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NEXT MEETING: WED. OCTOBER 15, 2008, 7:30 P.M.
ROUND TABLE PIZZA, MAIN ST PLEASANTON, CA

2008 Meeting schedule:

July 16, 2008

October 15, 2008

2009 1st quarter meeting schedule

January 21, 2009

March 18, 2009

All meetings 7:30 P.M. Round Table Pizza, Pleasanton, CA

CLUB BUSINESS**Minutes for NCTA Meeting**

The minutes for the July meeting were unavailable at the time of printing this edition and will be included in the Fall edition.

Editor's note: *Since the minutes were not available at the time of printing, the editor is including a very light and unofficial synopsis of the meeting until the official minutes arrive for the fall edition.*

The July meeting was robust. There was good turnout with quorums for both the meeting and the board meeting that followed. There were discussions of the 2008 spring show turnout, the next year's show awards and prizes, and what changes the club wants to make in the awards for the top placements, updates on progress of the judging committee and cost of assignments, more efficient budgets for the 2009 spring show, and the upcoming hotel arrangements for next year's show. Our usual hotel is being remodeled but they are currently insisting they will honor our contract. However, in case there are any changes the club would not find satisfactory, officers would like the members to suggest other venues in the area if they know of any. Suggestions should be sent to Darlene Evans. The hotel must be able to provide not only rooms but also conference areas for hosting club hospitalities and other show related events. Our club received applications for new membership from four very enthusiastic members of the Amstaff club. There was an announcement of the current status of AB 1634 reminding everyone to contact their State Senators in opposition. The newsletter editor talked about a book out with her dogs as models that will be reviewed in the summer edition of the newsletter. The club website was discussed, and construction will begin as soon as the final information for access is sent to the new webmaster. It will be up and running soon. The club meeting was followed by a board meeting. This is an unofficial synopsis and does not represent the official minutes.

New NCTA member applicants:

Nancy Hjelmstad, breed-Amstaff

Judy Malone, breed -Amstaff

Kathy Gotschall, breed- Amstaff

Jose Marty III, breed-Amstaff

END OF CLUB BUSINESS

AB 1634 Updates and Information

The following AKC alert was posted by the NCTA legislative liaison Carolyn Alexander:

From: AKC's Government Relations Department ,mba@akc.org
Sent: Mon, 21 Jul 2008 9:55 am
Subject: CA AB 1634 Proceeds to Senate Floor, Opposition Needed!

Dear AKC Delegates, Judges, Club Officers and Legislative Liaisons:

The Senate Appropriations Committee has determined that AB 1634 does not have a fiscal impact. Senate Rule 28.8 allows bills that do not have a cost to the state to be submitted directly to the floor. This determination was partly based on amendments offered by the author which remove Section 5 from the bill. This clause would have prohibited the State Controller from reimbursing local governments for the costs of impounding stray animals unless they complied with state reporting requirements.

In the AKC's view this section of the bill was a positive one as accurate reporting allows government officials to obtain a clearer picture of the issues in animal control. We believe that the removal of this section only serves to make a bad bill worse by removing local government accountability.

The committee accepted these amendments and they will be put in print August 5th after the Senate returns from their summer recess. AB 1634 will then be eligible to be taken up for a vote by the full Senate.

The AKC's concerns with the bill still have not been addressed and we are therefore asking fanciers and concerned dog owners to contact their State Senators and ask them to oppose AB 1634. Please personalize the attached letter and mail or fax it to your State Senator.

We are also attaching a letter for clubs to personalize and send to the Senators who represent areas where their clubs are headquartered and/or have held events, as well to the leaders of each caucus; Senate President pro Tempore Don Perata and Republican Leader Dave Cogdill. If you are a club officer, please encourage your club to author a letter. All letters can be mailed to the State Capitol at:

Senator _____
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additionally, as the Senators are in recess they will be in their district offices. We highly recommend gathering a group of club members and concerned dog owners to meet with these legislators during this time. You can find contact information for your State Senator here; <http://192.234.213.69/lmapsearch/framepage.asp>.

