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Next Meeting

April 4th

Meredith Center Fire Station

6:00 PM Board Meeting

6:30 PM General Meeting

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Welcome to Spring



We're looking for pictures and brags about your dogs along with interesting articles to share with our community. Excellent ones later in this issue.

Send them to polakowski@att.net

Meeting Minutes
Meredith Center Fire Station
March 7, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32

Members Present: Linda Heath, Cathy Barber, Debbie Cost, Susan Blake, Nancy Large, Barb Champaigne, Deb Mardin, Corina Alexander, Mike Tierney, Cathy Bourne, Ken Polakowski

Introduction of Guests: Julie Boyer

Motion made by Nancy Large to accept the February meeting minutes as published. Seconded and passed

Presidents Report: No report

Recording Secretary Report: No report

Corresponding Secretary Report: No report

Treasurer Report: Motion made by Debbie Cost to accept the treasures report subject to review. Seconded and passed

Committees Reports:

- Agility: No report
- AKC Delegate: Received a report from out AKC delegate. Report is embedded within this newsletter.
- Barn Hunt: An email was sent to secure the rats for the event. The portable toilets have been reserved. 4H horse club will be on site doing concessions. There are 10 camping slots on site with water and electrical (30amp and 15amp) hook ups. There is no dumping station on site.
- D.O.G.S: Meeting on weds March 9th. The Legislative update is embedded within this newsletter.
- Handling, Obedience, Performance Classes: Many participants enrolled this session.
- Pet Oxygen Mask: No report
- Spring Match: Received the ribbons. Money is being sent to Meredith Community Center to secure the center for use.
- Paw Print: Please send interesting articles or other information for the newsletter to Ken.
- Rally trial: Community center is secured for October 15th. . Contract has been sent to the judge, Lynda Moore.
- Responsible dog owner day: Will be at Tractor Supply in Tilton in September date to be announced at a later time.
- Scholarship: Contacted UNH to let them know that we were offering the veterinary technician scholarship. The deadline for the veterinarian scholarship applications is May 1, 2016.
- The veterinary technician scholarship will be given out at awards night, May 6, 2016 at 5pm.
- Tracking: Correspondence from Maine tracking club members, one member is possibly going to come to the April meeting to talk to the club about tracking. The Southern New Hampshire German Shepard club will be putting on a tracking seminar this spring, we will post more information as we receive it.
- Website: Being constantly updated as needed. Going to look into seeing if there is a way to track hits on the site.

New Business: Nose Work: Looking into getting a nose work class and a trial started. The venue that is being suggested is Performance Scent Dogs out of Cambridge Mass. Will be looking into how much expense and equipment the club would need to initially invest in to be able to put on a trial. Information on the venue can be found at:

www.performancescentdogs.com

Meeting adjourned at: 7:13

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Mardin, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: April 4, 2016 Meredith Center Fire Department

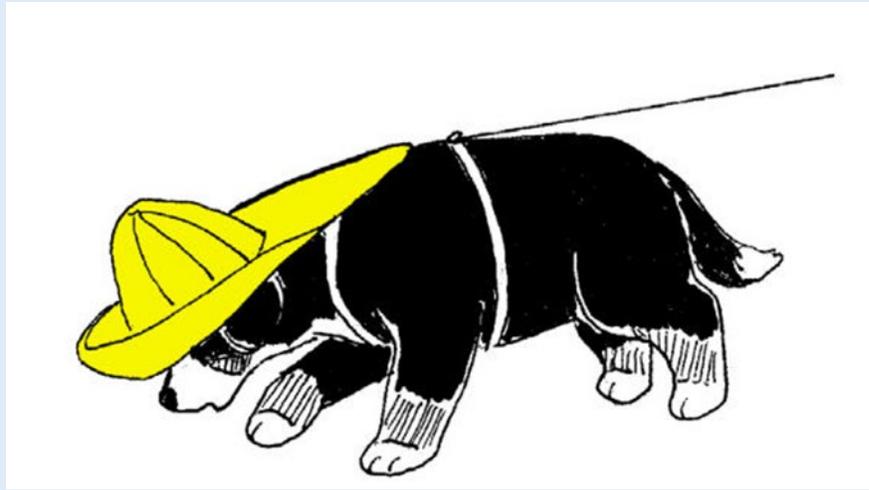
April 2016

The calendar lists LRKC events and a sampling of AKC sanctioned events in New England.

A complete listing of AKC events can be found at: <https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/events/search/index.cfm>

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LRKC Tracking Presentation



Please Join Us for a Discussion of AKC Tracking Events

When: April 4, 2016 Immediately following the LRKC business meeting (approximately 7:00 PM)

Where: Meredith Center Fire Station (our regular meeting place)

What: A presentation and discussion of what it takes to hold an AKC Tracking event. Space requirements, people for the committee and workers, timeline, equipment, associated costs, pitfalls to avoid, what makes a great trial. Also motivation for a novice dog and handler, resources for beginners.

