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NEWSLETTER OF ALBANY KENNEL CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
Happy Spring Members,

Just a short note to thank the members that are coming to the meetings and working for the club. Your ideas are always welcome. Please remember as we get into the hot days of summer to keep both you and your animals cool. This includes hydration for you and your best friends!!

I hope all you members are planning to join us at our Match on 15<sup>th</sup> which is the Saturday before Father's day this year. We can use everybody's help. If you can't make the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting please contact Corey and she can give out the additional information about the match.

On a very serious note, please beware of the danger TICKS can cause. My friend was bitten last May and until this past Saturday when she had a major stroke and died had been in the hospital fighting for her life. Please if you or your animals are not feeling well, get yourself to a Doctor.

Thank You,  
Penny  
President Albany Kennel Club

**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:

June 4, 2019  
July 2, 2019  
NO MEETING IN AUGUST  
September 3, 2019

**JUNE MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING**

**The June Board Meeting will be held at 6:30PM in the Gateway Diner 899 Central Avenue Albany.**

**A Membership meeting will immediately follow.**

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

**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 (518) — — —.

### 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

### 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.



**BEST IN SHOW 2018**

## NEW LOGO

At May's Membership Meeting, we voted in a new logo for the club, featuring Albany's own Nipper. Thank you to Calley Rupp-Potts for the design!



## Animal Advocacy Day

Animal Advocacy Day will be taking place on June 4th in the lobby of the Legislative Office Building. Albany Kennel Club will participate with a club table. Corey, Leslie and KC expressed interest in attending. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact one of those individuals.

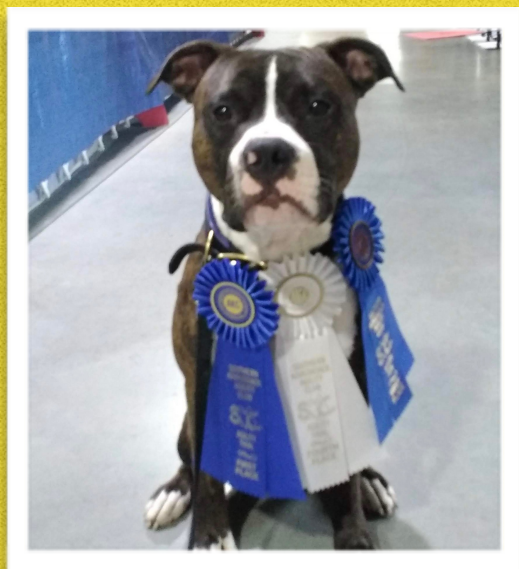
## WEB SITE

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[albanykennelclub.net](http://albanykennelclub.net)  
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## BRAGS

**Rune**, Schaber's When The Last Rune Is Cast @ One Stone, CGC, NAP, NJP, TKN, GSA-N, JSA-N, RSA-N, an American Staffordshire Terrier, owned by Jeannette & John O'Hanlon (handled by John) earned his Rally Novice title last weekend at the Albany Obedience Club Trials with a 98-2nd Place, 100- 1st Place and 100-1st Place.



**Lucy**, Whindancer's Fire On The Mountain At Carillon, a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier owned by Peter and KC Gottschalk (handled by KC) earned her Championship with a five point major at the Garden State All Terrier Show on Friday. On Sunday, Lucy earned her first Grand Champion points with a four point major - defeating several champions in a very competitive field.



**Jeter**, Whindancer's Walk Off Home Run (also handled by KC) completed his "Puppy Of Achievement" finishing first in his class every day on a very wet weekend!



## Quarterly Article

# How Your Dog Knows When You're Sick, Even Before You

Written by [Dr. Karen Shaw Becker](#)

### Story at-a-glance

- Our dogs know when we're sick by using their senses — especially their noses — to pick up the tiniest changes in our scent and other signals we give off
- Your dog may even know you're coming down with something before you do, thanks to his truly remarkable sense of smell, which is up to 100,000 times sharper than yours
- The canine sense of smell is helping detect several types of human cancer; dogs are also being trained to detect medical emergencies in humans before they reach the crisis stage
- Dogs can also sense human moods with their noses, and respond by mirroring their owner's emotional state

If you're convinced your doggy BFF knows when you're feeling under the weather, you're probably exactly right. Most dogs, whether they show it or not, can sense changes in their humans that indicate something's not quite right.

