



The Lancaster Kennel Club

- Newsletter -

President's Message:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours. As we begin this New Year, your BOD is planning some fun things. First, at our February membership meeting we will have three newer breeds to introduce to you -- Jim Boose with bring his Xoloitzcuintlis, Martha Guimond will bring her Russian Toy Terrier, and a friend of Martha's will bring a Russian Rat Terrier. They will each do a short intro and history of their breed and answer any questions you may have. Later this year, we are planning a second mini-Meet the Breeds to introduce everyone to the Coton de Tulear, the Spanish Water Dog, and hopefully the Sloughi. If anyone knows of someone with a rare breed or one of the newly accepted breeds, please let me know so we can invite them to one of our meetings.

We are again working on reinstituting the health clinic and on sponsoring a seminar for later in the fall. I am pleased to announce that Deb Eckert will again chair our "Shop for a Cause" participation at Park City on April 26; Debby Bush and Mary Hartman have agreed to co-chair the Red Rose Classic this year; and, Joy Ellwanger will continue to chair the Scholarship Committee. Carolyn Vack and Luann Bicevskis have agreed to be on the Nominating Committee for this year's election -- we still need another person to volunteer so we have our full complement of three! We also still need a Match Show Chair. -- ANY VOLUNTEERS OUT THERE?????

Coming up is the Celtic Classic -- March 12 to March 16, 2014. Volunteers are needed for all five days. Please contact Cindy Erb-Starkey at cjestarkey@msn.com to sign up. We need volunteers for all jobs including a new job of "Daily Shopper" to help the hospitality committees stay stocked with needed food supplies.

As I end, a reminder that we are a club of volunteers -- and each and every one of you is appreciated for what you do to help make this club stronger and more vibrant. I look forward to seeing you at our next membership meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 in the Community Room, above Kohl's, at Park City Center. In the meantime, stay dry, warm and safe.

Ann Byrne

Co-Editor's Message:

Thanks to each of you for your submissions and thoughts for the 2014 Newsletter. We will continue to do our best to find information we think will be of interest to each of you. Thanks to Co-Editors RainBear Mahoney and Bradley Frisbee for their help in keeping this Newsletter organized and moving along expediently. Hoping each of you and your dogs are staying warm during this intense weather we have been experiencing. Remember to send us interesting articles you feel your fellow club members might enjoy, show brags, and any suggestions for our upcoming issues. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming 2014 Events!

Barry Brunner

Below are a few articles chosen to be answered in the column "Ask AKC". Lisa Peterson, a long-time owner/breeder/handler of Norwegian Elkhounds, is the AKC Director of Club Communications. If you have a question, send it to Lisa at lxp@akc.org and she may select it to be answered here in Ask AKC.

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Article 1: How to Train Dogs for the Car Ride (Motion Sickness or Anxiety)

Dear Lisa: *Every time we take our Pomeranian with us in the car he gets sick and throws up. Since we normally take our dogs with us on vacation this presents a problem. The vet has prescribed a tranquilizer for long trips, but that gets expensive when we want to take him with us frequently on short trips. Is there something else that might work? Thanks. — Driving Miss Daisy in Denver*

Dear Driving: There are usually two reasons for car sickness in dogs. Either motion sickness affecting balance or car-related anxiety caused by some fearful aspect of traveling in the car. Regardless of the reason for your pup's puking problems, the main remedy to address the issue is the same, a good desensitization program.

Before we start with the desensitization program, there are a few other steps to take since you don't know whether the pup suffers from motion sickness or car-related anxiety. One reason for motion sickness in young pups is the lack of early handling by humans. Try cuddling her upside down in your lap, pick her up in the air or roll her around on the ground like a log. These small motions a few times a day will mimic what she is exposed to in the car.

Avoid travel in the farthest backseat where there is the most motion. Also, in the backseat pups can only see out the side windows where a whizzing blur of objects creates a fuzzy visual that causes or compounds motion sickness. By moving her closer to the front, say in the middle seat and having her look forward towards the windshield she will see less movement. Another option is to place her in a Vari-Kennel® crate which has solid sides to limit her visibility. If you don't use a crate, remember to use a seat-belt like harness on her while in the middle seat to keep her safe in case of an accident.

