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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Albany Kennel Club,
Hope you are all staying safe in these crazy times. Please say a prayer as we have some club members dealing with health issues.

I want to Thank the Club members that helped us have a very successful show in October. Many thought we couldn't do it but we did and I am Happy to say it was safe and those that attended were glad to be there. Without you all including Larry who drove over just to set up tables We couldn't have done it. Those that have helped the club this year the club is treating you to dinner at the December Annual meeting on December 1st In our own room at the Gateway Diner.

As my 2 years as President comes to an end I want to thank you all for your support. As we continue into the new year I hope we can keep coming up with new ideas

To make this club a club to be proud of.

Stay Safe and hope for better times ahead!

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 1, 2020
NO JANUARY MEETING
NO FEBRUARY MEETING
March 2, 2021

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The December Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00PM at the Gateway Diner. A Board Meeting will take place before.

We will celebrate our dog's accomplishments over the 2019 calendar year at our awards ceremony!

We will end the year with some festivities created by Jeannette!

BOARD MEETINGS

DECEMBER
APRIL
JUNE
SEPTEMBER

WEB SITE

Visit our website at:
albanykennelclub.net

or

Visit us on Facebook

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING

During this Holiday season, we all have a lot to be thankful for. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause created by Corey Heenan:

As many of you know I own a grooming salon on Western Ave in Altamont. Since the Covid shutdown I have had a community table in front of the salon for people to take dog and cat food to feed their pets. For some people this is the difference between keeping their pet or having to give them up. I have noticed a large percentage of seniors using the table, as well. I will be taking donations for the table at the Christmas party, items or monetary are welcome. Any questions feel free to contact me.

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PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

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AKC Delegate: KC Gottschalk

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATE REPORT

KC Gottschalk American Kennel Club Delegate

I am now coming up to my second AKC delegate's meeting. It is a learning process for certain! I am thankful that Don Gillette is my mentor and that I can call/text him for my unending questions.

Last week, I "attended" three Zoom committees - Canine Health, Dog Show Rules, and All Breed.

Canine Health Committee:

- 🐕 "Veterinary Student Outreach Program" discussed. With COVID, it has been successfully taking place through Zoom presentations.
- 🐕 "Good Dog! Helpline" - Includes among other topics, COVID and how it impacts canines. Find it on AKC web site.
- 🐕 Effective 10/01/2020 the procedure for "cardiac clearance" by OFA has been changed.
- 🐕 An upcoming "Evening with a Specialist Dr. Oberbauer" will present valuable updates on genetics. She presented at our last Delegates forum. This would be valuable for all Clubs to view.

Dog Show Rules Committee discussed:

- 🐕 www.akcchampionshipslive.com will be streaming the AKC Championship in Orlando. There is a \$3 fee per day or \$5 for all days. a portion of this money will be donated to Take the Lead, Reunite, AKC Humane, and Museum of the Dog.
- 🐕 There is a new program "Breeder's Reward Program" where breeders can earn back money for registering puppies/litters with the hope of getting new owners interested in AKC programs.
- 🐕 Discussion on new virtual programs such as Home Manners

🐕 Clarification - Dog shows may be videoed by private individuals and streamed on social media. Abide by "Good Sportsmanship"

🐕 AKC heroes - one will be featured everyday at noon from November 30th to December 4th.

All Breed Committee:

- 🐕 A best practices document will be coming out for Juniors (different types of Juniors), clubs add a "Junior Advocate", Juniors can compete with All American dogs
- 🐕 Guidelines will be provided to Clubs as to how to best support At Risk Individuals.
- 🐕 The importance of an Advanced Planning document for dog owners.
- 🐕 Long discussion on Dog Shows during COVID and how it has impacted Clubs. Bottom line, read your contract with your superintendent.
- 🐕 Temperament Tests and Fast CAT have been money makers for clubs during COVID.
- 🐕 VISIT Government Relations page on AKC site many laws being discussed that effect breeders such as the Puppy Protection Act of 2020. Support PAC

All members received an email from me with the 7 amendments attached that will be voted on at the December Delegates Meeting. Please respond with your views.

2021 Dues

2021 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 locate 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.

