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The Albany Kennel Club was founded in 1943, as an affiliate of the American Kennel Club, serving for the greater Albany Area in the State of New York. Their objectives as stated in their constitution and by-laws, Article 1, Section 2, are “(a) to further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs: (b) to conduct dog shows, obedience trails, rally trails and sanctioned matches under the rules of the American Kennel Club.”

In more recent years, the club has taken the incentive to educate our members and the public about purposely-bred dogs. By the club's definitions, purposely-bred dogs may or may not be pure-bred, but have been bred to be healthy; by health-checked sires & dams; have been whelped in well-suited conditions; and by knowledgeable breeders striving for the well-being of dogs as whole.

With a fairly small kennel club membership that averages around 30 members, the members' interests include a range of conformation, obedience, rally, agility, tracking, rescue, and barn hunt.

The club holds two point shows a year in October at the Eastern State Exposition Center located in West Springfield, MA in conjunction with the Troy Kennel Club. They also host a local fun match in June. The Club is also licensed to conduct AKC Temperament Test. More information can be found within, or by reaching out to a club member.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

FUN MATCH JUNE 18TH

TROPHY DONATES DUE AT THE JUNE MEETING

HANDLING CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hello to the Albany Kennel Club members,

We are starting to have all our club events like our handling classes and fun match now that it is finally getting warmer here in the northeast. Our handling classes had to get postponed twice due to snow and freezing rain, but fingers crossed that's the end of that. If you know any one who would like to teach the class please have them reach out to Calley Rupp and she can get them scheduled in.

Also, our Fun Match is on June 18th. We not only need volunteers to help work the match, but we also need a judge. If you know anyone going for their Judge's license and they need to do a Fun Match please send them our way!

Enjoy the warm weather with your pups!
Corey Heenan
President





Albany Kennel Club

www.albanykennelclub.net

Conformation **Handling** Classes



When:

Every Tuesday at 6 PM to 7 PM
Starting April 19th until August 30th

Summer-Long Handling Classes

Whether its you or you puppy that needs a hands on refresher or to start fresh we can help you get ring ready!

Where:

Henry Hudson Park

Barent Winne Rd, Selkirk, NY 12158

Instructors To Be Announced

Find up to date announcements, such as instructors, cancellations, & weather reports, on the Albany Kennel Club Facebook page.



FISH OIL FOR DOGS

BY KAITLYN ARFORD.

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- Fish oil is a dietary supplement that helps supports dogs' hearts, joints, coats, skin, and immune systems.
- High in omega-3 fatty acids, fish oil can either be part of a long-term plan or a momentary dietary boost.
- Always consult your veterinarian before starting your dog on fish oil or any other supplements.



Fish oil is one of the best supplements to add to your dog's diet. Fish oil supports your canine companion's heart health, promotes a silky coat, reduces itchy and flaky skin, and can help relieve allergies and joint pain. It can even help strengthen their immune system and could help them fight canine cancer.

That's because fish oil contains omega-3 fatty acids, an essential "good" type of fat that helps your dog's body and brain. Like humans, dogs can't produce omega-3 fatty acids on their own and must get them from their diet. If you're considering including fish oil as a part of your dog's nutritional routine, here's what you need to know.

WHAT ARE FATTY ACIDS FOUND IN FISH OIL?

There are four types of dietary fats: trans fats, saturated fats, monounsaturated fats, and polyunsaturated fats. Omega fatty acids, found in polyunsaturated fats, create important hormones that regulate blood flow and inflammation. However, they aren't found naturally in the body. Omega-3 is found primarily in cold-water fish, shellfish, plant and nut oils, and flaxseed. But, your dog needs omega-3 in their diet for several reasons.

Omega-3 also helps balance out omega-6

fatty acids, commonly found in processed foods and most grains. Since many dog food manufacturers use meat from corn-fed animals or refined oil (which are high in omega-6), dogs often have an overabundance of omega-6 fatty acids in their diet. Your dog ends up with too much omega-6 and not nearly enough omega-3 fatty acids. And although we need omega-6 fatty acids, our modern diet often has too many. The body needs both in balance, and the same is true for dogs.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE MY DOG FISH OIL?

Fish oil is a good way to give your four-legged companion the omega-3 fatty acids they need. Depending on their general health and diet, fish oil supplements may become part of a long-term plan. Or, they may just provide a temporary nutritional boost to your dog's diet.