As for car-related anxiety, the pup may have associated car travel with bad things happening to her. As a very young pup she might have been taken away from her mother and thrown into a car to go to the vet to get shots which wasn't pleasant. At such a young age a few bad trips can ruin a dog's appeal to a car ride.

Going for a Ride

Start with putting the pup in the car with you for a few minutes a day. Don't turn on the car or drive anywhere, just sit quietly giving praise and gently petting. Another good idea is not to feed the pup six to 12 hours before any planned travel or even sitting in the car. Feed her after the session or travel back in the house. Don't use treats to reward her in the car. This will only stimulate an already off-balance digestive system.

After a few days sitting in the car, try staring the car and letting it run for a few minutes with her in it. Bring a toy and play with her in the front seat. Make it a happy time. Then shut off the car and exit. Do this for a few days until she shows great enthusiasm for going to the car. The trick here is to progress slowly after she shows no sign of sickness. The next step is to drive up and down the driveway once then stop and exit. Do this for a few days and then maybe try up and down the street. You get the picture. Increase the amount of travel each time she reaches a plateau of not getting sick. If she gets sick then move the process backwards until she is not sick again. By taking one step back to move two steps forward you will progress.

Article 2: The Homebound Dog (How to Train Your Dog to Be Alone)

***Dear Lisa:** My husband and I adopted a magnificent Havanese puppy two months ago. We're retired seniors and spend a great deal of time at home with our puppy. He is house broken, extremely intelligent, well-disciplined and very loving!! He has been with us day and night since he arrived in our home. We have had zero success in training him to be in a solitary space for even 5 minutes. He cries and barks even if we go to the mail box for a few minutes. Our lives have become very restricted because one of us has to stay with him all the time. —Homebound Havanese*

Dear Homebound: Congratulations on your new puppy! This National Dog of Cuba is very trainable, intelligent and possesses a naturally affectionate temperament which, as you are finding out, makes this breed an ideal pet. Although a toy dog, they remain energetic and require some form of daily exercise. You don't mention how old your puppy is, but it's time to get to work socializing and training this youngster before he "trains" you to stay home with him any further.

I'm curious, have you ever left him in the house and stayed outside for longer than 5 minutes to see if he settles down on his own? You may want to try this first. If not, move on to plan B. Usually to curb this type of behavior you want to build up the amount of time he is left alone without reacting to your absence. This is accomplished by rewarding him for good behavior in small amounts of time.

Where do you leave him when you exit the house? Is he in a room where he can see you leave the property or in an interior room where he has no idea when you may have left the premises? Do you place him in his crate or let him have the run of the house? Start to make notes of what works and doesn't work when following the next steps.

A Room

First step, create a nice environment for him in an interior room where eventually you plan to leave him when you are out of the house. In this room, play some music or turn on the TV to create some distracting noise so he can't hear you leave. Then give his active mind something to focus on, one of the new "figure it out" toys that have hiding places for treats or the old stand by Kong with peanut butter or frozen vegetables stuffed inside. Giving him this fun treat/activity will keep his mind busy long enough for you to make your getaway. Hopefully, he won't notice you are gone and then won't react as if he has separation anxiety. I would create this routine as a fun activity and for the first couple of days give him the toy and stay in the room with him, offering him lots of praise for being a good boy. When he learns to love this new activity, then try to add some separation time into it. Maybe walk out of the room, turn around and come back in. If he doesn't cry or bark, lots of praise. Next day, try being out of the room for 30 seconds or 1 minute and if all goes well, come in with lots of praise and tasty treats to reinforce his good behavior. Next time, try two minutes and slowly build the time up he is left alone.

Other tactics

I would also enroll him in some training classes, such as STAR Puppy or basic obedience, to help build his confidence. Also, plenty of daily exercise like walking, ball tossing, playing with a toy, will help him focus on other fun activities with you. You are changing his response from not liking when you leave, to having him be happy each time he sees you because he knows it means a fun activity.

Bring him places away from the house as another way to stimulate his mind and expel that mental energy. As his confidence grows with positive reinforcement training from classes, socialization around town meeting new people and seeing new things, and his new activity based alone time in the house you should have a puppy that grows into a well-rounded mature dog that can handle a few hours home alone quietly while you get on with your life.

