



Red Rose Report

Lancaster Kennel Club
October 2009

Meeting, Meeting, Meeting!

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 PM

Park City Community Room

Guest speaker: Julian Prager

Upcoming LKC Events

September 26, 27 LKC Agility Trial-Quentin Riding Club

October 14 General membership meeting-Park City Community Room

November 2 Board of Directors Meeting, Stauffer Mansion

November 21 LKC Eye Clinic-Willow Run Veterinary Clinic

From the Editor:

Here's hoping everyone had a great summer! The evenings are getting cooler and the days are getting shorter-that can only mean raking season is just around the corner. For those of you who couldn't attend our picnic-you missed some great food and fun. Special thanks to Tammy Selka et al who did a phenomenal job with grilling the burgers, the dogs (not the four legged kind!) and the corn. Kudos also go to everyone who helped with and participated in the September match.

For those of you who have been asking for good speakers at our meetings-here's a meeting you won't want to miss. Julian Prager will be our guest speaker at the October general meeting. Julian is the NAIA Legislative Coordinator and a public member of the Governor's Dog Law Advisory Board of Pennsylvania.

In this issue you'll find an announcement of the recently passed HB 39 and The AKC news release about their 125th year anniversary celebration plans. Our annual eye clinic is coming up on November 21 and the registration form is in this issue-don't miss the deadline. Read all about the match results and a health tip on the dangers of Xylitol. Please remember to send pictures, newsworthy items, brags and suggestions for content. Ideas are gratefully accepted!
Carolyn

Thought for the day!

How You Say Things

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

**The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."
I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."**

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively.

When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

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LKC Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, October 14
7:00 PM**

Park City Community Room

Guest Speaker

Julian Prager will be our guest speaker at the October General Meeting. Julian is the NAIA Legislative Coordinator and a public member of the Governor's Dog Law Advisory Board of Pennsylvania. He is a lawyer who worked to ensure individual liberty and protection of constitutional guarantees in the new Pennsylvania Dog Law, while improving animal welfare.

Prior to moving to Pennsylvania, he headed the NYC Animal Care and Control and held several commissioner level positions in New York City government. Julian is also an AKC Judge, Breeder / Owner of Bulldogs.

Julian will be speaking on the new Pa Dog Law and HR 39 Protection of Dogs from Painful and Inhumane Treatment which was recently signed into law.

So bring your questions about how these new laws effect you and your breed.

A well trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will just make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it.

On the Political Front:

Governor Rendell Signs Bill Protecting Dogs from Painful, Inhumane Procedures

H.B. 39 BUILDS ON PA'S IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMERCIAL KENNEL STANDARDS

HARRISBURG – Governor Edward G. Rendell today signed into law a measure that strengthens Pennsylvania's commitment to protecting "man's best friend" by ensuring only trained and licensed veterinarians can perform certain medical procedures that, if done incorrectly, can be inhumane and painful.

The Governor said House Bill 39 expands upon the commonwealth's work last year to improve Pennsylvania's Dog Law.

"Last October, Pennsylvania took a big step forward in shedding its label as the 'Puppy Mill Capital of the East.' Today, that law is working and giving hundreds of dogs the opportunity to be adopted and have a better life with a loving family," said Governor Rendell as he noted that the state has revoked or refused 11 kennel licenses and cited another 34 unlicensed kennels. "More work remains, however, and that is why I'm signing this legislation today."

The new law establishes penalties for dog owners who engage in the following procedures on their own dogs:

- Cropping, trimming or cutting off an ear;
- Debarking by cutting or injuring the vocal cords;
- Docking or cutting off the tail of a dog over five days of age;
- Surgically birthing a dog; and
- Removing the dewclaws from a dog over five days of age.

"H.B. 39 clearly defines painful and inhumane procedures on dogs by anyone other than a licensed vet as animal cruelty," said the Governor. "Until now, these cruel practices could be carried out by dog owners without proper training and without supervision by a licensed vet, which could lead to long-term injury, pain and, in some cases, death to these defenseless animals."

The dog's owner must keep a record of the surgery, including the vet who performed it, as well as the location and date where the surgery was performed. The law further protects dogs by making it a 3rd degree felony to steal an animal for the purpose of dog fighting.

