

Fluff & Stuff



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BACK IN PRINT

Fluff & Stuff is up and running. If you have news to enlighten, pictures to share, or information to impart, let your editor know. I always need photos and articles (otherwise you get my “pearls.”)

Please submit your input to barb@mswiz.com (keep it clean ☺).

Special Interest Articles:

- Check out member's web sites..
- Eskie bites owner.
- Successful show.

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MEMBER'S WEB PAGES

Check out our member's web pages. There is a lot to see and read, so check out one or two a day and see what everyone is up to on the internet. If I'm missing any let me know. Gads we're a good looking bunch!

[A-Joy's American Eskimos](#)

[AngelHeart~Eskies](#)

[Crystal Cavern's American Eskimos](#)

[Emerald City American Eskimos](#)

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[Mystic American Eskimos](#)

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K9 Fest

The K9 Fest was a great hit and lots of fun, despite rain, cold, non-delivery of motorhomes, entrance fees, and towed cars (not to mention missing undergarments – don't ask!)

Judy, Denise, Lynn, Jan, and Barb all showed dogs amid the red soil. The judges were very nice and a few valuable tidbits were imparted. Loki, Faith, Hope, Langley, Buff, and Tasha are now all International Champions.

The AEDAW booth was beautiful – thank you Chris. Even though we didn't win, we attracted a lot of attention and we shared quite a bit of information about Eskies and rescue efforts. We had quite a bit of printed material thanks to the UKC, beautiful decorating thanks to Kris, Jan, and Sandy. And, if I do say so myself, the posters looked great! Personally, I think we shared more information visually than any of the other booths, and the addition of the television was a stroke of genius.

Next year the other booths won't stand a chance!

RV's and Dogs: Yahoo group

If you have an RV and travel with dog there is a Yahoo group that might interest you. It is an e-mail list for dog enthusiasts, owners, handlers and breeders using recreational vehicles for all dog related activities such as conformation, obedience, agility and other events or shows. Dog fancier must own, or be interested in purchasing, a travel trailer, 5th wheel, Class A, B or C motorhome, bus conversion or similar vehicle for use in attending canine sporting events. Check it out: RVK9@yahogroups.com



AEDAW October Show

The September 30 – October 1, Graham show was a huge success. Despite a geographically impaired judge, everyone had a great time and the club pulled off another successful show.

Overheard from the judges, “This is a great lunch, everything tastes so good,” Translation: “starve the judges, then they’ll eat anything (even stroganoff without onions - BLECH!)”. Seriously, the food was delicious.

The greatest success of the show was the raffle/auction thanks to two delightful young men: Tristen and Josh. They raised almost \$400.00 by harassing, pleading, and sharing their boyish charms – way to go boys! Thank you so much.

Congratulations to Denise and all those who worked on making the club’s show a success.

From the President

To The AEDAW Membership,

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of you that helped to produce one of our best AEDAW shows to date! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!!

The camaraderie and ability to work together toward a common goal was demonstrated to the highest level at our most recent show and it was a pleasure to watch things come together as wonderfully as the did.

We have a talented group of people with a tremendous gift of insight, ideas and energies... I am proud to be a part of this group and to know those who help make this club what it is!

Great Job!

Lynn McClure

In a Veterinarian's waiting room : "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit Stay"



Tristen has it under control.

Goodbye Jerky Treats, Hello Veggie Treats

Vegetables helped make giant leaps for dogs this year. In a study recently conducted at Purdue University, a team of veterinarians led by Dr. Lawrence T. Glickman found that if Scottish terriers worked any type of vegetable into their diet three times a week, their risk of developing Transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) was reduced by a whopping 70%. TCC is a cancer found in the urinary bladder and can be fatal. In dogs, increased risk of TCC has been associated with certain breeds (Scottish Terrier and West Highland White Terrier), female sex, overweight or obese body condition, urban dwelling, and exposure to insecticides containing benzene.

