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During our July meeting Deputy Waller from the Solano County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit visited us. We presented him with a \$100 check to help support the purchase of bullet/stab proof vests for the canines in the unit.

He and his canine partner gave us a talk on how beneficial the Sheriff's Canines are to their officer partners and the community as a whole.

CSKC Supports Solano Sheriff's K-9 Unit



These brave dogs are the constant companion to our law enforcement officers. They provide back-up when other officers are not there. These canines are highly trained in many fields to include bomb and narcotics detection.

The wonderful thing that this county does is take dogs from our local shelters that are in danger of being euthanized and trains them for law enforcement work. If they pass the program they go on to work with police officer partners. If they do not pass, then they are given back to the shelter for adoption as fully trained animals. All the dogs that have been returned to the shelter have been adopted...none are euthanized. This is a wonderful way to save animals and help giving back to the community. We applaud



the Sheriff's Office for their efforts in animal rescue!



Sheriff's Office

Christmas Party at the Canine Therapeutic Center



This year our Annual Christmas Party will be hosted at the

Canine Therapeutic Center owned by Jetta Mascon. The center provides a wonderful venue for our club activities, and we are blessed to have the Mascons' open their hearts and Center to us.

We will vote on the actual date for the party at our November meeting so make sure you come. We will also begin the sign-up for the potluck dishes. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the center as well so get ready to "Deck the Halls" and have a great time. We will also be reinstituting the White Elephant Gift Exchange so start putting your gifts together (nothing over \$20

please). The Annual Dinner and installation of officers will also be held at the Center. More info on that event at our November meeting as well.



Upcoming events!



Solano SPCA 4th Annual Doggy Derby

"Homeward Bound"

**Oct 15th, 2011
11am—3pm**

This is a dogcentric event! There will be food, games and activities for you and your dog(s). Pet vendors, demonstrations, adoptions, and services for your four-legged friends will be the order of the day. Turn out to support the homeless and injured animals in our community. 2200 Peabody Rd. Vacaville, CA

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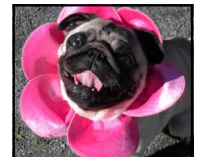


BARKTOBERFEST AT PT. ISABEL, Richmond Sat, Oct 29, 1pm - 3pm

This exciting event always brings out the creativity in dog lovers. We've seen some amazing, unusual, and just plain silly costumes in the past. Bring your camera and join us for a short doggy costume parade, followed by a costume contest featuring great prizes from local businesses such as Alpha Pet Supply and Catahoula Coffee. Meet at the field north of Mudpuppy's. Barktoberfest is free and open to all park

visitors. What is your dog going to be for Barktoberfest?

Info: <http://pido.org/events.php>



Richmond Planning Dept. Heeds Public Will; Decides to Retain Current Zoning at Point Isabel

It's official--Point Isabel will not be rezoned as Regional Commercial! At a meeting on Dec. 9, 2009, the Richmond Planning Department recommended to the seven-member Planning Commission that Point Isabel retain its current zoning, Light Industrial. Planners also recommended adding language to protect the dog park to the city's General Plan. They said that Point Isabel is no longer considered a "change area."

This is a huge win for lovers of the dog park, Hoffman Marsh, and the shoreline. After the meeting, one city staff member said that Richmond had received over a thousand comments about Point Isabel.

Thank you to everyone who wrote, e-mailed, called, and/or spoke up at meetings to protect the park. PIDO collected 5,000 petition signatures, wrote letters to local newspapers, attended city meetings, spread the word at our monthly cleanups and through our PIDO Pointer newsletters and our e-newsletters, and urged park users to get involved. Together, we did what some said couldn't be done!

The Planning Department presented the revised draft General Plan to the City Council on Dec. 15, 2009. PIDO still has some concerns about the General Plan, which we presented in a letter to the Planning Commission at the Dec. 9 meeting.

What happens next: The environmental impact report (EIR) was supposed to have been released in January; that hasn't happened yet. The public will have 45 days to comment on the EIR. The final draft of the General Plan is expected to be discussed in April. The Planning Commission will vote whether or not to recommend its acceptance to the City Council. Then the City Council gets the final vote.

Courtesy of PIDO.org

What to do if your dog eats the Christmas Ornaments...



COTTON BALL REMEDY

What do you do if your puppy (or mischievous older dog) gets into your holiday decorations and eats some of the glass ornaments? This potentially lethal mishap can darken even the brightest holiday season.

THE PROCEDURE:

BEFORE the holiday go to a pharmacy and buy a box of cotton balls. Be sure that you get COTTON balls... not the cosmetic puffs that are made from man-made fibers. Also~ buy a quart of half-and-half coffee cream and put it in the freezer. Should your dog eat glass ornaments. Defrost the half-and-half and pour some in a bowl. Dip cotton balls into the cream and feed them to your dog.