Suspected unlicensed kennels can be reported through the Bureau of Dog Law Web site: www.agriculture.state.pa.us or by calling the Dog Law Tip line at 1-877-DOGTIP 1.

Did you know this about Petsmart?

WASHINGTON (Sept. 4) — Dogs arriving at an animal shelter is usually a sad story. But the mood is more like Christmas morning as staff at the Washington (D.C.) Animal Rescue League wait for the Rescue Waggin' truck to open its doors.

The people and the animals have never met, but some greet like old friends. A basset shoots out to lick a face. Jodie Martin holds a small black puppy, one of the almost 40 dogs that she and the driver picked up that morning from two shelters in Ohio, and kisses it on the head before she hands it over.

"These are beautiful dogs," said a staff member at the Washington, D.C., shelter.

The Rescue Waggin' program of PetSmart Charities has moved more than 29,000 dogs since 2004 from communities with high euthanasia rates to shelters with high adoption rates. Their four trucks transport dogs from 53 shelters in 24 states, including a new route that serves Mississippi, Louisiana, southern Tennessee and Arkansas.

The pups travel in style: Specially designed trucks have air conditioning, piped-in music and video cameras so the dogs can be monitored in transit. The policy is not to transport animals more than 10 hours at a stretch, so the organization has just built a halfway kennel for overnight breaks to make longer trips a possibility.

When the dogs are led into their temporary home at the Washington Animal Rescue League, there's a full service hospital, a behavior department and a beautiful cageless shelter facility where a soothing fountain cascades over glass ceilings that let in natural light. "We work on their physical, mental and social rehabilitation and transition them to new homes," says the league's director, Dr. Gary Weitzman.

If you live in a big city with a shelter like this one, it might be hard to understand how different the situation is in communities where the pups come from.

Mark Southwick says that when he started volunteering at the Parke-Vermillion County, Indiana, Humane Society in 2004, the euthanasia rate was 56 percent, including many perfectly adoptable animals, because they simply did not have the resources to either keep them or find them homes.

"Our shelter is situated in a very rural setting — we are literally in the middle of a cornfield," he says.

The shelter budget allows only enough paid staff to feed and clean. Volunteers like Southwick do all the adoption placement work. Volunteer efforts such as posting animals on Petfinder.com and transporting small groups of puppies to other shelters helped get the euthanasia rate down to 15-20 percent, Southwick says. Now, with Rescue Waggin', it's under 2 percent. Moving animals in search of adoptive homes is not a new idea, but the scale of this program is unprecedented. Even a shelter like the Washington Animal Rescue League, which has long transported animals on its own, is enthusiastic about participating.

Weitzman says that it's a big help not to have to bear all of the costs, and the Rescue Waggin' trucks are state of the art. When he was on a committee to come up with guidelines for animal transportation, he says, "we found that we couldn't do better. They're really doing it right." The program also does more than move animals around, with support services to help shelters improve the situation closer to home.

"If all we did was transport, that would not be the answer," said Marlene Walsh, director of Rescue Waggin' operator Humane Strategies.

Southwick's shelter has received grants from PetSmart Charities for facilities improvement and training to prevent illness. Most important, they are now able to offer low-cost spay and neuter services one day per week to the community and shelter animals. For the shelters, the effects go far beyond the visible ones. "The thing that has changed so much is the more positive outlook," Southwick says. Now that they no longer euthanize so many animals, volunteering and donations are up and staff turnover is at an all-time low, with positive results for all the animals, whether they leave on the Rescue Waggin' or not. Says Southwick, "I see hope for these animals that I never saw before."

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From the AKC:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 15, 2009

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Happy 125th Birthday AKC --

New York, NY - This Thursday, September 17, 2009, marks AKC's 125th anniversary. Since 1884, we have maintained the definitive registry of purebred dogs and governed thousands of annual canine competitions. We have always remained true to our original mission of promoting the sport and breeding for type and function but have also continually broadened our purview. Advancing canine health, upholding the integrity of the registry, protecting the rights of all dog owners and promoting responsible dog ownership have all been priorities for many decades. As we celebrate our latest birthday, we can proudly say that the AKC is the leading animal welfare organization for dogs.

