



The News Unleashed!



Abilene Kennel Club Newsletter Abilene, Texas

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Club Meetings!

Abilene Kennel Club meetings (unless noted otherwise) will be held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, at: Golden Chopsticks Restaurant. Come at 6:00 PM if you wish to eat first before the meeting begins.

Board of Directors will meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 402 Butternut, Abilene, TX, at 6:00 PM. These meetings will be open to any members that are interested in attending.

"Happy Birthday" and "Best Wishes" to all of our club members and their family members having Birthdays or celebrating Anniversaries during these months.

January

08: Annette Borders

February

16: Mike Milligan
20: Robert Peterson!

March

08: Linda Hanzlik
23: Terri Milligan

CLUB NEWS!

Upcoming Events!

Committee News:

2019-2020 Committees:

2019 Annual Show

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Chairman: Michiel Cavuoti
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AKC Legislative Alerts!

Legislative Alerts

Newsletter
Chairman: Terry Steele

Please send your "Braggs, Announcements, Photos or other Information" to be included in the next issue. I know there are many of you that participate in a number of activities. Remember this is your newsletter, without your help I can only do so much. You can email me at borchi@windstream.net, send to my mailing address at: Terry Steele, 423 S&W Circle, Clyde, TX 79510, or call at: (325) 893-5793 (Please leave a message).

Website

To find information on the Abilene Kennel Club on the WWW go to our Facebook Page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Abilene-Kennel-Club-116949341675019/>

Programs

Chairman: Board of Directors

Storage

Chairman: Claude (Milt) Milton

Historian

Chairman: Terry Steele

Responsible Dog Ownership Day!

Chairman: Diane Dotson

Annual Awards Dinner

Chairman: Lisa Peterson

Rainbow Bridge:

Braggs & Announcements:



From Terry Steele: It's "Official", after qualifying for his THDN and CGC titles with AKC, received Logan's title certificate for his Therapy Dog Novice and CGC Titles, as well as a surprise certificate as an "Achiever Dog"!



"Boomer"



"Ouija"

From Robbie & Ellis Johnson: AT the CAT trials in McKinney in November, Boomer earned his CAX (passing 25 runs), Ouija earned her CAA (passing 10 runs) and Tyne just needs two more legs for his CAX!



From Diane Dotson: Best of Breed x2 for GCH Galaxy's Beam Me Up. Scotty was awarded BOB yesterday in the Texas Working Dog Association of Greater Houston show and this morning at the Conroe Kennel Club show!

Health Tips!

[Arthritis in Senior Dogs — Signs and Treatment](#)

You might have noticed your [older dog](#) slowing down in recent years. Maybe he is playing less and sleeping more. Although this might seem normal for an aging canine, arthritis could be to blame.

What Is Arthritis?

There are several different types of arthritis that can affect dogs, but the most common is osteoarthritis — also known as degenerative joint disease. This condition can affect up to one out of five adult dogs. Aging is a definite contributor to the development of osteoarthritis, but there are other factors as well, such as old injuries, metabolic disorders, like [diabetes](#), and [obesity](#). As dogs age, the cartilage in their joints begins to thin. This cartilage serves to cushion and protect the bones in the joint, and if it thins too much, the bones can rub against each other and break down. The resulting friction causes pain and loss of mobility. Inflammation in the joint capsule can also lead to the development of extra bony growths, known as spurs. Any joint in your dog's body can be affected by osteoarthritis, but the most common locations are the hips, elbows, knees, wrists, shoulders, ankles, and lower back.