Another benefit of fish oil is that it helps dogs across the span of their lifetimes. DHA, a component in omega-3 fatty acid, aids in the proper brain and eye development of puppies. DHA may also improve cognitive function in older dogs dealing with canine cognitive dysfunction. Research has shown that omega-3

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Albany Kennel Club Annual Fun Match



**At Henry
Hudson Park
Selkirk, NY**

Saturday, June 18, 2022

AKC Sanctioned Conformation B Match

Rent-A-Ring for Obedience & Rally

Conformation Judge: To Be Announced

Entry Fees:

\$8.00 for the first entry of each dog, \$5.00 for each additional entry of the same dog. Jr. Showmanship is free as an additional class.

Entries & Judging Times:

Breed Conformation and Jr. Showmanship entries: 9:00AM to 10:00AM, Judging at 10:00AM.

Ribbons & Rosettes Offered

Obedience & Rally (Rent-A-Ring):

\$5 for 5 minutes ring time of training. No

Harsh Corrections! Food & Toys allowed.

Obedience & Rally sign-up: will take until end of event, starting at 10:00AM.

Jumps & signs included!

Conformation Classes:

- **Puppy Classes**
3-6 months, 6-9 month, & 9-12 month
- **Adult Classes**
Novice & Open
- **Exhibition Only***

All classes divided by sex. Judging assignments are for both Puppy and Adult classes.

*Exhibit Only means any dogs entered in this class will not be eligible for ribbons, prizes, or to compete at the group level.

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

GPS Address



Address: 157 Lyons Rd, Selkirk, NY 12158

• 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 if offered 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 • 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

fatty acids can help to treat canine arthritis and chronic kidney disease.

As with anything affecting your dog's health, talk to your veterinarian about supplementing your dog's diet with fish oils before proceeding.

HOW DO I CHOOSE A GOOD FISH OIL FOR MY DOG?

There are three types of fish oil on the market:

Natural triglyceride oil, which is the most natural and easiest to absorb. However, because it isn't purified, it may contain contaminants

Ethyl ester oil is concentrated and distilled, removing impurities. Think of it as semi-natural with high levels of important components of omega-3: docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA)

Synthetic triglyceride oil, which as the name says, is synthetic and absorbs the least easily of the three

Before choosing which type of fish oil to feed your dog, consider their breed, size, weight,

and overall health. Speak with your veterinarian first as well. Over the long term, using fish oil as a supplement to a grain-based diet may deplete vitamin E, so some dogs may also ultimately require that supplement too.

CARE AND STORAGE OF FISH OIL

Protecting fish oil from heat, light, and air is important. Buy your fish oil in dark bottles and store it in the refrigerator. It can become rancid since they are susceptible to oxidation, so make sure to throw it away if it has an "off" odor.

