you took into your home.

• He has no idea how to walk on a leash.

“Well of course he doesn't! It's amazing we're out and about together at all, given how unnatural this is for him.”

• She chews all of our shoes.

“Good Lord, why did we leave our shoes out where the tiger could get them?”

• He jumps on the guests.

“How did we not realize that it was ridiculous to put the tiger in that situation when a tiger's method of greeting is utterly unlike anything we humans would want to see?”

- ***She barks wildly at dogs.***

“It’s natural that she’d have big feelings about those other animals. Clearly we should help her with carefully guided experiences before expecting her to just be chill.”

- ***He chases the cat.***

“Why did we let those two species meet and interact without supervision?”

Don’t Expect a Dog to Know Our Human Ways

Obviously, your dog really isn’t a tiger, but every one of the empathetic reactions you’d probably have to a tiger’s behavior is 100% appropriate for a dog. Like captive tigers, dogs are a different species of animal just trying to adjust to living in a human world. Our expectations that dogs should immediately fold into our lives like Lassie are worse than silly; they’re terribly harmful – both to the dogs who are set up to fail and the humans who feel like they’ve blown it because their dogs aren’t perfect.

That’s why it helps to remind yourself (and everyone in your home) that you have a tiger in the house!

You’re going to be proactive and set up that animal for success.

- You’re going to think hard about how to manage guests.
- You’re going to work diligently to tiger-proof the house.
- You’re going to expect to be “on duty” when young kids or other animals are around.
- You’re going to understand how completely weird all of this is for a creature who’s not in his native habitat, so you’ll expect those bumps in the road.

How can I better meet the needs of this captive animal, who wasn’t designed to Netflix on the couch?”

How Your Tiger Becomes the Best Dog

Flipping that mental switch from dog to tiger makes owners smarter, kinder, and more open to problem-solving. Do you know what that kind of nurturing does after a while? It turns that tiger into a dog who’s a pleasure to live with.

Mind you, most owners will still benefit tremendously from a great trainer with a dog behavior modification training plan. But the best trainer in the world can’t help you when you have impossible expectations about a member of another species who landed in your human home.

HAPPY

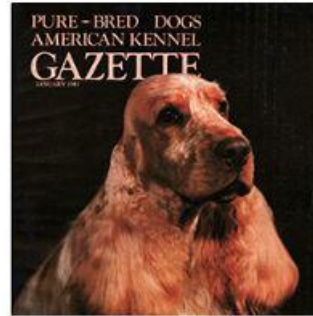


HALLOWEEN !

From AKC "TO THE CORE" e-mail dated 10/12/2022

AKC DIGITAL LIBRARY

In honor of the 138th anniversary of the AKC, we launched our first ever digital library. It includes the entire run of the AKC Gazette from 1889 to the present day. The AKC Gazette is the longest continuously



published dog magazine in America and one of the oldest sporting publications in the country. Users can also search a collection of historic Show Catalogs from 1887 – 1983, including the very first Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show catalog from 1877. New collections will be added to the digital library in 2023.

All content is made available without fees and is fully text-searchable thanks to Optical Character Recognition in PDF files, which makes the library user-friendly. Visitors to the digital library can download issues to save or print and share direct links to the issues or catalogs.

The digital library can be found at library.akc.org. We trust that you will enjoy delving into the history of the great American Kennel Club.

Thank you Penny Duffee for submitting this article:

Understanding Perceptions About Dog Breeds' Sensitivity To Pain

Purina Pro Plan DOG Update Spring 2022

Theoretically, all dogs should have similar pain thresholds, but according to over 90 percent of respondents, half of which were veterinarians, of an online survey, there are differences among dog breeds. Small-breed dogs, such as Chihuahua and Maltese, were rated as being less tolerant of pain than some of their larger cohorts, such as Doberman Pinscher and Rottweiler.

The survey findings, published March 17, 2020, in [PLOS One](#), piqued interest by the investigators to continue studying beliefs about how dog breeds differ in their sensitivity to pain. The [AKC Canine Health Foundation](#) is funding the follow-up research underway at North Carolina State University.

