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Newsletter for Dog Lovers

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2nd Tuesday each month
7:30 pm at the United Way
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Important Agenda Items for September General Meeting:

Donation Committee is bringing to the general membership a recommended donation to the Guardian Angels for \$1000.00.

If you missed their presentation to us see the article on page three for the summary of what they are about. Or just a refresher. The committee just really thinks this is a good AND local cause for us to support.

ALSO, this is the last call for trophy donations for our show. I will have the sign up sheet one last time. It is due to MBF on 9/21!!

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS!!!

AKC Offers Tips on Dealing with the Morning Rush

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Mornings are a chaotic time in any household, and one family member that can get lost in the shuffle is Fido. Your dog still needs attention, even though you are in a rush to get out of the house. The American Kennel Club (AKC®) offers the following tips to help you prepare the night before to make sure your dog gets what he needs and you get to work on time.

- Put your dog's breakfast in his dish and cover it. Don't forget to put it on the counter out of his reach! If his food is canned or perishable, make sure to refrigerate it.
- Prepare for your morning walk in advance by leaving the leash and pickup bags by the door. You can also leave extra bags by the door for your evening walk to save time when you get home.
- Check the weather forecast each evening and get together any items you may need for the next day—umbrella, snow boots, etc.
- If you have any toys that require you to fill them with a treat, such as the rubber toys you pack with peanut butter, stuff them and put them in the freezer.

For more information on responsible dog ownership, visit the AKC website at www.akc.org



News From AKC

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New Rule Will Limit Importation of Puppies for Resale in the United States

[Friday, September 02, 2011]

Yesterday, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) distributed proposed rules that provide guidance to federal agencies tasked with enforcing a 2008 law that amends the federal Animal Welfare Act. This measure limits the importation of dogs under the age of 6 months into the United States for the purpose of resale. The proposed rule is necessary to implement this law and further ensure the health and welfare of America's dogs. The AKC believes the proposed regulations, as written, are a reasonable interpretation of the statute.

HISTORY:

As far back as 2007, the AKC Government Relations Department worked with members of Congress and federal agencies to ensure the reasonableness of parts of the federal agricultural authorization (the "farm bill") that impact dogs. Since the bill became law in 2008 as the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act, the AKC has continued to work with APHIS to ensure that any proposed regulation that focuses on dogs ensures the health and safety of American dogs and the wellbeing of the dog-owning public.

Strong enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act as amended law is supported by the American Kennel Club and other animal welfare organizations, recognizing that a large number of puppies are being bred overseas and imported into the United States in order to bypass the welfare regulations and standards required of American breeders. In many cases, irresponsibly bred and undocumented foreign puppies end up at shelters, rescues or other informal or unregulated retail venues. Diseases borne by such animals can create public health issues for both animal and human populations.

WHAT THE PROPOSAL DOES:

The new regulations provide specific guidelines needed by US Customs to prevent the continued "dumping" of unregulated foreign puppies for resale onto US markets. The underlying law (7 U.S.C. 2133) defines resale to include "any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months to another person, for more than de minimis consideration."

Specifically, the rules "prohibit the importation of dogs from any part of the world into the continental United States or Hawaii for purposes of resale, research or veterinary treatment, unless the dogs are in good health, have received all necessary vaccines and are at least 6 months of age".

Dogs intended for resale, research, or veterinary treatment may be allowed into the U.S. as long as they obtain an import

permit from APHIS, import that dog within 30 days of the proposed import date stated on the permit, and abide by other requirements including:

- The dog is not younger than 6 months of age.
- Dogs imported into the United States for resale, research, or veterinary treatment must be accompanied by an import permit issued by APHIS. This would help ensure that the requirements for importing dogs are understood and met by the importer.
- Detailed health and rabies vaccination certificates are provided for each dog imported into the United States. The certificates must be in English and signed by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian must provide his license number on the certificate. By providing proof of having received vaccinations necessary to protect against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvo, parainfluenza—DHLPP—and rabies, personnel at a port of entry will be able to best determine that each dog is in good health for importation.
- Improved identification and tracking requirements. Under the regulation, importers and exporters are required to provide personal identification and contact information and detailed information for each dog imported. This will help APHIS to determine whether dogs are eligible for importation, to identify dogs at a port of entry, and to contact appropriate parties if any questions arise concerning the importation.

