

September/October 2024 NEWSLETTER

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club (ADPC) is a family of Georgians who are proud to be owned and loved by our Dobermans. Licensed by the American Kennel Club on November 1, 1972, the ADPC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Chapter Club of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA).

Our purpose is to protect and promote the Doberman Pinscher. For well over four decades, the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club has strived to fulfill that mission through a variety of activities, including sponsoring specialty shows, conducting temperament testing, offering breed education programs and providing breeder referral resources.

Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

Email to mawils@earthlink.net

Email news, brags, birthdays, etc to surochester@aol.com



Join Us for Our Zoom Meeting Tuesday, September 3, at 6:30pm ET

President's Message

Hello to all our members and readers of our newsletter, which is graciously edited by Susan Rochester. Thank you, Susan!

I want to welcome our newest members, Deneen Hayward, Christine Holm and Pat MacDonald, as well as all the guests at our recent meetings. We are pleased to introduce you to the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club Newsletter. Our club is growing, and with input and ideas from our members, we are headed in a very positive, productive direction. Thank you for your interest in the club and our fabulous breed.

Our last meeting was held 8/6/24 at Frontera Mexican Kitchen in Lawrenceville. We enjoyed good food and friendly social time. There were 20 members in attendance, including 5 on Zoom, and 4 guests.

The highlight of the meeting was presentation of this year's President's Award. This new award recognizes a member or members (no more than two) who have dedicated themselves to the club and the breed through participation and contributions to a single outstanding event or through an ongoing series of contributions. Those recognized with the award are selected by the President from among nominations by the members.

The 2024 President's Award recipients are Kathy Gresham and Doris Spivey. Thank you both for your years of dedication to our fabulous breed and club. Your willingness to step up and take on whatever job needs doing is noticed and very appreciated. Thank you! Last year's President's Award recipients were Vicki Sweeny and Ann Wilson.

Since our club is growing in membership, the space required to accommodate our in-person meetings has also increased and is now large enough for us to need a microphone so that everyone, including those attending via Zoom, can hear speakers giving committee reports, as well as discussions. We decided to

research the possibility of using a microphone to improve the sound at our meetings. All ideas are welcome.

Our fall picnic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the home of Christine Churchwell. Thank you, Christine, for offering your place for our event. Very appreciated.

The club will also be participating in the Lawrenceville Kennel Club's Meet the Breed event on Saturday, Sept. 21. More details to come on this.

Our September meeting is the Annual Meeting and will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern. We will be voting on the candidates for the three open Board positions. If you have an item you would like to bring up at the meeting, please let me know so we can add it to the agenda. All ideas are welcome.

Reminder—the October meeting will be moved to the second Tuesday due to a conflict with the DPCA National Conference. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Also, we need to decide on a location for our in-person December meeting/Holiday Party, which was held at Aldo's Italian Restaurant in Sandy Springs last year. We can go back to Aldo's or to Frontera, or we can select a new place. If anyone has a suggestion or location preference, please let me know. Criteria are that we should have a separate room for which there is no charge and have internet access.

Your participation in our monthly meetings and other club events makes our club more productive and brings enjoyment to all of us. Thank you.

Please send all brags and ideas for topics you would like to have included in the next issue of the newsletter directly to Susan Rochester at surochester@aol.com. And send any

