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If you are interested in serving on a committee or want to become involved, please contact the appropriate chairperson.

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REMEMBERED ALWAYS....



On February 12th we suddenly lost long time member Pam Burns. Pam was devoted first, to her son, Brandon, then her dogs, and then dog sports. She worked and trained tirelessly with her dogs Roar, Brick, Orca, Keron and Rhea. Pam had many HIT's over the years. She was an instructor at Albany Obedience Club where she passed on her knowledge and passion for the sport. Pam made many visits, with her dogs, to schools, summer camps, and other events for the Albany Kennel Club's Public Education Program. Her routines with Aura, Roar & Brick were magical – all the kids said so.



**How lucky I am
to have something
that makes saying
goodbye so hard.**

– Winnie the Pooh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

I want to Thank all who attended our March meeting including two that are coming to join. It was kind of Sad because it was the first meeting without our Board member Pam Burns who passed away earlier in the year. We have some great plans for 2019 including a change of Match date and location. The Match will be held the Saturday before Father's day. We will have more information about time and location at the April meeting. We also plan to have more Education and Albany KC activities in the Albany area. Hoping to start Handling Classes in the Spring (when it comes). Please if any members have suggestions for things they would like to do let us know. Remember we meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Gateway Diner on Central Ave in Albany at 7. They have a wonderful menu with reasonable prices.

Penny Kretchmer President

UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Albany Kennel Club Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month @ 7:00PM in the back room at the Gateway Diner:

April 2, 2019
May 7, 2019
June 4, 2019
July 2, 2019

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The April Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00PM in the Gateway Diner 899 Central Avenue Albany.

Join us in the private back room to share your thoughts and ideas!

Come earlier to order dinner and socialize!

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND MATCH

The 2019 Albany Kennel Club's Match Show, chaired by Corey Heenan will be taking place on the SATURDAY of Father's Day Weekend (June 15th). We are hoping more people will be able to participate by avoiding Father's Day.

The match will also be in a new location - Towasentha Park in Guilderland. If you would be willing to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Corey at — — —.

OCTOBER POINT SHOW

- ☼ The Albany Kennel Club will be holding its yearly Point Show in conjunction with Troy Kennel Club on October 18th, 19th and 20th at The Big E.
- ☼ Show chairs Penny Kretchmer and Don Gillett report that all is on track. Please contact Penny or Don if you wish to lend a hand as a volunteer. I am certain that they have many volunteer opportunities for you!!
- ☼ Jeannette O'Hanlon is in charge of trophies. Please consider sponsoring a trophy. Pledge Sheets are located on this page to the right of this box. Donations are due no later than the June meeting.
- ☼ Paul Sargent is in charge of advertising. The prices for the 2019 Point Show on October 18th & 19th, 2019 are as follows:
 - Outside Cover: \$75
 - Inside Cover: \$50
 - Full Page- Member: \$28
Non Member: \$38
 - Half Page- Member: \$19
Non Member: \$21
 - Quarter Page- Member: \$10
Non Member: \$12
 - Pictures/Drawings- Member: \$13
Non Member: \$12

(please be sure to include your name and mailing address on the back)

The due date for the advertisements, will be sometime in August. Those interested can bring their ad to our Albany Kennel Club meetings or mail it to Paul.

Paul Sargent



BEST IN SHOW 2018

ALBANY KENNEL CLUB TROPHY PLEDGE

___ **Friday October 18, 2019**

___ **Saturday October 19, 2019**

Breed _____

Class _____

Trophy Description _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

It is agreed there are no verbal understandings in any way part of this pledge. It is further agreed that in the event the undersigned does not provide the above described trophy in sufficient time to be presented at the above named show(s), the named club has the right to substitute a trophy of equal value or description and bill the undersigned.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

AWARDS CELEBRATION

- ☼ Albany Kennel Club's Awards Celebration will take place in conjunction with our June 4th Membership Meeting. Members who earned titles in 2018 are eligible for a plaque or have it updated if you already possess a plaque. The Club will pay for one plaque. If you wish to have an additional plaque, the member will pay for that.
- ☼ Members who the Club for less than one year, will receive a certificate for titles earned in 2018.
- ☼ Thank you to Barbara for taking on this duty due to Pam's passing. Please have information to her by the May meeting. Please attach a sheet with your dog's name and titles earned. **BE LEGIBLE!!!**

AKC PRESS RELEASE

LABRADOR RETRIEVER TOPS THE POPULARITY CHARTS FOR 28TH YEAR

- German Shorthaired Pointer Continues its Ascent Up the List -

New York, NY – The **Labrador Retriever** once again breaks records! The American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced at a press conference today at the AKC Museum of the Dog that the loveable Lab remains the number one most popular breed in the United States. Additionally, AKC registration continues to expand for the sixth consecutive year.