Sarah Sprouse
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***AKC SAMPLE LETTERS from club , club members, and CA residents:
(Sample Letters to personalize)***

LETTER #1
Club and club member letter to personalize

The Honorable (Insert Senator's name)

California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95184

RE: Oppose AB 1634 as Amended by the Appropriations Committee

Dear Senator _____:

The __ (*Insert Club Name*) is writing today to ask you to oppose Assembly Bill 1634 when it comes before you on the Senate Floor. AB 1634 would establish higher fees for intact animals impounded by animal control, and require that on a 3rd offense the animal be spayed or neutered.

Specifically we have a problem with Section 2 which would provide authority to issue a citation for an unspayed or unneutered dog (or cat) that is the subject of a complaint other than of excessive noise or barking. This section is unnecessarily vague and does not clearly provide animal owners with due process.

(*Insert Club Name*) represents # dog owners in California (and # nationwide if this is from a parent club) and we oppose the current draft of AB 1634 as we believe it will be detrimental to all California dog owners. It will increase costs to local animal control authorities and will divert resources that should be directed to dealing with irresponsible owners, regardless of the reproductive status of the animal.

(Personalize here – tell about club. When was it founded? How do you encourage responsible breeding practices and responsible animal ownership? What has your club done for the community? Have you bought a vest for a police dog, sponsored a search and rescue dog, worked with therapy dogs? Has your club donated money to rescue efforts, in the community or for natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina or the floods? Does your club conduct programs in the schools or libraries, or work with civic groups? Tell the good things your club does for the community!!!)

Provide information about your shows in California. How many entries did you have? What event site did you rent and for how much? What was your host hotel and how many rooms did you fill? Did you rent any additional conference rooms? Did you host any dinners in the area – at what restaurants? Detail other revenue that came to the community through your event.

Parent clubs – if you had a specialty in California, please let them know where, what the attendance was etc...Also, please send a copy of this letter to the Senator who represents the area where the specialty was held.)

AB 1634 unfairly singles out owners of intact animals to disproportionately bear the costs of animal control. Owners of intact animals already pay higher license fees and there is no proof that intact animals require a greater expenditure of animal control funds. The new version of the bill will allow higher penalties and possible sterilization to be imposed without appropriate due process.

I respectfully ask that you support responsible owners and breeders by opposing AB 1634.

Sincerely,

Club Officer Name and Title

LETTER #2

(CA Resident Sample Letter to personalize)

The Honorable {Insert Your Senators Name}
 California State Senate
 State Capitol
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Oppose AB 1634 as Amended in Appropriations Committee

Dear Senator _____:

I am a California resident and responsible dog owner and I am writing today to ask you to oppose Assembly Bill 1634 when it comes before you on the Senate floor. AB 1634 would establish higher fees for intact animals impounded by animal control, and require that on a 3rd offense the animal be spayed or neutered.

Specifically we have a problem with Section 2 which would provide authority to issue a citation for an unspayed or unneutered dog (or cat) that is the subject of a complaint other than of excessive noise or barking. This section is unnecessarily vague and does not clearly provide animal owners with due process.

(Personalize here – tell about yourself as a dog owner, breeder and fancier. How many years have you been involved with dogs? What breeds have you owned or shown? Do you compete in any other activities with your dog – Obedience, Rally, Agility...Have any of your dogs achieved a Championship? Won a prestigious award?

Please describe the money you spend when traveling to shows. Do you spend money in hotels, for gas, eat out at restaurants? Details the money you spent in the last few years. Let them know where the shows were that you attended and what businesses you impacted.

Breeders - Details the steps you take when preparing to breed/whelp a litter – applicable health testing, evaluation of breeding stock, training, etc...How much money do you invest in these things? How do you work with puppy purchasers to ensure they will be responsible owners? Do you encourage CGC or obedience training? Do you give spay/neuter contracts? Do you remain in contact with the new owners?)

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I respectfully ask that you support responsible animal owners by opposing AB 1634.

Sincerely,

John Smith
 1234 Main Street
 Los Angeles, CA

The following notice about AB 1634 has been sent out by the Concerned Dog owners of California, a pro-show fancy lobby group in Sacramento:

From: LFINCO@AOL.COM

Subject: [CDOC_Unite] VISIT YOUR SENATOR

The California Senate is on Summer Recess and many of the senators will be working out of their district offices until August 4th when they return. From what we have been told, amendments for AB 1634 will not be posted until August 5th; therefore we have some time to work on our individual senators.