Lead investigators Margaret Gruen, DVM, MVPH, PhD, DACVB, assistant professor of behavioral medicine, and Duncan Lascelles, BVSc, PhD, DECVS, DACVS, professor of translational pain research and management, are working to learn if perceptions about dog breeds' varied pain thresholds are scientifically grounded. Rachel Cunningham, DVM, a postdoctoral research associate who is now a surgical intern at Michigan State University, and Rachel Park, a graduate student in the Comparative Biomedical Sciences program, conducted the study.

“Our null hypothesis is that dogs regardless of their breed have similar pain thresholds,” Dr. Gruen says. “The risk of ungrounded, preconceived beliefs about dog breeds’ pain tolerance is that it could negatively impact clinical treatments and result in unnecessary pain for dogs believed to have low pain sensitivity.”

The current study comprises 147 dogs representing 10 breeds. Included are Chihuahua, Maltese, Jack Russell Terrier, Boston Terrier, Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, Border Collie, Siberian Husky, American Staffordshire Terrier, and German Shepherd Dog.

“We screened dogs by performing physical and orthopedic examinations to ensure they are free of conditions causing chronic pain, as this can change their neurobiology and lower their pain thresholds,” Dr. Gruen says. “Owners completed the [Canine Behavioral Assessment & Research Questionnaire](#) (C-BARQ), which gathers information about their dogs’ personalities, breeding, overall health, and behavior.”

Quantitative sensory testing in which the investigators examined the threshold at which dogs would withdraw their paws from pressure or heat provided scientific insights. “Imagine that I slowly push my finger into you until you say, ‘Hey, stop doing that,’” explains Dr. Gruen. “That’s basically what we did but in a more sophisticated way.”

Bonnie Giles of Chesterfield, South Carolina, enrolled her two Golden Retrievers, “Willow,” 11 years old, and “Eve,” 8 years old, in the study. “It is interesting that there may be different pain tolerances among dog breeds,” Giles says. “Both my dogs are really calm, as they are retired breeding moms for service dogs. Willow was a certified therapy dog. I’ve been through C-sections (cesarean sections) and minor veterinary procedures with them. In my opinion, they always seem unfazed by pain.”

The results of the study are expected to be published in 2022. Not revealing their discoveries, Dr. Gruen says, “If there are breed differences in pain sensitivity, future work will look at understanding genetic associations and how to advance understanding of effectively treating pain in a breed-specific manner.

“If there are no differences among breeds related to pain sensitivity, then it is important to understand our perceptions of breed differences to ensure dogs of every breed receive appropriate pain management and to understand where these beliefs came from.”

The notion that human perceptions influence how dog breeds’ pain sensitivity is interpreted aligns with the generalized group characterization hypothesis summarized in the *PLOS One* article on the survey results. “This hypothesis predicts that people will rate dogs of different breeds as having different pain sensitivity based on group traits like physical appearance and social behavior stereotypes,” says Dr. Gruen.

The online survey included 2,131 responses, of which 1,078 came from veterinarians. Pictures of 28 dog breeds representing a wide range of sizes, body and head shapes, and coat types/lengths were shown though breed names were not identified. Respondents rated their beliefs about the pictured breeds’ pain sensitivity on a scale from 0 to 100, with 0 being not sensitive at all and 100 being the most sensitive imaginable.

“Ratings by the general public were driven mostly by size, with smaller dogs rated as more sensitive to pain and larger, heavier dogs rated as less sensitive,” Dr. Gruen says. “Dogs on breed-specific legislation lists that are considered dangerous were generally rated as less sensitive to pain. These findings support the prediction that people rate pain sensitivity in

dogs differently for different breeds based on their appearance and common group stereotypes.”

While dog size appeared to influence veterinarians’ ratings, it was not as strong a relationship as seen with ratings by the general public. “Veterinarians tended to rate the dogs based on commonly held beliefs about different dog breeds,” she says. “For example, two large breeds, German Shepherd Dog and Siberian Husky, were rated among the most sensitive to pain by veterinarians.”