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Congratulations to two members who were invited to the AKC Royal Canin Dog show in Orlando Florida:



GCHS CH Sovrin Hallam Reedly Road
To Saqara SC
#1 Pharaoh Hound - owned, shown
and loved by Corey Heenan

GCH CH Whindancer's Walk Off Home Run
#7 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier - owned,
shown and loved by Kasey and Peter Gottschalk



KEEP THOSE BRAGS COMING!!!!

DID YOU KNOW

25 Fun and Fascinating Dog Facts

By [AKC Staff](#)

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We realize we may be biased, but here at the AKC we never get tired of learning more about dogs, whether it's a new study on canine behavior, a statistic from the AKC's database, or even just cool facts about a dog's impressive physical and mental abilities. You may know some of these already, and others may be more of a "wait, really?" situation, but we think you'll find all of them entertaining. (Did we mention we're biased?)

1. The [Labrador Retriever](#) has been on the [AKC's top 10 most popular breeds list](#) for 25 consecutive years—longer than any other breed.
2. A dog's nose print is unique, much like a person's fingerprint.
3. Forty-five percent of U.S. dogs [sleep in their owner's bed](#).
4. Speaking of sleeping ... all [dogs dream](#), but puppies and senior dogs dream more frequently than adult dogs.
5. Seventy percent of people sign their dog's name on their holiday cards.

6. A [dog's sense of smell](#) is legendary, but did you know that his nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.
7. [Rin Tin Tin](#), the famous [German Shepherd](#), was nominated for an Academy Award.
8. The shape of a dog's face suggests its longevity: A long face means a longer life.
9. Dog eyes have a part called the *tapetum lucidum*, allowing night vision.
10. The name [Collie](#) means "black." (Collies once tended black-faced sheep.)
11. [Yawning is contagious](#)—even for dogs. [Research](#) shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it's four times as likely to happen when it's the yawn of a person he knows.
12. The [Dandie Dinmont Terrier](#) is the only breed named for a fictional person—a character in the novel *Guy Mannering*, by Sir Walter Scott.
13. Dogs [curl up in a ball](#) when sleeping to protect their organs—a hold over from their days in the wild, when they were vulnerable to predator attacks.
14. The [Basenji](#) is not technically "barkless," as many people think. They can yodel.
15. The [Australian Shepherd](#) is not actually from Australia—they are an American breed.
16. ... And the Labrador Retriever is originally from [Newfoundland](#).
17. Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.
18. There are over 75 million pet dogs in the U.S.—more than in any other country.
19. A person who hunts with a [Beagle](#) is known as a "Beagler."
20. Dogs are not [colorblind](#). They also see blue and yellow.
21. All puppies are born deaf.
22. [Dalmatians](#) are born completely white, and [develop their spots](#) as they get older.
23. Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. (We humans have between 2,000–10,000.)
24. When dogs [kick backward](#) after they go to the bathroom it's not to cover it up, but to mark their territory, using the scent glands in their feet.
25. A [recent study](#) shows that dogs are among a small group of animals who show voluntary [unselfish kindness](#) towards others without any reward. This is one fact dog lovers have known all along.

Quarterly Article

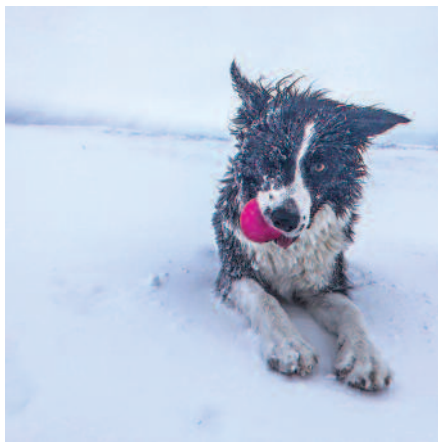
Maintaining and Protecting Your Dog's Paws During Winter

Your dog's feet deserve some special attention in extremely cold and/or wet weather.

By **Kathryn Socie-Dunning** -

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Montana author Kathryn Dunning enjoys winter adventures with her dogs, who are also game to explore and play - even in sub-zero temperatures. But precautions must be taken to protect the dogs' paws.

The sky was a brilliant blue, with glimmers of sparkling snow flashing across the path ahead as a light breeze blew it into the air, adding a pinch of magic to the scene. The temp hovered around a lovely 25°F (-3°C), and the only sound heard for miles was the swish of my skis combined with the heavy breathing of happy dogs with tongues lolling. We were running out of light, so I peeled off our scheduled route and zipped up a hill, a quicker, albeit steeper, way home.