Dogs under 10 lbs should eat 2 balls which you have first torn into smaller pieces.

Dogs 10-50 lbs should eat 3-5 balls and larger dogs should eat 5-7.

You may feed larger dogs an entire cotton ball at once.

Dogs seem to really like these strange treats and eat them readily. As the cotton works its way through the digestive tract it will find all the glass pieces and wrap itself around them. Even the teeniest shards of glass will be caught and wrapped in the cotton fibers and the cotton will protect the intestines from damage by the glass. Your dog's stools will be really weird for a few days and you will have to be careful to check for fresh blood or a tarry appearance to the stool. If either of the latter

symptoms appear you should rush your dog to the vet for a checkup but, in most cases, the dogs will be just fine.

An actual experience: I can personally vouch for the cotton ball treatment. While I was at the vet waiting for him to return from lunch a terrified woman ran in with a litter of puppies who had demolished a wooden crate along with large open staples. The young vet had taken x-rays which did show each of the puppies had swallowed several open staples. He was preparing them for surgery when my wonderful vet came in and said no surgery. I watched him wet several cotton balls, squeeze out the water and pop them down their throats. Within 24 hours every staple was accounted for. This was a lesson I learned in the mid-1960s and have had to use several times on my brats. I wet the cotton balls and smear on some liverwurst and they bolt it down and ask for more. The cotton always comes out with the object safely embedded.

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AKC Grand Champion Title

What is the AKC Grand Championship?

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that it will begin offering the Grand Champion title at AKC Conformation events. This new title will be available to AKC Champions of Record, giving the opportunity for Champion dog owners to return to the show ring with their dogs and further showcase the quality of their breeding stock. Competition for this new title will begin at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows on May 12, 2010, concurrent with the implementation of the 2010-2011 **AKC Point Schedule**.

"AKC Conformation is meant to be an evaluation and showcase for breeding stock. Many Champions are retired after earning their titles and this creates a dilemma for breeders. We are excited to offer the Grand Champion title as a way to encourage these quality dogs to return to the ring," said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. "AKC Companion and Performance events offer multiple titles to celebrate achievement in competition at various levels in the sport. It is only natural to offer a Grand Champion title to Conformation exhibitors so that they too can compete and excel with their dogs at a whole new level."

Competition for this new title will be judged during the Best of Breed/Variety competition at all-breed, group and specialty shows. All Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points.

There is no additional entry fee. Grand Championship points are awarded, at the judge's discretion, to the following placements: Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Select Dog and Select Bitch are

Champions that were recognized as the top quality of their sex after BOB and BOS have been awarded. Grand Championship points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. (Dogs entered in non-regular classes are not counted in the computation of Championship or Grand Championship points.) Champions of Record including champions that are non-regular

class winners (i.e. Veterans Class Winners) or dogs that have been "moved up" to Best of Breed competition for the show are the only dogs eligible for Grand Championship points. Although Winners Dog or Winners Bitch can win Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex, in no case will they be eligible for Grand Championship competition.

Grand Championship points may be awarded to eligible dogs as follows:

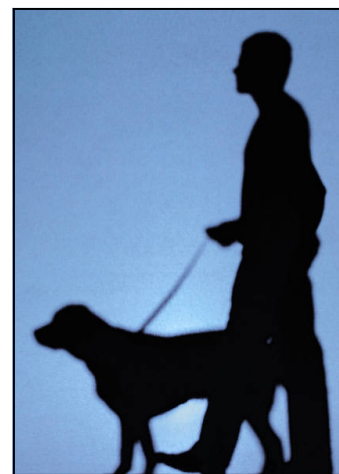
- Best of Breed – All dogs of both sexes in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed – All dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted

Select Dog or Select Bitch – The total number of dogs of the same sex in the breed/variety defeated in the regular classes and BOB competition will be counted. (i.e. 2 dogs less than the total number of the same sex)

Completion of the title requires all of the following:

- Twenty five Grand Championship points
- Three "majors" (three or more points earned at a single show) won under three different judges
- At least one or more of these points won under a fourth judge. Must have defeated at least one other AKC Champion of Record at three shows

Starting in 2010, dogs who earn their Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/ Eukanuba National Championship. For more information about the AKC Grand Champion title please



Courtesy of AKC.org

A Beginning Guide to Confirmation (Part 1 of 2)



The AKC offers a wide variety of resources to assist everyone from the first-time puppy buyer to the experienced dog fancier. All exhibitors are required to be familiar with these rules prior to entering a dog show. To order the rule book, contact Customer Service at 919-233-9767 or via email at OrderDesk@akc.org. Copies of this rulebook may also be purchased at our [online store](#). The following information is intended as a general description of dog shows and is not intended as complete information about any aspect of showing. For complete information, see the [Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#).