For example, when you're dealing with a cold or sinus issues or a stomach bug or even a toothache, your dog's super sense of smell will pick up immediately on a change in your scent. Changes in the **tone of your voice**, your energy level or the sounds you make (e.g., coughing, sneezing, etc.) will not go unnoticed, either.

A friend of mine adopted a little dog a while back and then proceeded to have one annoying health issue after another during the dog's first few years with her. Peanut is part **Chihuahua**, and true to his breed is very protective of his human. To this day, if my friend heads to her bed for any reason other than at bedtime — to nap or read or watch TV — little Peanut gets anxious and is right on her heels.

He gets up on the bed by whatever means necessary and stretches out on her chest with his face close to hers to get a read on the situation. After he studies her for a minute or two, he climbs to his "post" on a pillow above her head, and there he stays until she's up and moving again.

### Your Dog's Nose Knows

Of all the canine senses, it's your dog's nose above all else that provides her with an encyclopedic amount of information throughout her life. Inside your own nose are about 6 million olfactory receptors that allow you to recognize thousands of different smells.<sup>1</sup> It sounds like a lot, until you realize that inside your dog's nose there are up to 300 million such receptors.

While you can detect certain odors in parts per billion, your dog can detect them in parts per trillion. Plus, she has a part of her brain devoted to analyzing smells that's about 40 times larger, proportionally, than the same area in your brain.

<sup>2</sup> This explains why your **dog's sense of smell** is anywhere from 10,000 to 100,000 times more acute than your own, which, let's face it, is nothing short of amazing. As reported by NOVA:

*"... [I]n her book 'Inside of a Dog,' Alexandra Horowitz, a dog-cognition researcher at Barnard College, writes that while we might notice if our coffee has had a teaspoon of sugar added to it, a dog could detect a teaspoon of sugar in a million gallons of water, or two Olympic-sized pools worth. Another dog scientist likened their ability to catching a whiff of one rotten apple in two million barrels."<sup>3</sup>*

Dogs can detect subtle differences in the breath, urine, skin, blood and feces of cancer patients, allowing them to detect certain cancers with up to 97% accuracy. In one study, dogs were able to **detect or rule out lung and breast cancer**, at all stages of the disease with about 90% accuracy, just by sniffing breath samples.

Even more remarkable, the dogs used for the study were "ordinary household dogs" who received only three weeks of training beforehand. In another study, a black lab named Marine was able to detect colon cancer with 25% greater accuracy than the routinely used fecal occult blood test.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, research indicates that dogs are able to detect prostate-cancer-specific volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the urine of prostate cancer patients with 98% accuracy.<sup>5</sup> Medical detection dogs and medical alert assistance dogs are also being trained to detect medical crises before they happen, alerting patients so they can seek help for **changes in blood sugar levels**, seizures, severe allergic responses, sleep walking and narcolepsy.

### **Your Dog Can Even Sniff Out Changes in Your Mood**

A 2017 study revealed that dogs also use their talented noses to sense our emotions.<sup>6</sup> And once your canine companion sniffs out your mood, he adjusts his own accordingly.

It has been scientifically proven that dogs can see and hear human emotions, but until this study, no one knew for certain they also use their incredible sense of smell to inform them about how their humans are feeling. It actually makes perfect sense when you consider that unlike people who typically respond most often to what they see, dogs lead with their noses and respond most often to what they smell.

For the study, a team of researchers set out to answer the question, "Do human body odors (chemosignals) produced under

emotional conditions of happiness and fear provide information that is detectable by pet dogs (Labrador and golden retrievers)?"

Eight human volunteers watched a 25-minute video designed to provoke emotional states of either fear or happiness. The volunteers' sweat was collected on pads as they watched the video, and then the samples were pooled to obtain composite "fear sweat" and "happiness sweat" samples. There was also an unscented control sample.

Next, 40 Labs and Goldens were fitted with heart rate monitors and each dog was placed in a small room with his owner and a stranger who had not provided a sweat sample. The two people were seated, reading magazines and not purposely interacting with the dog. The samples (either fear or happy sweat, or no scent) were diffused into the room from an open vial containing the sweat pads. The dogs were able to sniff the vial itself but couldn't directly touch the pads.

Behind the scenes, for five-minute periods the researchers evaluated the dogs' heart rate, **body language**, movements toward and away from the owner and the stranger, and stress-related behaviors. The goal was to learn whether the dogs would show a consistent set of behaviors in response to the three conditions.