As we climbed, I noticed my Border Collie pause briefly and look at his feet, but he kept going. I made a mental note to check his paws when we got home.

We turned the corner, began our descent, and joyfully charged downhill.

Then, he stopped – suddenly – and started frantically biting at his feet. I kicked my way out of my ski bindings so I could reach him and help him with what I (correctly) guessed was bedeviling him: Snow had stuck to the hair between his paw pads, and icy balls had formed and expanded between his pads, causing his toes to splay uncomfortably. I felt terrible. In my enthusiasm to get out into this beautiful day, I failed to check the length of the fur on his feet before we left and he paid the price for my oversight.

Had I attended to this winter dog husbandry chore before we hit the trail, our outing would have been near perfect; the snowy, cold, but clear conditions were perfect for my athletic canine sidekick, who is well habituated to our chilly Montana winters.

THE BASICS OF WINTER PAW MAINTENANCE

But snow, ice, and cold aren't the only foes our canine companions' paws have to contend with in winter. In other parts of the world, there are other hazards that wreak havoc on the four-footed – including salt and other de-icing agents and persistently wet and/or muddy conditions – and a little regular maintenance goes a long way to keeping our friends up and running. Literally.

Nail trimming.

While many dog owners long to believe that time running on hard surfaces is sufficient to wear canine nails to an appropriate length, it's just not so. No matter where you live, no matter what weather or surfaces your dogs are exposed to, regular nail trimming is vital to healthy paws.

John Wright, a trainer of champion Springer Spaniels in Bozeman, Montana, logs serious miles daily year-round with his dogs and knows all too well the importance of nail trimming. "Long, neglected nails are more likely to break or split in winter conditions with frozen ground or hard,

slippery ice. A broken nail is a lame dog for a week or two," he explains.

"Clip those nails! It's quick and easy once you get the hang of it, it's a 90-second gig for four paws," Wright adds. Easy for someone with a lot of experience, perhaps less so for others. Nail trimming can be an anxious endeavor, which raises the anxiety for our canine companion receiving that care. Have you ever had your hair cut by someone who was unsure of what they were doing – or who actually nicked your ear with her scissors? That's a chair everybody's quick to jump out of!

An article in WDJ's October issue ("Rotary Club") discussed nail trimming techniques and tools. It may be additionally helpful to get an in-person tutorial on nail trimming from your favorite groomer or vet tech or whomever has the skills that instill ease and confidence in your dog. If you are like me, once you have the know-how you'll wonder what you were so worried over in the first place!

I turn nail trimming into bonding time. At least once a month, my dogs get a relaxing turn at the (home) spa, complete with a pedi-pedi and a paw pad massage (more on this below).

Hair trimming between pads and toes.

As my experience on that otherwise perfect day illustrates, medium and long-haired dogs need to have the hair between their paw pads and toes kept short. This prevents the formation of snow and ice balls that can cause painful bruising and injury to tendons.

I prefer to do this myself, rather than go to a groomer, because it's a quick and easy job with the right clippers. The best clippers for paws (around faces and ears too) are small, quiet, and cordless.

Many years and several pairs of clippers later, I discovered Cyrico cordless professional pet clippers and swear by them. Forget about trying to find an outlet in a spot where hair can conveniently fly; cordless trimmers allow you and your dog to be wherever you are most comfortable. And they hold their charge surprisingly well! (Here is a link to my favorites: tinyurl.com/WDJ-cordless-clippers.)

Whatever clippers you choose, it's helpful if they are relatively quiet, helping to reduce noise and vibration, which can trigger anxiety in some dogs. Of course, even the quietest clippers still make noise, so I found it helpful to teach my dogs to associate a tasty treat (they highly recommend bacon-flavored Cheez Whiz) with the sound of clippers before they even touch the dog's fur. It's a tiny bit of effort that allows for a lifetime of calm clipping.

If the snow doesn't fly where you live, but the rain is frequent, keeping the hair trimmed on your dog's paws will reduce mud and crud that can accumulate between the dog's toes (and track onto your floors), *and* it helps paws to dry properly. Excess water can create bacterial buildup between the toes, leading to itchiness, sores, and infections.