Who: Presentation will be given by Lynn Jones from the Maine Tracking Club. Lynn is the proud owner of a Bernese Mountain Dog.

LRKC Member Brag

**Tesa N Hightide Unforgettable Sunshine RE, NA, NAJ, CGCA
"Tux" owned by Linda Heath earned his Rally Excellent at
the Collie Club of Maine show on Oct 3rd.**





LAKES REGION KENNEL CLUB, Inc.
www.lakesregionkennelclub.org
AKC SANCTIONED MATCH
Sunday, May 1, 2016



Meredith Community Center, Meredith, NH
 Entries: 9 AM to 11 AM **SHARP (NO exceptions!!)**
 Breed Entry: \$10.00 \$5.00 additional Breed entry of same
 dog Junior Handling: \$ 1.00 at Ringside or by Pre-Entry
 Crash Handling Class: Offered for beginners at no charge. 10:00 AM. Learn to show your dog.
PRE-ENTRY: \$6.00 \$3.00 additional class same dog as per above.

Judging: Crash Handling 10:00 AM
 Jr. Handling 11:30 AM
 Breed: 12:00 NOON

Dogs with one (1) major allowed in competition. Finished Champions may be shown "For Exhibition Only."
 Professional handlers may show only dogs owned by them or by members of their immediate family.
 Food: Available on grounds. Please bring chairs.

Breed Classes: Puppies: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 Dogs/Bitches: 12-18 mos., American Bred, Open. **JUDGES:**
Eddy Golt, Sweden ME: Working & Working Group, Hound & Hound Group, Group, Herding &
 Herding Group, Junior Handler, BPIM, **Marianne Rousseau, Weare, NH:** Sporting & Sporting
 Group, Toy & Toy Group, Terrier & Terrier Group, Non-Sporting & Non Sporting Group, BAIM.

Directions Fr om I93 nor th or south, take Exit 23. Go east on Rt. 104 eight miles to tr affic lights at Rt. 3. Tur n left
 onto Rt. 3N, go straight at the 4 way traffic lights. Match site is 1/2 mile on right. Look for LRKC signs.
 From Alton Bay or Seacoast Area, follow Rt. 11N to traffic lights at junction of Rts.
 11 and 11B (B. Mae Denny's at intersection on right). Turn right onto 11B three miles
 to Rt. 3N (just before Weirs Bridge). Continue on Rt. 3N five miles to traffic lights in
 Meredith. Match site is 1/2 mile on the right.



Sleep a little later, send in a Pre-Entry!!

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PRE-ENTRY FORM Amount Enclosed \$ _____ **Make checks payable to LRKC**

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

e-mail: _____ Tel.: () _____

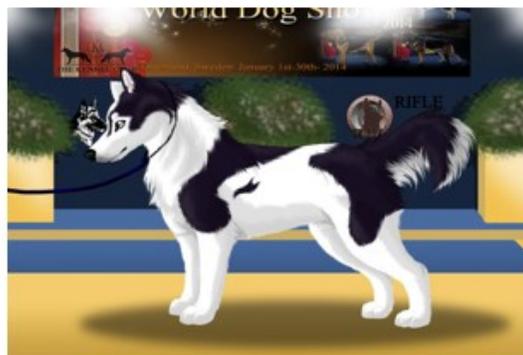
Dog's Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Breed _____

Breed: Class _____

JR Handler Class _____

Please mark Envelope "Match Pre-Entry" (MUST be postmarked on or before April 23)

**and mail with check payable LRKC to : Linda Heath, 304 Chichester Rd. Loudon, NH 03307 FMI (603)848-7149 or e-mail
 border-taussie@gmail.com**



LRKC Poster Contest

The Lakes Region Kennel Club Sponsored a poster contest for students from the third and fourth grades attending The Strong Foundations School in Pembroke, NH. The theme of the poster was **"My Pet Makes Me Happy Because"**. Students submitted numerous entries. Club members had a difficult time choosing the winners. The following were selected as the winning entries.