The proposed rule also provides sanctions for those who attempt to import dogs without complying. In addition to penalties already available under the Animal Welfare Act, non-complying importers will be required to provide for the cost of care (including appropriate veterinary care), forfeiture, and adoption of the dog, at his or her expense. This will help ensure the welfare of dogs imported into the U.S., serve as a punishment for violators, and provide a deterrent against potential non-compliance.

The import permit does not guarantee entry into the US, and any dog may be refused entry for non-compliance with requirements.

WHAT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT DO:

These proposed rules do not prohibit individuals from bringing foreign dogs into the United States for their own use or breeding programs, nor target certain breeders for undue hardship. For further information go to : <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-01/pdf/2011-22413.pdf>.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until October 31, 2011. If you would like to comment, please click here go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal and click "Submit a Comment".

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GUARDIAN ANGELS MEDICAL SERVICE DOGS, INC

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There are over 52 million people or approximately 20% of our population in the United States that are mentally and/or physically handicapped and those numbers continue to grow significantly each year. It is estimated that with the Iraq and Afghanistan wars that there is an additional 25% to 30% increase in PTSD. There are over 11 million people who require assistance with one or more daily activities such as walking, picking up dropped items, answering the phone, etc. Roughly 12 million others require a wheelchair or some other ambulatory equipment such as a cane, walker or crutches. The assistance these disabled people require not only strips them of their individual freedoms and quality of life, but also, often creates an enormous burden on the caregivers and community.

It is our goal, that by combining our business skills and specialized training abilities that we can bring dignity and independence to many of these disabled people through the use of our specially trained service dogs. For that purpose, as of May of 2010, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc., was founded in north central Florida. Though the southern United States has the highest numbers of disabled people, we are prepared to improve the lives of special needs individuals everywhere in the nation.

Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc., specifically chose to become a 501(C)(3) corporation in an effort to make as many of these dogs available to the disabled as possible. The cost of raising and training one of these dogs from start to finish is about \$20,000. This is cost prohibitive to most people and especially to someone living on disability. Thus, the only

Answer was to donate these dogs and secure funding for this project through grants, fundraising, sponsors, donations, public paid training services and our medical service dog training program that we have developed to teach others how to do what we do.

Although Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc., has been established primarily to do advanced, customized training for service dogs, we have developed multiple programs allowing us to provide excellent service to our recipients and a top quality, dependable service animal that can perform daily functions that his recipient cannot, such as opening and closing doors, refrigerators and drawers, turning on and off lights, retrieving dropped items or the phone, alerting for help or prior to a seizure, providing emotional support for depression, anxiety, PTSD, autism, etc.

These parts of the programs include:

- Raising and training puppies for service dog work. Our specialized program begins at three days of age and continues with months of specialized training.
- Foster training family homes for the puppies and young dogs
- Evaluation processes designed to hold our training program to the highest standards
- Extensive evaluation of the prospective recipient to determine the right dog for their personalized needs. This includes applications, letters of reference, in home pre and post home inspections.
- Training and education of the recipient prior to, during and after receiving their assistance dog.
- Passing of the Leash ceremonies
- Re-homing program for the service dog should the recipients condition or environment deteriorate to the point that the dogs welfare becomes threatened
- Retirement program for the service dog that can no longer perform his required skills
- Medical service dog training program created to teach others to train assistance dogs

We have taken on a monumental task with great passion, skill and determination. It is our hope that by joining forces with those that are selfless, compassionate and generous in supporting our efforts, that our dogs will be instrumental in restoring the dignity and independence of hundreds of deserving individuals.



AKC Introduces New Therapy Dog Title

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An exciting new title is now open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title, or "THD," launched June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others. ?

Currently, it is estimated there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States. Volunteerism has exploded over the past decade, especially those with dog and owner teams working in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and at natural disasters.

The AKC annually recognizes an outstanding Therapy Dog as part of the annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). We receive so many great nominations that we know there are many more dogs out there that deserve recognition. We have also received many requests from the fancy to award titles to therapy dogs as a way to recognize the "great work their dogs do." Additionally, earning a THD title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs, which create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

The AKC will not certify therapy dogs. Instead, we're working with therapy dog certification organizations to recognize the work done by therapy teams. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The title will be open to all AKC dogs that have completed a series of criteria. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating therapy dog certification organization and have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits.

To obtain a title an owner must complete an application along with evidence of documented visits. Application forms are available on the website at www.akc.org/akctherapydog. The program will accept documentation going back to January 1, 2000.

If your dog qualifies we encourage you to apply for the title. For more information visit www.akc.org/akctherapydog or email akctherapydog@akc.org.



