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Celebrating our 49th & 50th Show



This year Chief Solano Kennel Club celebrated our 49th and 50th AKC All Breed Dog Shows.

Both shows were a great success with over 1300 entries on Saturday and 1100 on Sunday. This was an excellent turn out considering it was Easter weekend!

Kudos goes to Dena Fennel, our show organizer, for all of her hard work. Because of her dedication and organization we had numerous compliments from spectators, judges and competitors.



Kudos also goes out to all the members who pitched in and made both shows run smoothly! Many people have commented on how well the show is run considering the size of our club. Now we start planning for next year..... ☺



CSKC 50th Show
Best in Show Dog Australian Shepherd

Times Herald Spotlights the Show

Thousands of men and women, along with their best friends, attended a Saturday dog show organized by a local kennel club.

About 1,300 dogs were shown during the all-day event at the Solano County Fairgrounds. The Chief Solano Kennel Club's 49th All-Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial Rally Trial, the first of two dog shows organized for the

weekend, started at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 6 p.m.

The Elmira-based kennel club is the only American Kennel Club licensed, nonprofit all breed club in the county.

"We are pleasantly surprised with the turnout this year, since it is Easter weekend," organizer Dena Fennel said.

Dogs of all kinds — tiny, huge, short-haired, long-haired — could be found walking around with their impeccably dressed owners, some waiting to take the spotlight.

Dusty, a 2-year-old Pekingese and winner of numerous awards, came all the way from Nevada

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49th & 50th Show in Pictures



The Judge looks on during obedience trials



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with his owner, Cody Koch. On Saturday, Dusty won first place in the Toy Group category, which qualified him to compete in the Best in Show category at the end of the day.

"I'm very happy," Koch said. "There's a lot of great dogs here, and anybody could win."

Each dog was judged based on their group and breed, which included general appearance, size, coat, temperament and other standards.

Today's show, the 50th, will feature about 1,140

dogs, and is also open to the public. The fairgrounds will be decorated with balloons and a special cake will be brought in to celebrate the milestone.

"It is a big deal to have a kennel club last that long," Fennel said. However, Fennel voiced her concern of the show's future in the tough economic climate, especially with rising gas prices. "People are not willing to travel too far, because it costs them too much," she said.

This year's registration fee for each adult dog was \$29, a \$2 increase from last year.

The kennel club offered other

benefits to attract participants, known as exhibitors in the dog show world. The show included health testing available for the dogs at lower price, including X-rays, a cardiologist and an ophthalmologist.

"If we can offer the extra step, it would help us bring the numbers (of participants) up," Fennel said. The 50th Anniversary Show today will start at 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive at no cost.



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AKC Therapy Dog Program

Touching Hearts. Changing Lives.



The purpose of this program is to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team.

The AKC Therapy Dog program awards an official AKC title awarded to dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited.

The AKC Therapy Dog title (THD) can be earned by dogs who have been certified by AKC recognized therapy dog organizations and have performed 50 or more community visits.

AKC does not certify therapy dogs; the certification and training is done by qualified therapy dog organizations. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

Why Did AKC Start A Therapy Dog Title?

AKC has received frequent, ongoing requests from dog owners who participate in therapy work to "acknowledge the great work our dogs are doing." Many of our constituents are understandably proud of their dogs.

Earning an AKC Therapy Dog title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs which creates a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

What is a Therapy Dog?

Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people.

Therapy dogs are not service dogs. Service dogs are dogs who are specially trained to perform specific tasks to help a person who has a disability. An example of a service dog is a dog who guides an owner who is blind, or a dog who assists someone who has a physical disability. Service dogs stay with their person and have special access privileges in public places such as on planes, restaurants, etc. Therapy dogs, the dogs who will be earning the AKC Therapy Dog title, do not have the same special access as service dogs. It is unethical to attempt to pass off a therapy dog as a service dog for purposes such as flying on a plane or being admitted to a restaurant.

How to Earn the Title: Qualifications

To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, you and your dog must meet the following criteria:

- *Certified/registered by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization.*
- *Perform a minimum of 50 visits.*
- *The dog must be registered or listed with AKC.*

All dogs are eligible to earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, including purebreds and mixed breeds. To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, dogs must be registered or listed with AKC and have a number in order to earn a title. This includes any one of these three options:

- AKC registration number – used by purebred dogs.
- Enrolled in AKC's PAL Program.

PAL is Purebred Alternative Listing.