Symptoms of Osteoarthritis in Dogs

Osteoarthritis can be hard to detect in its early stages. It is not until the joint is badly damaged and the bone surfaces are wearing away that outward symptoms can often be seen. In addition, dogs tend to mask their pain. If your canine companion exhibits any of the signs below, he may be suffering from osteoarthritis and dealing with some degree of discomfort:

- Avoids exercise like running or is reluctant to go up stairs
- Doesn't play as much as he used to
- Is lethargic, tires easily, and sleeps more
- Has problems jumping; for example, struggles to get on the couch or into the car
- Is stiff, [limp](#), or has difficulty moving
- Has gained weight or experienced changes in appetite
- Gets irritated when petted or touched
- Exhibits changes in personality, like depression or grouchiness

Has accidents in the house

Arthritis may not be the only cause of these symptoms, so it is imperative that you take your dog to the veterinarian for a thorough examination. X-rays are the best way to diagnose osteoarthritis. Your vet will want to know about your dog's recent behavior, and she may manipulate his joints to listen and feel for any crackling or grating. Stiffness when your dog walks around the exam room or loss of muscle mass may also indicate osteoarthritis.

Treatment for Arthritis in Dogs

Many of the same treatments available for people suffering from osteoarthritis are also available for dogs. The goal of treatment is to control a dog's pain level and increase his movement and function. If possible, attempts should be made to slow down the degeneration of the joint and repair cartilage.

There are many medications your vet might suggest, including pain relievers such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like [Rimadyl](#). These reduce inflammation in the joint, resulting in less pain. However, NSAIDs can have side effects that impact the liver and kidneys, so it's important that your vet run a blood test to check that these organs aren't compromised before writing a prescription.

Cortisone or steroids can also be used to combat inflammation, but long-term use can lead to serious side effects. Another category of medication is chondroprotectants, such as Adequan. These drugs inhibit the enzymes that contribute to cartilage breakdown, protecting the cartilage as it tries to repair itself. It's important to note that many drugs meant for humans can be toxic to dogs, so never treat your pet with medication from the pain relief aisle in a drugstore without first consulting your veterinarian. Surgery is another option for dogs in serious pain or with severe joint damage. This can range from cleaning out debris inside the joint to replacing the joint with an artificial one.

An important treatment for all arthritic dogs is appropriate [exercise](#) and weight management. Excess pounds put more stress on joints, so keeping your dog at a healthy weight will aid in mobility and pain management, as well as minimize further damage. Products like [ramps](#), [stairs](#), or a [lift harness](#) can also help. Proper exercise keeps the joints supple and the muscles around the damaged joint in good condition. Canine physiotherapy is another great option, so consider asking your veterinarian about certified canine rehabilitation therapists in your area.

Finally, there are many complementary therapies available, from [acupuncture](#) to herbal remedies. Even your choice of [dog food](#) can have an impact on your arthritic dog's quality of life. Look for joint health or senior formulas with additives, such as [glucosamine](#) and chondroitin, the omega-3 fatty acid eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and antioxidants like vitamin E. These may help reduce inflammation in your dog's joints, minimize damage to cartilage, and ease symptoms of arthritis. However, as with any supplement or alternative therapy, look for treatments backed by scientific research and consult your veterinarian before starting something new.

Upcoming Performance Events and Seminars:

Agility Events:

January

1: [Conroe Agility Training Club](#)
4-6: [Lone Star English Cocker Spaniel Club](#)
11-13: [Alamo Dog Obedience Club, Inc.](#), [Fort Bend Kennel Club, Inc.](#), [Waco Agility Group](#)
19: [Gulf Coast German Shorthaired Pointer Club](#)
20: [Nasa Area Companion Dog Association](#)
25-27: [Capitol Dog Training Club of Austin, Inc.](#), [Staffordshire Terrier Club of America](#)

February

1-3: [Alamo Brittany Club](#), [Dallas-Ft. Worth English Springer Spaniel Association](#), [Greater Houston Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#)
8-10: [Cypress Creek Kennel Club of Texas](#)
9 & 10: [Den Tex Agility Club](#)
15-17: [Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.](#), [Oil Patch Agility Club of West Texas](#), [Puli Club of America, Inc.](#)
22-24: [Alamo Area Toy Dog Club](#), [Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club](#), [Lone Star English Cocker Spaniel Club](#)

March

2 & 3: [Nasa Area Companion Dog Association](#)
8-10: [Alamo Dog Obedience Club, Inc.](#), [Dallas Agility Working Group](#), [Southeast Texas Agility Club](#)
22-24: [Texas Coastal Brittany Club](#)
29-31: [Alamo Brittany Club](#), [Bluebonnet Poodle Club](#), [Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.](#)

