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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To The Members of the Albany Kennel Club,

I hope you are all safe and healthy in this current situation. I am hoping by doing as our Governor has asked we will be back to normal in the next few months. Good time to be able to spend time with family and pets.

Please check the AKC, Info Dog, and Rau web sites for updates on cancelled shows.

I am cancelling the April meeting but still plan to meet in May. We need our members to come and voice your input into what you would like the club to be doing. There will be updates on the Match in June and the October Show.

We have a new AKC delegate. Thank you KC Gottschalk for stepping up. We Thank Mary M for her years of service.

Be Well All,
Penny

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 Meeting CANCELLED

May 5, 2020
June 2, 2020
July 7, 2020

ALL MEETINGS ARE CONTINGENT ON THE AFFECTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The April Membership Meeting is CANCELLED.

The MAY Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00PM in the Gateway Diner 899 Central Avenue Albany on May 5, 2020.

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

Come earlier to order dinner and socialize!

MATCH SHOW

The 2020 Albany Kennel Club's Match Show, chaired by Corey Heenan will be taking place Saturday June 13th at Towasentha Park in Guilderland. The show has been moved from Father's Day weekend. We are looking at adding events such as Meet the Breed and CGC testing. If you would be willing to volunteer in any capacity or have any other ideas to share, please contact Corey.

OCTOBER POINT SHOW

- ☼ The Albany Kennel Club will be holding its yearly Point Show in conjunction with Troy Kennel Club on October 16th, 17th and 18th in the Better Living Center 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!!
- ☼ Temperament Testing may be added as a new feature of the show.
- ☼ 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

ALBANY KENNEL CLUB TROPHY PLEDGE

____ Friday October 16, 2020

____ Saturday October 17, 2020

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: _____

**When you have
coffee at home**



**When you have
coffee out in public**



AWARDS CELEBRATION

Albany Kennel Club's Awards Celebration will take place in conjunction with our June 2nd Membership Meeting. Members who earned titles in 2019 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 2019.

Please have information to Barbara by the May meeting. Please attach a sheet with your dog's name and titles earned. **BE LEGIBLE!!!**

NEWLY ADOPTED BOARD POLICY**Albany Kennel Club, Inc
Policies****Membership Policies:**

Any Officer or Board member who fails to attend two Board meetings in a calendar year or who does not perform their duties as prescribed in the Bylaws and guidelines for the office can be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors upon notice of dereliction of duties, at the appropriate Board meeting. After written notice, if no improvement has been made in 60 days the Officer or Board member will be replaced with a member appointed by the Board of Directors. Dereliction of duties includes, but is not limited to: not voting or participating in discussion of business, not responding to phone calls concerning club business, not responding to correspondence, written or electronic, or fails to fulfill the duties of their office.

Members who attend at least six meetings and/or events held by the club during the calendar year are eligible to attend the Holiday Dinner gratis.

AKC Delegate Policies:

The AKC Delegate, who may, but need not be a Director or Officer of the Club, shall be elected by the membership every three years to represent the Club at AKC meetings and to report back to the Board on their activities on behalf of the Club.

The Delegate shall attend AKC Delegate meetings within the budget given by the Board for that year. This will include reimbursement for actual expenses incurred for lodging, gas, tolls and meals (meals are not to exceed \$40 per day). Expense receipts will be submitted to the Treasurer within 30 days following the meeting.

The Delegate shall attend all of the AKC Delegate meetings each year. The Delegate will be responsive to the wishes of the Club. The Officers and members of the Club will decide how the Delegate will vote on AKC matters. If the Delegate is unable to attend a meeting, they will inform the Board of Directors prior to the meeting, that they are unable to attend.

The Delegate shall prepare a written report and provide it to the Board within 10 days following each Delegate Meeting. The Delegate shall also submit regular reports for the general membership through the Club Newsletter.

AKC NEWS

Delegates' Meeting

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. Dr. Tom Davies, Springfield Kennel Club ran unopposed for the class of 2021 and was elected with one vote cast by the Secretary.

The vote for three members of the AKC Board was taken.

Vote on CH9 - Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendents and Show Secretaries, which would allow for an individual to be approved as a Show Secretary for the events held by one all-breed or group club and any additional events held the same day and site as the club in a calendar year.

PASSED

Vote on CH 11 - Section 8-A - of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which removes the requirement for an injury to have occurred for an Event Committee to disqualify a dog that has attacked a person or a dog at its event, presenting a hazard to persons or other dogs. Peter Piusz, American Rottweiler Club, made a motion to postpone the vote until the June meeting to give the delegates an opportunity to review the new form and procedures. Second by Jeannette O'Hanlon, Staffordshire Terrier Club of America. Vote was passed to **POSTPONE** the vote on the issue.

