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Letter from Nina Schaefer, Chairman AKC PAC Board

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Our right to own and breed dogs is under attack. Throughout the country last year we experienced an unprecedented increase in legislation that infringes on the rights of responsible owners and breeders. Already, many similar bills have already been introduced for 2010.

Some of the 2009 bills included:

- *New York A.7218*, which would have criminalized tail docking and make it a misdemeanor for anyone to exhibit a dog with a docked tail. The bill also allowed for any New York animal rights organization to directly sue violators of this law.
- *Texas HB 4277 & Florida HB 451*, as written, would have required that all dogs in the state be spayed or neutered, with very few exceptions.

* *Montana HB 191 & Hawaii SB 79* would have banned the ownership of "pit bulls", including American Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

* *26 different states introduced legislation that sought to regulate dog breeding.* Many of these bills followed a formula that included caps on animal ownership, allowed for unreasonable inspections and seizures, and arbitrary care and kennel engineering standards.

Fortunately, few of these provisions became law, but the consistency and similarity of these measures seen in state after state, demonstrates the effect of a national agenda determined to take away our rights to own and breed dogs in a manner consistent with our expertise.

The need for a united, resolute dog fancy committed to protecting our dogs and our rights has never been greater. This election year, through contributions to the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC), we have the opportunity to support lawmakers and candidates who will fight for our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs. **Please ask all club members to consider a donation to the AKC PAC.** One hundred percent of these donations will go directly to support the campaigns of candidates who will help protect our rights. (Continued on page 2)

I've enclosed materials that provide more information about this program. Although the AKC PAC can only accept donations from individuals, clubs can help by conducting fundraisers and encourage their members to donate to the PAC.

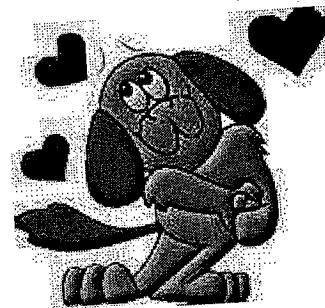
Please join me in taking a stand and making the voice of the dog fancy heard in Congress and in our state legislatures. Please contribute to this important program and distribute the enclosed materials to your members, colleagues and club newsletters.

Together we can ensure that the right to own, breed and exhibit dogs is protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Nina Schaefer
Chairman, AKC PAC Board



General News

NBKC Match and Canine Good Citizen Test Friday Evening, March 26, 2010

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AKC ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM

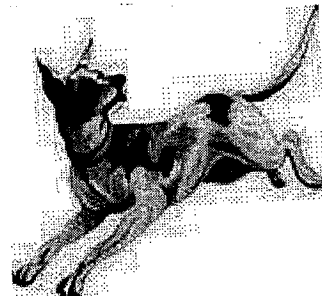
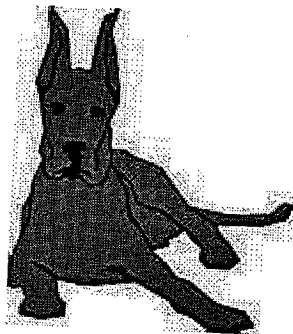
New York, NY- At the January meeting the AKC Board of Directors voted to amend the Obedience, Rally and Agility regulations to allow mixed breed dogs to compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as purebreds. In addition, all clubs holding an AKC Obedience, Rally or Agility trial will have the option to accept entries for mixed-breed dogs enrolled in the Canine Partners Program.

“One of the main goals of this program is to reach more dog owners with the responsible dog ownership message and help them enrich their relationship with their dog,” said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. “We are pleased to expand the option for participation in Canine Partners to more AKC clubs and provide mixed breed dog owners more opportunities to compete in eligible AKC Companion events.”

Starting April 1, 2010, dogs with an AKC Canine Partners listing number will be eligible to participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally trials accepting mixed breed entries.

Some program benefits include a complimentary 60-Day trial of the AKC Pet Healthcare Plan, a one-year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine, an AKC Canine Partners Certificate and an AKC Canine Partners Decal. The Canine Partners listing is available to spayed and neutered dogs that are not currently eligible for AKC registration, AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) enrollment or an AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL).