This is the AKC

The **American Kennel Club** was established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting and advancement of purebred dogs. It is the largest not-for-profit purebred dog registry in the nation.

The AKC approves and maintains the official records of over 15,000 sanctioned and licensed events each year.

The AKC has approximately 500 member clubs and over 4,000 affiliated clubs. These clubs are more than show-giving entities. They are public service, educational organizations whose activities benefit their entire community. Some AKC club activities include public education through presentations at schools, fairs, libraries, shelters, hospitals, rescue leagues, scouts and 4-H; training classes; and health clinics.

AKC registration means a dog, its parents, and its ancestors are purebred. It does not indicate health or quality. Dogs registered with the AKC can have their offspring registered and compete in AKC events.

The World of Dog Shows

Showing dogs is a great sport where the thrill of competition is combined with the joy of seeing beautiful dogs. Dog shows are one of many types of AKC dog events in which AKC-registered dogs can compete. These events, which draw over three million entries annually, include dog shows and tests of instinct and trainability, such as obedience trials, Canine Good Citizen tests, field trials, agility trials, lure coursing, rally, hunting tests, herding trials, tracking tests, coonhound and earthdog events.

Dog shows (conformation events) are intended to evaluate breeding stock. The size of these events ranges from large all-breed shows, with over 3,000 dogs entered, to small local specialty club shows, featuring a specific breed. The dog's conformation (overall appearance and structure), an indication of the dog's ability to produce quality puppies, is judged.

Types of Conformation Dog Shows

There are three types of conformation dog shows:

All-breed shows offer competitions for over 150 breeds and varieties of dogs recognized by the AKC. All-breed shows are the type often shown on television

Specialty shows are restricted to dogs of a specific breed or to varieties of one breed. For example, the Bulldog Club of America Specialty is for Bulldogs only, but the Poodle Club of America's specialty show includes the three varieties of the Poodle - Standard, Miniature and Toy.

Group shows are limited to dogs belonging to one of the seven groups. For example, the Potomac Hound Group show features only breeds belonging to the Hound group.

Which Dogs May Participate

To be eligible to compete, a dog must:

- be individually registered with the American Kennel Club
- be 6 months of age or older
- be a breed for which classes are offered at a show

- meet any eligibility requirements in the written standard for its breed

Spayed or neutered dogs are not eligible to compete in conformation classes at a dog show, because the purpose of a dog show is to evaluate breeding stock.

The Seven Groups in All-Breed Shows

Sporting - These dogs were bred to hunt game birds both on land and in the water. The breeds in this group include Pointers, Retrievers, Setters and Spaniels.

Hounds - These breeds were bred for hunting other game by sight or scent. These breeds include such dogs as Beagles, Bassets, Dachshunds and Greyhounds.

Working - These dogs were bred to pull carts, guard property and perform search and rescue services. Among the breeds in this group are the Akita, Boxer, Doberman Pinscher and St. Bernard.

Terrier - This group includes breeds such as the Airedale, Cairn Terrier and Scottish Terrier. Terriers were bred to rid property of vermin such as rats.

Toy - These dogs were bred to be household companions. This group includes little dogs such as the Chihuahua, Maltese, Pomeranian and Pug.

Non-Sporting - This diverse group includes the Chow Chow, Bulldog, Dalmatian and Poodle. These dogs vary in size and function, and many are considered companion dogs.

Herding - These dogs were bred to help shepherds and ranchers herd their livestock. The Briard, Collie, German Shepherd Dog and Old English Sheepdog are some of the breeds in this group.

Finally, the seven group winners are brought into the ring where they compete for **Best In Show**, the highest award at a dog show.





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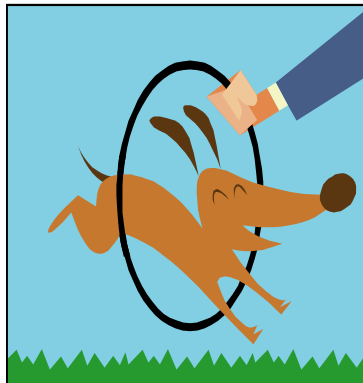


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Rally Training

For those club members who are interested in working their dogs in Rally. Jetta Mascon is holding Rally Training classes at her Canine Therapeutic Center in Vacaville on Thursday nights. If you are interested in attending please contact Jetta for more information. If you plan on attending please be sure to call and confirm that the class is on each week due to vacations and flexing schedules. Thanks and have fun!



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