### **Study Says: The Smell of Human Fear Stresses Dogs Out and Makes Them Fearful as Well**

The dogs exposed to the happy sweat sample had fewer and shorter interactions with their owners, and more interactions with the strangers in the room. This indicates they felt relaxed enough to check out strangers and didn't need to seek reassurance from their owners.

The dogs exposed to the fear sweat sample displayed more frequent and longer-lasting **stress-related behaviors**, in some cases,

for the entire five-minute period. These dogs also sought out their owners rather than the strangers, indicating they were looking for reassurance because they felt stressed.

The dogs exposed to the fear sweat sample also had consistently higher heart rates than the dogs exposed to the happy sweat sample and the control sample.

*"While the dogs were clearly responding emotionally to the scent of fear," writes dog expert Stanley Coren, Ph.D., "it seemed as though their response mirrored the emotion that they were detecting in that they were acting in a fearful manner themselves. There was no evidence of aggression toward either the owner, the stranger, or the scent dispensing apparatus."*<sup>7</sup>

Researchers are well aware of the role stress plays in canine disease, so perhaps something we all should ask ourselves is how long-term exposure to human stress and emotional imbalances in the home (fear, anger, frustration, etc.) impact the health and happiness of our dogs without our knowledge.

**WE MEET DOGS  
FOR A REASON**

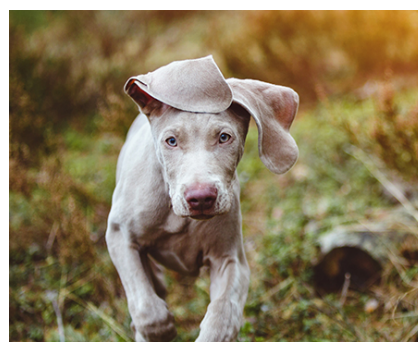
**EITHER THEY ARE A BLESSING  
OR A LESSON**

## DID YOU KNOW

### 8 Ways Weimaraners Are Like No Other Dogs

By [Mara Bovsun](#)

*(Reprinted from AKC web site)*



This sleek, silver-gray breed originated in the early 19th century, developed to hunt bear, boar, and other large game in the dense forests of Germany's Weimar region. Exceptional tracking ability, incredible athleticism, and brains were essential for their work. These traits have persisted to this day, making the [Weimaraner](#) (*WY-mah-rah-ner*) a breed perfect for a select group of people. Couch potatoes need not apply.

#### 1. Weimaraners were made for action

The [Weimaraner Club of America](#) puts it this way: "*Weimaraners need exercise!* These three little words cannot be overstressed." It is not unusual to see these four-footed athletes trotting merrily alongside the [sinewy legs of marathon runners](#). They can maintain a nice pace for long distances and enjoy participating in activities such as [Agility](#).

#### 2. Weimaraners definitely have an "off" switch

This may have something to do with their history as a gentleman's gun dog. They were



designed to hunt all day long and come and live inside with their people in the evenings, relaxing by the fire.

### 3. Weimaraner puppies are born with stripes

But these fade entirely after just a few days. Their eyes also change color—from blue at birth to light amber, gray, or blue-gray—as they mature.



### 4. Their scenting ability gives them an edge in activities where noses rule

Owners joke that it's "cheating" to enter a [tracking event](#) with a Weimaraner because they are such naturals at it. The first dog to earn a championship—RATCH—in the terrier-tailored sport of [barn hunt](#) was a Weimaraner named Lexi.

### 5. Their nickname is The Gray Ghost

Their nickname—**The Gray Ghost**—comes in part from their color and, more importantly, from their hunting style, which has been described as stealthy and catlike. They also have an annoying tendency to try to disguise their scent, which means that they'll roll in any stinky thing they can find.

### 6. Weimaraners are deeply devoted to their people

And they can get depressed and act out if they are ignored. This can lead to separation anxiety problems, notes the WCA, so it's important to

teach puppies that there will be times when they will have to be on their own.

### 7. Grace Kelly owned Weimaraners

Hollywood's icon of elegance, [Grace Kelly](#), owned a Weimaraner. She received the dog as a wedding gift before marrying Prince Rainier III of Monaco in 1956.

### 8. Weimaraners are the star of William Wegman's Artwork

In fact, his Weimaraners, Flo and Topper, are featured in [11 mosaic murals](#) in the 23rd Street F/M Subway station in New York City. Wegman and his dogs live and work in this Chelsea neighborhood.



**SEE YOU ALL AT THE  
GATEWAY DINER ON JUNE  
4TH! CONGRATULATIONS TO  
ALL WHO HAVE EARNED  
AWARDS FOR 2018!**