BRAGS

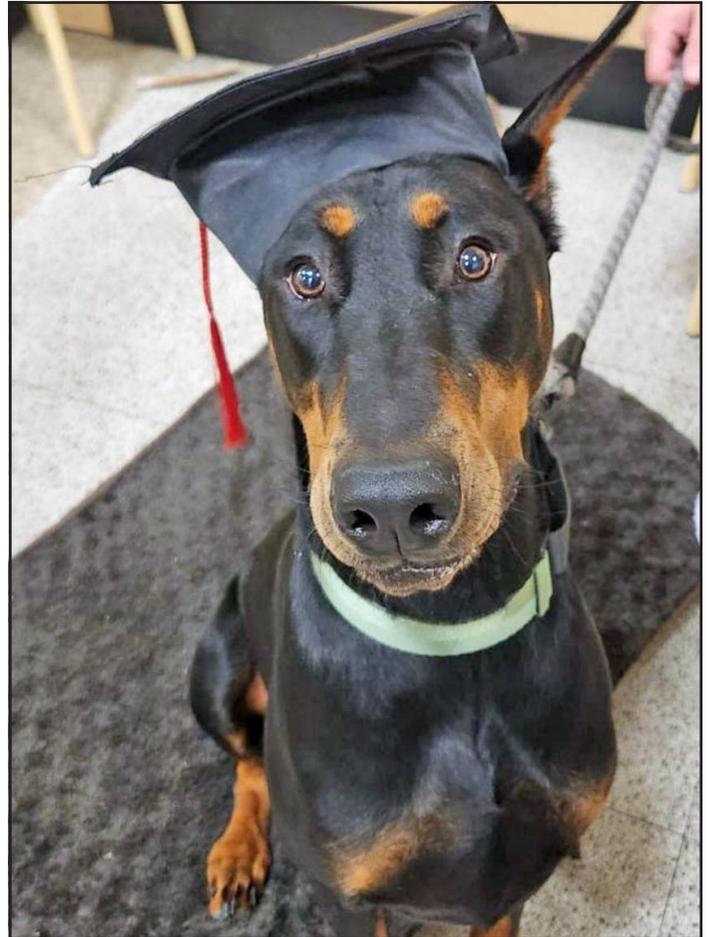
photos of important personal/family events to Vicki Sweeny, who will compile these and send to Susan. The deadline for the November/December issue is October 15, 2024. We appreciate your support of the newsletter with your brags and areas of interest.

Of course, thank you to Ann Wilson for such a great job welcoming guests, newer members and all our members.

I hope you all enjoyed your summer! As cooler fall weather approaches, stay comfortable, stay safe and always think good thoughts. If you have any ideas for club activities, please don't hesitate to contact me either by email, phone call

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela DeHetre, President,
Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

Pamelot's You Better Believe It
Owned by Ross Tew has graduated from his
intermediate obedience class.
Congratulations!!



National Volunteer Opportunities

It does take an army of volunteers to staff the National. Please consider volunteering to help. Linda Vinson has very generously donated a Ruffland crate to be raffled off to National volunteers. Every 8 hours worked at the National (must be in 4 hour blocks) earns a raffle ticket. Each of the chairs of the events will have tickets for volunteers at their respective events (some examples and there are others: WAE, decorations committee, Scentwork, Friday Night fundraiser, Agility, Obedience and Rally, Conformation, set up, tear down, Seminar Day, T20 events, etc). Tickets will be drawn at the conclusion of the National on Saturday evening. Your raffle tickets can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk in the designated box.

Atlanta DPC is having a PICNIC

Join us for delicious food, great
company, and a fun time.

Activities
include URBAN
RAT HUNTING
SHED HUNTING

Fun games
Door prizes

RSVP
678-672-7352

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
NOON TO...

At the home of club member
Christine Churchwell



**Saturday, September 21, the
Lawrenceville Kennel Club** is having
a "Fun Day" at Pavilion 4 in
Alexander Park in Lawrenceville

This event includes MEET THE BREED.

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club will have a set up
from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for Meet the Breed at Pavilion 4 in the
park.

You are needed to let the general public meet your Dober-
man and to answer questions about the breed, serving as
an ambassador for the breed.

You do not have to be there for the entire time from 3:00-
5:00. You could come for 15 minutes or longer—up to you.
Let me know if you can attend and bring your dog/puppy
and best time for you.

We will have printed materials, crating, treats, water, cool
coats, and some chairs.

If you are interested, can attend, or need more information,
please contact me at this email, text my cell 770.365.7768,
or call.