Grand Prize Winner

Fourth Grade Winners

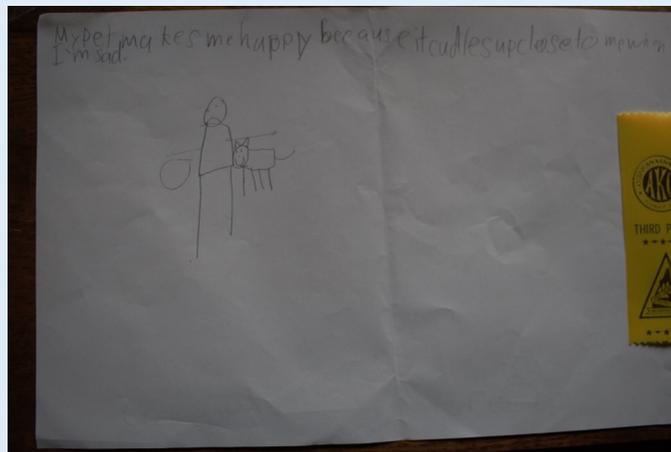
1st Place



2nd Place

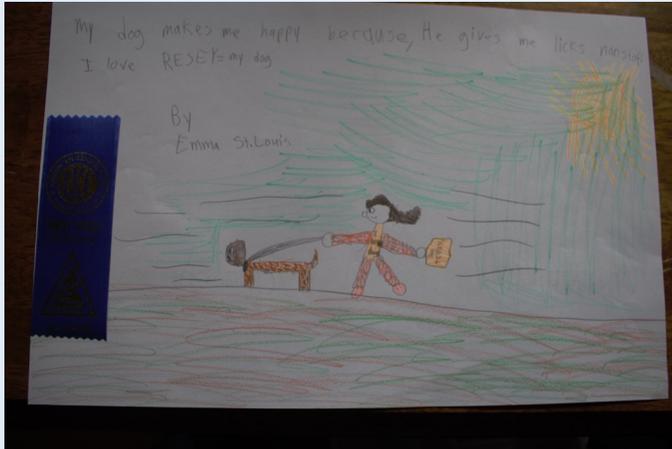


3rd Place



Third Grade Winners

1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



LRKC has received THANKS for donations that we have made to other organizations in our area:



2/19/16

On behalf of Dog Owners
of The Granite State, I would
like to thank the members of
Lakes Region Kennel Club for
their generous donation of \$100.
We can't do it without your
support. Elin Phinigy
Pres. D.O.G.S



To everyone at the Lakes Region
Kennel Club,

Thank you for the donation.
Your continued support is greatly
appreciated. Thank you!

From all of us at MVER

FROM **Psychology Today**

Does Breed Popularity Go Up After A Dog Wins At Westminster?



Hal Herzog Ph.D.
Animals and Us

How we tested the "Westminster surge hypothesis"

Posted Feb 19, 2016



Source: Photo by Hal Herzog

For me, nothing beats the midwinter doldrums like spending a couple of nights watching the Westminster Dog Show on TV. This canine [beauty](#) pageant is one of my [guilty](#) pleasures. I agree with critics who point out problems in the show dog world – the elitism, the terrible genetic disorders that plague purebreds, and the [moral](#) argument for adopting mixed-breed shelter dogs. But when February rolls around, I am drawn to the pageantry, the bizarre names of the dogs (“Ch Flatout Fuzzy Green Fruit”), and the lineup of obscure new breeds like the truffle-hunting Lagotto Romagnolo. I am fascinated by the arcane judging system, and “voice of Westminster” David Frei’s descriptions of canine [personality](#) traits (“The Irish Setter is a dog you would like to have beer with.”). And I’ve hung around with dog show people long enough to appreciate their enthusiasm and dedication to chasing an arbitrary platonic ideal – the American Kennel Club’s breed standards.

In the finals this year, I was rooting for [Rumor](#), a handsome German shepherd. However, the judge, a Canadian psychiatrist named Richard Meen, awarded the top prize to a lanky three year old German Short-Haired Pointer named CJ who seemed a bit mystified by all the hoopla. Based on American Kennel Club registrations, German Short-Haired Pointers are the 16th most popular purebred dog in the United States. Conventional [wisdom](#) holds that over the next couple of years we should see a dramatic rise in their popularity. I call this the “Westminster surge hypothesis.”

The Rise and Fall of Doberman Pinschers

In 1953, a Doberman Pinscher named Rancho Dobe's Storm was named Best in Show at Westminster. What was unusual was the fact that Rancho had just won the prize the previous year. Did this two-fer spark a run on the demand for Dobie puppies? No. over the five years following Rancho’s consecutive victories, the annual number of Dobermans registered with the AKC dropped five percent.

Dobermans, however, did have their proverbial 15 minutes of fame, but it did not occur for another 8 years. In 1961, Doberman puppy registrations began to sky rocket, They rapidly rose from 3,619 in 1961 to 82,000 in 1978 and they became the second most popular dog in America. In the years between 1968 and 1973, Doberman registrations were rising about 24% a year.

No one really knows why the popularity of the breed suddenly skyrocketed. (In her wonderful new book. [Pit Bull: The Battle Over an American Icon](#) (link is external), author Browen Dickey argues that the sudden surge in Dobie popularity was a combination of their reputation as guard dogs and rising crime rates in the 1960s and 70s). But the public tastes in purebred dogs are fickle. In 1978, Dobermans began to tank. Over the next ten years, puppy registrations fell 97%.

So the spectacular rise and fall of the popularity of Doberman Pinschers was unrelated to Rancho’s Westminster victories, But there are limits to what you can learn from one case. My colleague Steve Elias and I decided to systematically examine the role Westminster winners have on our culture’s preferences for [pets](#). To test the “Westminster surge hypothesis” we used the biggest data set in the history of anthrozoology -- 60 million puppies registered with the American Kennel Club .