Laura Meyers
And
Class

Georgia State University Professor With a New Twist

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For the past few years, teachers have used therapy dogs as a non-judgmental audience to help young readers gain confidence.

But Laura Meyers, a Georgia State associate professor of early childhood education, is taking a new twist on the therapy dog in the classroom with her "Sullivan Project."

With her Australian shepherd Sullivan in tow, Meyers visits K-5 schools in metro Atlanta, using him as the focus of creative lessons that blend math, social studies, science and literacy. "The blending of the content areas makes for a stronger and more meaningful learning experience," Meyers said. "And when you toss in a dog, there is more of a connection for students."

Students are instantly more engaged when the lovable Sullivan is in the room, and Meyers uses his presence to full advantage.

For example, first-graders at Oak Knoll Elementary School in East Point, Ga., recently learned basic economics by determining what items Sullivan might want to play with or eat compared to those he needs to survive.

But the exercise also included literacy and math: Students read, practiced phonics, built their vocabulary, organized information using a diagram and drew a map of Sullivan's backyard with specific dimensions and attributes.

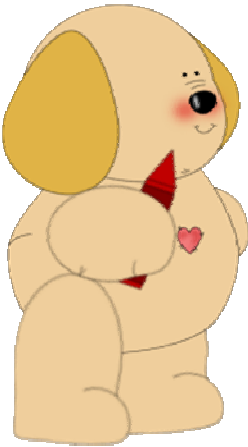
Another lesson, this one for older students, teaches social studies, math and literacy. Meyers asks students to create an entire three-dimensional community for Sullivan and his friends, called "Sullivantown." Students design and build houses, stores, roads and other infrastructure and determine how the town should be set up. Then they write stories about what happens in the town, which they later read to the attentive canine. Or they plan events, such as a party for Sullivan and his friends, for which they craft a budget.

Meyers tailors her lessons to what the classroom teacher wants to do with Sullivan and what standards he or she needs to cover. Bringing Sullivan into the classroom is an opportunity for educators to test a new technique in teaching, Meyers said.

"Sullivan makes things exciting and as long as they are excited they are ready to learn," said Tracie Singletary, first grade teacher at Oak Knoll Elementary School.

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FALL IS A BUZY TIME!
ORGANIZATION IS THE KEY!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat

*Eukanuba National Championship
2011*



Information on the 2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship—can be found at the AKC website.

The show will be held on December 17th & 18th, 2011 in Orlando, Florida.

All Sporting, Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting breeds and Junior Showmanship will be judged on Saturday.

All Working, Terrier, Herding breeds and Miscellaneous will be judged on Sunday.





Steer Clear of Summer Hazards

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ITS STILL REALLY HOT **DON'T LET THE DATE FOOL US!**

For most of us, the warm weather means more time spent outdoors with our four-legged friends. While being outside with your dog is a great way to spend time together, there are certain dangers the summer season brings for Fido. To keep your dog safe, American Kennel Club (AKC®) Canine Partners offers the following tips to help prevent summer hazards.

- Keep cool. When the heat and humidity are making you uncomfortable, chances are that your dog is suffering too and is becoming overheated. You can prevent overheating by making sure that your dog always has access to cool shade and water. If you see that Fido is slowing down in the heat, you can spray him with a hose to cool him off.
- Dogs get sunburn too. Dogs that have hairless areas or have white fur on their noses or ears can get sunburn. Repeated sunburn on dogs can predispose them to skin cancer, just like humans. Make sure to put sun block on Fido if he's going to be outside on a sunny day.
- Paws on pavement. Sidewalks and streets can get very hot, and since your dog doesn't wear shoes his paws can end up getting burned from the scorching pavement. Keep your dog on the grass in extreme heat to keep his paws intact. Also remember that sand can burn too, so try taking your long beach walks with Fido early in the morning or late afternoon when it's cooler.
- Stay away from the barbecue. Keep your dog away from the grill while you are using it, as the open flame is very dangerous. Your dog should be kept away even after you have finished with the grill because it stays hot for a while. Also remember that barbecued food can be greasy and upset his stomach, so as tempted as you may be, don't give him barbecue scraps.