Conformation:

Conformation Specialties

January

4: [Australian Cattle Dog Club of America](#), [German Shepherd Dog Club of Dallas](#), [German Shepherd Dog Club of Dallas](#), [Trinity Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club](#)
5 & 6: [Collie Club of Austin, Inc.](#), [Shetland Sheepdog Club of Austin](#)
11: [Bulldog Club of America](#)
12 & 13: [Austin Bulldog Club](#)
26 & 27: [Shetland Sheepdog Club of Houston](#)

February

2: [South Texas Collie Club](#)
3: [Collie Club of San Antonio](#)
8: [Bulldog Club of America](#)
9 & 10: [Alamo Area Shetland Sheepdog Club](#), [Bulldog Club of Texas](#)
22 & 23: [Greater Houston Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#)
23 & 24: [German Shepherd Dog Club of San Antonio](#)

March

2 & 3: [Dalmatian Organization of Houston](#)
9: [Basset Hound Club of Greater San Antonio](#), [German Shorthaired Pointer Club of San Antonio](#)
15 & 16: [Bulldog Club of America](#), [Lone Star Bulldog Club](#)
16: [Norwegian Elkhound Club of Greater Houston](#)
16 & 17: [Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan Dallas](#), [Texas Chihuahua Club](#)
17: [Fort Worth Bulldog Club](#)
22: [Akita Club of America](#), [American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.](#), [Basset Hound Club of Greater Fort Worth, Inc.](#), [Bluebonnet Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club](#), [Dallas Boxer Club](#), [Dallas-Ft Worth Dachshund Club](#), [Dallas-Ft. Worth Basenji Club](#), [Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club](#), [Dalmatian Club of North Texas](#), [Doberman Pinscher Club of Dallas](#), [Fort Worth German Shepherd Dog Club](#), [Irish Setter Club of Texas](#), [Lone Star Airedale Terrier Club](#), [Lone Star Borzoi Club](#), [Lone Star Whippet Club](#), [North Texas Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#), [North Texas Saluki Club](#), [North Texas St. Bernard Club](#), [Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Texas](#), [Trinity Valley Weimaraner Club](#), [Bull Terrier Club of Dallas](#)

Conformation Puppy 4-6 Month

January

6: [Nolan River Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
27: [Shetland Sheepdog Club of Houston](#)

February

3: [Collie Club of San Antonio](#)
16: [West Texas Kennel Club](#)
17: [Big Spring Kennel Club](#)
22: [Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.](#), [Greater Houston Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#)

March

2 & 3: [Baytown Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
16: [Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan Dallas](#)
22: [American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.](#), [Dallas-Ft. Worth Basenji Club](#), [Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club](#), [North Texas Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#), [North Texas Saluki Club](#), [Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Texas](#)

Conformation B Match

January

5: [Nolan River Kennel Club, Inc.](#)

March

16: [Brazos Valley Kennel Club, Inc.](#)

UKC Conformation

9 & 10: [North East Texas American Eskimo Dog Association](#), Addison, TX
Conformation, Altered Conformation, Junior Showmanship, Novice Puppy, Veteran

Coonhound Events:

January

25: [Cleveland Coonhunters Association](#)

February

1: [Cleveland Coonhunters Association](#)

March

26: [Cleveland Coonhunters Association](#)

Earth Dog Trials:

February

23: [Houston Dachshund Club, Inc.](#)
24: [Dallas-Ft Worth Dachshund Club](#)

Field Tests & Trials:

January

5 & 6: [Gulf Coast German Shorthaired Pointer Club](#)
11-13: [Fort Worth Brittany Club](#)
14-16: [Texas Coastal Brittany Club](#)
18-20: [Alamo Brittany Club](#)
18 & 19: [Southeast Texas Beagle Club](#)
19 & 20: [North Texas Sporting Spaniel Club](#), [South Texas Beagle Club](#)
24-27: [Tejas Hunting Retriever Club](#)
25 & 26: [Houston English Springer Spaniel Club](#)
26 & 27: [German Shorthaired Pointer Club of San Antonio](#)

