



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER January 2010 Edition

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Burrr, it's cold outside! Yes, it is January, time to bundle up if you go outside! If you are someone who enjoys winter outdoor sports such as skiing, sledding or skating, this is your time. If not, it might be your time to hibernate indoors, read some good books or catch up on those inside jobs we put off when the weather warms up. Have you noticed that many dogs seem to LOVE a new fallen snow? I don't know what it is, but my Izzy runs around like a puppy, sticking her nose into a snow drift, coming up with a face full of snow, looking happy as a clam!

Winter is also the time when classes are abundant at the club-house. THANK YOU to everybody for helping to train our canine friends! Since we have started a New Year, everybody's volunteer bank goes back to zero, so consider volunteering to teach or assist with one of those classes. If teaching isn't your thing, there are plenty of committees or jobs around the clubhouse to help you accumulate a few of those hours. Whatever your pleasure, enjoy the winter cool down. Do what makes you happy, but stay warm. Happy New Year to all!



AWARDS BANQUET



**Awards banquet at Nibby's March 3rd 6:30PM \$12 per person
Please send all info and \$ to Kay Christel 2118 South 11th Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220**

**Awards info due NO LATER than January 31st
Money for banquet due by February 15th
Any questions contact Kay at cavalierlady@tm.net or 682-7902**

More information later in this newsletter

Obedience – Bonnie Liermann

There is a yahoo group that deals specifically with showing in obedience. If you are showing your dog, or want to learn more, you may want to join this group.
Ring-tested-Obedience@yahogroups.com

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ANNETTE MCDONALD: U-CD U-GRACH CAMERON VI CD RAE MXP
MJP OAC S-OJC O-TN-E TG-N WV-N "Cameron" (Rough Collie)
Dec 3, 2009 Cream City Canines Agility Club of Milwaukee/"Hounds for the
Holidays" AKC All-Breed Agility Trial, Uihlein Soccer Park, Milwaukee WI
Cameron qualified in both her jumpers and standard runs, earning one more
"double-Q" to close out 2009; an **awesome** finale to another great year on
the agility courses with my little girl!

How Dry I Am!

Taken from the American Kennel Club Family Dog Magazine, January/February 2010.

As a dog lover, I love to curl up with my furry Izzy on a cold winter evening. Winter can be a time to catch up on those inside projects, catch up on your reading, or just relax a bit. Besides the snow and cold that winter brings, it brings us dry hands, chapped lips and itchy, flaky skin. Yes, the dryer air can reek havoc on your skin. Well, if you have dry skin there is a good chance your canine friend's skin is dry too! A dull and brittle coat, flaky and itchy skin and even cracked paw pads are all signs that your pet may need a little spa treatment of his or her own. Here are a few grooming strategies that can restore your dog's

supple skin, and perhaps prevent dry skin for your canine friend!

- Bathe MORE frequently, not less – Many people think if they bathe their pet more frequently in the winter, it contributes more to dry skin. Others think it is too cold to let your dog get wet. If you use the right products on your pet, more frequent baths are actually better for your dog's coat and skin. Shampoos should be chemical free, and moisturizing. These can actually increase the moisture of your dog's coat and skin. Check your local pet store or the internet for shampoos that are natural and detergent and chemical free. Your Veterinarian may even be able to recommend a product that will work well.
- Don't forget the rinse cycle. Shampoo left in the coat of your dog can become irritating to the skin of some dogs, so make sure you rinse, rinse and rinse again! When you think you have rinsed enough, give it one more go around! Your pooch will thank you!
- Drying your dog's coat is a good idea too, but make sure you dry with a cool setting. Hot dryers can contribute to dry skin. It is a good idea to take your dog out to go POTTY before the bath, then she won't have to "go out" with wet hair.
- Crème rinse works well too to add an extra dose of moisture, to coats and skin, but remember that they too need to be rinsed out well. Cream rinses can help to keep your friend's coat shiny and sleek.
- Moisturizing sprays can help to sooth and keep skin hydrated. Many contain emollients and other proteins, but don't make coats greasy. Moisturizing sprays may act as that ounce of prevention to keep skin from getting dry and flaky.
- Snow, ice, salt and dry air can cause your dog to get dry feet pads. Make sure you keep the hair trimmed between the feet pads. Long paw hair helps to trap more ice, snow and salt, making the problem worse. Check your local pet store or even your vet for a good water-repellent paw-pad balm. You might even consider winter booties, if your pet will allow them.
- Consider giving your dog an omega-3 essential fatty acid supplement. These can be given separately, or can be found in certain pet foods.
- Household humidifier's can be helpful too. If they are good for your skin, why not your furry friend's?