For more information on Dr. Glickman's study please see the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (J Am Vet Med Assoc 2005;227:94-100)



"M's first toy.

Eskie Bites Owner

(I) Had an incident this morning that reminded me that sometimes we act out of instinct rather than to think things through when we have a dog in pain. At 5am this morning I was awakened by all of the kennel dogs barking hysterically and the house dogs followed their lead. In a nano-second, I dashed out to the kennel in my nightgown and flip flops to find Zoe laying on her side in a run with her foot caught in the swinging door. The more she tried to remove it, the tighter it closed on her paw. She was screaming in pain. Without thinking I reached down to free her paw and she bit me about 5 times on one arm and a couple on the other. I had to back off, go back to the house, wake up "help", return to the kennel with a towel to cover her head to keep her from biting and someone to free her when I could get the door open. We had her out in really quick time, her limping some and me dripping blood all over everything from puncture wounds. This is me: the 20 year dog person with all the experience with dogs. I should know better than to approach an injured, in pain dog without protection. So I just want to caution everyone to try to remember if your pet becomes injured or is in pain, they WILL bite because they are frightened and in pain. Do be careful. Use a blanket or towel to wrap them in. If you have a muzzle, use it. If not, use a dish towel or gauze or something to wrap around the muzzle so they can't bite. Do that first before trying to "help" them. I didn't and I have 10+ pretty good puncture wounds on one hand, 3 on my forearm, 2 on my other hand. Don't let something like this happen to you or some member of your family. I know better - I just didn't do better. Oh, and by this afternoon Zoe isn't even limping. No cut paw (but a very sore one in one spot), no blood, nothing. I on the other hand have an entire bandaid box on my hands and arms! (Reprinted from an email from Sally Bedow)

"When dog food is 'new and improved' tasting, who tests it?"

OFA Registrations Resume – August 24, 2006

The OFA has resumed registration of OptiGen prcd-PRA results for all eligible breeds, according to an August 23rd letter to OptiGen from Eddie Dziuk, OFA's Chief Operating Officer. OptiGen has added back the OFA registration "sign off" statement at the bottom of all of its test reports. Testers will be able to submit their dog's result to the OFA registry if they wish to do so by mailing a signed copy of the OptiGen report and the required fee directly to the OFA (NOT to Optigen).

OptiGen recently supplied OFA with copies of two peer-reviewed publications that describe the scientific studies on the prcd gene and mutation. Both are published in the research journal "Genomics."

A summary of this research and its impact on canine genetic testing is being prepared by OptiGen and will be posted on this site soon. The research has been extensive, now covering PRA in 18 different purebreds/breed varieties.

The first report, published July 18, 2006, is titled "Linkage disequilibrium mapping in domestic dog breeds narrows the progressive rod-cone degeneration interval and identifies ancestral disease-transmitting chromosome" and is authored by O. Goldstein, B. Zangerl, S. Pearce-Kelling, D.J. Sidjanin, J.W. Kijas, J. Felix, G.M. Acland and G.D. Aguirre.

Doggie Dictionary

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

SMELL: A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!," especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie



Bianca's family

Linebreeding and Inbreeding (short version)

In genetic terminology, inbreeding is the breeding of two animals who are related to each other. In its opposite, outcrossing, the two parents are totally unrelated. Since all pure breeds of animal trace back to a relatively limited number of foundation dogs, all pure breeding is by this definition inbreeding, although the term is not generally used to refer to matings where a common ancestor does not occur behind sire and dam in a four or five generation pedigree.