Some of you may recall that we had a good time socializing
last year, and I am looking forward to this event outdoors
this year.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to share your
dog and your knowledge of the breed
with the public.



Time To Fly - Performance Dog Sports

Schedule for Fall 2024. A few of these are not
open yet, but as soon as we have full AKC ap-
proval, they will be added to our website @
timetoflydogs.com and open for entries. We still
have some open dates in December that may fill
in, and already have things planned for 2025.

Sept 6-8th, 2024 Camp Jordan, East Ridge, TN

6 FAST CATs & 4 CABTs

AKC FAST CATs and CABTs brought to you by
The Chattanooga Dog Agility Club and Time To
Fly Performance Dog Sports!

Early entry closes Aug 27th, 2024 at 6pm CST.
Day of entries will be accepted.

Oct 4-6th, 2024 Shelbyville, KY

Early entry closes Sept 24th, 2024 at 6pm CST.
Day of entries will be accepted.

Nov 15-17th, 2024 Camden, SC

6 FAST CATs & 6 CABT's

Early entry closes Nov 5th, 2024 at 6pm CST.
Day of entries will be accepted.

Show Closings

Closing 09/11/2024 @ 12:00pm Kingsport TN

Doberman Pinscher Clb of Am, Inc.(Reg'l) ,
Sat-Sun, September 28-29,2024 (NOHS)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (O/R)1 ,
Saturday, September 28, 2024 (O) (R)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (O/R)2 ,
Saturday, September 28, 2024 (O) (R)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (O/R)3 ,
Sunday, September 29, 2024 (O) (R)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (O/R)4 ,
Sunday, September 29, 2024 (O) (R)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (O/R)5 ,
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 (O) (R)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America, Inc. ,
Wed-Sat, October 2-5, 2024 (NOHS)

Closing 09/18/2024 @ 12:00pm North Augusta SC

Augusta Kennel Club, Inc. (1) , Saturday, Oc-
tober 5, 2024 (NOHS) (O) (R)
Augusta Kennel Club, Inc. (1) Beginner Puppy,
Saturday, October 5, 2024 (BP)
Augusta Kennel Club, Inc. (2) , Sunday, Octo-
ber 6, 2024 (NOHS) (O) (R)
Augusta Kennel Club, Inc. (2) Beginner Puppy,
Sunday, October 6, 2024 (BP)

Closing 10/09/2024 @ 12:00pm Murfreesboro TN

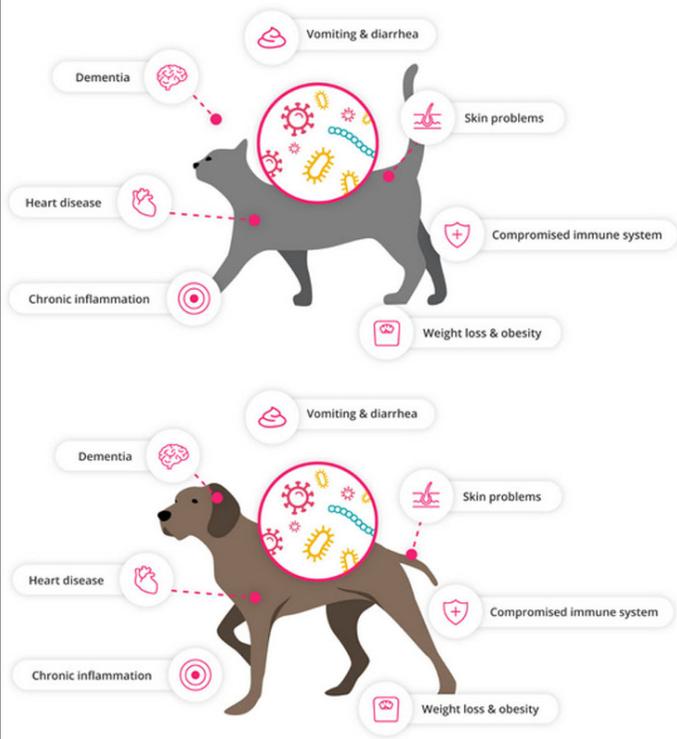
Music City Cavalier King Charles Span(1) ,
Saturday, October 26, 2024 (NOHS)
Greater Murfreesboro KC, Inc. (1) , Saturday,
October 26,2024 (NOHS)
Greater Murfreesboro KC, Inc. (1) Beginner
Puppy, Saturday, October 26, 2024 (BP)
Greater Murfreesboro KC, Inc. (1) , Saturday,
October 26, 2024 (OPEN)
Music City Cavalier King Charles Span(2) ,
Sunday, October 27, 2024 (NOHS)
Music City Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Be-
ginner Puppy, Sunday, October 27, 2024 (BP)
Greater Murfreesboro KC, Inc. (2) , Sunday,
October 27, 2024 (NOHS)
Greater Murfreesboro KC, Inc. (2) Beginner
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October 27, 2024 (OPEN)