Finally, a combination of the above remedies might just be the way to ensure that your furry friend enjoys (or even just tolerates) the long winter months ahead!

JUST A DOG....

From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog." Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog." and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "Just a dog." In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "Just a dog," provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you too, think its "Just a dog," you will probably understand phrases like "Just a friend," just a sunrise, or Just a promise. "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "Just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment, "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it's not "Just a dog." It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "Just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "Just a dog," smile, because they "Just Don't Understand,"

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Submitted by Carol Paplham

A Dozen Simple Ways You Can Be Sure You Are Working With a Reputable Breeder B

Taken from Dr. Nancy Kay DVM's Blog

January 23, 2010

Author of Speaking For Spot

So, you've decided to adopt a dog and feel certain that a purebred is your heart's desire. You've done your research to be sure that the size and temperament of the breed you've chosen is the right fit for you, your lifestyle, and everyone else who lives with you (including both two-legged and four-legged family members). Now, what's the best way to find this dog of your dreams?

Here are some good options for finding your new dog (hopefully, we are in agreement that pet store and site unseen online purchases are *not* good options- see <http://speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=710>). If you are open to adopting an adult dog, let the staff of your local shelter or humane society know what you are looking for- a surprising number of purebred dogs wind up there. I also encourage you to contact breed-specific rescue organizations (google the name of your breed along with the word "rescue"). Life's unforeseen circumstances (death, divorce, financial woes, etc.) cause many wonderful dogs to end up with rescue groups.

Another good option for finding your new dog is via a reputable breeder. (For the

sake of my writing sanity and your reading sanity, throughout this article I refer to breeders with the feminine pronoun.) The word *reputable* is reserved for the breeder who is truly passionate about the breed she fancies. Not only does she possess knowledge about the breed's history, she knows everything there is to know about their inherited health issues (every single breed has them), temperament, and special needs. She is a wealth of information about breed ancestries (pedigrees) and the reading material on her nightstand likely includes breed-related magazines. Compare this description to what is referred to as the "backyard breeder," the individual who produces pups without giving significant thought to inherited diseases, pedigrees, conformation, performance, or temperament. Their reasons for breeding have nothing to do with preserving the integrity of the breed; perhaps they want their children to witness the "miracle of birth," believe in the myth that healthy female dogs must have a litter, or are naïve enough to believe that producing pups is a money-making proposition.

Working with a *reputable* breeder provides the very best insurance policy that your new pup will have an ideal temperament and the genetic potential for a lifetime of good health. So, how do you go about finding a reputable breeder? I encourage you to attend some dog shows and local breed club functions to do some schmoozing. Take note of any consensus you perceive (positive or negative) about particular breeders. Pay an online visit to the American Kennel Club (if you reside in the United States) and/or the national breed-specific association (i.e. Golden Retriever Club of America). These sites contain referrals to breeders, but in no way guarantees that they are *reputable*- you still need to do your homework! Once you've created your "short list" of puppy providers, use the list below of a dozen simple ways to be certain you are working with a reputable breeder.

1. A reputable breeder insists that you visit her home and all of her dogs. In addition to the puppies, she wants you to meet their mother and, if they are on site, the sire and other relatives (aunts, uncles, and cousins). She wants you to see that the dogs are not confined to a sterile kennel environment and that they have many opportunities for human interaction from an early age. Additionally, this visit provides the breeder with an opportunity to see how you interact with dogs.
2. A reputable breeder will want to show you all the paperwork pertaining to her pups' pedigree and health clearances (consult with the breed association to learn which medical issues are pertinent for your breed). Not only does she have this paperwork for your pup, but for the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles as well. She will take great pride in this paperwork as it demonstrates her quest to enhance the breed and produce the very best puppies possible. She will be sending a copy of this paperwork home with you and your pup along with a binder full of other important documents: general information about the breed, breed related health issues, recommendations for obedience classes, grooming tips, results of temperament testing, vaccination and deworming history, record of

veterinarian examination, photos of the relatives, and everything you need for American Kennel Club Registration (and you thought you were just getting a puppy!).