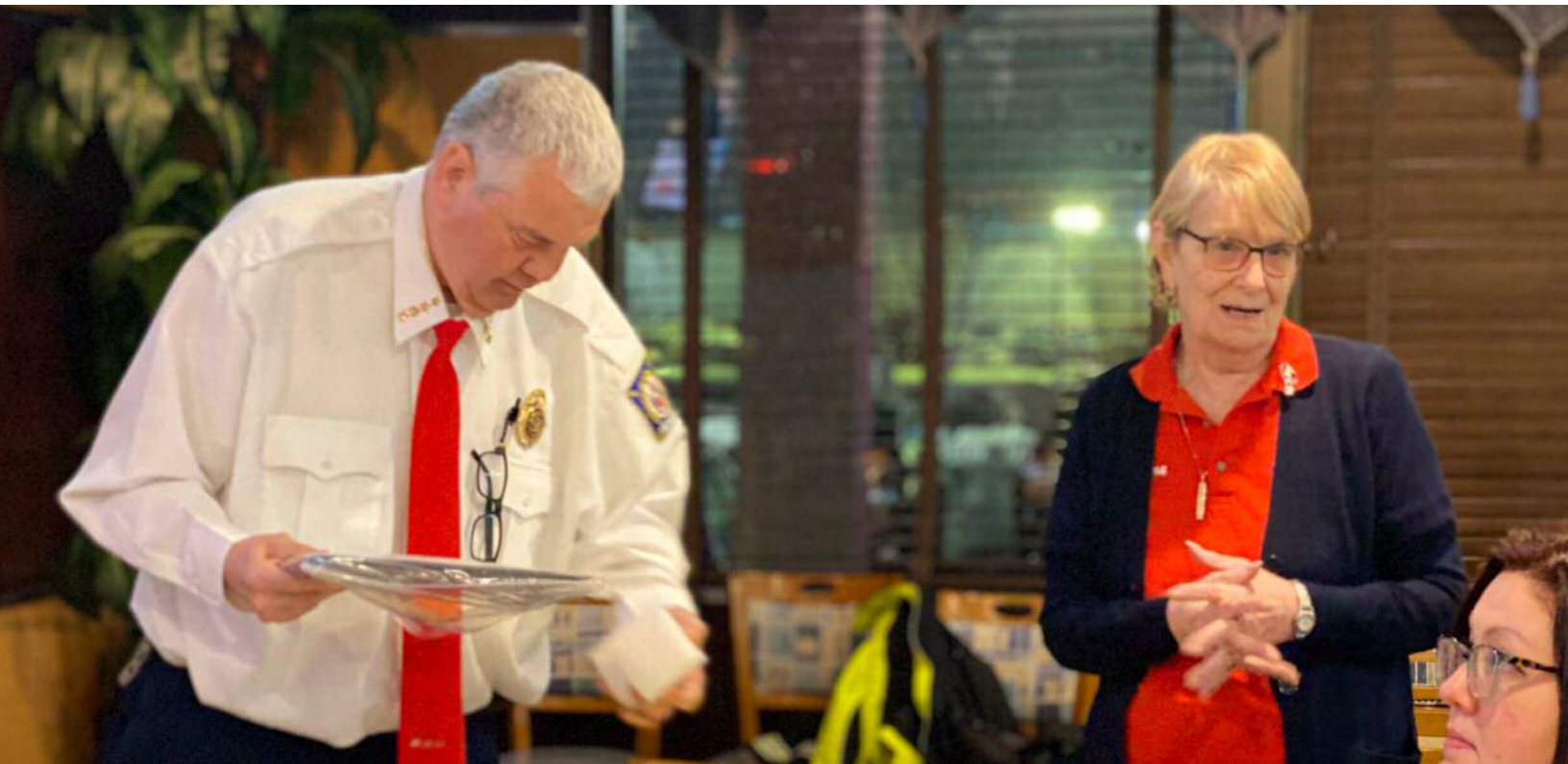
Rather than following dosage guidelines on the package, ask your vet how much fish oil is appropriate for your dog. Make sure the amount of fish oil you give them is appropriate for their size, weight, and age.

It's difficult to feed your dog a completely natural diet. With so many processed ingredients in some of today's dog food, fish oil may be just the supplement to their diet needs. Lastly, be sure to ask your vet for advice before starting your dog on supplements, and purchase only quality products if that's the route you choose.



ALBANY KC AWARDED WITH PLAQUE FROM FIRE CHIEF

BY CALLEY RUPP



Fire Chief Joseph Gregory of the Albany Fire Department stopped into our March Membership Meeting to award the Albany Kennel Club with a special plaque thanking us for our donation of the animal oxygen masks kits. The masks were donated by the Albany Kennel club back in 2019 before Covid-19 and we were unable to receive the plaque due to the pandemic.

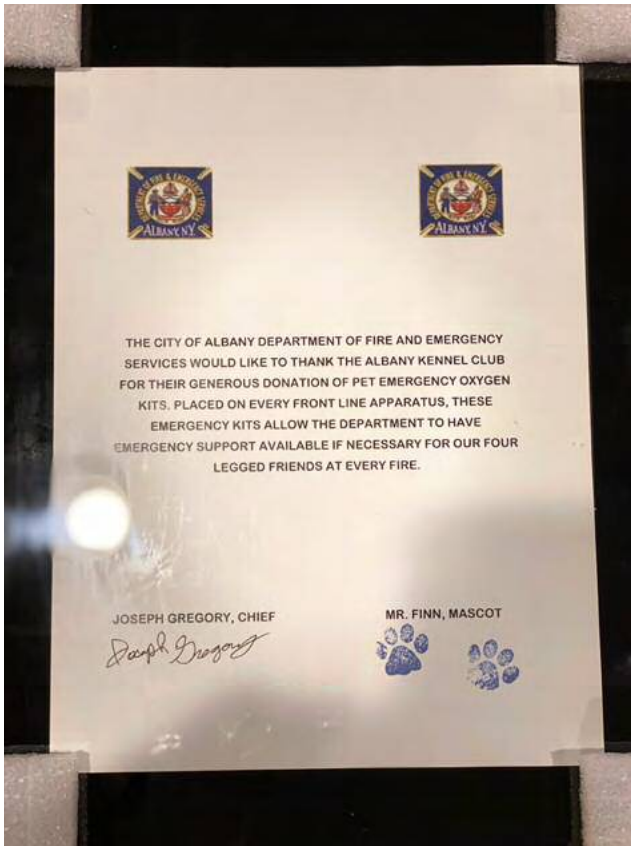
These kits have already been used several times to save both cats and dogs from oxygen deprivation due to smoke inhalation from fires. The reason these masks were helpful to donate to the Fire Department is because they come in several different sizes specifically made for animals due to both the size and length of the masks to fit over muzzles. These masks are reusable, so they can be used as many times as possible to save our pets' lives in unfortunate situations.