Beyond this year being a historic milestone, the AKC has seen the introduction of many new programs and initiatives that mark our continued commitment to all dogs. We launched our S.T.A.R Puppy program, an offshoot of our popular AKC Canine Good Citizen® test which more than 600,000 dogs have taken since its inception in 1989; held an enthusiastic first meeting of the Canine Health & Welfare Advisory Panel and launched www.akcdoghealth.com to collectively share information and promote greater public awareness about health concerns relevant to all dogs; and, as of October 1, 2009, we will welcome mixed-breeds into the AKC Canine Partners program which will offer access to the world of AKC, including competition in companion events. Our affiliates also saw high points this year: AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrolled its four millionth companion animal and the AKC Canine Health Foundation funded its 550th research grant.

Throughout the year, a special 125th Anniversary logo has been widely used and is currently featured in an advertising campaign in Dog World, Dog Fancy, Pet Age and Pet Business magazines.

The dog-loving public is also celebrating with us in a variety of ways. We are looking forward to our first stand-alone Meet the Breeds™ event in New York City in October. And, to reflect on the role dogs have played in our culture and personal lives throughout the years, we've collaborated on a poll on AOL's Paw Nation Web site. This interactive look at memorable canines from different categories such as movies, music, cartoons, mascots and others will help us select the "125 Top Dogs in Popular Culture" in celebration of our anniversary. Visit www.pawnation.com to vote for your favorites.

In November, a new book titled Dogs: The First 125 Years of the American Kennel Club, will be available as an update to the well-known AKC Sourcebook last printed in 1984. This new hardcover chronicles the history of the sport and the AKC and features many highlights and famous competitors from the past 125 years.

And wrapping up the year's festivities will be a spectacular dog show -- an open-entry AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Over 260,000 square feet of space will be utilized for Conformation, 30,000 square feet for Obedience, and a 60,000 square foot tent will host our AKC Agility Invitational (this unique structure has been used at four Superbowls and the Democratic National Convention). AKC Meet the Breeds® will continue to be one of the many signature events taking place over this weekend.

Further commemorating the show will be an online catalog permanently archived at www.akc.org/catalogphotos where exhibitors can post up to four photos of their dogs. We are pleased to have the participation of more than 130 parent clubs holding specialties and supported entries and hope exhibitors will enjoy the variety of medallions, mementos and other keepsakes being offered to remember this anniversary experience.

We hope you are making plans to join us in Long Beach, Calif. on Dec. 12 and 13 for what promises to be AKC's biggest birthday party ever. I couldn't be prouder to wish the AKC a happy 125th birthday and am confident we'll see many more "yappy" returns.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB® & AOL'S PAWNATION.COM ASK AMERICA TO SNIFF OUT THE TOP 125 DOGS IN POP CULTURE

Dog Lovers Can Vote For Their Favorite Cartoon Canine Now at <http://www.pawnation.com/category/akc-top-125-dogs>

New York, NY - Underscoring America's love affair with dogs and celebrating its 125th Anniversary of the American Kennel Club (AKC) on September 17, 2009, the organization has collaborated with AOL's PawNation.com to compile a list of the Top 125 Dogs in Popular Culture. The list brings together canines from diverse backgrounds for a candid look at how dogs have been woven into the fabric of America. Consumers can go to the site and vote for the top dog.

Starting September 15, PawNation.com will host a series of polls that will allow America to vote for their favorite dogs in more than eleven pop culture categories. From movies and music, mascots and literature, to cartoons and TV characters, each week a new poll will allow Americans to review the list, debate it with their friends and colleagues, and pick their favorites.

The first poll will be Cartoon Canines. Visit <http://www.pawnation.com/category/akc-top-125-dogs> to vote for your favorite animated dogs. The AKC will tabulate results and unveil the final list of America's Top 125 Dogs in Pop Culture on November 17, 2009.

"There is no question that America loves dogs," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "One look at popular culture proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that dogs have always had a profound influence on our daily lives. The collaboration between the AKC and Pawnation.com, in celebration of the AKC's 125 anniversary, will allow the nation to choose the dogs that have made the biggest impact on pop culture and how dogs are viewed in our society."