February

2 & 3: [Dallas-Ft Worth Dachshund Club](#), [Trinity River Beagle Club](#)
7-10: [Mission City Dachshund Club of San Antonio](#)
9 & 10: [Hardin County Beagle Club](#)
15-17: [Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.](#)
22-24: [Red River Retriever Club of Texas](#)
23 & 24: [South Texas Beagle Club](#)

March

1-3: [Professional Retriever Trainers Association](#)
2: [San Antonio Weimaraner Club](#)
22-24: [Alamo Retriever Club](#)

Herding Events:

5 & 6: [North Central Texas Herding Dog Association](#)

Hunting Trials:

January

11-13 [Bluebonnet Retriever Club](#)
19 & 20: [Irish Setter Club of Houston, Inc.](#)
26 & 27: [Trinity Valley Weimaraner Club](#)

February

9 & 10: [German Shorthaired Pointer Club of San Antonio](#)
16 & 17: [Houston English Springer Spaniel Club](#), [San Antonio Weimaraner Club](#)
23 & 24: [Rose Country Retriever Club of East Texas](#)

March:

9 & 10: [Lone Star Weimaraner Club](#)
22-24: [Alamo Retriever Club](#)

Lure Coursing Events:

AKC Lure Coursing

January

1: [Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America](#)

March

2 & 3: [Alamo Area Whippet Club](#)

Coursing Ability Tests

February

23 & 24: [Dallas-Ft. Worth Basenji Club](#)

Fast Cats

12 & 13: [Alamo Area Whippet Club](#)

Obedience Trials:

January

4: [German Shepherd Dog Club of Dallas](#)
5 & 6: [Nolan River Kennel Club](#)
12 & 13: [Obedience Club of Corpus Christi, Inc.](#)
18 & 19: [Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces, Inc.](#)
19 & 20: [German Shepherd Dog Club of Beaumont](#)
20 & 21: [Rio Grande Obedience Dog Club, Inc.](#)
26 & 27: [Shetland Sheepdog Club of Houston](#)

February

9: [Alamo Area Shetland Sheepdog Club](#)
15-17: [Obedience Training Club of Wichita Falls](#)
22-24: [South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock](#)
23: [Greater Houston Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#)

28: [Dalmatian Organization of Houston](#)

March

1: [Baytown Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
2 & 3: [San Antonio Dog Training Club, Inc.](#)
9 & 10: [Texas Tri-City Obedience Club, Inc.](#)
16 & 17: [Brazos Valley Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
16: [Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan](#)
22: [American Bullmastiff Association, Inc., Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club, Dalmatian Club of North Texas, Doberman Pinscher Club of Dallas, North Texas Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers, Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Texas](#)
23 & 24: [Fort Worth Kennel Club](#)

Rally Trials:

January

5 & 6: [Nolan River Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
11-13: [Obedience Club of Corpus Christi, Inc.](#)
18 & 19: [Dog Obedience Club of Las Cruces, Inc.](#)
19 & 20: [German Shepherd Dog Club of Beaumont](#)
20 & 21: [Rio Grande Obedience Dog Club, Inc.](#)
26 & 27: [Shetland Sheepdog Club of Houston](#)

February

9: [Alamo Area Shetland Sheepdog Club](#)
15-17: [Obedience Training Club of Wichita Falls](#)
22-24: [South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock](#)
23: [Greater Houston Pembroke Welsh Corgi Fanciers](#)
28: [Dalmatian Organization of Houston](#)

March

1: [Baytown Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
2 & 3: [San Antonio Dog Training Club, Inc.](#)
16 & 17: [Brazos Valley Kennel Club, Inc.](#)
16: [Siberian Husky Club of Metropolitan Dallas](#)
22: [Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club](#)
23 & 24: [Fort Worth Kennel Club](#)

Seminars:

March

23: Fort Worth, Texas, Title: AKC Show Committee Seminar-A Symposium for Show Committees, presenter: Bri Tesarz. Sponsoring Club: American Kennel Club & Fort Worth Kennel Club. Contact Name: Bri Tesarz - PO Box 900051, Raleigh, NC 27675-9051. Email: glt@akc.org, Phone: (919) 816-3514 Fax: N/A. Scheduled to begin at 8:00 am. Cost: \$35. Location: Will Rogers Memorial Center; Fort Worth, TX. Includes a Special Club Development Presentation on adding activities to events. Registration deadline: March 6, 2019
24: Fort Worth, Texas. Title: Judges Education for the Bullmastiff. Breed: Bullmastiff, Sponsoring Club: Ft.

