



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club News PFOC.CLUB March 2019

2018-2019 PFOC Board

President	Carol Quinlan
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Training Director	Marilyn Bennet
Trial Chair	Jane Krause
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March 15 PFOC General Meeting -7:30 pm

Location: North Mountain Visitor Center,
12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix



Program: AKC Scent Work presented by Myra Judd

From AKC -"Fascinating fact: Dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than ours! The sport of Scent Work celebrates the joy of sniffing, and asks a dog to sniff to their heart's content; turning your dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for all kinds of dogs, and is a wonderful way to build confidence in a shy dog.

In so many dog sports the handler is in control but this isn't true in Scent Work. Neither the dog nor handler knows where the target odor is hidden. The handler has to rely on the dog, and follow the dog's nose to success. In Scent Work, it is the canine who is the star of the show.

The sport of Scent Work is based on the work of professional detection dogs (such as drug dogs), employed by humans to detect a wide variety of scents and substances. In AKC Scent Work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of **Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress**. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a pre-determined search area, and the dog has to find them. Teamwork is necessary: when the dog finds the scent, he has to communicate the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge."

Stewards needed for future AKC trials

Please contact Sybil Smith if you are available to steward at up-coming trials. 928 699 4843, udali92@gmail.com



PFOC needs MONDAY class training instructors, apprentices, and helpers! Great Rewards! Happy dogs and owners! Contact Training Director Marilyn Bennett 623 979 6831 Our dogs will thank you!

Nominating Committee Slate of PFOC Officers 2019

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***Additional nominations may be made by the membership at our May 12th meeting. Elections will be held at our June meetings (annual banquet);**

Nominate judges for future club trials.

Members, please nominate judges for future trials and submit judges' names **correctly spelled** to President Carolyn Quinlan or Trial Chair Jane Krause. **Our judges must be able to judge all obedience and rally classes.** Use the AKC site (Judges' Directory) to find judges. https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm?action=oat Thank you for suggestions



!Rescue Dog is a Scent Work Star

By Hilarie Erb AKC



Spartacus – Forever Home CGC SWN, owned by Lisa Gendhar of Kalamazoo, MI

Lisa Gendhar adopted Spartacus from her local animal shelter in Kalamazoo, Michigan on October 24, 2008 when he was about 1 ½ years old. “I went to the shelter looking to adopt a German Shepherd when I came across Spartacus,” she said. “He was a beautiful dog. I noticed his fee had been reduced considerably compared to other dogs in the shelter. I asked the staff about him and found out that he had been adopted out twice and returned twice. Typically, they euthanize dogs like this but because he was a favorite, they decided to give him another chance and so did I.”

Spartacus started out doing agility until he suffered an ACL injury. Lisa considered returning to agility after surgery but unfortunately, they were not able to do that. So, she began scent work training with him in 2016.

On November 5, 2017, he earned his **AKC Novice Scent Work Title** at a Paw Power Blue Agility Club of NW Indiana Scent work trial. He took 2nd place in one of the Exterior Element trials. After earning his **SWN**, he moved up to the

Advanced level where he earned 4th place in a Buried element trial. “We entered our very first Handler Discrimination trial that weekend as well, where he took 1st place in one trial,” said Lisa. Lisa and Spartacus, now 10 ½ years old, have been together for over 9 years.



Calendar

Send trial and match info for our calendar to Kay Morrow.

draftdog@cox.net

March 15, 2019, 7:30 pm – General Meeting

May 12, 2019, 7:30 pm – General Meeting

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| Mar. 23-24 | GSD Club of S. AZ, Marana, AZ (all breeds) |
| Jun. 15-20 | Border Club Club, Phx. (all breeds)
Scent Work |
| July 20-21 | Flagstaff KC, Williams AZ |
| Aug. 17-18 | Chino Valley AZ Canine training Club |



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Kennel Cough in Dogs – Symptoms, Treatment & Prevention

By AKC Staff Jan 23, 2019

What Is Kennel Cough?

Kennel Cough (also known as canine infectious tracheobronchitis) is a highly contagious respiratory disease. Dogs commonly contract kennel cough at places where large amounts of canines congregate, such as boarding and daycare facilities, dog parks, training groups, and dog shows. Dogs can spread it to one another through airborne droplets, direct contact (e.g., touching noses), or contaminated surfaces (including water/food bowls). It's highly treatable in most dogs but can be more severe in puppies younger than six months of age and immunocompromised dogs.

What are the Symptoms of Kennel Cough?

If your dog is affected with kennel cough, you may notice one or more of the following symptoms:

a strong cough, often with a “honking” sound – this is the most obvious symptom

runny nose

sneezing

lethargy

loss of appetite

low fever

Although kennel cough is easily treatable in healthy dogs, Kevin Fitzgerald, DVM, a columnist for AKC Family Dog, explains that it's important to report a coughing symptom to your veterinarian because it could be a sign of a more serious disease.

“The canine distemper virus and canine influenza virus both start off with symptoms nearly identical to kennel cough,” he said. Other conditions that can cause coughing include a collapsing trachea, bronchitis, asthma, and even heart disease.



How Is Kennel Cough Treated?

Typically, mild cases of kennel cough are treated with a week or two of rest, but a veterinarian may prescribe antibiotics to prevent a secondary infection and cough medication to ease the symptoms.

“Nebulizers and vaporizers utilizing inhaled antibiotics or bronchodilators have been reported to be beneficial but are usually not prescribed,” Dr. Fitzgerald said. Speak to your veterinarian for treatment recommendations. Also, it's helpful for owners to use a harness rather than a collar to walk a dog with kennel cough because irritation of the tracheal can aggravate the cough and possibly even cause damage to the trachea. If you have a household with multiple pets and one shows signs of a cough, chances are all dogs in the home have been exposed.

Can Kennel Cough Be Prevented?

A vaccine is available for the bordetella bacterium, which is the most common agent to cause kennel cough. Dogs who are frequently boarded, visit doggie day care, compete in canine sports, or otherwise are exposed to large groups of dogs may benefit from the vaccine, and many training, boarding, and daycare facilities require proof of vaccination. The vaccine is available in oral, intranasal, and injectable forms, and depending on the form, it is usually initially given in two doses two to four weeks apart, followed by a booster every six months to a year.

Although most cases of kennel cough are caused by bordetella, some are caused by other agents, including the bacteria bordetella bronchiseptica, canine adenovirus type 2, canine parainfluenza virus, canine respiratory coronavirus, and mycoplasmas, so the vaccine may not prevent your dog from catching the disease.

If you notice your pet coughing or if you plan to introduce your dog to large groups of animals, speak with your veterinarian.