Article by Amy M. Armstrong : Alpha Male Characteristics

Not everyone gets to be top dog. Certain characteristics qualify a dog as an alpha male. These traits aren't necessarily negative but are ones human companions should be keenly aware of to successfully control of how everyone -- human and canine -- interacts within the household.

The Alpha and the Pack

Before canines became "man's best friend" and took up comfortable beds at the front door, they lived solely in groups called packs. These packs ranged in size from eight to 15 members, according to the Pet Place. Males were related to each other, as were the females, but bloodlines between the two genders were separate. One of the male dogs became the alpha or leader who got to eat first, lie down to rest in the best spot and get first pick of the females. He also was responsible for directing the pack's activity and warning members and defending them during dangerous situations. While modern breeding programs have eliminated some of this more primitive pack mentality,

today's dogs will still display some elements of this social pattern as they bond with human companions and extend membership in the pack to those with two legs instead of four.

An Intact Male

If your male dog is not neutered, he most likely will be the alpha male if he isn't the only canine in the house. This is particularly applicable when other male dogs live within the home's social structure and are neutered, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In most cases, the females defer leadership to an intact male.

First At Everything

Being the alpha is the same as being first. He's the first one to eat when kibbles are served and he is the first one to grab snacks or table scraps off the floor. If he's the first one to drink fresh water when it is poured, he is the alpha dog. If the other dogs let him be the first to chase after toys and he most generally has possession of more toys than do the other dogs, he's probably the alpha. If he's the first one interacting with you when you come home or he beats everyone else to your lap, he's the alpha. The other dogs aren't just "letting" him go first. They are obeying the natural order of things.

An Alert Defender

Aside from companionship, people often bring a dog in to their home as added protection for the family. While not all dogs become alert guardians of the home, an alpha dog does. The alpha male is keenly aware of which humans belong in the home and what their daily activities are. He isn't necessarily aggressive toward visitors, but he also isn't overtly friendly even after his human companions have assured him that they are aware of the visitor and that such is all right.

Establishing Boundaries

The protective and engaging traits of an alpha dog can be helpful to establishing a lasting bond. However, it is important that human companions remain the ultimate alpha in any household. Obedience training is an excellent first step toward defining authority roles. According to the Dog Owners Guide, requiring a dog to sit on command before interacting with him, feeding him or grooming him sets appropriate boundaries.

<http://pets.thenest.com/alpha-male-dog-characteristics-5542.html>

MEMBER BRAG

Alexis Schlott, a new Junior member to the Lancaster Kennel Club, is listed as the Number 1 Junior Handler nationwide in the Kerry Blue breed according to the Canine Chronicle as of the end of 2013. Lexi grooms and handles GCH Adare's Top Hat and Tails (Zeus) in the Open Intermediate Class.

She was awarded her first BEST JUNIOR at the Lehigh Valley show in December, 2013. These two really do work as a team and we are so proud to have Lexi as part of the ADARE Kerries and Wheatens. Good Luck to you in 2014! Watch for them at the Celtic Classic!

CONGRATULATIONS ALEXIS !!

THE MAKING OF A SHOWDOG (AND HIS OWNER)

The Philadelphia area is full of talented and intelligent AKC breeders of terriers, especially Norwich Terriers. Finding a reputable breeder to adopt my first show dog from was not difficult. But showing the dog in the area was extremely competitive. Knowing the competitive nature of showing in the area, I have consulted members of the LKC for advise and benefitted from Gail Hillard's handling class, Rain Bear's advice, and Deb Bush's guidance. I have attempted to show my dog myself and it was a fairly successful learning experience. I intend to solely show any future dogs of mine to continue to learn and grow as a member of the LKC.

But for the most part, in preparation for the stiff competition, I hired a world-renowned dog handler, Margery Good. In a short time she acquired a major and multiple points, but we hit a wall when my dog turned a year old. Throughout the next months a point at a show would come but we were mainly donating points and not winning more than Reserve Dog. I consulted my fellow LKC members listed above, other Norwich breeders, and my handler. All gave me hints on grooming, feeding, and preparing myself and my dog for the ring. A few short weeks later, I am proud to announce that I kept the faith, stuck in there, and my dog championed through a 5 point major in Florida. I could not be more pleased.