While the Labrador Retriever continues its reign at the top, the German Shorthaired Pointer has been quietly climbing the charts over the past decade. This versatile, all-purpose hunter came in at number nine in 2018 – its highest position since becoming recognized in 1930.

“The Labrador Retriever shows no signs of giving up the top spot anytime soon,” said AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. “Labs make wonderful companions for a wide variety of people, and for good reason. The breed is very intelligent, friendly and great with children. Attention must be paid to the German Shorthaired Pointer, however! This jack of all trades in the pointer world has slowly but steadily risen in popularity over the years. People continue to fall in love with its versatility, extreme intelligence and willingness to please.”

In addition to the country's most popular, rare breeds were on the rise in 2018. **Pumik** rose 11 spots last year (**162 to 151**), **Ibizan Hounds** rose 13 spots (**165 to 152**), and **Finnish Lapphunds** rose 12 spots (**173 to 161**). Terriers also made a comeback after years on the decline. **Rat Terriers** rose 11 spots (**97 to 86**), **Border Terriers** rose four spots (**92 to 88**), **Bedlington Terriers** rose 10 spots (**151 to 141**), and **Dandie Dinmont Terriers** rose six spots (**182 to 176**).

AKC NEWS

The Albany Kennel Club was invited to the Bethlehem Chabad Purim at the County Fair to do a Meet and Greet and a Dog Show.

Purim is a holiday that celebrates survival.

The Fair was held indoors at 6 PM on March 21 and well attended by families with children. Most of the attendees wore costumes and the atmosphere was casual and festive.

Breeds repressed were the Whippet and Pharaoh Hound with Corey Heenan, a Basenji with Amy Romeo, Miniature Pinchers with Dan Smith and Kathy Monaghan and a Boston Terrier with me.

We had the opportunity to discuss our dogs and dog sports with the visitors.

Mary Mac

DID YOU KNOW

The Australian Terrier

(reprinted from the AKC website)



Australian Terriers are small but sturdy, self-confident terriers known for a longish torso, distinctive coat furnishings around the neck and forequarters, and a topknot of soft, silky hair that contrasts in texture with an otherwise harsh coat. A long neck lends a dash of elegance to this rough-and-ready terrier, and the dark eyes sparkle with a keen intelligence. Coat colors are blue-and-tan, or solid red or sandy. Aussies move with the free and easy gait of a working dog. They are alert watchdogs and said to be quick studies when training. True terriers, Aussies love digging, and the urge to chase small, furry critters has never left them. Not always a great fit in multi-dog households, Aussies want you all to themselves.

Among the touches of home that 19th century British settlers brought to Australia were several breeds of working terrier. The Aussie is said to be the result of interbreeding such British mainstays as the Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, Norwich, Scottie, Skye and Yorkshire terriers - and a practiced eye can spot aspects of these and other terriers in the Aussie makeup. Aussies were bred to be fearless, all-purpose

exterminators, working on small mammals and snakes. (A breed historian says that the Aussie employed a “leap-twist-and-pounce” approach to snake killing.)

Life in the remote regions of Australia with little company forged a tight bond between Aussies and their people. These tough little frontier dogs, among the smallest of the working terriers, proved to be cuddly, eternally devoted pets when the day’s work was done. To this day, outgoing Aussies are people-oriented companions who don’t do well when neglected - they practically demand to be part of the family. Aussies have an affinity for children, the elderly and the handicapped.

The Australian Terrier can make a fair claim to being “Australia’s Dog.” It was the first native breed to be officially recognized in its homeland, and the first Australian breed to be recognized in other countries. The first club devoted to the breed was founded in Melbourne in 1887, a breed standard was devised, and imports to America and Britain began soon after. The Kennel Club (England) granted the Aussie breed status in 1933, and the AKC recognized the breed in 1960. This was the first terrier addition in 24 years and the 114 breed entered in the AKC stud book.



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Quarterly Article

10 reasons I'm using a breeder for my next puppy

Reprinted from the 3/11/19 Namastay Training Blog

We have committed. We found our breeder and we have put a deposit down on a puppy so there is no turning back now. We chose to get a puppy from a responsible breeder. I've already been asked by a few friends **"Why didn't you rescue a dog? There are SO many homeless dogs!"** So, if you are secretly wondering the same thing here's a list of why we chose to buy from a breeder instead of buying a dog from a rescue.

1. **Compatibility.** My dog, Stanley, is well mannered and socialized with a rock-solid temperament, however I want the new dog to be compatible with him. I want my dog to have a voice in the new dog we bring into the house. This is far easier with a puppy than an older dog. I know he would get along with any puppy we bring home but there may be a puppy that really clicks with him so Stanley will be with us when we pick our puppy.

2. **Timing.** When you work with a responsible breeder you know when the puppy will be born, when they are weaned and ready to come home. This allows us to plan accordingly and be ready. No spur of the moment decisions here or waiting endlessly for the "right" rescue to come along at the "right" time.

