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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall All.

It's going to be an exciting Fall for the Albany Kennel Club. First up we have our annual Match on Saturday September 19th. Hope you can attend to help or show your puppies. Information in this newsletter.

In October we have been approved to have the first shows in the Northeast since March. The shows are October 17 and 18th at the Big E in West Springfield. We will have a little different show this year because of The Virus. It's a Show and Go show and No Grooming in the building. I want to Thank all the members who have offered to help. If you have missed our last couple of meetings please let me know if you can help.

All will have to fill out a waiver and wear a wristband when in the building. Please let me know if you have any questions.

We have a couple of new banners for the Albany Kennel club that will add to the look of the show. Thank you Calley for the design. Also we will have shirts with the new design. If you haven't ordered one and would like one

Please let me know.

We had our summer meeting at the Henry Hudson Park on the River and I believe all enjoyed this so we should continue this next year.

Our next meeting will be at the Gateway Diner on Central Ave in Albany and hoping you can all attend. Bring a friend! Bring any idea's you have for an educational program.

Thanks All that help make the Albany Kennel Club!

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:

October 6, 2020
November 3, 2020
December 1, 2020
NO JANUARY MEETING

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00PM at the Gateway Diner.

We will discuss our September Match Show and finalize plans for our October Point Show.

WEB SITE

Visit our website at:
albanykennelclub.net

or

Visit us on Facebook

MATCH SHOW

Due to the coronavirus, the 2020 Albany Kennel Club's Match Show, chaired by Corey Heenan was postponed until Saturday September 19th. We are planning to remain at Towasentha Park in Guilderland. There is still time, if you would be willing to volunteer in any capacity. Please contact Corey.

Albany Kennel Club, Inc.



AKC SANCTIONED CONFORMATION B MATCH

LOCATION

Tawasentha Park, Altamont
Located in the Small Pavilion
 GPS location: 188 NY-146, Altamont, NY 12009

Saturday, September 19th, 2020

⌘ RIBBONS ~ ROSETTES ⌘

Conformation Judge

TBA

Juniors Judge

Courtney Hynes
(Rosmoor Shelties & Whippets)

*****AS PER CDC/NYS RULES DUE TO COVID-19 MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES
 AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED*****

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per dog. Jr. Showmanship is free as an additional class. **ENTRIES** – we will start accepting at 8:30 until 9:30 for Non-Sporting, Toy, Herding, & Working. For Sporting, Hound, Terrier, & Juniors entries will be 11:15 until 12:15. To allow for social distancing, we will have a google form entry registry online to fill out with payment available via PayPal. Visit our website, www.albanykennelclub.net, to find the online entry registry form.

Judging Times: SEPARATE JUDGING TIMES DIVIDED BY GROUPS: **9:45 AM:** Non-Sporting, Toy, Herding, & Working. **12:30 PM:** Sporting, Hound, Terrier, Juniors, Best in Match Adult and Puppy.

Conformation Classes: **Puppies:** 3 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 to 12 months. Adults: Novice, Bred by, and Open. All classes divided by sex. Judging assignments are for both Puppy and Adult classes.

Rent-A-Ring: \$5.00 for ten minutes of Obedience/Rally practice time starting at 9 AM until end of match

CGC Certification: \$10.00 per dog starting at 10 AM

All activities are outdoors ~ Rain or Shine. Refreshments will not be available at the site, so plan accordingly. Bring Shade, Chairs and Water.

PLEASE NOTE: If you inform the Gate that you are with the Albany Kennel Club Fun Match you will NOT be charged

• This match will be governed by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club (AKC)
 • Match is open to registered AKC recognized breeds, (Obedience, Rally and CGC Test open to 'All-American' Canine Partners)
 • See additional rules and agreements on the club's website • The Albany Kennel Club, Inc. reserves the right to make any necessary changes to this event without prior notice • NO DOGS WITH MAJORS • Professional handlers may show only their own or co-owned dogs of AKC record • All dogs on the premises, in competition or not, must be able to show written proof of current Rabies vaccination if requested.

OCTOBER POINT SHOW

The 2020 Albany Kennel Club's Point Show (October 17th and 18th) is quickly approaching. The show will be held at Eastern States Exposition Grounds - better known as "The Big E" in the Better Living Building.