Testing With AnimalBiome Is Easy

1. Purchase a test kit from AnimalBiome.com and send us your pet's sample.
2. Get your pet's results and view them online anytime.
3. View the full report for a tailored breakdown of your pet's microbiome, including actionable insights about how to improve their gut health.



Understanding the Microbiome A Key To Your Pet's Well-being



Test, Add, Remove, and Rebalance

Almost every aspect of your Cat or Dog's health is connected to their gut microbiome in some way. Testing your pet's gut microbiome composition can give you valuable clues about how various symptoms may be related to the state of your pet's gut. By helping you choose the right interventions to address low diversity and/or imbalances early, microbiome testing can help improve or even prevent disorders like IBD, diabetes, and obesity.

(1) Test

Many symptoms—like diarrhea, vomiting, constipation, itchy skin, and even bad breath—can actually be a sign of trouble in your dog's gut microbiome. That's because when important groups of bacteria are missing or out of balance, some of the gut's important digestive and immune functions stop working. Microbiome testing is a great way of finding out what's really going on in your dog's gut.

How Does Microbiome Testing Work?

Gut microbiome testing means examining the bacteria and other microorganisms present in an individual stool sample.

The bacteria in your dog's poop provide a snapshot of their gut microbiome. Our Microbiome Gut Health Test kit includes everything you need to collect a small sample of your pet's poop and send it to our lab. We use DNA sequencing to identify all the different kinds of bacteria in your dog's sample, so we can tell you what kinds of bacteria are present in your dog's gut microbiome and in what proportions.

What's in the Report?

You'll receive a Gut Health Test report that clearly explains your dog's individual results. By comparing your dog's results to those of healthy dogs of similar age and breed, the report also helps you see what changes might be necessary to improve your dog's gut health.

While many dogs start off life with a healthy mix of gut flora, this mix can change because of aging, illness, or exposure to certain medications, particularly antibiotics. The table below explains the three gut microbiome conditions your dog could suffer from and the appropriate responses.

(2) Add

Adding beneficial bacteria is especially useful for dogs whose gut microbiomes lack sufficient diversity (enough different kinds of bacteria). A dog's gut microbiome might have low diversity if they recently had a round of antibiotics or were exposed to a pathogen, such as E. coli or Salmonella. There are many ways to add good bacteria to your dog's digestive system. Some methods are dependent on whether you are targeting your dog's small intestine or large intestine.

Diet: Are You Feeding the Right Gut Bacteria?

Diversity is a good thing! When it comes to your dog's gut microbiome, bacterial diversity starts with what your dog eats. Not only do the right foods help good bacteria flourish, but there are also many ways to supplement your dog's diet to improve their digestive and overall health.

- **Prebiotics.** Prebiotics are particular kinds of dietary fiber—such as inulin, mannan-oligosaccharides (MOS), and fructo-oligosaccharides (FOS)—that promote the growth of beneficial gut bacteria.