Movies like Lassie and Marley & Me have traditionally scored large audiences and stories like Old Yeller and Where the Red Fern Grows are considered timeless classics. Many grew up with Snoopy and Pluto, Elvis immortalized the "Hound Dog," and what would the University of Georgia be without its Bulldog "Uga" or RCA without "Nipper". But which dog is the most famous of them all? Dog lovers can return each week to vote and have a final say to end the doggie debate and find who it the top dog.

Health Matters:

By Sharon L. Peters, Special for USA TODAY

A sugar substitute found in a variety of sugar-free and dietetic cookies, mints and chewing gum is proving highly toxic, even fatal, to snack-snatching dogs.

Xylitol, popular in Europe for decades but a relative newcomer to the U.S. alternative-sweeteners market, can be "very, very serious" to dogs when ingested, says Dana Farbman, spokeswoman for the Animal Poison Control Center of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "It doesn't take a whole lot (of xylitol), and the effects are so rapid that the window of opportunity to treat the dog is extremely small," Farbman says.

The ASPCA sent an advisory to veterinarians last August warning them about the potential for serious harm or death. Veterinarians have used a variety of means to get the word out, including posting signs in their offices and making copies of the bulletin for clients to augment the caution the ASPCA has posted on its website. Concerned that millions of people are still unaware of the risk, veterinarians with forums for widespread public announcements are spreading the word that way as well. Among them: Miami veterinarian Patty Khuly wrote about the problem on her doolittler.com blog, and Colorado Springs veterinarian Anne Pierce devoted her entire weekly newspaper column a week ago to xylitol.

Within 30 minutes of consuming a small amount of a xylitol-sweetened product, the ASPCA says, dogs can experience a dramatic drop in blood sugar, and they usually begin vomiting, become lethargic and can have difficulty standing or walking. Some have seizures, develop internal hemorrhaging and lesions and suffer liver failure. As few as two or three sticks of xylitol gum could be toxic to a 20-pound dog, the ASPCA says.

Immediate and aggressive veterinary treatment, which includes glucose drips and IV fluids, has proved effective in many cases.

The ASPCA's poison control unit is aware of 10 dog deaths from xylitol since 2002, and it has received scores of reports of dogs becoming gravely ill. But only a fraction of veterinarians and consumers alert the ASPCA when a dog becomes ill or dies from toxins, and there is no national clearinghouse tracking xylitol-suspected toxic reactions.

Moreover, it's not always entirely clear what caused the problem when a dog arrives at a veterinarian's office with seizures or liver failure. "I suspect that there are more cases than we know about because they come in with liver failure, and the owner is not aware of what has been ingested," Pierce says.

She believes that xylitol ingestion is "an emerging problem" and that the number of cases probably will increase with time, "depending on how widespread xylitol as a sweetener becomes."

Xylitol is an all-natural sugar substitute derived from beets, birch tree bark, corncoobs and other natural sources. It's as sweet as sugar but has 40% fewer calories. Unlike sugar, xylitol does not require insulin to be metabolized.

Right now, xylitol is used mostly in cookies, candies, cupcakes and other sweets developed for people who have diabetes. It's also sold in bags of crystals for baking. Because of its bacteria-killing properties, it is put into some oral care products, including Tom's All Natural and Biotene toothpastes.

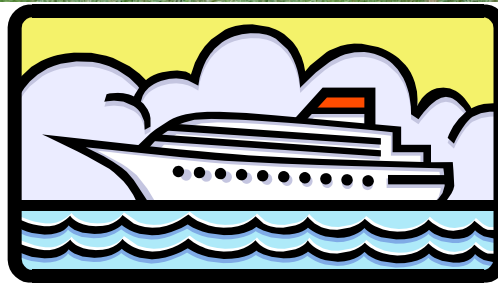
It also is beginning to be used in a broad assortment of products intended for the general public. Among them: Jello sugar-free puddings and a wide variety of sugar-free gums, including Trident, Orbit, Stride, Icebreakers and Altoids.

Makers of products with xylitol say their products are designed for people, including diabetes patients, who are seeking an alternative to sugar; they were never recommended for dogs and were never intended to be ingested by dogs. Owners should be careful because some dogs, Khuly says, "get into just about everything and eat everything they find."