Testing the “Westminster Surge Hypothesis”

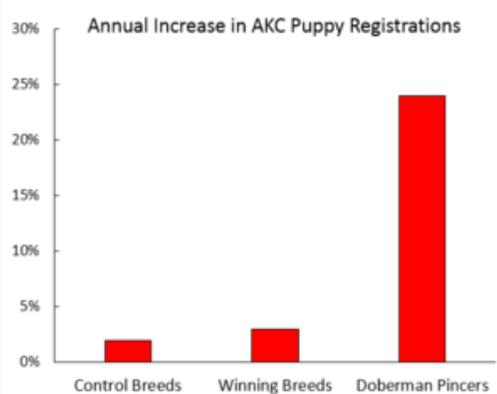
A dozen years ago, the American Kennel Club gave me a present which turned out to be a gold mine – the number of puppies for each AKC recognized breed for each year between 1946 and 2002. (The data set was later expanded to the

1927 to 2005). My colleagues and I have used this extraordinary data to examine how factors such as movies, breed qualities, and even random chance affect rapid changes in our tastes in canine companions. (Links to these papers can be found at the end of this post.) Steve and I realized that we could use changes in annual puppy registrations to test the claim that winning the Westminster Dog show produces a large jumps in the popularity of the winning breed.

We did this in two ways. First, we compared the growth trajectories of new registrations for winning breeds for the four years prior to their win with their rates of growth four years after they won. If the Westminster surge hypothesis is correct, the rates of puppy registrations in these breeds should increase substantially in the years after their wins.

Was this the case? No. There was hardly any increase in rates of growth in breed popularity following Westminster wins. While there was a slight tendency for puppy registrations to increase faster after wins, it was not “statistically significant.” Indeed, we found that being named Best in Show accounted for less than 1% of the difference in breed growth rates.

Next, we compared the rates of growth in the popularity of each winning breed with the rates of increases in a control group. This group consisted of the nonwinning breeds closest in AKC registrations to the winners. For example, a Scottish Terrier was named Best in Show in 1965 when 5,457 Scottish Terriers were registered with the AKC. The closest non-winning breed in popularity was the Weimaraner (5,412 puppy registrations). We tested the surge hypothesis by comparing the five year post-win growth patterns of the winning breeds with breeds in the non-winning control group.



As shown in this graph, the analysis revealed that winning Westminster has little, if any, impact on the popularity of pedigree dogs. Between 1944 and 2002, winning breeds increased an average of 3% a year over five years after they won as compared to a 2% annual increase in the control breeds. By comparison, in the midst of their decade-long spike in popularity, Doberman puppy registrations were increasing at a rate of nearly 25% a year.

The Bottom Line

I'm sorry CJ, but the Westminster surge hypothesis is wrong. Your

unexpected victory this year is unlikely to cause German Short Haired Pointers to shoot up and suddenly give Labs a run for their money as America's most popular dog.

For journal articles on our research using dog breed popularity to study rapid changes in preferences for pets, see

<http://paws.wcu.edu/herzog/westminster.pdf>

http://animalstudiesrepository.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1008&context=acwp_ca

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0074770>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1810074/pdf/15504016.pdf>

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And to learn why dog show judging is inherently unreliable, see this

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/animals-and-us/201402/the-dog-show-vs-the-olympics-the-judges-dilemma>

Animals and Us Post.

Hal Herzog, Ph.D., is the author of *Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard To Think Straight About Animals*.

FROM



Stopping Dog Behaviors by Teaching the Behavior

Posted on February 15, 2016 by Agility Fusion



Not all behaviors our dogs present to us are wanted. It is natural for dogs to jump, paw, lick and even bite other dogs in play and shows of affection. Humans tend to get injured being thin skinned and knocked off balance with only two legs, so these behaviors are dangerous to us even when presented as affection.

Some behaviors like excessive licking and biting can come from puppies that are weaned before six weeks and did not get proper schooling from mom and siblings. Irregardless where the unwanted behaviors come from, we can remove them by putting a cue on them.

The line of thinking is that once there is a cue for the behavior the dog will wait for the cue before executing the behavior. For example, if your dog was born with springs for legs and loves to jump on and around you, you may not want to completely end this behavior, just limit it to your tricks list.

You would set time aside to teach the dog to jump up, not on you, on cue by rewarding the behavior every time the dog jumps up. Then you can add a cue while the dog is performing the jump and then ask for the jump and reward when the dog does it on cue only. Now your dog has a new trick they can perform on cue and they have learned to wait for the cue to perform it.

Licking can be handled the same way. Decide where you would like the dog to "give kisses" and go about teaching the dog to "kiss" that place consistently and on command. We had a dog that learned to greet people by giving them a "kiss" on the back of the hand. He was not a big people lover and it gave him confidence in meeting new people without them petting him.