What does inbreeding (in the genetic sense) do? Basically, it increase the probability that the two copies of any given gene will be identical and derived from the same ancestor. Technically, the animal is homozygous for that gene. The heterozygous animal has some differences in the two copies of the gene. Remember that each animal (or plant, for that matter) has two copies of any given gene (two alleles at each locus, if you want to get technical), one derived from the father and one from the mother. If the father and mother are related, there is a chance that the two genes in the offspring are both identical copies contributed by the common ancestor. This is neither good nor bad in itself. Consider, for instance, the gene for PRA (progressive retinal atrophy), which causes progressive blindness. Carriers have normal vision, but if one is mated to another carrier, one in four of the puppies will have PRA and go blind. Inbreeding will increase both the number of affected dogs (bad) and the number of genetically normal dogs (good) at the expense of carriers. Inbreeding can thus bring these undesirable recessive genes to the surface, where they can be removed from the breeding pool.

Unfortunately, we cannot breed animals based on a single gene - the genes come as a package. We may inbreed and rigorously remove pups with PRA or even their parents and littermates from the breeding pool. But remember inbreeding tends to make all genes more homozygous. In at least one breed, an effort to remove the PRA-causing gene resulted in the surfacing of a completely different and previously unsuspected health problem. It is easier and faster to lose genes (sometimes very desirable genes) from the breeding pool when inbreeding is practiced than when a more open breeding system is used. In other words, inbreeding will tend to produce more nearly homozygous animals, but generally some of the homozygous pairs will be "good" and others will be "bad".

<http://bowlingsite.mcf.com/Genetics/Inbreeding.html>



Funny, they don't ALL look alike!

"In dog training, jerk is a noun, not a verb."

-- Dr. Dennis Fetko





*It isn't dinner
without dog hair!*

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Of Sound Mind: Are temperaments of show dogs getting worse?

I have detected a subtle change in ring temperament in many different breeds, and we need to catch it before it goes any further. I have seen in many breeds, specials that are so stressed out that they shake, drool, and lean hard against the handler to get away from the judge. How did these dogs finish? Pushing a dog through to its championship without regard to its psyche is cruel, to say nothing about poor judging. Any judge that allows this to happen is adding to the demise of that breed.

At one show I had to excuse a beautiful young Cocker Spaniel that I tried to examine three times; even tried to feed it bait. I had three choices. One was to force the pup to stand for examination, and perhaps so traumatize it that it might never show again (to say nothing of the stress level on the youngster). Two was to just make believe it was OK and just place the dog where I would have and what was this saying about the breed? I chose the third option to remove the dog from this "frightful" situation in hopes that its confidence could be rebuilt to show at another time. My concern was for the dog, not the points.

One more thing about temperament: it applies to people, too. Let's get rid of the ringside spectator who seems to revel in loudly objecting to everything any judge does unless, of course, her dog wins. Boycott the handler who chases a judge to the parking lot demanding to know why he didn't win. Unfortunately, there are also judges who are not immune to boorish behavior. There is no place for the judge who shows up for the show at 7:30 a.m. and immediately starts telling the new group judge to make sure she judges quickly because this veteran judge had an early flight to catch.

Who should shoulder the responsibility for this? All of us. The breeder that allows, and even pushes, entries to be made by inferior animals to build points is showing a callous disregard for the breed: the handler who shows these dogs should be avoided by other exhibitors looking for someone to show their dog. The judge who is afraid to excuse a dog or withhold ribbons is not a judge at all. ~by Sid Marx
For complete article go to:

http://www.dogchannel.com/show/conformation/article_22451.aspx

NEW CHAMPIONS

- UKC CH Mystic's Mischief Maker "Paris" , owned by Karen Scholz, is a UKC Champion. Paris was also awarded Best Bred By in Show and Reserve Winners Bitch at the AKC National in Utah.
- AKC CH UKC CH Timberlines Mystic Sierra "Passion", owned by Karen Scholz, is an AKC CH and UKC Champion.
- AKC CH UKC GR CH Mystics Lady of the Night "Sasha" won an award of merit at the premier under judge Debbie Mitchell. there were 17 dogs in the grand champion class
- UKC CH Emerald Citys Great Prophecy "Apollo" became a UKC champion, his sister
- UKC CH Emerald Citys Precious Jewel also became a champion at the Lynden show at age 7 1/2 mos...owned by Sherry Meyers