PAL (formerly called ILP) is a program that allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. PAL dogs include the many wonderful purebred dogs who may have come from shelters or rescue without AKC registration. Enrollment in AKC Canine Partners Program – used by mixed breed dogs. A special Canine Partners enrollment form is available for mixed breed Therapy Dogs — AKC Therapy Dog Enrollment Application. This form must be submitted along with the Therapy Dog title application form.

Documenting Visits

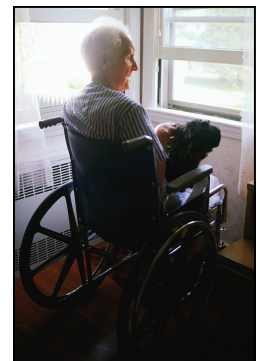
To earn the AKC Therapy Dog title, you and your dog must have completed at least 50 therapy visits. These visits must be documented with time, date, location, and a signature of a staff person at the facility (e.g., school, hospital, etc.). This documentation can be achieved by submitting one of the following –

Therapy Dog Record of Visits Form

(you may use the AKC form or one of your own), or, Certificate or wallet card from a certifying organization indicating the dog has made 50 or more visits or, Letter from the facility (nursing home, school, hospital, etc.) where the dog served as a therapy dog. Letters must be on facility letterhead. Contact information for verification purposes should include facility name, address and contact person's name, phone number and/or email address.

For more information:

<http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/>



By-Laws Update—Vote in July

June 17, 2011

On January 8, 2011, I Dena Fennel, proposed a change to the bylaw SECTION IV NOMINATIONS. Then on June 2, 2011 I submitted a petition with 17 signatures of Club Members. **On July 7, 2011 it will be discussed and voted on.**

Regards,

Dena Fennel
Corresponding Secretary

As per Article VII Amendments Section I, I am requesting by petition to delete SECTION IV. NOMINATIONS first paragraph third sentence which say's NO PERSON MAY BE NOMINATED TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS UNLESS ONE YEAR HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE END OF HIS/HER PREVIOUS TERM.



Up-Coming Events!

**Dog Day at the Park
Friday July 15, 2011
5:30pm
Alameda Oakland
Coliseum**

The A's sixth annual Dog Day at the Park is set for July 15 at the O.co Coliseum as the A's host the Angels at 7:05 p.m. Fans who pre-purchase tickets are invited to bring their dog to the pre-game "Pup Rally" and "Pup Parade," before enjoying the game from the dog-friendly Plaza Reserve section. Each dog in attendance will receive an A's bandana and a goody bag of dog product samples, courtesy of AvoDerm Natural.

**Kid Fest Oct 8th,
2011 10am—3pm**

Kid Fest is a child centered festival held in Andrews Park in Vacaville. The focus of this event is for our club to highlight positive safe interactions with dogs, what our club is about, and how training can prevent animals from ending up in shelters. It's a fun filled day so please sign up to help at the booth. Applications must be submitted by Sept to Linda. Please contact Linda Wendorff for more information.
707-446-7492

**Beachcomber Motel
(Doggy Friendly)
Dog Day at the
Beach—Fort Bragg
Sat Sept 10, 2011**

The motel is right on the beach, there is a nice paved walking trail out the back doors of all the rooms, a basic room is about \$100 (standard queen), \$20 per dog.

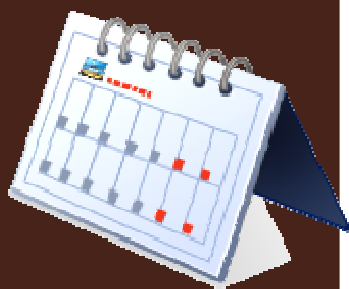
Ph# 707-964-2402

Address: 1111 N Main St.

Ft Bragg CA

If you are interested please contact Cheryl Rubio at 707-304-3304

Family and Friends are invited!





Dog Show Disease—by Sharon Hooper

We have identified a new disease, probably caused by a virus among many people who own dogs. It has apparently been in existence for a considerable time, but only recently has anyone identified this disease, and begun to study it. We call it the Acquired Canine Obsessive Syndrome (ACOS). At first, ACOS was originally considered to be psychological in nature, but after two young researchers here suddenly decided to become show breeders, we realized that we were dealing with an infectious agent. Epidemiologists here have identified three stages of this disease and typical symptoms, and they are:

A. You have the early symptoms (Stage I) if:

1. You think that any show within 300 miles is nearby.
2. You begin to enjoy getting up at 5 a.m. in the morning to walk and feed dogs.
3. It is fun to spend several hours a day grooming dogs.
4. You think you're being frugal if you spend less than \$3,000 a year on shows.

