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## NEWSLETTER OF ALBANY KENNEL CLUB

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**Mary MacCollum**

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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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

I would like to Thank all the Albany Club members who came to help make our show a success. We can't do it without you.

Hoping to see more members at our Holiday meeting in December. I wish all of you a wonderful Holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Looking forward to exciting New Year for the Albany Kennel Club. Also thank you to Corey for our speaker at the last meeting.

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:

**December 3, 2019 (ANNUAL MEETING)**

**NO JANUARY MEETING**

**February 4, 2020**

**March 3, 2020**

## BOARD MEETINGS

**DECEMBER  
APRIL  
JUNE  
SEPTEMBER**

DECEMBER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
BOARD MEETING

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

Join us in the private back room for our **Annual Membership Meeting** and election of our 2020 Club Officers (see separate box for slate of officers) before we break for the winter!

We will also take time to celebrate the upcoming holidays with some holly - jolly festivities! Please take some time to join us



**BOARD MEETING TAKES PLACE AT 6:30  
PRIOR TO THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING.  
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE EXPECTED  
TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.**



## PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

**President:** Penny Kretchmer

**Vice President:** Corey Heenan

**Secretary:** KC Gottschalk

**Treasurer:** Jeannette O'Hanlon

**Directors:** Deb LaJeunesse, Larry Brown, Paul Sargent, (remaining terms)

**Annie Garwood, Calley Rupp-Potts , Ilene Kaplan** (proposed for 2020)

### 2020 Dues

2020 Albany Kennel Club dues are now due. Please bring \$10 for a single membership or \$15 for a couple membership to the December meeting. Or, if you prefer to mail your dues, please send them to Jeannette O'Hanlon. Jeannette's address is located on page 1 of the newsletter. Make checks payable to Albany Kennel Club.

**YOU MUST BE AN ACTIVE/PAID MEMBER  
IN GOOD STANDING TO CAST A VOTE  
FOR OFFICERS.**

### Community Activities and Education

- ✳ A delegation from Albany Kennel Club made the presentation of Pet Oxygen Masks to the Albany Fire Department. Thank you Barbara VanSchoick and Jeannette O'Hanlon for representing our Club! Additional masks will be presented to Albany Fire Department in the near future. For more detail and information, ask Barbara. If I missed someone who was present, I apologize.
- ✳ Following our November Membership meeting, Tom Delaney from ADCNYS spoke to us about the bills that are presently active in NYS legislature as well as how ACCNYS represents our interests. I know that anyone who was present for this talk would agree with me that it was EXCELLENT information. We are lucky to have someone of Tom's caliber and the ADCNYS representing our interests!

### WebSite and Facebook

**Take some time to visit our web site ([albanykennelclub.net](http://albanykennelclub.net)) and "like" our Facebook page for information. Thank you Larry for keeping it up to date!**



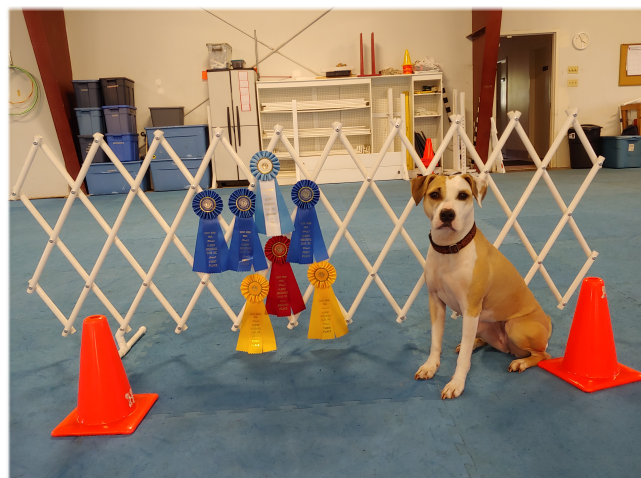
## BRAGS



### Cricket, Mach

Esoteric's Tacoma Third Time's A Charm CDX BN RE MXB MXJ MJS XF CA TT THDN RATO CGCA TKA RS-E JS-E GS-E, an American Staffordshire Terrier, owned by John & Jeannette O'Hanlon, earned her MACH (Master Agility CH) and her Excellent Fast title at the Mid-Hudson KC Agility Trials under Judge Jack Cadalso at High Goal Farms.

Lilah, Esoteric's Alaiinn Lilah CD BN RI MX MXB MXJ MJB XF SWA SIAE RATN CGCA TKA RS\_E JS\_E GS\_E< an American Staffordshire Terrier, owned by Jeannette, John and Emily O'Hanlon, had a great weekend at Albany Obedience Club's September Scent Work Trial. Lilah had three 1st, one 2nd and two 3rd placements and earned her Advanced Interior Elite Title.



CH Whindancer's Walk Off Home Run (aka "Jeter"), in his debut weekend as a "special" earned Best Of Breed under judge Beverly Anderson as well as a Group 1 Owner Handled. Owned by KC and Peter Gottschalk... handled by KC Gottschalk. Looking forward to more adventures with is boy!



## AKC Humane Fund Supports Domestic Violence Victims and Their Pets

By [Alexandra Anastasio](#)

Oct 17, 2018 | 2 Minute

*[safety](#) [akc humane fund](#)*

Domestic violence statistics in America are sobering. Nearly one in four women and about one in seven men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

What makes these statistics more concerning is that not all victims of domestic violence leave the situation right away. Surveys of domestic violence victims have indicated that nearly half have delayed leaving or returned to their abuser because they feared what could happen to their family pets. In one Utah study, over 70% of pet-owning victims said their abuser threatened, injured or even killed their family pet.