For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program, please visit www.akccaninepartners.org <<http://www.akccaninepartners.org/>>



Emergency Canine Information

Provided by Camp Bow Wow and Vivian Bregman

American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey

209 Fairfield Road

Fairfield, NJ 07004

Telephone: (973) 797-3300 | 1-800-507-6058

Fax: (973) 575-8462

email; info@redcrossnj.org

<http://www.redcrossnj.org/index.asp?IDCapitulo=KQO9J7H3L2>

Animal Poison Control Center

We are your best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you think that your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call **(888) 426-4435**. A \$65 consultation fee may be applied to your card.

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/>

Oradell Animal Hospital Inc.

580 Winters Ave. Paramus, NJ 07652

Phone:(201) 262-0010, (800) 624-1883

Fax:(201) 262-4275

<http://www.oradell.com/index.html>

Animal Emergency & Referral Associates

1237 Bloomfield Avenue

Fairfield, NJ 07004

(973) 226-3282

www.animalerc.com

Animal Eye Center of NJ

48 Notch Road

Little Falls, NJ 07424

(973) 890-4430

Find Emergency Vets Near You

<http://www.inyourarea.net/local/pet-emergency/?gclid=CIrJiIWf0Z8CFRE55QodmjUO3A>

Pet Poison Helpline"

1-800-213-6680

Pet Poison Helpline" is a 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and



veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet. We have the ability to help every pet, with all types of poisonings, 24 hours a day. Our knowledge and expertise will put your mind at ease when dealing with a potential emergency.

In order to provide this critical service, please be advised that there is a **\$35** per incident fee, payable by credit card. This fee covers the initial consultation as well as all follow up calls associated with the management of the case.

<http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/>

Bergen County Animal Shelter

100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ 07608

201-229-4600 · Fax: 201-440-4358 ·

Email: shelter@co.bergen.nj.us

<http://www.teterboro-online.com/boro/shelter/shelter1.shtml>

Create a First Aid Kit for your Pets Before an Emergency Strikes

No one ever knows when an emergency will happen. The best thing is to always be prepared. Therefore, putting together a water-proof first-aid kit for your pets prior to an emergency is one of the best things that you can do as a pet owner. Many situations require fast action and prevention of further injury, infection or death. So assemble a first aid kit now, so that you'll be ready when your pet needs immediate help. Below is a listing of some items that you should include in your kit:

- * An index card with emergency numbers such as:
- * Animal Poison Control contact information
- * Your pets regular veterinarian and local Veterinary Emergency Animal Hospital information
- * Your own phone number
- * Photos of your pets (to help identify them)
- * Pet's health records
- * Pet CPR instructions
- * Your pets microchip number
- * Flashlight & rubber gloves
- * Scissors & tweezers (flat slant tip)
- * Sterile needle (to remove splinters and tick heads)
- * Turkey baster (for flushing wounds or force feeding)
- * Eyedropper