We still understand that Section 5 of AB 1634 has been removed. This clause would have prohibited the State Controller from reimbursing local governments for the costs of impounding stray animals unless they complied with state reporting requirements. This was actually a positive piece of AB 1634 since accurate reports allow government officials to obtain a clear picture of issues in animal control. Removing this section only makes a bad bill worse by removing local government accountability.

None of our concerns have been addressed by Levine. The complaint section still makes it a secondary offense to have an intact pet-- NO EXCEPTIONS. Even if the primary complaint (which can be anonymous) is found to be unsubstantiated, an animal control officer has the authority to cite you if your animal is intact. On the final strike, you would be required to have your animal sterilized.

During the recess, please visit your senator's field offices. Bring a letter explaining your opposition. Even if you do not feel comfortable speaking with someone, take the letter in personally and ask that it be hand delivered to the senator. If you feel comfortable, ask to speak with the senator or the staff person in charge of AB 1634 information.

You can find contact information for your State Senator here;
<http://192.234.213.69/lmapsearch/framepage.asp>.

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Much of this information was sent out by Sarah Sprouse from the AKC. The AKC and other dog organizations are asking for opposition to AB 1634. Individually, there are three things each of us can do:

- 1) Visit our Senate Representatives***
- 2) Write a letter to Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata asking for opposition***
- 3) Write a letter to Republican Leader Dave Cogdill asking for continued Republican opposition***

Follow up your letter with a phone call. Since the amendments won't be posted until after the break, it is most likely that another round of letters will be requested. This is why a personal visit during this break is important. If each Senator, especially Democrat is visited by the opposition during the break, our presence will be noticed.

Thank you for your continued efforts to defeat AB 1634.
 Laura Finco

Heatstroke in Pets

By Franklin Utchen, DVM

Reprinted from the Bishop Ranch Vet newsletter

A dog with heatstroke? Sounds like all you need to do is let them cool down for a while. Actually, it's a lot more serious than that and can be fatal. And by the time it's detected it could be too late.

Every summer we see dogs presented in different stages of heatstroke. The sooner it is detected and corrective efforts are begun, the better chance a dog has of recovering.

What is heatstroke? Heatstroke is the syndrome of decline in mental status and damage to internal organs that happens when the body temperature rises too high. A dog suffering from heatstroke will often pant rapidly, drool, vomit, and become weak or mentally un-responsive. Body temperatures of 105-106, if sustained, have been reported to cause permanent organ damage, and if body temperature rises to 109 direct thermal damage to internal organs occurs quickly. This can begin a cascade of organ malfunctions that is fatal.

You are probably aware that dog's have a different method of cooling themselves than we do. They do not perspire, which is otherwise a very efficient mechanism by which an animal can cool itself. In humans, when our body temperature rises a mere 1/10 of a degree, we begin to perspire to cool ourselves. Our canine friends only perspire minimally from the pads of their feet and from the tip of their nose. The only meaningful way they actively cool themselves is by evaporating water from the inside of their noses and mouths by panting. While this is adequate under most circumstances, it is not as efficient as perspiring, and therefore puts dogs at risk during prolonged exposure to hot weather.

Dogs with shorter noses and mouths such as bulldogs and pugs are at the greatest risk because, in part of the smaller surface area inside their noses and mouths from which to evaporate water when panting.

One of the tragic aspects of this condition is that dogs that are active and healthy, and even acclimated to exercising in hot weather, can still become stricken unexpectedly when exposed to hot temperatures. Veterinarians can only speculate that the reason this occurs unpredictably is due to a dangerous combination of high ambient temperature, sufficient humidity, and a dog's state of hydration which can vary from day to day. It may be that the active, healthy dog that succumbs one day to heat stroke while on a routine hike has simply been the victim of a "perfect storm" of temperature, humidity, and dehydration. Please do not be lulled into a sense of security about your dog's ability to handle hot weather based on their past successful outings on hot days. There is no precise outdoor temperature above which heatstroke can be predicted to occur. Your best guide is common sense: if it's a hot day for you, then it's an even hotter day for your furry friend who can't sweat. Always exercise caution in warm weather.