This year's show is being held under COVID restrictions. Masks must be worn at all times unless you are in your vehicle. Waivers must be signed and wrist bands visible at all times. There will be no grooming/blowers in the building. It is extremely important that we follow and enforce all of the rules. Our show is the first to be held in the Northeast since March. Many will be watching to learn from our successes and challenges. Let's give them many more successes!!! Stewards and other volunteers are still needed - please consider lending a hand. Contact Penny if you are interested.

If you have made a trophy pledge, and still need to deliver, please contact Jeannette O'Hanlon.

This weekend is a lot of hard work, but also a lot of fun! Join us.

AWARDS CELEBRATION

- ❖ At May's membership meeting, the club voted to move our Awards Celebration to take place in conjunction with our December Annual Meeting.
- ❖ Members who earned titles in 2019 are eligible for a plaque or to 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 have been with the Club for less than one year, will receive a certificate for titles earned in 2019.
- ❖ Please have information to Barbara by the October membership meeting or the Point Show. Please attach a sheet with your dog's name and titles earned. BE LEGIBLE!!!

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATE REPORT

KC Gottschalk
American Kennel Club Delegate

On September 15th, I attended my first AKC Zoom Meeting. It was informative to say the least!

The days leading up to the Delegates Meeting, I attended the following committee meetings:

- Canine Health Committee Zoom
 - Dog Show Rules Committee Zoom
 - All-Breed Clubs Committee Zoom
- Attending these committee meetings gave me needed background on some of the amendments which would be voted on at the upcoming Delegates Meeting. I can only assume in the future, these committee meetings will become even more invaluable.

The forum which preceded the delegates meeting was a presentation by Dr. Anita Oberbauer entitled "A review of the Current State of Genetic Testing - A Living Resource". This CHF presentation, which I believe is recorded might be wonderful for a Club Education - especially for breeders.

The Delegates Meeting was comprised of votes on the amendments which we discussed at the last membership meeting. All amendments passed other than:

- Creation of Bred-by Puppy Class
- DQ-ing a dog without an injury occurring.

The Candidates voted in to Standing Committees are:

All Breed:

Teri Breen, William Ellis, Nancy Fisk, and Laurie Maulucci

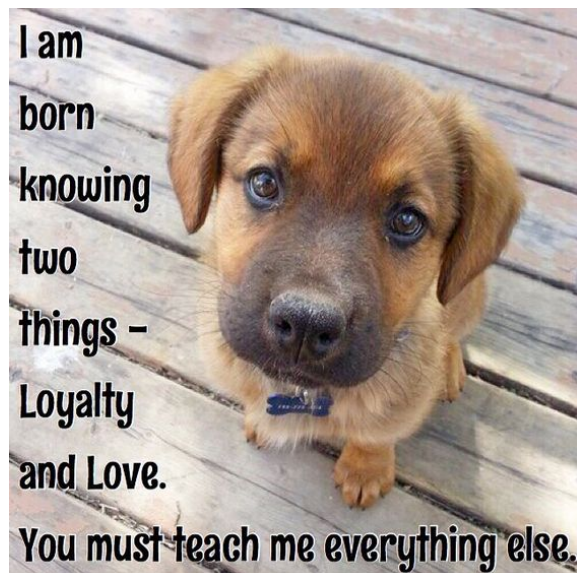
Companion Events:

Ruth Crumb, Larry Wilson, Betty Winthers and Stephen Hersey

Parent Clubs:

Karen Burgess, Alan Kalter, Helen Prince and Richard Rohrbacher.

Thank you for allowing me to represent Albany Kennel Club!



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Jeter (CHGCH Whindancer's Walk Off Home Run) owned and loved by Peter and KC Gottschalk can now add more letters after his name...

He passed the Advanced Canine Good Citizen (CGCA) requirements.

Yes, he needs a trim!!!

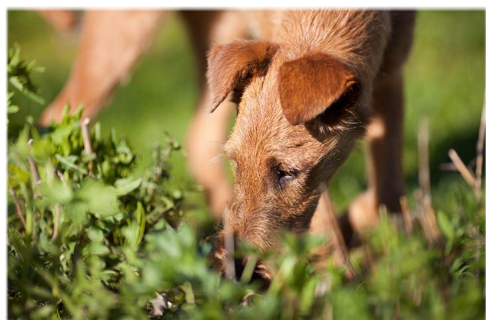
DID YOU KNOW

The Nose Knows: Is There Anything Like a Dog's Nose?