5. You can't remember what it was like to have just one dog.

B. You definitely have the disease (Stage II) if:

1. Your most important factor when buying a car is how many crates you can fit in it.
2. When you look for a house, the first thing you think of is how many dogs you can kennel on the property.
3. Your dog food bill is higher than your family's.
4. You spend as much on veterinarians as on doctors.
5. You have no money because of showing dogs.
6. You have to buy more than one vehicle a year, because you keep burning out the year or 70,000-mile warranty going to shows.
7. You have more pictures of the dogs than of your family.
8. Your idea of a fun vacation is to hit a show circuit.
9. Most of your conversations revolve around the dogs.

C. You are a terminal case (Stage III) if:

1. You wake up in the morning and find out that you put the kids in the crates and the dogs in the beds last night.
2. You know each dog's name and pedigree, but can't figure out who that stranger in the house is; it turns out to be your husband/wife.
3. Your neighbors keep insisting that those kids running around your house bothering the dogs are yours.
4. You keep telling the kids to

"heel" and can't understand why they won't, and why they keep objecting to the choke collar.

5. You cash in the kid's college trust fund to campaign the dogs.
6. You've been on the road showing dogs so long that you can't remember where you live.
7. Your family tells you "It's either the dogs or us"; you choose the dogs.

Do you have this dreaded disease? Well, there is hope. In the course of our research, we have found that most cases seem to stop at Stage II, and remain chronic. We, with great difficulty, managed to acquire several Stage III ACOS patients. They are currently in our isolation wards, where we are studying them to gain a better understanding of this disease. It is a sad sight, seeing these formerly vibrant people as they shuffle around their rooms in endless triangle or L-patterns, making odd hand motions (as if holding a lead and baiting a dog), and making chirping noises. Merely saying the word "Crufts" can send them into an uncontrollable frenzy. Unfortunately, there isn't much hope for these cases, but with time and research to further understand this disease, we hope to come up with a cure. We are now attempting to isolate the causative agent, and may be able to develop a vaccine in the future.

An interesting sidelight of this disease seems to be that exposure at an early age has an immunizing effect. Several people

afflicted with ACOS at Stage II and Stage III have close family members (children, husbands, wives) who have absolutely no disease. It is thought by some of our researchers that this may be due to environmental effects, to an aggregated immune function, or to the fact that those at these stages of the disease tend not to associate with their close family members possibly due to the memory deficit induced by the disease—that is, in that they don't remember that they have close family members! What can you do to prevent this disease? Until a cure is found, prevention is the measure.

Avoid kennels advertising "show stock," since it may be that dogs are carriers of the disease. Leave town on those days that the local newspapers inform you of a show in the area. If you inadvertently come into contact with an ACOS-afflicted person, leave as soon as possible (they do tend to cling), and thoroughly shower, preferably with germicidal soap. If you are living with an ACOS-afflicted person, take comfort that, if you haven't succumbed yet, you are probably safe....



UC Davis Scholarship Recipients send their Thanks

Dear Ms. Dena Fennel and Solano Kennel Club: Thank you so much for honoring me with a scholarship award at the Spring Awards ceremony. I have never received a scholarship before and it feels so wonderful to be recognized

for hard work and scholastic achievement. It has been a difficult yet rewarding year, as a new mother and veterinary student. My daughter took her first steps this week, has her first birthday, and I have two exams, so the juggling act is

in full swing. But it's a rich life and I would not have it any other way. So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for recognizing me as a deserving student with this wonderful scholarship.

Stacy Hall, DVM Candidate

UC Davis School of Vet Med Class of 2012



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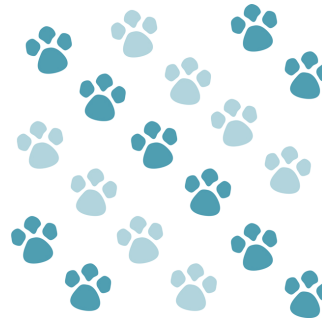
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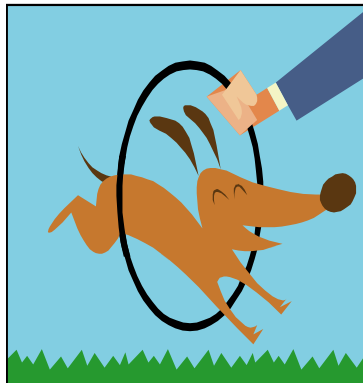


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Rally Training

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!

Jetta Mascon
Canine Therapeutic Center
707-451-3117



Hospitality

July:

Mike and Zella Smith

August:

Cheryl and Richard Rubio