Not all domestic violence shelters are able to accommodate pets, making the decision to leave that much more difficult. In order to run a pet-friendly domestic violence shelter, additional funds and resources are needed so shelters have the right tools to accept animals of varying sizes.

During Domestic Violence Awareness month each October, the [AKC Humane Fund](#) helps pet-related

organizations nationwide to provide domestic violence shelters with the means to welcome pets into their safe haven. Established in 2007, the fund's mission is to promote responsible pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making.

The AKC Humane Fund is the leading organization providing financial assistance to domestic violence shelters that accept pets. These grants make it easier for domestic violence shelters to welcome pets and help break the cycle of domestic abuse. Through these grants, these shelters are able to better provide the necessary supplies, food and support pets need while keeping their families safe and out of danger.

"The grants are awarded on a rolling basis to not-for-profit domestic violence shelters that accept pets and to not-for-profit animal shelters that provide services for domestic violence shelters," says Daphna Straus, secretary of the AKC Humane Fund, Inc. All eligible organizations are encouraged to apply.

Learn more or [make a donation to the AKC Humane Fund](#) at [AKCHumaneFund.org](#).



## DID YOU KNOW

### Do You Know the Skye Terrier? 7 Reasons Why You Should!

By Jan Reisen

reprinted from the AKC website)



The **Skye Terrier** comes from the distant Scottish Isle of Skye and is remarkably unchanged over nearly four centuries. Rugged, courageous, and agile, the **breed** excelled at running game to ground. Although less well known than other terriers, the Skye Terrier's loyalty, refinement, and merry disposition with those he loves have won him ardent fans both in the U.K. and abroad. Here's why: The Skye is at home in the suburbs or the countryside with plenty of room to roam, but can also manage well in the city, so long as they get a good walk or two a day. He's easy about living quarters, too, and will thrive in the country or an urban apartment.

He can be an energetic and playful companion. And your best snuggler.

The Skye Terrier's looks are distinctive. That flowing coat, including the hair over his eyes, protected him from brush and brambles, as well as from attacks by other animals.

The breed's most outstanding trait is a fierce loyalty to their people. Greyfriars Bobby, of Edinburgh, Scotland, most famously represents this loyalty. In the 1850s, John Gray, a night watchman, owned Bobby. Together man and dog did their rounds year after year. In 1858, when Gray died, Bobby refused to leave his grave, no matter the weather. In fact, he kept constant watch over Gray's grave until he, too, died in 1872. You can read the [whole story of Greyfriars Bobby here](#). A statue of this loyal dog still stands in Edinburgh.

The Skye Terrier can be reserved with strangers. He's discerning about about who he shares his affection with. But once he's chosen you, he's an affectionate and devoted friend for life.





## Quarterly Article

### The Effects of Aging and Cryopreservation on Canine Semen Quality

07/01/2019

**Author:** Sharon M. Albright, DVM, CCRT

While artificial insemination (AI) is commonly used in canine breeding, there is still much to learn about which sperm characteristics accurately predict fertility following AI. Thanks to AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) funding Dr. Stuart Meyers and his team at the University of California, Davis – including the American Kennel Club/Theriogenology Foundation theriogenology resident Dr. Andrea Hesser – explored the effects of age and sperm characteristics on fertility. With funding from CHF grants 021234-A and 02192-A, they studied a population of Labrador Retriever stud dogs from the nonprofit organization Guide Dogs for the Blind, for which semen characteristics and fertility were recorded over several years. This type of research may help veterinarians and breeders more accurately predict the fertility of an individual stud dog.

Data showed that the differences in the quality of the fresh and extended chilled semen (as determined by the standard parameters of motility, morphology, and concentration) ultimately had no effect on fertility for fecundity, regardless of the stud dog's age.<sup>(1)</sup> The research team then

explored the effects of dog age on fresh and frozen semen. They also evaluated samples from client-owned sub-fertile dogs (as defined by the referring veterinarian) to compare thawed semen quality among dogs with varied fertility histories. These results were recently accepted for publication in the journal *Theriogenology*,<sup>(2)</sup> and showed that average path velocity was the only sperm characteristic of fresh semen that demonstrated a statistically significant decline with age. All sperm qualities measured were lower in frozen sperm compared to fresh sperm, but reductions in total motility, progressive motility, and average path velocity were exaggerated in older dogs. Results also substantiated that the viability of thawed frozen sperm from fertile dogs is much higher than that of sub-fertile dogs. This could indicate that cryopreservation has a bigger impact on sub-fertile dogs, but the lack of pre-freeze semen evaluation if the sub-fertile dogs studied means that cryopreservation itself may not be the sole cause of the observed difference. Overall, this research demonstrates that freezing does decrease sperm quality and that sperm motility seems to be a sensitive indicator of cell damage from the freeze-thaw process. The damaging effects of cryopreservation become more pronounced as the dog ages. Practically, this emphasizes that it is better to freeze semen when the dog is young. Cryopreservation of canine semen facilitates easy transport, a diverse gene pool, and control of infectious diseases. A better understanding of the

relationships between freezing, dog age, and dog fertility will improve the handling, transportation, and predictability of this valuable resource. Stay up to date with CHF-funded research on reproductive conditions and more at [akcchf.org/research](http://akcchf.org/research).

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<http://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/the-effects-of-aging-and.html>

## Thank You

**Thank you to those of you who submitted information articles and brags.**

**If you haven't, please consider sending something to me for our next newsletter in October.**

## 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.



**ALL DOGS ARE  
THERAPY DOGS. THE  
MAJORITY OF THEM  
ARE JUST FREELANCING.**