Anyone that is interested in showing a dog in the AKC shows, be prepared for wins, losses, confusion, expense, emotions, and more. Although it was intimidating at times, it's always worth it in the end. I see the ultimate goal, the ultimate goal of improving the breed. Keep the faith and above all do research into getting your dog fit and ready for the traveling circus of dog shows. Attending and handling class is key. Ask breeders about your dog's confirmation throughout the stages of your dogs maturity while showing. Communicate with fellow LKC members and find the "veterans" of the show world. They have valuable and practical advice that is worth its weight in gold. The goal, in my opinion, for showing an AKC pedigree dog is to better the breed. Make available dogs and bitches for the procreation of a healthier generation. And, as I've been told many a time, have fun doing it! Thank you for all the wishes and help over the past year and a half. Carl's finally a champion.

Bradley J. Frisbie



2014 Schedule of Events

February:

2/12 – Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM – Park City

March:

3/3- BOD Meeting – 7:00 PM – Liederkrantz

3/12-3/16 – Celtic Classic – York Expo Center

April:

4/9 – Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM – Park City

4/26 – Shop for a Cause – Park City

May:

5/5 – BOD Meeting – 7:00 – Liederkrantz

5/11 - Red Rose Classic

June:

6/11 – Annual Banquet & Election – TBA

July:

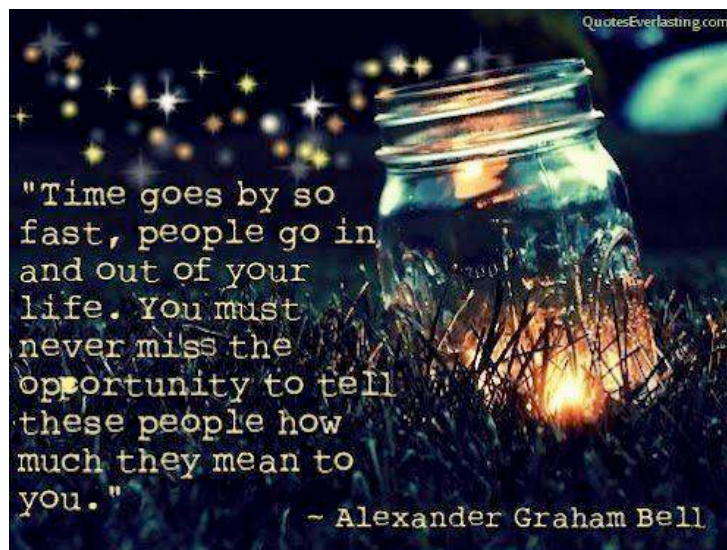
7/7 – BOD Combined meeting – 7:00 PM - Liederkrantz

A full listing of show events can be found at

1. AKC <http://www.akc.org/events/search/index.cfm>
2. Rau Dog Shows <http://www.raudogshows.com>
3. MBF <http://www.infodog.com>

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED
THEIR TIME TO HELP WITH VARIOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT
2013 !!! YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED ... :-)**



Secretary's Reports:

LANCASTER KENNEL CLUB INC.
Membership Meeting & Christmas Party
December 11, 2013, 7:00 PM
Liederkrantz, Lancaster, PA

Call to Order: 7:05 PM – Ann Byrne, President

1. Welcome- given by Ann Byrne

2. Secretary's report – Tammy Selka – Minutes were published in last newsletter, Motion to accept as printed by Pete Byrne second Deb Bush. Motion carried. Tammy handed out a packet of information containing new by-laws, constitution, code of ethics, 2013/14 membership roster, anonymous survey and breakdown of how new elections are being conducted.

3. Treasurer's report- Sue Bullitt – Financial statements for Oct. and Nov. A motion was made by Pete Byrne second by Earl Acker to accept as printed. Motion carried.

4. AKC Delegate report – Carolyn Vack – Delegates meeting is day following our meeting. No report given.

5. Committee Reports–No committee reports.

6. Unfinished Business- - None

7. New Business –

a. Nominating committee is needed for our next election. Please contact Ann Byrne or Tammy Selka if you are interested in being on the committee.

b. New Members: Cheryl Hansberry & Sabine Schwarz were voted in to membership. Motion to accept applications was made by LuAnn Bicevkis second by Lori Wright. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment – 7:30 PM by Pete Byrne.
Christmas gift exchange and party proceeded.