The most tragic example of heatstroke is when a dog is inadvertently left outdoors on a hot day without adequate shade and water, or is left in an enclosed area (a garage, or a car) without adequate ventilation. Temperatures inside a parked car rise quickly to over 100 degrees in the sun. Even with the windows partly down. And that car that is parked in the shade right now may not be in the shade soon. There is only one intelligent piece of advice here: never, ever, ever, leave your dog in a parked car.

What can happen to a dog suffering from heatstroke? Just for starters, how about: liver failure, kidney failure, brain damage, muscle damage, damage to blood vessels throughout the body, massive intestinal hemorrhaging, blood clotting crises, and death. It is a very, very serious condition and is complicated and difficult to treat if severe.

On the one hand, I don't want to scare everyone into locking your dog indoors all summer, but on the other hand I really DO want to scare you enough to be conscious of this

serious, sometimes fatal condition any time you take your dog outdoors for any extended period of time in the next few months.

What should you do to avoid heatstroke? If you must take your dog out during the heat of the day, be sure they are well hydrated before hand! Be sure they have had plenty of opportunity to drink before going out, and be certain you have water supplies for them while you are out. I also recommend carrying a spray bottle so you can “mist” them in the face frequently.

What if you think your dog may be suffering from heatstroke? Immediately get them out of the sun and to a veterinary office adept at handling emergencies. If possible, douse them with cool (not cold) water. Place a fan in front of them. Applying cold packs in a dog’s groin area and under the arms will help cool the blood that is returning from the limbs on its way back to the interior of a dog’s body.

However, soaking them COMPLETELY in very cold water is not recommended for fear that this would cause the blood vessels throughout a dog’s skin to constrict (in a natural reaction to try to prevent further loss of heat through the skin) and thereby trap the heat inside the body and the body’s core, which is exactly what we don’t want to have happen.

Keep safe and cool this summer. Walk your dog in the early morning or evening, be sure they have plenty of shade, water, and ventilation if they are outside during the day, avoid long walks on hot pavements, and never ever leave them in a parked car. And remember: don’t be fooled into thinking that your dogs are fine simply because they have handled hot weather well in the past. Heatstroke is an unpredictable occurrence, and one that can have tragic consequences if not detected and corrected immediately.

SUMMER BREATH FRESHENERS FOR YOUR DOG

*Reprinted from the cookbook: **Dog Bites! Canine cuisine, Dogs You’ll Love and the Homemade Treats They Crave**
by Rick & Martha Reynolds*

Tess’s Nice Breath Biscuits

This green specked treats will give your dog’s breath that hint of minty freshness we all appreciate so much when cuddled up near our canine favorites.

2 Cups whole wheat flour
 ½ cup cornmeal
 1/3 cup clean chopped fresh mint (or 1 tablespoon dried)
 ½ cup clean chopped parsley
 6 tablespoons safflower oil
 ¾ cup water

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Combine flour, cornmeal, mint and parsley in a large bowl. Add oil and water and mix thoroughly.

Roll out to 1/4” on floured surface and cut with cookie cutters or knife into desired shapes

Bake for 40 minutes, or until lightly browned. Turn heat off and let biscuits dry out in oven for several hours. Store treats in refrigerator in airtight container.

GPS ANYONE??

Are you plugged into a GPS navigation system yet? If you don't have one built you're your car or RV then a portable unit may be your GPS answer. Prices on these nifty gadgets have never been lower. They are now available from half a dozen companies in dozens of models with prices as low as \$130.00 with the latest top models running into the thousands of dollars. Why should you consider a portable GPS unit? Well for one thing you can attend a dog show out of town and easily find your destination or be guided with directions to a local vet or restaurant with push of a few onscreen buttons.

If you have rented a car in the past two years you have probably had a chance to take one of these nifty devices out for ride. I tried my first one during a visit to friends in Chicago and would have been hopelessly lost without it. Much of the roadway around the city was under construction and no matter what detour I was sent on the unit in my car recalculated and found me an easy way back to my destination quickly and with ease.

With prices dropping on these devices, I decided to bite the bullet and buy one. I chose a Garmin unit since most of the Amazon shoppers seemed to like the brand, although I seriously considered a Tom Tom unit because you can choose a lot of celebrity voices with that product. I picked the Garmin 660. It is not too old a product to be already fully loaded with up to date maps and not too expensively new. If you don't mind a bit of time loading them map updates are easily downloaded on all these units and the older ones are the cheapest. Amazon has comparison features chart on the webpage with the Garmin 660.