Remember that trick training is just like any other cued behavior. Don't drill the dog and stop training before the dog loses complete interest in the lesson. Fade out treats as the dog shows comprehension of the lesson and then only treat on improvements or extra flare and keep sessions short and always upbeat.

FROM

THE BARK DOG IS MY CO-PILOT®

DogPatch Q&A with Wet Dog Photographer Sophie Gamand Irresistibly amusing portraits of wet dogs

By The Bark



On our cover is Coffee Bean, whose portrait was taken by Sophie Gamand, a photographer who sees dogs differently. For an example of Gamand's unique viewpoint, consider her series *Flower Power: Pit Bulls of the Revolution*. Her pictures of smiling, solemn and saucy Pit Bulls, their heads adorned with colorful crowns of flowers, suggest that we reconsider what we think we know about these sturdy dogs. An award-winning French photographer who has become well known as an animal advocate in her adopted hometown of New York City, Gamand will be celebrating the release of her first book, *Wet Dog*, this fall. Recently, she shared some of her observations and experiences with us.

BARK: Are dog-rescue groups active in France?

Gamand: Absolutely. Abandonment is somewhat less of an issue there than it is in the U.S., though. I once calculated that the ratio in France is about one dog per 660 inhabitants will be abandoned each year, whereas in the U.S., it's one dog per 82 inhabitants. Thanks to my *Wet Dog* book, I was able to help the SPA (Société Protectrice des Animaux), the largest and oldest animal welfare and rescue organization in France. They fell in love with my wet dog photos and asked if they could use them for their nationwide adoption campaign this October. I was so proud to be able to help animals in my home country! (I even photographed wet cats for them, which was quite an experience!) The campaign ran in France, in the Paris subway stations and in SPA's 60 shelters. I was told by their team that their adoption event was hugely successful, thanks in part to the campaign, which touched thousands and thousands of hearts.

In *Wet Dog*, you write that one of first things that happens to a dog at a shelter is a bath, and that marks the beginning of the dog's new life. Is this why you decided to do the wonderful *Wet Dog* book?

My "Wet Dog" series was born out of a happy accident. I was at a groomer's, working on a personal project about grooming and the hair-cutting process. Then the groomer started bathing the dogs, and I could not take my eyes off them! I'm not sure why I felt that intense connection with wet dogs. They make me laugh, but most importantly, they make me feel guilt, compassion and immense empathy.



Suddenly it hit me. That was exactly how I felt when bathing rescue dogs. It was interesting to explore those memories and feelings, and to realize how important bathing had been for me and for my relationship to rescues. I really believe that for the dogs, the bath is an initiation process, almost a form of baptism. They enter a new life, the abuse and the neglect and the suffering they experienced are washed away, and they become new. It's a poignant and beautiful moment to share with a rescue.

You have volunteered a great deal of time taking portraits of shelter dogs. How important do you feel it is that their personalities are captured through good photography—does it make them more adoptable? It is absolutely essential! Good photography (<http://www.sophiegamand.com/gallery/>) helps in so many ways:

It gives more exposure to the dogs on social media, and by extension, it gives more exposure to the shelters as well. It also brings more adopters to the shelters and creates more connections between people and shelter dogs.

I want my photos to be amazing, beautiful, exciting, fun, touching. I want people to see beyond the “shelter dog” aspect. I want them to witness the personality and uniqueness of these dogs. The photos, like the baths, are also a rite of passage. I want to give the dogs their dignity back. My photographs have been responsible for many direct and indirect adoptions— for people falling in love with a particular dog, or feeling more confident about getting a shelter dog. The photos remind us that these dogs could be our best friends. Their happy faces are so inviting.

How did you come to work with the Sato Project, and why do you say it was life-changing for you?



I met Chrissy Beckles, the project’s founder, in 2011. At the time, I was looking into volunteering with a shelter or a rescue group, but found many closed doors. Chrissy welcomed me and let me do my thing. Over the course of two years, I traveled extensively with her, documenting her work in Puerto Rico—specifically on Dead Dog Beach, an infamous dumping ground.

The work I did with the Sato Project profoundly changed me, personally, professionally and artistically. The first time I stepped foot on the island, Chrissy and I picked up a dying dog. He was beautiful and heartbreaking and in such a horrible shape. He died in Chrissy’s arms, and I was there with my camera, taking the photos and videos that would help Chrissy spread the message about her important work.

I called the dog Angel, and I captured his last breath with my camera. I still remember the way he looked at me; for a split second, I thought he was smiling, and then he expired. He was loved so much during the last few seconds of his life. This horrible experience bonded me with Chrissy and her organization in ways I can’t explain. It also bonded me with rescues and shelter dogs across the world. In many ways, we created dogs, and we are responsible for them. Teaching compassion toward all beings is such an important part of our humanity.

What do you hope people come away with from your Wet Dog book?

Wet Dog is meant to be a fun book. I want to celebrate the unique relationship we have with our dogs. I also hope to use it to spread simple messages, such as #AdoptDontShop, which is dear to my heart. People need to stop buying puppies in stores or off the Internet. One out of three of these puppies will end up in a shelter within their first year.