Thank you, Barbara, for researching and allowing us to give back to the community in such a meaningful and helpful way.

The plaque gift to us reads;

The City of Albany Department of Fire and Emergency Services would like to thank the Albany kennel club for their generous donation of pet emergency oxygen kits, placed on every front line apparatus, these emergency kits allow the department to have emergency support available if necessary for our four legged friends at every fire.

And is signed by the Chief and Mr. Finn, their red-nose pitbull mascot.



Photos from left to right:

Fire Chief Joseph Gregory with Barbara from the Albany Kennel Club.

The Plaque was awarded to the Albany KC with the signatures of Fire Chief Joseph Gregory and their mascot, Mr. Finn.

Fire Chief Joseph Gregory and Barbara present the plaque.

Barbara shows the members how the masks work.

The fire department using the mask to save a someone's four legged friend.

GIVE A DOG A BONE? BE CAREFUL!

BY AKC STAFF.

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Ensure That Your Dog Chews the Right Type of Bone. There was a time when people didn't give much thought to what, or how, they fed their dogs. Almost any kind of bone was tossed Fido's way. Now that we've learned a lot about canine nutrition and safety, our word of advice about bones is: caution.

Bones are a good source of minerals and other nutrients and help satisfy your dog's appetite. Chewing stimulates saliva enzymes and helps prevent plaque buildup on teeth and gum disease. And a dog chewing on a bone is less inclined to excessively scratch or lick his paws.

It's critically important to avoid giving your dog the wrong kind of bone, however.

Poultry and pork bones, or cooked bones of any kind, are strictly forbidden. They splinter into shards that can cause choking and serious damage to the dog's mouth, throat, or intestines.

Any bone, in fact, once chewed into small pieces, can block the intestines and lead to a nasty bout of constipation, can cause lacerations of the mouth and internal organs, or can lodge in the throat with fatal results.

If your dog is unaccustomed to chewing on bones, you should soften the bone by boiling it. After a few weeks, your dog should be ready for raw meat bones, which some veterinarians say are the best bones for a dog.

It's best to give a bone to your dog after a meal. You don't want your dog to ingest too much bone. Take it away after 10 to 15 minutes and place it in the refrigerator. Dispose of a bone after 3 or 4 days.

Large breeds such as German Shepherd Dogs, Bloodhounds and Mastiffs should be given large bones. Bones should be larger than the length of the dog's muzzle so it will be impossible to swallow whole. A beef shank





bone is a good example of the type of bone to give to a large dog.

Supervision is important. Periodically check on your dog when he's chewing a bone.

Keep in mind that many experienced and

knowledgeable vets disagree about bone-chewing and many advise owners to play it safe and only provide commercially-available chew toys and simulated bones that are made for dogs of all sizes.

UP COMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

ALBANY KENNEL CLUB MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM AT THE GATEWAY DINER.

***May 9, 2022**

June

No July Meeting

***Aug 5, 2022**

*Board Meeting takes place immediately prior to the membership meeting

COMING UP...

MAY BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Starting with the May meeting, we are back down in Selkirk at the Henry Hudson Park for our club meetings following our handling class.

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE BEAGLE

BY JAN REISEN.