Protect with paw balm.

Salt and chemical deicers on sidewalks are great for reducing slips, but can cause paws to become irritated, and some can be dangerous if ingested. Applying a balm to paws prior to heading outdoors provides a nice buffer between the paw pads and the treated walkways.

The reigning standard balm for paw protection in winter (and summer!) is Musher's Secret. It's made from a blend of food-grade, organic waxes that form a semi-permeable shield on the pads, allowing perspiration to escape through the toes. It's also non-toxic and non-allergenic.



While I find it to be a very useful product, its maker claims that Musher's Secret will prevent balls of ice and snow from forming on a dog's paws and in between their toes. In test after test on a variety of dogs, all medium and long-haired, Musher's Secret has never prevented paw-snowballs for my dogs. Ever. This is not a deal-breaker, just a bit of an over-sell.

You will still have to keep paw hair trimmed. (If this just prompted groans, I assure you trimming is not that bad. In a winter season in Montana that lasts six months or more, I trim paw-fur three or four times and it takes five minutes or less per dog. It's really not that bad!)

Here's another winter hazard for our dogs' paws: those huge swings in temperature and humidity as you travel indoors and out. These are absolutely fabulous conditions for drying out and cracking paw pads – your hands likely suffer the same fate in winter! I personally want one balm to rule them all, protecting and treating dog paws and mine too, so I make my own (see my recipe on page 15). I add essential oils to enhance the spa experience!



Boots.

There comes a time when winter conditions will make boots your best friend's best friends.

Dogs have varying sensitivity to cold, but by -10°F (-23°C), you start to see all dogs holding up paws, sometimes trying to simultaneously lift three or four paws off the cold surface – it's quite a sight to behold!

Older dogs, especially, don't thermoregulate as well and their feet become increasingly sensitive to cold. Boots can make a huge difference for them, allowing them to comfortably get out and enjoy winter. Dogs with short or thin coats need extra protection, too.

However, if your dog has never worn boots and you suddenly toss them on, prepare for a high-stepping protest march complete with bucking and kicking. Boots take some getting used to.

You'll have to spend some time introducing them to your dog. Putting them on and then doing something fun right away distracts them from this new, very awkward accessory. Several short sessions will start to ease a dog toward boot-happiness.

A good fit is critical for your dog's comfort, although it can be challenging to find just the right size; every manufacturer's sizing varies slightly. When in doubt, order products in the two closest sizes and try them on indoors at home. Don't try to "make do" with a *close* fit; you'll just end up hurting your dog and souring him to future attempts with better-fitting boots.

How should you identify good boot candidates? Look for:

Durability. Look for quality material without excessive bulk.

Flexibility and comfort. Dog boots need to be supple and flexible, especially at the dogs' wrists and ankles. Dismiss the ones that are stiff throughout, rising high on the leg, with a lot of straps to keep the boot in place, which can hinder movement and do more damage to a foot than the elements!

Good workmanship. Seams, zippers, and patches of hook-and-loop material (such as Velcro) should be minimal, and nothing should feel rough on the inside of the boot. Anything that protrudes on the inside of the boot can cause sores on the dog's foot or leg.

Visibility. The brighter the boots, the more likely you will find them after your dog manages to lose one or more.

I've tried many models from a number of companies, but I find myself going back to the same two companies again and again.

Ruffwear (ruffwear.com) is great about helping dog owners find the right boot and fit for their dogs' needs. Most of their boots are a bit technical; figuring out how to get them on and worn comfortably can take some work, but they're worth it.

Hurttta (hurttta.com) also makes great boots. Their products are easier to put on the dogs and tend to be comfortable straight out of the box with minimal fuss.

Once your dog is accustomed to his boots, don't tune out; you need to stay alert to any sign of discomfort. If a boot slips or twists, it won't take long for an errant seam to rub a paw raw. Check the fit periodically when you're out to prevent these sorts of unfortunate boot-mishaps. Few things can ruin an outing faster than a boot rubbing the wrong way.

Cheerfulness is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others.



BE A CARRIER!

GIVE THE FOLLOWING GIFTS:



To your enemy ...**forgiveness.**

To your opponent ...**tolerance.**

To a friend ...**your heart.**

To a customer ...**service.**

To all men ...**charity.**

To every child ...**a good example.**

To yourself ...**respect.**