I also want to encourage people to look at shelters and help in small ways. For example, did you know that shelters are always in dire need of gently used towels and linens? It’s a great way to help, and to make shelter dogs’ lives a little more comfortable while they wait for their forever homes. Bathe your doggie, then wash the towels and donate them to your local shelter! Wet dogs uniting for shelter dogs: I like that idea.

From *Wet Dog* by Sophie Gamand. Published by Grand Central Publishing. Copyright 2015 by Sophie Gamand.

FROM



Husky Dog Mothers Rescue Kitten and Raises Her Like a Pup

January 20, 2016

When a three-week-old kitten was found in critical condition by animal-loving humans, they took her into their home to nurse her back to health. They weren't sure if she would make it through the night, as she remained "lethargic and limp" despite constant care. Then, they enlisted the help of maternal husky named Lilo.

" [We] decided to go out on a limb and let her cuddle extensively with Lilo. By some miracle, she started suckling on Lilo and Lilo went into full 'mom mode,'" said this post from the @lilothehusky Instagram page. See the video here:

<https://cdn.streamable.com/video/mp4-mobile/qa65.mp4>

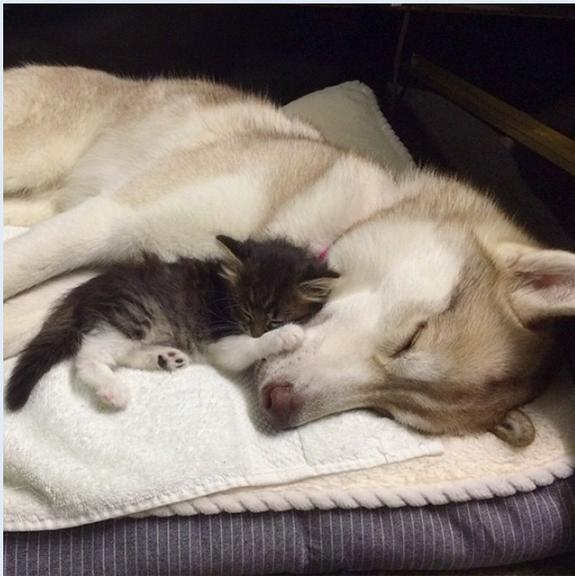
They named the kitten Rosie. After a week of care and cuddles from foster mom Lilo, she felt well enough to explore her surroundings. See The second video here:

<https://cdn.streamable.com/video/mp4-mobile/3ba3.mp4>

And it wasn't long before she could join her friends to play in the park



Soon, she was hanging' with the whole pack...



FROM

THE **BARK** DOG IS MY CO-PILOT®

Vets are seeing an increase in fractured carnassial teeth

JoAnna Lou March 6, 2016

My dogs love antler chews. When my Border Collie, Scuttle, was a puppy, it was the only way I could get her to chill while I got chores done around the house (besides using her crate). But recently a friend's pup fractured a tooth on an antler, prompting me to do a little research on these beloved treats. According to United Kingdom based DentalVets, veterinarians have been seeing an increase in fractured carnassial teeth from hard chews, some resulting in surgical extraction or root canal therapy. While fractured teeth aren't uncommon, damage to the carnassial teeth at the back of the mouth is.

This shift has caused some shops to stop stocking hard chews, like antlers and bull horns. Three years ago a group of concerned veterinarians and nurses wrote to the Veterinary Times to spread the word about the potential danger. This sparked a multi-year study on the effect of various types of chews on dog teeth, research that has recently concluded and will be submitted for publication soon.

While many dogs use these chews without problems, if you do give your pups these products, it's important to monitor your dogs' teeth and take them to the veterinarian for their annual checkups. Most pets with tooth fractures don't show any signs of pain, so we have to pay close attention to how our pups use these chews. The American Animal Hospital Association has a helpful article on canine tooth fractures.

According to oral veterinary surgeon, Rachel Perry, many people assume bones and antlers are beneficial because dogs in the wild eat these chews. But we shouldn't assume what animals do in the wild is necessarily safe. Rachel cites a study that looked at the skulls of Wild African Dogs. The scientists found that 41 percent had periodontal disease and 48 percent had broken teeth. So we may not want to follow exactly what these pups are doing!

Rachel recommends two simple tests to determine if a chew is too hard. If you can dig your fingernail in it and make an impression, it's safe. If you can whack your knee with it, and it doesn't hurt, it's okay.

If your dog has suffered dental injury from a chew, DentalVets advocates getting a vet report and reporting the damage to the pet store that you bought the product from. This will create greater awareness

Do your pups like antlers and other hard chews?