Feeding the “good” bacteria in the digestive tract leads to all kinds of benefits, including strengthening your dog’s immune system.

- **Probiotics.** Most probiotic supplements marketed for dogs contain high quantities of a few specific strains of live bacteria. But the bacteria in these supplements typically aren’t strains that are native to dogs, so they won’t become permanent residents of your dog’s gut. While these products may provide temporary relief from symptoms like diarrhea, most probiotics for dogs won’t solve the underlying problem. One probiotic that’s been proven safe and effective in dogs is *Saccharomyces boulardii*. Rather than a type of bacteria, *S. boulardii* is a strain of yeast that is especially helpful for regrowing gut microorganism populations that have become imbalanced.

- **Fermented foods.** Beneficial bacteria “eat” prebiotics through a process of fermentation, which produces a variety of health-promoting substances called postbiotics, including Short-Chain Fatty Acids (SCFAs). One big reason fermented foods are so good for us is that they contain a lot of those postbiotics, which play important roles in digestion, immune cell production, nervous system function, and many other aspects of the body’s health. Fermented foods are good for your dog too. Low-salt sauerkraut, unsweetened yogurt (be aware that some sugar-free yogurts contain artificial sweeteners that are harmful to dogs!), kefir, apple cider vinegar, tempeh, and MSG-free miso are all safe to feed your dog in small amounts.

- **Whole foods.** Fresh, plant-based ingredients are great for your dog’s gut health. Non-starchy, fibrous vegetables—like broccoli, green beans, carrots, cauliflower, asparagus, and leafy greens (like spinach, kale, or collards)—contain the kinds of prebiotic fiber that beneficial gut bacteria like to eat. These foods are also rich in antioxidants and are an important part of an anti-inflammatory diet. Pro tip: Adding prebiotics, probiotics, and postbiotics to your dog’s diet is easy with our safe, effective supplements designed specifically for dogs. The probiotic and prebiotic DoggyBiome *S. boulardii* + FOS Powder can be mixed into your dog’s food.

(3) Remove

- Not all microorganisms are helpful members of your dog’s gut community. An infection or overgrowth of harmful (“bad”) bacteria requires an intervention.

• Competition

- Although it may seem counterintuitive to add microorganisms in order to remove other microorganisms, this approach can be surprisingly effective. For instance, when humans have antibiotic-resistant *C. difficile* (*C. diff*) infections, FMT is used to deliver new bacteria to the patient’s gut that compete with and kill off *C. diff*.

- When new populations of beneficial bacteria take nutrients and space away from the pathogenic (disease-causing) bacteria through successful competition, the “bad” bacterial populations shrink. FMT has proven to be just as effective in many animals, including dogs.

• Antibiotics

- For many people, antibiotics aren’t considered “natural,” but your vet may strongly recommend them if your dog has an infection caused by pathogenic bacteria. Most of these medications are “broad-spectrum” antibiotics, meaning that they kill a lot of different kinds of bacteria—not just harmful bacteria but beneficial ones as well. Because antibiotics deplete the gut’s bacterial community, they can cause unhealthy long-term changes to your dog’s microbiome.

(4) Rebalance

- Sometimes a dog’s gut contains a healthy range of different types of gut microorganisms (good diversity), but the sizes of the different populations are out of balance. In such cases, dietary changes and/or gut health supplements can often restore a healthy balance.

• Diet Is the Primary Way to Manage Your Dog’s Gut Health

- Good nutrition is one of the cornerstones of overall health. It helps prevent common illnesses, boosts the immune system, and positively influences the gut microbiome. There are thousands of different kinds of bacteria in your dog’s gut microbiome, and each kind requires certain nutrients to survive. Therefore, what your dog eats will influence which bacteria thrive in their gut. Find out if your pet microbiome is balanced today and get to the root cause of their skin, diarrhea or allergy troubles!

If you have any questions, please email team@animalbiome.com



THE MOST DANGEROUS WAY TO STORE PETFOOD

There's nothing more *dangerous* than removing pet food from its original packaging & storing it in a *plastic storage container*; these containers were designed to control vermin, not to keep pet food ingredients stable or safe. A recent study highlights the degradation of fats that occur in plastic storage tubs not only alters a food's nutritional value, it creates compounds that have the potential to permanently *damage & mutate DNA* leading to *cancer*.

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We'll preach this forever until we hopefully don't need to anymore! Do NOT dump kibble in a plastic container! We know it looks more attractive in your pantry, but the potential costs to pouring & storing in another container aren't worth it, such as:

- Food going rancid; increased risk of storage mites, mold growth, and bacterial contamination, which can lead to food poisoning, vomiting, and/or diarrhea;
- chemicals leaching into the food (even if it's BPA-free), etc.

If your pet is suddenly rejecting his food or having tummy troubles, plastic container storage could be the culprit.

Even if you use something other than plastic, not having lot/batch info on-hand in case of a recall is a no-no. If you must hide the packaging, keep the kibble in its original bag and seal it up inside the container.

Plastics are porous, meaning oils become trapped in them. Unless they're washed daily, which isn't practical, the pet food stored inside will be spoiled by rancid oils.

Proper pet food storage is essential to blocking or delaying the development of degenerative chemical processes and the growth of spoilage bacteria.



Photo Motion

The DPCA Board passed a motion at the June Board Meeting creating a new policy with respect to the use of uncropped and undocked Dobermans in any official DPCA communications media. This new policy was crafted in response to 1) member feedback about the use on uncropped and undocked Dobermans in official DPCA communications media and 2) the increasingly hostile environment regarding cropping and docking procedures. At a bare minimum, the Parent Club of a docked and cropped breed should not be using undocked and uncropped Dobermans in its communications with members and the public. To do otherwise lends credence and support to the anti-cropping and docking forces.

Effective immediately, photos of uncropped and undocked Dobermans cannot be used in any DPCA official communications media, such as but not limited to All Ears, DPCA Reps, DPCA National Updates, the Year In Review, and DPCA managed Facebook Groups: DPCA Official Communications, DPCA National, DPCA Public page, DPCA Rescue. Exceptions to the policy are 1) puppies younger than 10 weeks of age, 2) Rescue group posts in the DPCA Rescue Facebook page, particularly of Dobermans that are available for placement and 3) Dobermans that have earned titles that are photo eligible for the Year in Review or other official DPCA publications.

The editors of the official communications media have been informed of the new policy. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Board.



DPCA Official Communication Group for Members Only



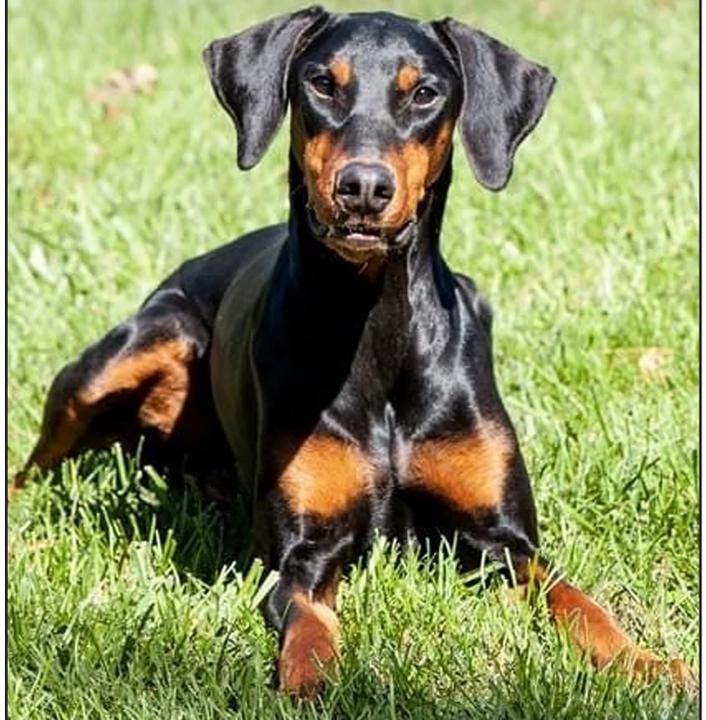
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"Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."

— George Elliot



DPCA Working Aptitude Evaluation



Doberman Pinscher
Club of
Nashville

Friday, September 27th, 2024
8:30 AM

Location: The Old Driving
Range @
The Meadowview Marriott
Kingsport, TN

Evaluator: John Schoeneman

Dog Limit: 40



Eligibility:

1. This event is open to Doberman Pinschers ONLY.
2. The dog must be 18 months of age or older.
3. Must be AKC registered, have an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) or Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number with the AKC, or registration with a foreign registry that is recognized by AKC.
4. Only dogs of an allowed color may participate in a Working Aptitude Evaluation.
5. Z-factored Dobermans are allowed to participate in the WAE, ONLY upon proof of spay/neuter.
6. Bitches in season will be evaluated at the end of the schedule and must be kept away from the test site and the assistants until they are called.

Entry Fee:

1. Pre-Entry fee is \$40.00 per dog for non-DPC of Nashville members and \$35.00 for members of DPC of Nashville and Charlotte. Day of entry fee is \$45.00. Entry fees are non-refundable and no entry will be accepted without payment
2. Make check payable to DPC of Nashville.
3. Pre-registration entries must be received by September 20, 2024
4. Day of Entries will be accepted if our limit has not been reached.
5. It is recommended that dogs be pre-entered.

Other:

1. Participants must complete and sign the DPCA Working Aptitude for Temperament Entry Form when checking in for the WAE. This is the official DPCA entry form which contains the waiver to post passing scores and release of liability.
2. Bring a copy of the dog's AKC registration as well as any existing titles to be listed on the WAC, if the dog should pass.
3. John will give a short presentation prior to the start of the WAE. 1st dog goes at 9:30 AM

Entries will be accepted in the following order:

1. Champions with Approved Performance Titles (Photocopies required)*
 2. Champions or Approved Performance Titles (Photocopies required)*
 3. All other registered Dobermans.
- Photocopies of AKC certificates must be submitted with entry to verify titles held. Photocopies will not be returned.

Please mail entries to: Doberman Pinscher Club of Nashville
5331 Mountain View Road #172 Antioch, TN 37013

Direct Questions to: Maggie Sanguinetti 615-945-0242 ptmaggie@comcast.net

Name _____ Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Dog's Registered Name _____
 AKC Registration Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

All domestic animals should be born into loving hands. Support **#ResponsibleBreeders**



Dog breeds or mixed breeds are only as healthy as their foundations. Mixing two different breeds won't simply wipe out common domestic dog health issues.

The world's largest research on designer crossbred dogs' health - performed by the Royal Veterinary College - proves that "DESIGNER" DOG CROSSES ARE NOT HEALTHIER than their PUREBRED ancestor breeds.

The research has been performed on the 3 most "popular" crosses: "Cockapoo", "Labradoodle", "Cavapoo".

The RVC has undertaken the world's largest study into the health of designer crossbreed dogs and revealed that the overall health of three common designer crossbreeds (Cockapoo, Labradoodle and Cavapoo) is largely similar to their parent purebred breeds. These findings debunk common public beliefs about the superior health of these designer crossbreed dogs and provide vital information to assist potential dog owners when deciding which type of dog to acquire.

Designer crossbreed dogs are created by the intentional crossbreeding of longer established 'purebred' breeds to create new 'designer' breeds, such as the Cockapoo (a cross between a Cocker Spaniel and Poodle). The UK has seen a significant increase in demand for these designer crossbreeds over the past decade, particularly since the pandemic, with many designer crossbreeds now surpassing the popularity of their parent breeds. For example, there were more Cockapoo dogs (653,597) owned in the UK in 2023 than either Cocker Spaniel (562,951) or Poodle (105,369) dogs.

Much of this meteoric public demand has been driven by a widespread belief that designer crossbreeds are a healthier option, due to somehow breeding out of harmful health effects caused by inbreeding that is common in purebred dogs. However, this new RVC study has revealed that specifically for Cockapoo, Labradoodle and Cavapoo, the risk for the 57 most common disorders did not differ between these three most common designer crossbreeds and their purebred parent breeds in 86.6 per cent of the disorder comparisons. Of the 13.4% disorders comparisons that did differ, these were almost equally split between designer-crossbreeds having higher risk for 7.0% and lower risk for 6.4%.

The study - led by Gina Bryson, master's graduate; Dr Rowena Packer, Senior Lecturer, Companion Animal Behaviour

and Welfare Science; and Dr Dan O'Neill, Associate Professor in Companion Animal Epidemiology, all at the RVC - surveyed 9,402 UK owners of the three most common designer crossbreeds (Cockapoo, Labradoodle and Cavapoo) and their parent breeds (Cocker Spaniel, Labrador Retriever, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Miniature, Toy and Standard Poodles). The owner-reported health information was then collated and the risk of each breed having the 57 different most common disorders found in dogs was compared.

Key findings include that:

- There was no difference in disorder risk between these three most common designer crossbreeds and their purebred parent breeds in 86.6 per cent of the disorder comparisons.
- Designer crossbreeds had a higher risk of 7 per cent and a lower risk of 6.4 per cent of disorders.
- The risk of dietary indiscretion, vomiting and diarrhoea was higher in all three designer crossbreeds compared to their shared parent breed, the Poodle.
- All three designer crossbreeds had a higher chance of ear infections than their non-Poodle parent breeds. Additionally, Cockapoos had higher likelihood of itchy skin than their parent breeds, a disorder often caused by allergies.
- Both Labradoodle and Cockapoo had a lower risk of patellar luxation (slipping kneecaps) compared to Poodles yet the Cavapoo did not differ in odds compared to either parent breed.
- Of the 13.4 per cent of disorders comparisons that did differ, these were almost equally split between the breeds.

These findings show that the risk did not differ at all for the majority of disorders between the designer crossbreeds and their parent breeds. The findings also largely debunk beliefs held by some people that designer crossbreeds are somehow damaged or defective by not having the 'pure' blood of purebred dogs and must therefore be less healthy than the parent purebred breeds.

Owners should focus on acquiring puppies or dogs from a high-welfare source regardless of whether they are pure or crossbred, including only buying puppies from breeders who will allow visits in person prior to purchase, and sell puppies from the place that they were bred with their mother present.

Top 20 Obedience 10/2/2024

The DPCA Top Twenty Obedience Committee is excited to share a preview of a couple items that will be included in the Raffle on Wednesday night 10/2 at the National. All proceeds go towards funding our event.

See You in Tennessee!



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as a New Screening Tool for Dilated Cardiomyopathy in
Doberman Pinschers**



Strawberry Banana Coconut Bites for Dogs

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe organic banana
- 1/2 cup fresh organic strawberries, diced
- 1/4 cup shredded organic coconut (unsweetened)
- 1/4 cup organic oat flour

Instructions:

1. In a bowl, mash the banana until smooth.
2. Stir in the diced strawberries and shredded coconut.
3. Add the oat flour and mix until combined.
4. Roll the mixture into small bite-sized balls and place them on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
5. Refrigerate the bites for about 30 minutes to set.

These tasty bites are a sweet and nutritious treat for your dog, combining the flavors of strawberry and banana with the health benefits of coconut!



ATTENTION!

We want everyone to know that xylitol is now being labeled as "Birch Sugar"

This is a sweetener used in food. Most common peanut butter and candy. It is VERY toxic to dogs. Keep your pups safe.