When deciding on individual factors believed to influence pain sensitivity and response to pain in dogs, the general public was somewhat evenly distributed among: a breed’s skin thickness, 41 percent; environment raised, 40.1 percent; genetics, 39 percent; and temperament, 35.6 percent. Most veterinarians attributed pain sensitivity to temperament, 80.9 percent; followed by genetics, 33.3 percent; environment, 29.5 percent; and skin thickness, 9.3 percent.

As to Giles’ belief that her Golden Retrievers are largely unfazed by pain, the online survey reinforced her interpretation. The general public rated Golden Retrievers around 51 percent on the 1 to 100 scale, indicating the breed has an average threshold for pain. Veterinarians rated Goldens around 32 percent, giving the breed a rating that reflects low sensitivity to pain.

“Ultimately, we think there is strong evidence that people rate pain sensitivity based on breed-specific stereotypes or phenotypic traits and dog breed archetypes,” reflects Dr. Gruen. “Further investigation is needed to more fully comprehend the impact.”

Thank you Don Kachur
for submitting this article. . .

Why Do Dogs Act Excited When Seeing their Owner?

By Dani Kahn



Dogs have the emotional and mental maturity of a 2 - 2 1/2 year-old child. That being stated, imagine your toddler left alone for any period of time. An hour seems like eternity for them. You are their comfort, you are familiar, and by all means their lifeline. Same with your dog. I can leave the room for 5 minutes and when I return, my Great Dane is beside herself that I came back. Take this gift they offer with much gratitude. Do you know anyone in the world that would ever be this happy to see you every day? I love the idea that anyone or thing is that excited to see me daily.

HAPPY



THANKSGIVING !

G R E A T B I G H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y W I S H E S go out to

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Darcie Mair – November 10
Roy Dvorak – November 23
Connie Reidner – November 27

Don Farage – December 1
Don Kachur – December 9
Gwen Kirman – December 15
Thomas Mair – December 15
Cheryl Wallace – December 15



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???????????

Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

Lindy . . . GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past NA NAJ OF FCAT2 ACT2 SWN RATCH CZ8P CGC TKE

On September 17th Lindy earned her **Crazy8s Plantinum (CZ8P)** title at the Rocky Mountain Earthdog Club trial in Longmont, CO. It takes 2,000 points to earn CZ8P!

In Master Trial 1, Lindy qualified. . . earned first place in the medium division and High In Trial! She picked out the fox toy for her prize. Lindy is getting close to her RATCHX title.



The trial took place in an actual barn.



Penny Duffee writes. . .

“**HatEE**” (CH. Katon’s Hats Off to the Tiger v Morgenwald BCAT) went to the SSCA National Specialty in OK in July. In spite of the awful heat – and the issues with the motorhome generator on the road, she brought home several nice wins! She was BOS at the new Red River SSC’s first specialty, Select the day of the SSCA National Specialty and Award of Merit at the Heartland SSC Specialty. . . 3 specialties, 3 wins.



Not to be outdone by their sister, “**RoarEE**” (CH Katon’s Hear the Tiger Roar v Morgenwald) and “**Ace**” (GCH CH Katon’s Flying Tiger v Morgenwald) had a very successful trip to the Heartland SSC Specialty in MN in August. **RoarEE** and **Ace** were Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. Kara Maytag and the Heartland crew offer some really nice trophies – challenges PSSC to keep up! They held a picnic and raffle at the show site which was well attended and everyone had fun.



“**Cess-EE**” (Morgenwald’s Recipe for Success v Katon), RoarEE’s daughter, made her show debut in the 4-6 Mos. Beginner Puppy competition. She placed 3rd and 2nd in the Working Group – and provided entertainment by trying to have a “running fit” on a short show lead in the muddy ring! She improved her behavior a couple weeks later in Iowa and won the group. Building on that performance, she ended her 4-6 Mos. Beginner Puppy career with a Best Beginner Puppy in Show the following weekend.

That same weekend “**RoarEE**” picked up a Working Group 3 and a NOHS Group 1 and Group 2 plus finished her Grand Championship! Kathy & Penny won a big basket full of toys and doggie items at the raffle. The weekend before “**RoarEE**” picked up a Group 2 at the Amana shows.



RoarEE and CessEE looking at the "loot"



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