There is no indication that any of the other sweeteners on the market adversely affect dogs. And there is no evidence so far that xylitol is toxic to pets other than dogs. But cats, for example, don't scavenge for sweets as dogs do, so it's possible there are risks that have not yet been discovered. For now, veterinarians advise pet owners to keep xylitol away from all animals.

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Best Puppy in Match- "Addie"
Owned by Michael English



Just when you think summer is over....

Here's a chance to plan some canine learning in the Fun and Sun!

We'd like to invite you and your club members to join us for the 6th annual K9 College Cruise, an educational event sponsored by the Lancaster Kennel Club and Nestle-Purina.

The K9 College Cruise is the only event of its kind to feature an entire faculty of experts all in one place at one time. And, the best part is, when the seminars are over the speakers don't go home and neither do you. You'll have an entire week to meet and mingle with the experts, Judges, breeders, and dog enthusiasts from all across the United States and Canada.

We have an amazing faculty of speakers for the 2010 K9 College, which includes: Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Pat Hastings, Dr. Alan Schoen, Dr. Robert Van Hutchison, Dr. Pamela Reid, Patti Strand, Corky Vroom, and more!

Please take a minute to visit our website for more information:

www.k9collegecruise.com

Hopefully, you'll want to share this information with your club. If so, I'd be happy to send you some email flyers that you could distribute. I could also mail you some of our printed flyers to distribute to your club or make available to the public at any of your upcoming events.

Thank you kindly,

Katie Markley

K9 College Cruise

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No Questions Asked

“He is very imprudent, a dog is. He never makes it his business to inquire whether you are in the right or in the wrong, never bothers as to whether you are going up or down upon life’s ladder, never asks whether you are rich or poor, silly or wise, sinner or saint. Come luck or misfortune, good repute or bad, honour or shame, he is going to stick to you, to comfort you, guard you, and give his life for you....”

Jerome K Jerome

<p>LANCASTER KENNEL CLUB, INC. 25th ANNUAL EYE EXAMINATION CLINIC SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009</p>
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Willow Run Veterinary Clinic
320 Beaver Valley Pike, Willow Street, PA

Dr. Seth Koch will conduct the Eye Clinic. Some breeds with history of major eye problems

Afghan Hounds – cataract	Norwegian Elkhounds – PRA
Akitas – VKH disease	Poodles – PRA, cataract
Alaskan Malamutes – day blindness	Retrievers – PRA, cataract, retinal dysplasia
Basenjis – persistent papillary membrane	Schnauzers – PRA, cataract
Beagles – lens luxation	Setters (Irish/English) – PRA
Belgian Tevurens – pannus cataract	Siberian Huskies – PRA, cataract
Borzois – retinopathy	Spaniels (Brittany/ Cocker/, Springer) Cataract, PRA, retinal dysplasia
Briards – PRA	All Terriers – lens luxation
Collies/Shelties – CEA, PRA	Welsh Corgis – PRA, cataract
Great Danes – cataract	Whippets – PRA, cataract
Ibizan Hounds – cataract	

PRA – Progressive Retinal Atrophy, CEA – Collie Eye Anomaly

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- Cost for each eye exam: \$30 per dog.

- AKC registration information will be necessary if registering with CERF
- **Deadline for registration: November 14, 2009**

Directions: From North & US Rt 30 (East & West) around Lancaster, take US Rt. #222 South through Lancaster to Willow Street. In Willow Street, Rt #222 turns left, stay on Rt. #222 (Beaver Valley Pike) & follow to Clinic. From Quarryville and Points South, take Rt. #222 North to Clinic or from Buck area, take PA Rt. #272 North to Willow Street and turn right onto Rt. #222.

Send check & registration form to: LuAnn Bicevskis, 2804 Marietta Ave, Lancaster PA 17601

Number of Dogs _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
(check payable to Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.)

Breed(s) of Dogs: _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____

*EmailAddress _____

Conformation will be sent via Email if address provided; otherwise, will be sent in the mail a week prior to the Clinic. Appointment times will begin at 8am..

*Note: If you do not receive a confirmation via mail or email please let me know (717) 898-0915 or **luannb@comcast.net***