DOGS NH Legislative Update #9



Dog Owners of the Granite State

(DOGS)

2016 NH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE #9

Appropriate Forwarding Encouraged

MORE "DOGS" INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NH-DOGS> , our web site nhdogs.org and TWITTER: <http://twitter.com/NHDogs>

March 12, 2016 –

DOGS' legislative advocacy program is made possible by [contributions](#) from our members and local dog and cat clubs. We are grateful for the continuing support of the New Hampshire Musers Association, the Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club of South East New Hampshire, the Lakes Region Kennel Club, the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, the Newfoundland Club of New England, the Souhegan Kennel Club, and the contributions of our supporters.

The Senate has a [page](http://gencourt.state.nh.us/Senate/committees/public_testimony.aspx) about testifying before their committees. They also encourage people to email their testimony to the committee staff. You can attach a copy of your testimony and the staff will make sure it gets to senators on the committee. **Please remember to copy DOGS (dogs.nh@gmail.com) on your emails so we are aware of them.**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

The Senate [Executive Departments and Administration](#) Committee will hold a hearing on [HB 661](#) – *relative to record keeping for sold or transferred animals and making certain technical corrections to the law governing the sale or transfer of animals.*

• **When:** 9:30 a.m. **Where:** Room 101, the Legislative Office Building.

• Letters should be sent to the committee staff, [Deb Chroniak](#).

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DOGS POSITION: Support

Update on Recent Bills

[SB415](#) - *relative to the standard of care for dogs outside.*

DOGS would like to thank the members of the mushing community who came to the hearing to support our position. Their testimony was eloquent and informative and it was obvious how much they value their dogs. The hearing was a long one. This bill was introduced at the request of constituents who were unable to get satisfac-

tion on their complaint about a dog which was kept outside. Those who testified against the bill included the Commissioner of Agriculture, members of the NH Musers Association and members of DOGS. The senators seemed active and engaged, asking questions about hydration versus requiring access to water. We explained the possible medical reasons for withholding water and the problems with attempting to set standards based solely on breeds.

2016 Legislative Update #10

[03/26/2016 DOGS](#)

Legislative season is winding down. There are only two bills left that we are following. Please check in with [web site](#) and Facebook [page](#) to get the latest updates.

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***** Upcoming Hearing *****

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

The Senate [Judiciary Committee](#) will hold a hearing on [HB1547](#) – *prohibiting bestiality*

- **When:** 9:40 a.m. **Where:** Room 100, the State House.

Letters should be sent to the committee aide, [Susan Duncan](#)

DOGS POSITION: Watch

HB1547 was amended by the House to address our concerns. DOGS members will attend the Senate hearing to make sure that the exemptions for animal owners will stay in the bill.

Update on Recent Bills

[SB415](#) – *relative to the standard of care for dogs outside.*

The Senate has passed SB415 and it will go The Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee listened to DOGS concerns and amended the bill so that RSA 644:8, III(a) will now say “Without lawful authority negligently deprives or causes to be deprived any animal in his or **her** possession or custody necessary care, sustenance, or shelter, **including appropriate hydration**” Additionally, the commission has now been changed to a legislative study committee which will “*review the publication entitled, “Animal Cruelty Investigation and Prosecution: A User Manual for New Hampshire Law Enforcement” from the governor’s commission on the humane treatment of animals in order to identify if research dictates temperatures above or below which dogs should be brought inside or any other weather conditions which could be harmful to dogs. The committee may solicit the advice or testimony of any organization with information or expertise relevant to its study.*”

Please thank the [Committee](#) for listening to our concerns.

[HB661](#) – *relative to record keeping for sold or transferred animals and making certain technical corrections to the law governing the sale or transfer of animals* was voted Inexpedient to Legislate at the request of the sponsor.

AKC Delegate News

AKC Press Release: Agility, Obedience and AKC Rally® National Champions Crowned In Tulsa, Oklahoma

New York, N.Y. - The top dogs in the nation were crowned from an overall entry of more than 1,600 this weekend at the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) National Agility Championship, AKC National Obedience Championship and AKC Rally National Championship held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"The winners of these Championship events are truly the best in their sport across the country and we're proud to celebrate the accomplishments of these talented dogs and dedicated handlers," said Doug Ljungren, AKC Vice President of Sports and Events. "The events showcase the human-canine bond and what can be accomplished with training."

For complete results and photo coverage, visit the Agility, Obedience and Rally pages on the AKC website.

AKC National Agility Champions

Placing first in their height division (8", 12", 16", 20", 24" and 26" respectively) were:

8" - MACH5 Aerilee's Like Never Before MXC MJB2 XF T2B2 ("Wren"), a Papillon handled by Betsey Lynch . 12" - MACH2 My-T-Hi Impossible Dream MXG MJG OF T2B ("Kaemon"), a Shetland Sheepdog handled by Kory Kaye . 16" - MACH4 Excel Smart Move BN RN HSAs MXC MJB2 XF T2B ("Smart"), a Border Collie handled by Kate Moureaux . 20" - NAC Solar Hops For Joy RN MX MXJ MJB XF T2B ("Hops"), a Border Collie handled by Sarah Baker . 24" - NAC MACH3 Roo! CD MXG MJC ("Roo"), an All-American Dog handled by Stacey Campbell . 26" - MACH2 Pay It Forward MXG MJG XF T2B2 ("Relay"), a Border Collie handled by Melissa Henning