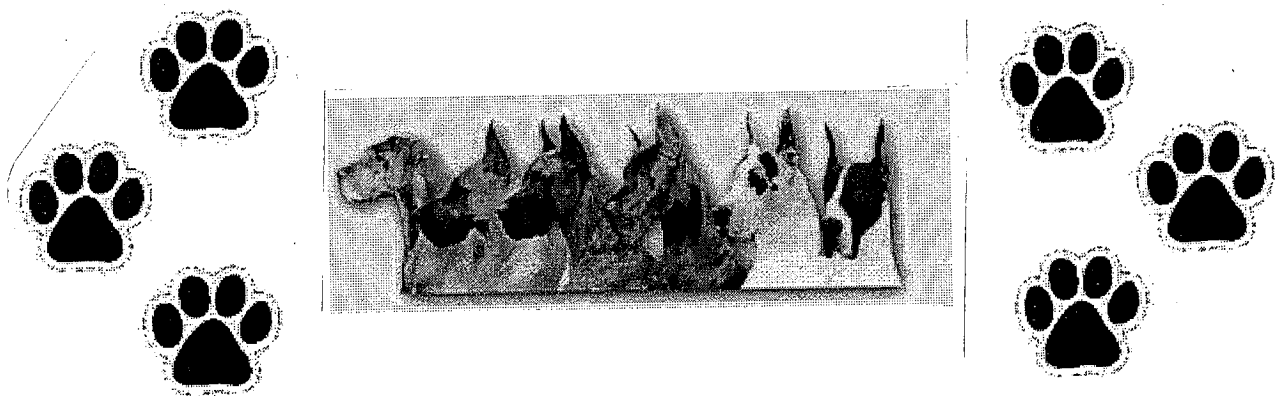


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- * Tongue depressor to examine mouth
- * Disposable safety razor (to shave fur around a wound)
- * Towels (at least 2)
- * Blanket (to keep an injured pet from going into shock)
- * 3x3 sterile gauze pads & rolled gauze (for bandaging, stabilizing joints, making a muzzle)
- * Anti-bacterial wipes or pads & Q-tips
- * Ice pack
- * Cotton balls and vet wrap bandages
- * Hydrogen peroxide 3% USP (to use on infected wounds)
- * Activated charcoal tablets (can absorb many toxics)
- * Antibiotic ointment (such a Neosporin)
- * Sterile saline eye solution (to flush out eyes and wounds)
- * Milk of magnesia (for stomach upset and some types of poison ingestion)
- * Pepto Bismol (for stomach upset and some types of poison ingestion; do not give to cats)
- * Plain Benadryl (for bug bites and stings and other allergic reactions)
- * Can of soft pet food (can reduce the effect of poisoning)
- * Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid such as Dawn (to clean contaminated skin or sticky substances)
- * Plastic baggies
- * Muzzle and a nylon leash
- * Bottled water & water bowl or container
- * Adhesive first aid tape (in narrow and wide widths)

There are many more items that you can include. Please consult your vet for some additional ideas.

Immediate and proper first-aid is only the first step in the treatment of your pet. Please contact your veterinarian immediately and follow their instructions to ensure that your pet is well-cared for when a trauma has taken place. (Please consult your vet immediately before administering first aid.)



Health News

FDA NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: January 14, 2010

FDA Health Alert for Merrick Beef Filet Squares Dog Treats Packaged and Distributed by Merrick Pet Care

Products may be contaminated with Salmonella

The U. S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to use Merrick Beef Filet Squares for dogs distributed by Merrick Pet Care with a package date of "Best By 111911" because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella.

The product was distributed nationwide through retail stores and Internet sales.

Although no illnesses associated with these products have been reported, the FDA is advising consumers in possession of these products not to handle or feed them to their pets.

In December 2009, the FDA conducted routine testing of Merrick Beef Filet Squares and detected a positive finding for Salmonella. A follow-up inspection found deficiencies in the packaging and manufacturing processes. Salmonella can affect both humans and animals. People handling dry pet treats can become infected with Salmonella, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the treats or any surfaces exposed to these products. Consumers should dispose of these products in a safe manner by securing them in a covered trash receptacle. Healthy people infected with Salmonella may experience some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Although rare, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments including arterial infections, endocarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart), arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their health care provider immediately. Pets with Salmonella infections may become lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets may experience only a decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected, but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed any of the affected product or is experiencing any of these symptoms, contact your veterinarian immediately.

The affected Merrick Beef Filet Squares were packaged in a 10-ounce green, red and tan re-sealable plastic bag. The "best by" date is imprinted on the top portion of the bag, which is torn off when the bag is opened. The FDA recommends that consumers who are unable to determine the "best by" date discontinue use of the product. Consumers can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food and pet treat products by calling the consumer complaint coordinator in their area. Please see

<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm> for additional information.

JUST A DOG

Writer unknown

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, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then 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 make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but 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 they can understand that it's not "just a dog", but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or just as woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog" just smile... because they "just don't understand."

GREAT DANES - Our Featured Sweethearts!

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MGDRL) is a non-profit rescue organization which relies solely on fundraising events (like this one) and donations to continue saving Danes in need.

♥♥ Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League spent \$24,680 in November for the care of their Danes!



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Through February 15th, Simple Dog is teaming up with MGDRL to raise money for the many Danes in their loving care.

www.magdrl.org

Can you help Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League with their veterinary and care expenses? Donations are urgently needed.



Valentines Day Fundraiser Challenge

We're featuring our best selling Great Dane bumper stickers and magnets. \$5 for each one sold goes to Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League during this fundraiser challenge.

Our fundraisers are always free for non-profits, which means MGDRL gets a complete \$5 for each item sold.

Purchase any other item on our website and donate \$5, too!



Here's how you can help:

- #1. Get your Great Dane bumper sticker or magnet, today (see below).
- #2. Shop our full line of merchandise and \$5 for every item you buy goes to Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue when you enter "Mid-Atlantic Great Dane" in the box at checkout.

If you can help, please get your Dane bumper sticker or magnet today.

Get Yours HERE!

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DATES to REMEMBER

Membership meeting

February 17, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

Please come and bring a guest.

NNIGDC
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

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