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Beagles are one of the most popular dog breeds in the United States. They're known for being great family pets, but there's a lot that you probably didn't know about Beagles. Here are 10 interesting facts about this beloved breed:

1. BEAGLES WERE BRED FOR HUNTING.

Beagles are excellent dogs for hunting rabbits and hares. They have a phenomenal sense of smell and seemingly endless stamina. When fox hunting became popular, breeders created the Foxhound by crossing a Beagle with a Buckhound.

2. THEIR EARS HELP THEIR NOSES.

According to the breed standard, Beagles' ears, when drawn out, reach the end of their nose. Those long ears actually catch scent particles and keep them close to the dog's nose, so he can take in as much information as possible.

3. BEAGLES HAVE TWO DIFFERENT SIZES.

In the U.S. Beagles are classified in one of two ways in terms of size. There are Beagles under

13 inches and those over 13, but at or under 15 inches. The height limit of a Beagle in the U.S. is 15 inches; in England, however, it is 16 inches.

Beagle standing in a frosty field on a cold morning.

4. BEAGLES CAN VOCALIZE THREE WAYS.

The name "Beagle" is thought to come from the French word "begueule," meaning "gaped throat," and Beagles can definitely live up to that namesake. The Beagle is one of the most vocal dog breeds, and he can make three different sounds: a standard bark, a yodel-like sound called a bay (which he uses when hunting), and a howl.

5. BEAGLES' TAILS ARE LIKE WHITE FLAGS.

Many beagles have a white-tipped tail. This white tip was bred into Beagles so that they would be visible when they had their noses to the ground during a hunt.

6. LOTS OF BEAGLES HAVE JOBS.

A Beagle's incredible sense of smell makes



him a great working dog. Beagles are often used as bedbug detectors. The Department of Homeland Security also uses Beagles in airports to find food in passengers' luggage, in order to prevent the spread of foreign diseases and parasites. This team of dogs is called The Beagle Brigade.

7. A BEAGLE NAMED ELVIS CAN SMELL PREGNANCY.

"Polar bear pregnancy detector" is a much less common Beagle job, but it does exist. A two-year-old Beagle named Elvis was actually trained to determine whether a polar bear

is pregnant by smelling her poop. Elvis is a tremendous help to zookeepers who can't tell whether their polar bears are actually pregnant or exhibiting pseudopregnancy. Elvis can identify samples from pregnant females with 97 percent accuracy.

8. PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON HAD THREE BEAGLES.

Their names were "Him," "Her," and "Edgar." There's no explanation as to why the first two were named Him and Her, but the third one was named after J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the FBI, who gave the dog to Johnson after Him and Her died. Him also sired a litter of puppies while he lived in the White House, and the president's daughter, Luci, took two of them and named them Kim and Freckles. Freckles remained at the White House after Luci left.

9. AS AFFECTIONATE AND CHEERFUL AS BEAGLES ARE, THEY CAN BE A HANDFUL.

Led by their noses, Beagles are prone to roam, so a fenced yard is important. They also dislike being left alone and will show their displeasure by howling and destructive behavior. Owners will tell you that patience is your greatest virtue when training a Beagle.

10. SNOOPY IS A BEAGLE.

You may not initially think that Charlie Brown's beloved pet is a Beagle, but in fact, he is an AKC-registered Beagle.



It is agreed there is no verbal understandings in anyway part of this pledge. It is further agreed that in the event the undersigned does not furnish the below described trophy in sufficient time to be presented at the below named show(s), the named club has the right to substitute a trophy of equal value or description and bill the same to the undersigned.

Albany Kennel Club

Trophy Pledge

21-22 October 2022
West Springfield, MA



Due by June 7, 2022
johanlon@msn.com



Breed Trophy Pledge

For those of you who would like to donate a breed trophy to your breed of choice:

Fill out the bottom portion of this page and sent to the email to the right or hand in to Jeannette O'Hanlon by the June meeting.

Trophy's can be anything donator would like to offer, such has leads, art prints, trophies, rosettes, etc.

Albany Kennel Club Trophy Pledge

Please remove and return the completed form to Jeannette O'Hanlon by the June member ship meeting.

____ Friday Oct. 21, 2022

____ Saturday Oct. 22, 2022

Breed: _____

Class: _____

Trophy Description: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to my fellow members!

There is a lot going on as the weather gets warmer! If you have the time please think about volunteering to help with the match show!

If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter you can always send me an email!

Remain *paws-itive*!
Calley