AKC Preferred National Agility Champions

Placing first in their height divisions (4", 8", 16" and 20" respectively) were:

4" - MACH3 Jay P's Raven Of Chatabout RA MXG MJG MXP2 MJP2 MXF MFB TQX "Raven," a Poodle handled by Courtney Moore . 8" - MACH6 Taylormade Spectacular Light MXG2 MJC2 MXP2 MJP MXF MFB TQX T2B "Spec," a Shetland Sheepdog handled by Jean Lavalley . 16" - MACH3 Stargate's Crosstown Classic MXB2 MJC MXP2 MJP NF T2B "Rival," an Australian Shepherd handled by Barbara Cote . 20" - Luxe CD NA NAJ MXP MJP CGC "Lux," a German Shepherd Dog handled by Michaela Krohn

AKC National Obedience Championship

The 2016 AKC National Obedience Champion is:

OTCH High Times Hit The Ground Run'N UDX OM1 JH "Streak," a Golden Retriever owned by Bridget Carlsen of Yorkville, IL.

1st Runner-Up:

NAC OTCH MACH6 Chiron Incyta More Smarts UDX5 OGM MXG2 MJG2 MXF MFB TQX T2B "Smartie," a Belgian Tervuren owned by Julie Hill of Mandeville, LA.

2nd Runner-Up:

OTCH Zingin Southern Comfort OM1 JH "Callie," a Labrador Retriever owned by Evelyn Boyd Schmidt and John Schmidt of Lindon, UT.

3rd Runner-Up:

OTCH HC Darkside's Broadway Play Bill UDX3 OM5 RN TD HXAs "Bill," a Border Collie owned by Gayle Echevarria of Strasburg, VA.

AKC Rally® National Championship

The 2016 AKC Rally® National Champion (winner of the Rally Advanced Excellent Class) is: Duq'wood's Brand New Start UD BN GO RAE NJP "Brandy," a Belgian Tervuren owned by Gail Brown of Broken Arrow, OK.

Rally Excellent: Sunchase's Simply Lightning Strikes Twice UDX RE MX MXB MXJ MJB OF CA CGCA "Ravynne," a Boxer owned by Tracy Hendrickson and Rhoda Brouillette of Broken Arrow, OK.

Rally Advanced: Sealite Switcheroo CDX BN PCD RA "Switch," a Border Collie owned by Judy Ramsey of Spring, TX.

Rally Novice: Sunchase's Spin The Bottle BN PCD RN OA OAJ CGCA "Blayne," a Boxer owned by Tracy Hendrickson and Rhoda Brouillette of Broken Arrow, OK.

From our friends at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire



www.gsdcsh.org

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire, Inc. is pleased to host a Beginner's AKC Tracking Clinic with **Martha Campbell, AKC TD, Provisional Judge**

May 7th and 8th 2016

Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Perry Road, Chichester NH 03258

Members - \$100 for the weekend

Non-members - \$150.00 for the weekend

Limit of 10 teams! (One dog per handler)

Audit (without a dog) - \$100 for the weekend

What to expect:

The seminar will provide handlers with a foundation of training principles and techniques to begin tracking training. At the end of the weekend, you will have knowledge of basic scent theory and interpretation of a dog's actions while tracking. There will be lecture time and field work.

What to bring:

1. **Appropriate clothing and footwear for any and all weather conditions (The clinic is held rain or shine)**
2. **Portable chair**
3. **Paper, pens, clipboard and whatever other note taking equipment you may want.**
4. **Lots of food rewards for your dog to find.**
5. **Old gloves, socks, wallets for a dog to find.**
6. **Flat buckle collar and short lead, or tracking harness (nonrestrictive) and tracking line.**
7. **Water bowl and lots of water for your dog.**
8. **Crate for your dogs to nap**
9. **Lunch**

For more information, please contact John Rumson at johnrumson1@aol.com

Remember Please bring your lunch!!

Please mail your registration and fee's to:

**John Rumson,
7 Laurel Road
Hooksett NH 03106.**

Checks should be made payable to GSDCSNH.



The German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire, Inc.

**REGISTRATION FORM
For Dog/Handler or Auditor**

APPLICATION FOR BEGINNERS TRACKING CLINIC
May 7th and 8th 2016

Your Name: _____

Dogs Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Have you had any tracking experience? Is so, briefly describe:

What do you hope to get out of this clinic?

Are you registering as a working team or auditor: _____

Signature _____

Lakes Region Kennel Club Members Brags

Owner's Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Brag: _____

Please email brags to polakowski@att.net so they can be published in the Pawprint.
Pictures are welcome too.

Please send photos of your dogs so I can put them in the Pawprint.

Example: Here is a picture of Tux playing Frisbee.