Submitted by: Tammy Selka, Secretary

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Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 6, 2014
Lancaster Leiderkrantz
722 S. Chiques Road, Manheim, PA 17545

Board members in attendance: Ann Byrne, Tammy Selka, Cindy Erb-Starkey, Kim Hess & Deb Eckert

Guests: None

Call to Order: 7:10 -

1. Secretary's Report: Tammy Selka

- a. **Minutes** – The minutes from the previous Board meeting were printed in the last edition of the newsletter. No quorum vote held over for next meeting.
- b. **Correspondence** –Thank you for scholarship from Stephanie Millekin. Pawsability flyer date set for March 8-March 9, 2014. Received one survey back from membership.
- c. Mailed remainder of by-law packets to membership 12/30/13. Handed new member packet for Cheryl Hansberry to Ann at Christmas party and mailed one to

Sabine Schwarz on 12/30/13. So far only one survey received back from membership.

2. Treasurer's Report: Ann Byrne for Sue Bullitt (sick)

a. Balance sheets were distributed and discussed for December no quorum vote held over for next meeting. We still need to vote on September 2013 financial report vote missed at last BOD meeting.

b. Large payment out this month for show site at York Expo center.

3. AKC Delegates report: No report

4. Committee Reports:

a. **Scholarships** –Checking with Joy to see if would like to continue to chair committee.

b. **Celtic Classic** – Meeting scheduled for Sat. Jan. 11 to finalize premium list. Need volunteers for all 5 days. Added a new volunteer position-club shopper. Need someone to run to store at end of day to fill in sodas, ice, etc. for the next day.

c. **Health Clinic**– Kim has contacted a few vets. Looking into using Willow Run facility again. Discussed what all we would like to offer. Suggested for first year just eyes and heart.

5.Unfinished Business:

a. **Newsletter** – Need info for newsletter. Rain Bear stepped down from position. Barry Brunner handling newsletter. All information should be sent to him.

b. **Committee Chairs** – Need to make sure all positions for chairs are filled. Need a nominating committee. Ann contacting a few people to see if they would like to be on committee. Need someone for Audit committee, General Meeting Program Committee and Match show chair.

6. New Business:

a. **Survey** – Received one survey so far. Suggestion was to have programs at General Meetings so that attendance would be better. Discussed some options. Kim Hess is checking with some people who have rare or newly accepted breeds to tell us about their breed. Talking to Jim Boose with Xylos, someone with Russian Toys and Rat Terriers. Also, will contact Danna about Cotons for next meeting.

b. **New Member** –Motion made by Deb Eckert second by Kim Hess to send Alexis Schlott to membership for approval. Since no quorum the motion was amended to state :
Motion to send Alexis Schlott to membership for approval pending vote from BOD via email.

7.Adjournment: at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by: Tammy Selka, Secretary

On 1/8/2014 Secretary received unanimous vote to send Alex Schlott to membership for acceptance. Emails are filed with Secretary's monthly paperwork. Tammy Selka

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Treasurer's Report: - The Treasurer reports will continue to be in the Members Only area.

SHOW BRAGS

Maclain Tibetans is pleased to announce our Latest AKC Champion
AKC-CH IC-CHJP INT-JrSG/JrGR/JrCH UKC-MBPIS/MRBPIS Maclain's Pög Mo Thöin "Finnegan"
Finnegan finished at AKC Eukanuba National Championship from the Bred-By Class with a BEST OF WINNERS win.

AKC/CAN/UKC CH Wassong's Kelso x AKC/UKC CH Duart's Oops! I Did It Again DOW: 11/28/2012
Bred By: J Mumbauer, J Briggs & M L Acker
Co owned & loved by: Dr Earl, Louise & Marybeth Acker



Barry Brunner's Siberian Husky, "Zuri", CH Barynuk's Icebreaker, won Best Brood Bitch at the SHCA's 2013 National Speciality last Fall. This is the first time in the History of this Breed, that a pure white Siberian Husky won this Title ! Special CONGRATS to Judy, Dale, & Stan Kramarich and to Jessica Plourde for the very special care and handling of Zuri !! :-)