DOG SHOW	TYPE	CITY	SHOWDATE	CLOSES
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.	AG	Ocala	9/24/2011	Wed 09/07
West Volusia Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Deland	9/24/2011	Wed 09/07
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.	AG	Ocala	9/25/2011	Wed 09/07
West Volusia Kennel Club	AB/JSHW	Deland	9/25/2011	Wed 09/07
Dog Obedience Club Of Hollywood, Inc.	AG	Davie	10/1/2011	Sat 09/17
Indian River Coon Hunters Association	CHBS	Scottsmoor	10/1/2011	Sat 10/01
Dog Obedience Club Of Hollywood, Inc.	AG	Davie	10/2/2011	Sat 09/17
Calusa Dog Agility Club	AG	N Fort Myers	10/8/2011	Fri 09/23
Sunshine Belgian Tervuren Club	HRTS/HRTR	Hilliard	10/8/2011	Wed 09/14
Orlando Dog Training Club	O	Orlando	10/8/2011	Wed 09/21
Orlando Dog Training Club	RLY	Orlando	10/8/2011	Wed 09/21
Suwannee Valley Kennel Club Of Florida	AB/O/JSHW	Lake City	10/8/2011	Wed 09/21
Suwannee Valley Kennel Club Of Florida	RLY	Lake City	10/8/2011	Wed 09/21
North Florida German Shorthaired Pointer Club	HT	Masaryktown	10/8/2011	Wed 10/05
Calusa Dog Agility Club	AG	N Fort Myers	10/9/2011	Fri 09/23
Sunshine Belgian Tervuren Club	HRTS/HRTR	Hilliard	10/9/2011	Wed 09/14
Orlando Dog Training Club	RLY	Orlando	10/9/2011	Wed 09/21
Orlando Dog Training Club	O	Orlando	10/9/2011	Wed 09/21
Suwannee Valley Kennel Club Of Florida	AB/O/JSHW	Lake City	10/9/2011	Wed 09/21
Suwannee Valley Kennel Club Of Florida	RLY	Lake City	10/9/2011	Wed 09/21
North Florida German Shorthaired Pointer Club	HT	Masaryktown	10/9/2011	Wed 10/05
Greater Naples Dog Club	AB/O/JSHW	Arcadia	10/13/2011	Wed 09/28
Greater Naples Dog Club	RLY	Arcadia	10/13/2011	Wed 09/28
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (usa)	AG	Kissimmee	10/13/2011	Wed 09/28
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (usa)	RLY	Kissimmee	10/14/2011	Thu 09/29
Greater Naples Dog Club	AB/O/JSHW	Arcadia	10/14/2011	Wed 09/28
Greater Naples Dog Club	RLY	Arcadia	10/14/2011	Wed 09/28
Greater Naples Dog Club	4-6 Months Puppy	Arcadia	10/14/2011	Wed 09/28
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (usa)	O	Kissimmee	10/14/2011	Wed 09/28
Mid-florida Golden Retriever Club	AG	Orlando	10/15/2011	Fri 09/30
Mid Florida Brittany Club	FT	Masaryktown	10/15/2011	Mon 10/10
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	AB/O/JSHW	Arcadia	10/15/2011	Wed 09/28
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	RLY	Arcadia	10/15/2011	Wed 09/28
K-9 Obedience Club Of Jacksonville	RLY	Jacksonville	10/15/2011	Wed 09/28
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Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (usa)	PS/JSHW/SWPC	Kissimmee	10/15/2011	Wed 09/28
Mid-florida Golden Retriever Club	AG	Orlando	10/16/2011	Fri 09/30
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	AB/O/JSHW	Arcadia	10/16/2011	Wed 09/28
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	RLY	Arcadia	10/16/2011	Wed 09/28
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	4-6 MO	Arcadia	10/16/2011	Wed 09/28
K-9 Obedience Club Of Jacksonville	RLY	Jacksonville	10/16/2011	Wed 09/28
K-9 Obedience Club Of Jacksonville	O	Jacksonville	10/16/2011	Wed 09/28

Secretary's Notice of GGDFa Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFa will be **Tuesday, Sept 13th**, promptly at 7:30 pm at United Way Building, 6031 NW 1st Street, Gainesville, FL

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, **Sept 27^h**.



Training Classes

Conformation classes—no classes at this time

Obedience/Rally classes— Thursdays 6:00 pm
with Denise Gaboury

LOCATION:
OAK HALL SCHOOL - Covered and lighted
Tower Road , Gainesville

Newsletter

The views and opinions in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Newsletter Editor or those of the GGDFa Officers and Board of Directors.

The editor reserves the right to edit or withhold copy that which may be detrimental to the standards of this publication. The deadline for submission of articles, announcements, and brags to the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Materials received after that date will appear in the following month's publication, depending upon space availability.

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