By Jan Reisen

Jul 21, 2020

reprinted from the AKC website



Have you ever opened a jar of peanut butter and watched your dog come running from 50 yards away? Or seen your dog sniff out a tasty morsel in a five-acre field? These are just two examples of the incredible sense of smell that dogs have. Their noses are at least 100,000 times more sensitive than ours. In fact, smelling could be called the dog's superpower. Not only does he have more olfactory receptors than humans, the dog's snout is structured in such a way that, while he is sniffing out odors, he doesn't exhale and disturb even the faintest of scents. And the part of the brain that processes smells is seven times larger in dogs than in humans.

Over centuries dogs helped humans hunt and forage, protected home and family, and worked alongside us. Within the last hundred years or so they've been trained to use that nose to help in a variety of other ways:

- Dogs can smell minute amounts of accelerants like gasoline, which is an aid to arson investigators. Researchers have not yet come up with a detection method as sensitive as a dog's nose, which can sniff out around one-billionth of a teaspoon.
- They've been used by police and the military to detect drugs, bombs, and other explosives
- Dogs are often essential in search and rescue operations, able to track someone by scent.
- Dogs have been uniquely useful to archeologists with their ability to detect human remains.
- The medical world has recently discovered that dogs can be trained to detect certain types of cancer, including ovarian and prostate cancer, melanoma, and lung cancer as well as to sniff out malaria and Parkinson's disease. According to research by [Medical Detection Dogs](#), dogs can be trained to detect disease odor equivalent to a teaspoon of sugar diluted by the water in two Olympic swimming pools.
- Studies are being done to see if dogs can detect the coronavirus, as well.

The downside is that there are a limited number of dogs that are trained to sniff out explosives or disease and training is extremely expensive; it can cost up to \$25,000 to train just one dog. There's already more demand than supply in the military and law enforcement. And dogs don't easily fit into a hospital or other medical facility settings. In short, dogs aren't scalable. So it's only natural that scientists would want to try to replicate this extraordinary ability with mechanical, technical, or synthetic materials.

Can science build a dog's "nose?"



Some of the most interesting work has been done at MIT, where physicist Andreas Mershin, in collaboration with his mentor, Shuguang Zhang, have tried to determine how a dog's nose works and then create a robot that can replicate the process. The first difficulty is in figuring out exactly how smell works and then how the brain processes the information, since it's been the least studied of our senses. Mershin set out to build an artificial nose, which would then lead us to understand how that nose works.

With a great deal of trial and error, Mershin and his team created the Nano-Nose, perhaps the first successful effort at artificial olfaction. It successfully passed rigorous testing by DARPA and, in the process, taught the scientific world a great deal about how dogs process scents. Still, the Nano-Nose is only a detector, the same way a carbon monoxide detector is. What Mershin is ultimately aiming for is the machine's ability to interpret the data it receives and identifies. [Wired](#) did some excellent in-depth reporting on this, for those who want to dig into the science.

Currently, one start-up, Aromyx, is trying to harness artificial olfaction for commercial use. The company wants to put all 400 human olfactory receptors on to a chip, in contrast to the Nano-Nose, which uses only about 20 customized receptors, depending on its intended

use. The ultimate goal, whether in the academic labs or the commercial world, is to build something that will react identically to scent as a dog's nose does. And it may not be far off.



But do dogs have the best noses?

Not necessarily. There are several other animals with a superb sense of smell and, surprisingly, even humans are pretty good at it. As mentioned before, smell has always been considered the least important of our five senses, but that may be an oversimplification. A small study in Sweden that tested the smelling ability of spider monkeys, mice, and humans showed that humans are as capable, if not more so, of smelling certain specific scents, including some flowers, human blood, and surprisingly, bananas.

Elephants are considered to have the most acute sense of smell, with the largest number of scent-detecting genes. According to a [study done in 2007](#), elephants can even smell the difference between human tribes in Kenya: one tribe, the Maasai, hunt and kill elephants, the other tribe, the Kamba, do not. That reinforces the idea of smell as a survival skill.

Bears also surpass dogs and are thought to have the widest-ranging sense of smell. Even though their brains are two-thirds smaller than ours, their sense of smell is

over 2000 times better. For instance, a polar bear can smell a sexually receptive female bear from as far as one hundred miles away. Rats and mice are also well-known for their scenting ability.