Vote on CH 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 the Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards, Which eliminates the italics, rewords the section to add language to specify that all equipment must meet AKC requirements, and inserts it into the rule. The change also generalizes

the wording for wickets to eliminate the need to modify in the future and clarifies expectation for a number of sets of wickets and scales that must be provided at all-breed group or specialty shows. **PASSED.**

Financial Report was given.

Results of the election were announced 136 votes per candidate were needed to be elected:

Carl Ashby - 69	
Jeffrey Ball - 104	
Dr. Carmen Battaglia - 152	ELECTED
Dr. Michael Knight - 178	ELECTED
Karolynne McAteer - 187	ELECTED

Readings on eight items to be voted on in June was given.

AKC is launching a new digital campaign, "If it barks, it's AKC". It is all about the AKC engaging younger dog lovers. It will reach them where they are; multi-channel social media; music; OTT channels; with the hopes of increasing registration and acquiring pure-bred dogs. They are also hoping to increase entries in AKC sports and events and improve the concept of the AKC brand.

The AKC PAC needs your donations. They also need recommendations on what legislators to each out to. They want us to personally deliver the PAC donations to the legislators as a way to open doors to get our message to them.

Meet the Breeds is going on the road. There will be no Meet the Breeds in Orlando in December 2020 due to construction scheduled at the Orange County Convention Center.

Meeting was adjourned.

THANK YOU TO JEANNETTE O'HANLON FOR SHARING HER NOTES OF THE MEETING.

DID YOU KNOW

9 Things You Didn't Know About the Shih Tzu

*Katherine Ripley Mar 12, 2019
(reprinted from the AKC website)*



The [Shih Tzu](#) (pronounced sheed zoo) is one of the [most popular dog breeds](#) in the United States. But way before they were [popular in America](#), they were beloved in East Asia. Here are some interesting facts about the Shih Tzu:

1. The Breed Is More Than 1,000 Years Old

Documentation of the Shih Tzu goes back at least [1,000 years](#). The breed's ancestry goes back even further than that. Records show that short, square, "[under the table](#)" dogs existed in China as early as 1,000 B.C. These short and stout pooches were likely the ancestors of the Shih Tzu.

2. They Came From Tibet

People commonly associate the Shih Tzu with China, but they actually came from China's western neighbor, Tibet, which was a sovereign nation until the 1950s. Tibet probably sent dogs to the Chinese royalty as [gifts](#). The Chinese then bred them with [Pekingese](#) or [Pugs](#) to create the modern-day Shih Tzu.

3. Their Name Means "Little Lion"

The Mandarin phrase "Shih Tzu" translates to [little lion](#). The Shih Tzu was likely given this name because of its association with the Tibetan Buddhist God of Learning, who, according to legend, traveled with a small lion dog that could transform into a full-sized lion.

4. They Are Also Called "Chrysanthemum-Faced Dogs"

Shih Tzu are called "[chrysanthemum-faced dogs](#)" because the hair on their faces grows in every direction. Shih Tzu owners who keep their dogs clipped short know all too well that not much time goes by before a Shih Tzu's hair grows up from her snout and in front of her eyes.

5. They Were Wiped Out During the Communist Revolution

When China underwent its Communist Revolution, the Shih Tzu breed all but disappeared. This may not have actually been caused by

communism; a contributing factor was the 1908 death of the Dowager Empress Tzu Hsi, who supervised a [world-renown breeding program](#) of Shih Tzu, Pekingese, and Pugs. When she died, the breeding program fell apart, and it became nearly impossible to get a Shih Tzu.

6. 14 Dogs Saved the Breed

Because their numbers dwindled down to almost nothing during the first half of the 20th century, every Shih Tzu alive today can be traced to one of [14 dogs](#) — seven males and seven females — that were used to rebuild the breed.

7. Military Personnel Brought them to the U.S.

After Shih Tzu were imported to England from China, the English exported them to other countries in Europe. American [soldiers](#) stationed in European countries took Shih Tzu back to the United States with them in the late 1940s and 1950s.



8. Many Celebrities Have Owned Shih Tzu

Since the Shih Tzu is one of the most popular dog breeds, it's no surprise that many stars have owned them. [Celebrity owners](#) of Shih Tzu include Nicole Richie, Mariah Carey, Beyoncé, Colin Farrell, Bill Gates, and even Queen Elizabeth II.