3. A reputable breeder will want to tell you about any significant health problems that have arisen in any of the dogs she has produced (no breeder is immune). Not only does this suggest integrity on her part, it also lets you to know that she has stayed in contact with her clients throughout the lifetime of the dogs she's placed.

4. A reputable breeder has more questions for you than you have for her! You will likely be asked to fill out an application and provide references. She will request a description of your immediate family, other pets, prior dog experience, house and yard (she may want to come for a site visit), time spent at home versus work, amount of money you are willing to spend on veterinary care, and what activities you hope to share with your dog. If you feel as though you are being interrogated, it is because you are! The reputable breeder is looking for a single permanent relationship for her pup; she will readily decline a new home that she feels is less than ideal. Keep in mind, she is well versed in her breed's best and worst qualities, and knows that these traits are not well suited to every individual and household. By the way, you will not be allowed to choose a puppy from the entire litter. The reputable breeder rarely produces more than two or three litters a year and most of the pups will be spoken for well in advance. If she does not have a pup that is right for you, she will gladly refer you to another reputable breeder.

5. A reputable breeder is in no hurry to send her puppies off to their new homes. They may even be held a few weeks longer than the traditional 6 to 8 weeks of age during which time she continues to evaluate each pup to determine which are show or performance prospects. She will also continue to evaluate the personalities of the pet-quality dogs for more successful pairing with prospective buyers.

6. A reputable breeder is happy to provide you with references including people who have purchased her puppies in the past, other breeders, and the veterinarian(s) who cares for her dogs.

7. A reputable breeder will ask you to sign a contract that details not only what she expects of you, but also what you can expect of her. The contract will include some form of health guarantee and, with rare exception, will require your agreement to neuter your pup at the appropriate age. The contract will also spell out your breeder's ongoing involvement throughout your dog's lifetime. She will be an enthusiastic source of support and advice for you, and will want to be informed about any significant health issues that arise. Not only might this health feedback influence future breeding decisions, she will want to provide a "heads up" to the people who adopted your dog's littermates. Additionally, if for any

reason and at any age, your dog needs to be “rehomed” the reputable breeder will want to be involved in the process. She would never want one of her dogs to wind up in a shelter or passed from home to home.

8. A reputable breeder does not accept credit cards. She simply doesn't sell enough puppies to make this worthwhile.

9. A reputable breeder sends her pups to their new homes via automobile or within the passenger compartment of the airplane accompanied by a responsible human. They are never transported in the baggage compartment of an airplane.

10. A reputable breeder works with one breed, or occasionally two. She truly has a love affair with the breed and has focused a huge amount of her time and energy researching all of its particular nuances. She views “designer hybrids” such as Labradoodles (Labradors crossed with Poodles) and Puggles (Pugs crossed with Beagles) to be no different than any other mixed breed of dog. They detract from, rather than enhance the breed she loves so dearly.

11. A reputable breeder shows her dogs in American Kennel Club recognized conformation shows and/or breed-related performance events (obedience, agility, hunting tests/field trial, tracking, herding, etc.). Her dogs may earn AKC good citizen certificates. Such involvement provides a clear-cut way for others who are knowledgeable about the breed to evaluate her dogs. The breeder's pride will be evident when she shows you the certificates and trophies detailing the accolades and accomplishments of the dogs she's produced.

12. A reputable breeder has a job other than breeding puppies (unless she happens to be independently wealthy). Breeding pups to pay the mortgage and put groceries on the table inevitably leads to making poor breeding choices. As one of my colleagues recommends, “Ask the breeder if she makes money breeding dogs. If she says, ‘no,’ or better yet, laughs while saying no, you can figure she is a decent breeder.”

Best wishes to you and your four-legged family members for much good health,

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MCKC Awards Banquet

The annual awards banquet will be held this year at Nibby's at 6:30, March 3rd in place of the general meeting. Award requirements and application are below. Please send info of titles to **Kay Christel, 2118 South 11th St. Manitowoc WI 54220 920-682-7902. cavalierlady@tm.net.**

Also, deadline date is January 31st with ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

Last year Kay was left with many chips for members dogs that were not picked up. This does cost the club money.

If you want a chip to go with a club picture of your dog and/or a personal chip to go on your home plaque, please indicate that information to Kay. Otherwise none will be made up.