3. **Epigenetics.** Many people get a puppy from a shelter or rescue thinking that they are getting a blank slate. Quite often these puppies have behavior problems. Especially fear. Puppies are NOT blank slate. Why? Because of epigenetics. In a nutshell, the experiences of the parents affect the offspring. I want a dog with behaviorally sound parents. Curious about epigenetics? [Here is a](#)

[super quick explanation.](#) And a longer explanation [here.](#)

4. **Early learning.** The eight weeks the breeder has the puppy is super important. Why? Because the foundation of every animal starts the minute they come into this world. There are critical and important phases that all dogs must go through to develop into sound animals. I want a dog from someone who understands these phases and meets all their needs - especially at critical times.

5. **Health guarantee.** Reputable breeders carefully select the best health qualities in the dogs that they breed. Every puppy born to a reputable breeder has parents that have gone through a series of genetic tests to ensure that the dog you get has the best possible chance of being healthy. So, our new puppy will come with a health guarantee that states "This puppy is guaranteed to be in good health and has been vaccinated and de-wormed properly for the puppy's present age. The puppy has been thoroughly examined by a licensed vet, and given a clean bill of health. This puppy is guaranteed to the original buyer for two years against hereditary/genetic diseases, and hip dysplasia." That is not only peace of mind for me but also for my pocketbook.

6. **Back-up Plan.** Reputable breeders stand behind their work. Here is what my breeder has to say "I can tell you my dogs will NEVER end up in a shelter. Not only will I buy back dogs if they can't be kept, but if, by chance, a dog I produced ends up in shelter, it's microchipped with me as a secondary contact that can't be removed. I am responsible for all my puppies for life. Shelters wouldn't even be needed if all breeders did the same." Again, peace of mind for many owners.

7. **Love of the breed.** I don't want to end up in a world that just has "dogs". I love the variety of the breeds we have and don't want to see them disappear. Did you know that many breeds today have very small populations? If some breeds were any other kind of animal, they would be considered endangered. You may find it hard to believe, but breeds can become extinct. If we don't support reputable breeders, we will lose them and lose the

wonderful variety of dogs they breed. For more on this idea [read this blog](#).

8. **Stacking the deck.** Right now, I don't have a lot of free time and the time I do have I don't want spend on a lengthy behavior modification program with my own personal dog. I've been there and done that with my previous dog, Jasper, so I know what it entails but that doesn't mean I want to go there again. At least not right now. There is no perfect dog. Getting a dog from a breeder doesn't guarantee that you won't have problems or challenges. Not all breeders are reputable but that's a topic for another day. By using a reputable breeder I believe I am going to stack the deck in my favor of getting a temperamentally sound and healthy dog.

9. **Truth behind the curtain.** Rescues aren't always what they seem. Some are great and some are not. "Don't buy while shelter dogs die" is great marketing. It tugs at your heart strings. But unscrupulous rescues and shelter organizations are responsible for importing almost double the number of dogs euthanized. Why are "rescue organizations" not placing the dogs we have in the United States? Why are they spending donation money on importing more? There is such a thing as irresponsible rescue. "670,000 dogs are euthanized in US shelters every year. 1,000,000 dogs are imported from overseas by rescues every year." (Source – CDC & ASPCA) in addition, these dogs are often not healthy. Here are just two examples from this year of poor health in imported dogs. [New strain of distemper](#) and [Rabies from Egypt dog](#).

10. **High expectations.** My new dog will be a working partner with me and that requires a level of skill that the average dog owner doesn't need. It gives me peace of mind knowing that I will know everything my dog has experienced in his life so I am not surprised by an unexpected response in the middle of a training class or private session.

Where you get your dog is a personal individualized decision. What is right for one

person may not be right for another. Rescuing a dog doesn't make you a better owner, nor does it give you the right to judge anyone who hasn't rescued a pet. Being a great dog guardian isn't based solely on where you got your dog but how you treat the dog for the rest of their life. The quality of the relationship and life you provide the dog is what matters at the end of the day.

AKC FIT DOG CLUBS

The American Kennel Club has announced an expansion its FIT DOG Program by recognizing clubs and organizations that provide canine fitness classes and organized canine walks as AKC FIT DOG clubs.

To become an AKC FIT DOG club, AKC clubs, independent dog training schools and other related organizations must hold at least four group fitness walks per year or hold regularly scheduled canine fitness classes. Organizations meeting this level of activity may apply for a free AKC FIT DOG club banner which includes the name of their organization. For more information, please go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>.

LAST CHANCE

If you have not paid your dues, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. We hate to see you go. If this is an oversight, you can still mail your check to Jeannette O'Hanlon.

If not, you will be officially removed from membership role as of April 1st.

In either case, best wishes to you and your canine companion.