9. Shih Tzu Are Glamorous . . . and Athletic

Given the long flowing coats of Shih Tzu show dogs, we tend to think of this breed as more glamorous than sporty. But underneath that gorgeous coat is a muscular body that can perform well in agility. Many Shih Tzu have [won agility competitions](#). In 2014, a Shih Tzu became the first of his breed to win both a champion title and an agility title.

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Quarterly Article

Can Dogs Get Coronavirus?

By [AKC Staff](#)

Mar 20, 2020

In early March 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 novel coronavirus is a [global pandemic](#). In the panic over the spread of the virus, people are worried not only about their own health but the health of their dogs, cats, and other pets.

[Dogs wearing face masks](#) have popped up in photos across social media, causing pet owners everywhere to ask: can dogs get coronavirus?

Can dogs contract COVID-19?

Dogs can contract certain types of coronaviruses, such as the canine respiratory coronavirus, but this specific novel coronavirus, aka COVID-19, is believed to not be a health threat to dogs.

The World Health Organization has [stated](#), “There is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19. COVID-19 is mainly spread through droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. To protect yourself, [clean your hands](#) frequently and thoroughly.”

Can dogs spread COVID-19?

Li Lanjuan, an epidemiologist and representative of China’s National Health Commission cautioned pet owners in China to be vigilant about their own health and the health of their pets: “If pets go out and have contact with an infected person, they have the

chance to get infected. By then, pets need to be isolated. In addition to people, we should be careful with other mammals especially pets.”

The CDC [says](#) that “while this virus seems to have emerged from an animal source, it is now spreading from person-to-person.” The CDC recommends that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, “but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this novel coronavirus.”

[Two dogs](#) in Hong Kong whose owners tested positive for COVID-19 have tested positive for the virus in what health officials characterize as “likely to be a case of human-to-animal transmission.” Local government health officials [emphasize](#) that “there is currently no evidence that pet animals can be a source of infection of COVID-19 or that they become sick.”

Is it safe to pet my dog?

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, petting a dog’s fur is a low risk. The AVMA’s Chief Veterinary Officer Gail Golab [says](#), “We’re not overly concerned about people contracting COVID-19 through contact with dogs and cats.” And there’s science behind that: “The virus survives best on smooth surfaces, such as countertops and doorknobs,” Golab says. “Porous materials, such as pet fur, tend to absorb and trap pathogens, making it harder to contract them through touch.”

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC, [says](#), “The CDC has not reported any cases of pets or other animals becoming infected with COVID-19 in the United States or anywhere else in the world, including

hotbeds like Italy.” Dr. Klein urges common sense best practices when it comes to our pets: “If you have children, you wouldn’t have them touch a puppy and put their fingers in their mouth, because they can have fecal contamination,” he says. “The general practice of washing our hands after touching a puppy or a dog—that’s normal hygiene.”

Can I walk my dog?

Physical and mental exercise are extremely important for dogs and dog owners alike. Before taking a walk, check your local regulations. As long as the area where you reside remains safe enough to venture outside, dog owners feeling healthy and well should plan to continue walking their dogs daily, albeit with added safety measures. Observe any local ordinances concerning curfews, even if that means adjusting your dog walking schedule.

Owners should wash their hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds before and after each walk. Consider carrying around a pocket-sized bottle of hand sanitizer during your walks. Practice social distancing measures by walking your dog in uncrowded areas when possible. If you live in a big city, make efforts to take your dog down less-heavily-trafficked blocks, or try adjusting walks to less busy times of day and night.

How can dog owners protect dogs from coronavirus?

For now, healthy pet owners in the U.S. don’t need to do anything other than follow basic hygienic precautions such as washing their hands with soap and water before and after contact with any animal, including dogs and cats. If you test positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, [experts recommend](#) that you should “restrict

contact with [your] animals — both to avoid exposing the pets and to prevent getting the virus on their skin or fur, which might be passed on to another person who touches the animal.” To reduce the spread of all germs, you may consider wiping your pet’s paws when they come in and out of the house with a [paw cleaner](#) and [paw wipes](#).

Dogs do not need a face mask to protect themselves against the novel coronavirus COVID-19. If you are still concerned or notice a change in your dog’s health, speak to a veterinarian. And the most important protection of all: *Under no circumstances should owners abandon their dogs, cats, or other pets because of COVID-19 fears.*

Stuck at home and trying to [cope with the COVID-19 crisis](#)? Keep your dog happy with [boredom-proof games and toy](#)



» brags

There were no submitted "brags" for this edition. Once our shows (Conformation...

Obedience...

Agility... Rally... Barn

Hunt... Dock

Dive.... Fast Cat....

WHATEVER)

Start up again in the future, please consider sending in your proud accomplishments for our June Newsletter.



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.