In the insect world, the silk moth has the best sense of smell, with scent receptors in its antennae. A male silk moth can smell a female silk moth six miles away, based on just one pheromone scent particle. And in water, the white shark has the largest olfactory center of all sharks and can smell even one drop of blood over a mile away.

Since it's unlikely any of us will ever have an elephant, bear, shark, or moth as a companion, for humans, the dog's sense of smell is the most compelling and useful. No other species provides the life-saving services that dogs do, simply by virtue of their remarkable ability to sniff out both sustenance and danger.



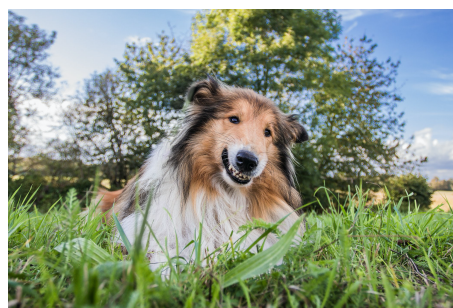
Quarterly Article

Do Dogs Smile?

If it looks just like a human smile, and it means the dog is happy, why can't we say that dogs smile?

By Jordan Gigler -

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We've all seen it at one point or another: a dog who appeared to be smiling. Lips pulled back, eyes and brow relaxed, maybe even tail wagging – of course that dog is smiling! Right?

The answer to whether dogs can smile or not depends on how we think about canine behavior – specifically the degree to which we project our human understanding of body language onto the behaviors of our dogs.

A well-accepted theory among dog behavior experts is that dogs smile because they know we humans love it. We see our dogs lounging on the rug with their mouths hanging open, lips pulled back, looking utterly satisfied with themselves, and we go ga-ga with praise and pets. Dogs probably also observe their

humans smiling at them and among themselves; they know people smiles are inherently positive (at the very least, benign), and that they can communicate amicability by miming that behavior.

Given the way we understand [dog cognition](#), the notion that the smiling dog has learned to smile from people – and does so primarily for people – makes a lot of sense. We can think of dogs smiling in the way we consider some dogs to [speak words](#): we reinforce our dogs when they make any noise resembling a word and they continue to do it, but only we have assigned meanings for those words. The semantics of any [vocalization](#) our dogs make is lost to them, yet they will still project their voices in highly specific ways because they know it will elicit a positive response.

Is A Smiling Dog Really Smiling?

The Merriam-Webster English dictionary defines a smile (*noun*) as “a facial expression in which the eyes brighten and the corners of the mouth curve slightly upward and which expresses especially amusement, pleasure, approval, or sometimes scorn.” Human smiles can be involuntary, like when we experience a beautiful moment, or they can be entirely performative, like when we need a favor from someone we don’t like.

It’s safe to say that smiles are essential to the human body language vocabulary. We smile to manipulate other people as often and as naturally as we smile to connect with them. Why then shouldn’t dogs, who have spent the past fifteen millennia becoming masters of non-verbal communication with humans, be able to do the same?



Submissive Grins

There are many canine facial expressions that may look like smiles to us. Sometimes the dog is just panting, with lips pulled back and mouth wide open; this is just an effort to move as much cooling air down his throat as possible – it’s not smiling! Some snarls may even look like a smile to someone (such as a small child) who is unaware of [accompanying signs](#) of a dog’s uneasiness (such as growling, looking away, a stiff body, still and upright tail, etc.).

But the most common expression that is mistaken for a smile is what behaviorists call a submissive grin. Characterized by teeth that are bared in a comical way that shouldn’t be mistaken for aggression, accompanied by lowered body posture, squinted eyes, and an upturned neck, submissive grins are interpreted by most people as the dog expressing happiness. Also known as an appeasement grin, this doggy facial expression actually signals deference and a desire to show that he’s not a threat.



**Wishing you and
yours continued good
health and the
comforting
companionship of
your canine friend**

How to Train Your Dog to Smile

You can train your dog to “smile” on cue with some simple **positive reinforcement**. You would do this by “capturing” the behavior by using a consistent reward marker, such as the click of a **clicker** or the word “Yes!” every time your dog displays the smile, and immediately give her a reward. Then, begin using a cue at the times when you can reliably predict that she is about to offer the behavior, like when you first walk in the door from work. Say “Smile!” and when she displays the behavior, click and give her a treat!

Of course, having your dog’s smile on cue would not make it a genuine canine expression of happiness, but the love and attention your dog receives for performing smiles will make the behavior synonymous to happiness – and that is just as good.