Worth KC, Contact Name: Carol White Moser -
Email: carolwhitemoser@gmail.com. Held in conjunction with the Ft. Worth KC show. Scheduled to begin at 8:00 am. No cost.

24: Fort Worth, Texas. Title: Judges Education for the Golden Retriever, Breed: Golden Retriever, Sponsoring Club: Ft. Worth KC. Contact Name: Carol White Moser -
Email: carolwhitemoser@gmail.com. Held in conjunction with the Ft. Worth KC show. Scheduled to begin at 10:30 am. No cost.

24: Fort Worth, Texas. Title: Judges Education - Norfolk Terrier & Norwich Terrier Comparison. Breed: Norfolk Terrier, Sponsoring Club: Ft. Worth KC
Contact Name: Carol White Moser -
Email: carolwhitemoser@gmail.com. Held in conjunction with the Ft. Worth KC show. Scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm. No cost.

24: Fort Worth, Texas. Title: Judges Education - Norfolk Terrier & Norwich Terrier Comparison
Breed: Norwich Terrier. Sponsoring Club: Ft. Worth KC
Contact Name: Carol White Moser -
Email: carolwhitemoser@gmail.com
Held in conjunction with the Ft. Worth KC show.
Scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm. No cost.

Scent Work:

AKC Scent Work

January

19 & 20: [Houston Area K9 Scent Work Club](#)

February

2 & 3: [Capitol Dog Training Club of Austin, Inc.](#)
9: [Scent Work Austin Texas Club](#)

UKC Nosework

January

11-13: Lonestar K9 Performance Club
Alvarado, TX. Nosework
19 & 20: [Canine Headquarters](#)
Hutto, TX. Nosework

February

2 & 3: [United Dog Owners Group, Inc.](#)
Tyler, TX, Nosework
9 & 10: [South Texas Nosework Dogs](#)
Houston, TX, Nosework

March

1-3: [Lonestar K9 Performance Club](#)
Alvarado, TX, Nosework

Tracking Events:

January

6: [Southwest Tracking Association of Metropolitan Houston](#)

13: [DFW Tracking Club](#)

27: [Tracking Club of El Paso](#)

February

10: [Southwest Tracking Association of Metropolitan Houston](#)

17: [Tracking Club of El Paso](#)

24: [Texas Tri-City Obedience Club, Inc.](#)

March

10: [DFW Tracking Club](#)

17: [Houston Obedience Training Dog Club, Inc.](#)

Weight Pulling:

UKC Weight Pull Events

March

30 & 31: [Lonestar K9 Performance Club](#)

Alvarado, TX, *Weight Pull, SPOT Evaluations*

AKC NEWS! (AKC Press Releases)

October

[The American Kennel Club Honors Wenatchee Kennel Club with Summer 2018 Public Education Award](#)

[caption id="attachment_66382" align="alignleft" width="300"] From left: Chuck St. John, WKC Public Education Officer, Leslie Fetzer, AKC Director of Education, Louise Day, WKC President, John and Helen Njus, WKC/[caption] Raleigh, NC – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry, leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce Wenatchee Kennel Club [...]

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-honors-wenatchee-kennel-club-summer-2018-public-education-award/> | October 25, 2018

[MEET. PLAY. LOVE. THE AKC & ROYAL CANIN BRING NATION'S LARGEST CANINE EXTRAVAGANZA BACK TO ORLANDO](#)

Canine Extravaganza, the nation's largest celebration of dogs, returns to Orlando's Orange County Convention Center's North/South Building this December 15th and 16th with exciting elements for all dog lovers. Presented by the American Kennel Club® (AKC) and Royal Canin, this two-day event takes place on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., with [...]

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/canine-extravaganza-back-in-orlando/> | October 22, 2018

[NYC Goes to the Dogs as the American Kennel Club & The Westminster Kennel Club Take Over NYC with Meet & Compete](#)

Dogs take over New York City when The American Kennel Club (AKC®) & The Westminster Kennel Club present Meet & Compete on Saturday, February 9th at Piers 92 and 94. This event features AKC Meet the Breeds® and the 6th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster brought to you by Purina® Pro Plan®. Once again, [...]

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/nyc-goes-dogs-american-kennel-club-westminster-kennel-club-take-nyc-meet-compete/> | October 15, 2018

[Tickets on Sale Now for the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin](#)

Tickets are on sale now for the 2018 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin, which returns to the Orlando Orange County Convention Center's North/South Building this December 15th and 16th. Each daily event pass includes daytime events, evening group finals and Best in Show (on Sunday). Daytime hours are 8am – 5pm, and doors [...]

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/tickets-sale-now-akc-national-championship-presented-royal-canin/> | October 10, 2018

[The American Kennel Club Launches 'The AKC Junior Mentorship Program'](#)

-Program is designed to encourage, support, and educate youth participants.- The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry, leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is proud to announce the launch of the AKC Junior Mentor Program. The goals of the AKC Junior Mentor Program are to provide Juniors just entering the sport [...]

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-launches-akc-junior-mentorship-program/> | October 3, 2018

[The American Kennel Club Announces 2018 AKC Breeder of the Year Group Honorees](#)

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to recognize breeding programs from the Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding groups as 2018 AKC Breeder of the Year group honorees. "The individuals that make up these breeding programs have dedicated their lives to the advancement of their respective breeds, producing dogs that are true [...]"

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-announces-2018-akc-breeder-year-group-honorees/> | October 3, 2018

November

[AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin Draws Largest Entry in History of Event](#)

Dogs from 49 States and 21 Countries Will Vie for Best in Show NEW YORK, NY (November 20, 2018) – The AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin has drawn record entry numbers in its 18th year. An entry of 5,003 dogs will compete for the title of National Champion on December 15 and 16, [...]

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/akc-national-championship-presented-royal-canin-draws-largest-entry-history-event/> | November 21, 2018

[American Kennel Club Announces Online Certificate Transfers](#)

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the deployment of Online Certificate Transfers. The new online application is an updated way for breeders and owners to easily transfer ownership of their AKC registered dogs. "The American Kennel Club is excited to launch [...]"

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-announces-online-certificate-transfers/> | November 8, 2018

[AKC Honors Representative John T. O'Connor as Legislator of the Year](#)

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce that State Representative John T. O'Connor of New Hampshire will be presented with the 2018 AKC Legislator of the Year Award for New Hampshire. Angela Ferrari, Legislative Chair for AKC's New Hampshire federation, the Dog [...]"

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/akc-honors-representative-john-t-oconnor-legislator-year/> | November 6, 2018

December

[American Kennel Club Records First Rally Champion](#)

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce that the first AKC Rally Champion (RACH) titled dog has been recorded. A six-year old black Labrador Retriever named "Zorro," owned by Robert (Bob) Fullum of Staten Island, NY, is the first dog to earn [...]"

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-records-first-rally-champion/> | December 6, 2018

[The American Kennel Club Honors Connecticut Representative Doug Dubitsky as Legislator of the Year](#)

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce that Connecticut State Representative Doug Dubitsky will be presented with the 2018 AKC Legislator of the Year Award. During the 2018 legislative session, Representative Dubitsky established a diverse legislative working group to study various dog-related [...]"

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/american-kennel-club-honors-connecticut-representative-doug-dubitsky-legislator-year/> | December 5, 2018

AKC Delegates Report

Abilene Kennel Club Delegate: Melanie Steele

AKC Delegates Report—September and December 2018

The last two quarterly Delegates Meetings for the year were held in September in Newark, NJ and in December in Orlando, FL, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship Shows. The Delegate Standing Committee meetings were held on the previous days, in the same location as the meetings.