Annual Awards Requirements:

1. MCKC member in good standing.
2. Must have donated 10 hours in previous calendar year to MCKC for club activities. Junior members are excluded from donating 10 hrs unless their membership is part of a family membership. If part of a family membership, some person or persons from the family must have donated 10 hours.
3. Titles must be earned during the previous calendar year from Jan 1 through Dec 31.
4. A photocopy of the title certificate must be submitted with the application.
5. All award forms must be submitted by the published deadline.
6. If there is a question on any awards merit, the problem will be presented to the Board and voted on.

MCKC Special Awards

The MCKC offers several special awards for achievements in Field, Obedience, Conformation, Agility, Tracking and personal accomplishments.

The following awards are for AKC events only:

Top Field Dog: awarded to the dog/owner receiving the most all age points

Hunt Test Dog of the Year: will be selected each year by the field committee

Top Obedience Dog: will be awarded to the dog receiving the highest average score in AKC events in any level of competition.

Top Show Dog: will be awarded to the dog earning the highest number of all breed points. 1 point is awarded for each dog defeated in AKC events.

Top Show Dog Owner/Handled: same as above except that only shows where the dog is owner handled will be eligible.

Top Junior Handler: Awarded to the individual with the most Jr. Handler points. Points are earned as follows

Conformation: 5pts-Best Jr. in show, 4pts- 1st place, 3pts – 2nd place, 2pts – 3rd place, 1pt –4th place.

Obedience: 5pts –HIT, 4pts –1st place, 3pts –2nd place, 2pts –3rd place, 1pt – 4th place, 1pt for each qualifying score.

Agility: 4pts –1st place, 3pts – 2nd place, 2pts –3rd place, 1pt –4th place, 1pt for each qualifying score.

Top Breeder: awarded to the individual earning the most titles on dogs they bred.

Retriever Field Awards:

The Red Allen Memorial Trophy: The Red Allen Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the Retriever receiving the most AKC licensed and sanctioned points trained and handled by an amateur.

MCKC High Point All Trophy Age: is awarded annually to the Retriever receiving the highest number of Open and Amateur all age points in licensed field trial competition.

The following awards are for any organization holding events unless otherwise specified:

MCKC OTCH Plaque: any member awarded an OTCH title on a dog owner

handled is eligible for a plate stating Owners name, Dogs name, and Date title was awarded.

Agility Plaque: any member awarded an agility title by a dog owner handled is eligible for a plate stating Owners name, Dogs name, title earned.

Tracking Plaque: any member awarded an AKC tracking title by a dog owner handled is eligible for a plate stating Owners name, Dogs name, title earned.

Utility Plaque: any member earning the Utility Dog title is eligible for a plate stating Owners name, Dog's name, Dogs breed, and date title was earned.

Puppy Hall of Fame: any member finishing a title on a dog under 1 year of age is eligible for a plate stating owners name, dogs name, title earned, and age of dog.

Woodlands Teddy Bear UD Memorial Plaque: to be awarded to the member with the highest combined three scores toward and obedience title through an organization other than AKC.

Walter G. Pitkin Memorial Award: to be awarded to a German Shepherd finishing a title in any area.

Rally Obedience: to be awarded to any AKC dog earning AKC Rally titles

Please complete the Application on pages 11 & 12 and send it, along with a photocopy of certificate of titles to:

***Kay Christel 2118 South 11th Street Manitowoc
54220 Applications are due by January 15th. NO APPLICATIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE January 15th.***



MCKC CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AWARD APPLICATION

(Please use a separate form for each dog)

A certificate will be awarded and a framed picture (picture to be submitted by member) will be hung in the MCKC building for any member of the Manitowoc County Kennel Club in good standing who has earned a title on their dog in the current calendar year, and has met the Annual Awards Requirements. Examples: Titles earned in Conformation,

obedience, field, tracking, herding or agility by a recognized club, AKC UKC CKC SKC ASCA AMBOR, etc. No certificates are awarded for CGC, Therapy or Temperament Titles.

NAME: _____

Phone Home _____

Cell (optional) _____

ADDRESS _____

Dogs Registered Name withTitles _____

Breed: _____ **Call Name:** _____

E-Mail _____

Title Earned	Organization	Date
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Comments about dog and/or achievement:

List of 10 hours donation to the club:

Three title chips will be paid for by the club. List the chips you need engraved:



