

# TATTLETAIL

NEWSLETTER OF ALBANY KENNEL CLUB



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November, 2018

Dear Officers and Members of the Albany Kennel Club,

This is our last newsletter for 2018, thanks to Our Editor KC Gottschalk for her work on this important communication.

Our October Point Shows were successful. Thanks to our Show Chairperson and Chief Ring Steward, Penny Kretchmer and our Assistant Show Chairperson Don Gillett for planning and executing this event, knowing that they are working on it all year long. Big thanks go out to all who participated...Larry Brown for grounds and stewarding; Karen Blanchfield for catalog sales and trophies; Pam Burns for hospitality; Don Gillett, KC Gottschalk (trophy set up, too) Michelle Boice and Paul Sargent for ring stewarding and to Jeannette O'Hanlon for all of the beautiful trophies she found. We appreciate all of your efforts and your continuing commitment to the Albany Kennel Club.

I hope to see many of our members at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Gateway Diner. Our agenda includes the Election of the Slate of Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee in October.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, see you in December!

Merry Christmas to all...

Regards,

Mary Mac Collum  
President

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING / ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Please join us on December 4, 2018 for our Annual MEMBERSHIP MEETING and election of 2019 Officers before we break for the winter months.

**LOCATION:**

Gateway Diner

**TIME:**

Membership Meeting 7:00PM

**AGENDA:**

Annual Meeting and election of officers (see separate box on the right). You must be an active/paid member in good standing to cast a vote.

### BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Board will be held prior to the membership meeting. Officers and directors are asked to arrive by 6:30

### PROPOSED 2019 SLATE OF OFFICERS

**President:** Penny Kretchmer

**Vice President:** Corey Heenan

**Secretary:** KC Gottschalk

**Treasurer:** Jeannette O'Hanlon

**Directors:** Directors: Don Gillett, Paul Sargent, Larry Brown, Pam Burns, Karen Blanchfield, Deb LaJeunesse.

## DUES DUE

### 'TIS THE SEASON....

2019 Albany Kennel Club dues are now due. Please bring \$10 for a single membership or \$15 for a couple membership with you to the December meeting. Jeannette will be more than happy to take your cash, or you can mail your dues to her. **You must be an active/paid member in good standing to cast a vote for officers.**

Thank You!!

## OCTOBER POINT SHOW

The Albany Kennel Club Point Show was held in conjunction with Troy Kennel Club Friday October 19 Saturday October 20 (Albany KC) and Sunday October 21 (Troy KC).

Thank you to all who volunteered to help make this event a success and thank you to all who participated as an exhibitor.

## PURE DOG TALK

Looking for something to pass the time when driving to or from dog shows? You might want to try streaming a POD CAST. Penny brought my attention to "Pure Dog Talk" and I have enjoyed several episodes.

Some episodes include:

- ★ DNA Genetic Testing Prevents ...
- ★ CHF Research Examines Neurological Diseases
- ★ Finding Common Ground to Grow the Purebred Dog Fancy
- ★ AKC's Team Scores on Detection Dog Legislation
- ★ Researching Connections Between Ticks and Cancer
- ★ Fighting to Preserve our Breeds and Their Purposes

This is just a small sampling of episodes available! Give it a try.... and let me know if you have listened to a particularly interesting episode or if you have found other POD CASTS with great content!



# ALL I WANT IN LIFE IS TO BE ABLE TO TEXT MY DOG.



## AKC PAC

Dear Albany Kennel Club Member,

The future of purpose bred dogs is under attack. Every year, animal rights groups threaten responsible owners and breeders by proposing new and more extreme anti-dog laws. Hobby breeders and fanciers are not exempt.

The AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) is a non-partisan, single-issue advocacy group that supports the election of candidates who demonstrate a commitment to the future of purpose-bred dog. Dognap can impact dog ownership laws at the local, state and federal level.

But the AKC PAC needs our help. As the secretary of the Albany Kennel Club, I am challenging you and every member of our club to support the future of our breeds with a donation to the AKC PAC. Even a donation equal to **ONE ENTRY FEE (about \$35.)** can make a big difference if everyone participates. 100% of the funds contributed to the AKC PAC go directly to support dog owner/breeder friendly candidates. Contributions can be made online at [www.akc.org/pac](http://www.akc.org/pac). Be sure to indicate that you are contributing as a member of the Albany Kennel Club. Donations sent directly to the club will be sent on to the AKC PAC.

Thank you,

KC Gottschalk  
Albany Kennel Club, Inc



## DID YOU KNOW.....

### 8 Things You Didn't Know About the Airedale Terrier



Katherine Ripley | December 6, 2016  
(Shared from the "resource tab" of the AKC site)

**Airedale Terriers** used to be one of the most popular dog breeds in the United States. They are incredibly versatile and intelligent, and they love to be part of a family. Here are some more interesting facts about the Airedale Terrier:

#### 1. They Were Originally Used to Hunt Rats

The Airedale Terrier originated in the Aire River Valley in England, where they hunted **large rats**. Airedales often competed in rat hunting contests, which attracted lots of spectators. Ferrets would be sent into rat burrows to flush out the rodents, and the Airedales would then chase them into the river.

#### 2. They're the Largest of the Terriers

Male Airedale Terriers are about 23 inches tall at the shoulder, making them the **largest dogs** in the terrier group. The Airedale is sometimes called "The King of Terriers." His size and intelligence make him an extremely versatile dog; he's expanded well beyond hunting rats, to hunting large game and performing many other jobs.

#### 3. They Served In the Military

During World War I, the British military employed Airedale Terriers as **sentries and couriers**. Airedales carried messages between commanding officers and troops in the trenches. They also stood watch on the front lines and warned the troops when the enemy was approaching. The Red Cross also used Airedales as rescue dogs during the war.

#### 4. One Airedale Earned the Victoria Cross

When a British battalion was cut off by the enemy, they sent their Airedale Terrier, **Jack**, to deliver a

message that they needed reinforcements. Despite being severely injured by shrapnel, Jack managed to deliver the message and save the battalion. Shortly after he completed his mission, Jack died from his injuries. He was posthumously awarded the [Victoria Cross](#), the highest honor in the United Kingdom.

#### 5. They Were Among the First Police Dogs

The Airedale Terrier was one of the first breeds to be used for [police work](#) in Great Britain and Germany. Given their bravery during the war, it's no wonder Airedales were tapped for police service.

#### 6. An Airedale Appeared in “One Hundred and One Dalmatians”

When Disney made a live-action version of “One Hundred and One Dalmatians” in 1996, they cast an Airedale Terrier in the role of Colonel, the wise old dog who helps Pongo and Perdita find their puppies. In the animated film, Colonel is an Old English Sheepdog, but the producers of the live-action film [chose an Airedale](#) instead, because they are so easy to train.

#### 7. Many Presidents Have Had Airedales

Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge — three successive [presidents](#) — all had Airedale Terriers. Their names were Davie, Laddie Boy, and Laddie Buck, respectively, though Laddie Buck's name was later changed to Paul Pry.

#### 8. John Wayne's Nickname Came From an Airedale

John Wayne's [nickname](#), Duke, actually came from his pet Airedale Terrier. When Wayne was a boy he owned an Airedale named Duke, that he would frequently take to visit the local fire station. The firemen would say “Here come Big Duke and Little Duke.” — John Wayne was Little Duke. The nickname stuck with him for the rest of his life.

## QUARTERLY ARTICLE

### TAKE JOY IN.....OLD DOGS

Their joys are simple. A soft bed. A scrap fallen from the table that the younger dogs missed. The memory of a treed squirrel. A stormless night.

White whiskered faces and legs crooked as question marks.

Old Dogs...their sweet Buddha bellies hang over crossed legs as they fall asleep in a coveted patch of sun. Dreaming of out-racing their shadows down long, shady lanes.

Once they danced by your side. The very definition of joy unleashed. A perfect poem caught in shining eyes and wagging tails. They have followed you faithfully for years. And would plunge into fires, untamed wildernesses, raging waters if you asked.

Now, they struggle to catch up. Their pace slow but their hearts still valiant. Their cloudy eyes are starting to dim and go distant, tuning in to some invisible world. Just beyond your reach.

Don't go you say, as you scratch the tender part between their ears. Stay longer. I can't imagine a world without your fur pressed close to my cheek. There are still so many roads we haven't explored.

And they look up at you with a wisdom that just slays you.

Their backs are bent, not from the weight of years, but from the invisible wings they are growing  
That will soon take them to a place where once more they are warriors of speed

Drunk with the sights and scents of a thousand meadows.

Able to leap high enough to touch the wing of the tiniest butterfly.

A place where they will now wait for you to catch up.

H/T Donna Swajesk



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO  
EVERYONE!!**

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE GATEWAY  
DINER ON DECEMBER 4TH AT  
7:00!**