The Delegates Forum, which preceded the meeting in September, included a presentation regarding Club Insurance. The Forum in December included a question and answer session for the nominees for the upcoming Board elections in March, 2019. The nominees are: Dr. Tom Davies, Karen Burgess, Dr. Charles Garvin, Steven Hamblin and Daniel Smyth.

President Dennis Sprung called the meetings to order and introduced those seated with him on the dais. The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting, and those Delegates in attendance who were attending their first meeting were introduced from the floor.

The President and Chief Financial Officer gave their respective reports, which are worthy of your review and can be found in their entirety on the AKC Website at www.akc.org

The following amendments were voted on and were adopted:

Chapter 1, Section 4, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Shows Defined*, which would allow clubs to limit their event by the number of dogs or by the total entry. (September)

Chapter 5, Section 9, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*, which would allow a club to offer a three-time win trophy for Reserve Best in Show. (September)

Chapter 16, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships*, provides the Best of Winners the opportunity to earn one championship point if the combined number of regular class dogs for both sexes is the minimum required for one point (usually two competitors total). (December)

Chapter 14, Sections 12, 12A, 13, 13A and 11A of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*. Sections 13 and 13A allow the American Brittany Club to hold a National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship and a National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship. The additions to the other sections are needed to differentiate existing National Championship stakes from the two new ones. (December)

Chapter 3 Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows—Dog Show Classification*, clarifies the eligibility of the Winners Dog/Bitch that has been defeated in a non-regular class as well as when the Best of Winners is awarded. (December)

Chapter 5, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*, allows clubs the option of including the date on class placement ribbons. (December)

Chapter 7, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Judges*, converts most of the italicized text to part of the rule while keeping one sentence regarding where eligibility is expanded in italics. (December)

Chapter 9, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, takes italicized Board interpretation and makes it part of the rules. Additionally, it clarifies that an individual can only provide services for one all-breed or one group club in a calendar year. (December)

Chapter 9, Section 4, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, broadens the requirements regarding which forms the Superintendent/Show Secretary must have available at events. All necessary forms are available on the AKC website or sent to the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the event. (December)

Chapter 9, Section 12, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, cleans up wording to provide clarity and adds a reference to eligibility requirements for this role. (December)

Chapter 10, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians*, adds a reference to the eligibility requirements for this role.

Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries-Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility*, adds clarity to a Foreign dog's eligibility for a specific class without creating redundancy by listing the requirements.

Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility*, brings the Rules up to date with the intent and current practices.

Chapter 11, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility*, changes the italicized paragraph to be come part of the rule and adds a clarification to the sweepstakes judge's abilities when these conditions are present.

The following amendments were voted on and failed:

Chapter 3, Section 16, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Classifications*, which would specify the order in which awards are presented by a judge at an All-Breed Show. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws. (September)

Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*— Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, requires permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Additionally, a photo of the dog must be taken in the ring. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the May 2018 Board meeting. (December)

Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*— Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, puts the reinstatement process into the rules and removes the possibility of a reinstatement occurring at events. AKC currently provide a list of dogs that have been disqualified but that list does not include the owner's name or contact information as that would be a breach of the Disclosure of Information policy. (December)

The following amendments were sent back to committee for review and revision:

Chapter 11, New Section 16, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, to address the inappropriate collars and leads at dog shows. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws. (September)

Chapter 14, Section 5, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, requiring the Event Committee or Superintendent/Show Secretary to provide digital scales In addition to wickets. Additionally, changes were made to consolidate language and change italics to become part of the rule.