It was \$299.00, that makes it a mid-priced unit, It has Bluetooth for hands free phone use, and it includes an MP3 capability. It included an ac charger, a windshield mount,(windshield mounts are illegal in CA but dash beanbag mounts and vent mounts are available, I used heavy-duty Extreme Velcro for my dash mount), a car power cord through the mounting unit, an instruction manual on CD, and a quick reference hard copy manual. I am not a tech type and did not need detailed instructions as the unit is fairly self evident out of the box so the quickie manual was more than adequate.

You can set the voice of the reminder voice to male or female, and even chose the voice's accent. I choose Australian English male voice, my husband likes British English female. I wish they had Scottish male. Oh well, maybe in the future units. There are occasional mispronunciations and every so often it gives the wrong turn on parking lot entrances, but overall the product is very accurate and works well to keep you on track and on time.

I checked to see if the CAL EXPO center for the NCTA show is in the Points of Interest or POI section of the menu and it is. It is listed under amusements. I have already found this GPS navigator invaluable on trips and while shopping in the bay area. Try one you will instantly be ready to give up your paper maps.

School's Out For Summer!

During break time at obedience school, two dogs were talking. One said to the other..."The thing I hate about obedience school is you learn ALL this stuff you will never use in the real world."

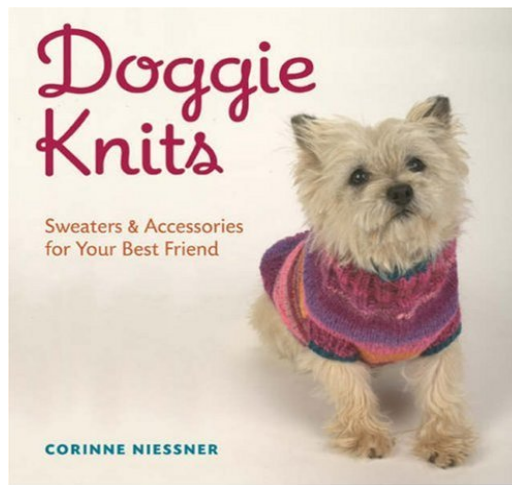
Projects To Finish In Time For The Holidays

Doggie Knits: Sweaters & Accessories for Your Best Friend

by Corinne Niessner

Editor's note: *The Cairn Terriers featured in this book belong to the Bulletin editor. Bee the cover terrier is Rose Croft's Ironwood Lilly, JE, and Teddy shown mid-book is Rose Croft's Best Foot Forward who holds the BIS record for his breed and holds an NCTA Group 1. The reason they are featured is when a photographer friend in San Francisco was setting up small dogs for this book he asked for one of mine he knew from visits. I suggested he showcase more purebred dogs in the selection of illustrations. He agreed and we contacted several local show fanciers, they selected a number of them for the final copy and this book now includes lots of purebred dogs along with the photographer's friend's pets With AB 1634 and other types of anti-purebred activities out there if you know any authors or advertisers who are working on dog projects, try to get them to include purebred dogs in their illustrations or characters. Promoting purebred dogs everywhere is good for the fancy.*

Perhaps your dog is aged and becoming frail, sensitive to heat and cold, or is a fashion maven, or perhaps you just like knitting for your family and friends, then this is the book for you.



Chock full of fun projects like sweaters, hats, (these include ear openings in the patterns), scarves, snoods for floppy ears on windy days, or to protect from weeds and water, or you are just in the mood to knit a doggie or kitty bed. Well, this is your book.

What a book it is. Showcasing lots of handsome dogs in the newest winter fashions, this book offers new patterns with easy to follow directions. Knitters who have reviewed it so far say its patterns and instructions are clear, easy to follow, and innovative in pattern design and technique.

As the holiday season approaches here is a great gift for the knitter in your life. It is a great source of projects to while away those air conditioned California summer days waiting for the holiday seasons. With this book you can make gifts to the pets of unlucky family and friends who live in more extreme but fashionable winter climates like the Donner Pass/Tahoe area, the Canadian Rockies, New York City, or Minnesota.

It's a book that is lots of fun for people and dogs. It has four 5 star reviews as of this review at Amazon.com.

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