The following amendments were read and will be voted on at the March 2019 meeting:

Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Article VIII, Section 1, that would require that the Board in its appointment of the 5-member nominating committee include three (3) Delegates that have each been selected by a Delegate Committee in accordance with a proposed new standing rule. The Board would be permitted to appoint only two of the five members. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel

Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment to forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Delegate Standing Rule on Committees, Section VI, that would change the nomination process by requiring that the Delegate Committees select three members of the nominating committee and would change the nomination process timeline. This Standing Rule amendment is offered and would only be effective if the amendment to **Article VIII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club** is adopted in March 2019. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment to forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaw

As a special NOTE...The AKC Museum of the Dog will be opening it's doors in January 2019. There are special events the week of Westminster including a Brunch at the Museum. For those of you attending Westminster, or anyone who is planning a trip to NY, the Museum is a "must see" which celebrates the sport of purebred dogs in a monumental way.

The next Delegates Meeting will take place in March, 2019 in Newark, NJ.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve you all in this capacity, and I wish you all a heathy, happy, prosperous 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie S. Steele, Delegate to the AKC



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ABILENE KENNEL CLUB ANNUAL DOG SHOW, JANUARY 1981!**



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PUZZLE PAGE!

(Answers on Page)

HAVE A LITTLE FUN AND PLAY "SUDOKU!"

Just fill in each line up and down, and within each 9 number square with the correct numbers 1-9 without repeating any numbers! Easy right?

<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>9</u>		
							<u>6</u>	
<u>8</u>				<u>4</u>		<u>5</u>		<u>3</u>
				<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>		
		<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>		
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		<u>2</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>

FIND THE WORDS!

How many words can you find in the following six letters? There are 3, 4, 5 and 6 letter words! The letters are **R, A, F, D, E, Y**. To really check yourself put a timer on for 3 minutes and see how many you can find within the time limit!

Three letter words:

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Four letter words:

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
 Five letter words:
 _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 SIX Letter Word: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

**TURN RIGHT FOR THE VET,
LEFT TO CONTINUE LIVING...**

CHOOSE WISELY.

GRUMPY OLD GITS

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January

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day!	2	3	4 North Texas Non-Sporting Association	5 Nolan River Kennel Club
6 Nolan River Kennel Club	7	8	9	10 Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc. Abilene Kennel Club, General Meeting!	11 Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.	12 Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.
13 Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24 Abilene Kennel Club, BOD Meeting!	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



February

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Freedom Day!	2 Groundhog Day!
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Guadalupe Valley Dog Fanciers
10 Guadalupe Valley Dog Fanciers	11	12	13	14 West Texas Kennel Club Abilene Kennel Club, General Meeting! Valentine's Day!	15 Big Spring Kennel Club	16 West Texas Kennel Club
17 Big Spring Kennel Club	18 Presidents' Day!	19	20	21	22 Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.	23 San Jacinto Kennel Club
24 San Jacinto Kennel Club	25	26	27	28 Abilene Kennel Club, BOD Meeting!		



March

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Read Across America Day!	2 Baytown Kennel Club, Inc. Texas Independence Day!
3 Baytown Kennel Club, Inc.	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday!	7 Greater Kerrville Kennel Club	8 Greater Kerrville Kennel Club	9 San Antonio Kennel Club, Inc.
10 San Antonio Kennel Club, Inc. Daylight Saving Time starts!	11	12	13	14 Abilene Kennel Club, General Meeting!	15	16 Brazos Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
17 Brazos Valley Kennel Club, Inc. St. Patrick's Day!	18	19	20	21	22	23 Fort Worth Kennel Club
24 Fort Worth Kennel Club	25	26	27	28 Abilene Kennel Club, BOD Meeting!	29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day!	30
31						

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS!

(From Page !)

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Here are the answers?

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FIND THE WORDS!

How many words did you find!

Three letter words:

Ade, Are, Aye, Day, Dry, Dye, Ear, Era, Fad, Far, Fed, Fry, Rad, Red, Ray, Ref, Rye, Yea.

Four letter words:

Dare, Deaf, Dear, Defy, Dyer, Fade, Fare, Fear, Fray, Read, Yard, Year.

Five Letter Words: **Fader, Fared, Rayed, Ready.**

SIX Letter Word: **Defray, Frayed.**



"I think it stands for, "Please Eat The Activist," which is exactly what I did!"