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Note from Sue:



Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful summer weather. I want you to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19, which will be our in-person meeting, hosted by Norm and Kathleen Vadenais. We are excited that they are hosting it again this year. It's becoming a very anticipated summer event that we look forward to. The grounds are just lovely and Kathleen and Norm are the perfect hosts. Bring your favorite pot luck dish and spend the afternoon catching up with friends.

I'm very happy to announce that we will be having spring specialties in 2027. We will be joining St. Hubert's Kennel Club in Brooklyn, Connecticut, on Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th for both designated (within St. Hubert's shows) and concurrent (held independently in the afternoon). The shows are held at Brooklyn's fairgrounds and we will be in a building with parking right outside. It's a beautiful site and I think we will enjoy it there. We do need a show chair as well as judges, so if you're inclined to get a little more involved in the club by serving as chair (with lots of help provided) please let us know. No experience necessary. Also, if you have any judges' names to share, sweeps and regular judging or all-rounders for the designateds, please let us know that too.

Also let us know if you are interested in a spot on the Board or in serving on the Nominating Committee.

Fall specialties will be here before we know it. Thanks to all who sponsored trophies. Rosettes are still available for sponsoring. If you have not yet been sponsored anything, the link to signing up is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EAEAC28A4FE3-64704019-2026>

Carol will be looking for items for the raffle table as well. As you know, the success of our specialties depends upon the raffle, as judges are very costly and the revenue from the shows doesn't cover their expenses.

Best wishes,

Sue

President

Written by Megan Hamilton

Submitted by Sue Shaw

Dianne Powers

I don't even really know where to start with this one.

Wednesday, August 5th, we lost my cousin Dianne Powers after a short battle with glioblastoma, and somehow it seems impossible to put into words what she meant to me—and to so many people.

In my mind, Dianne was simply legendary.

She was one of those people I looked up to from the time I was young. Strong, funny, fiercely capable, generous, and absolutely a force to be reckoned with. She lived life large, and she lived it well. But for all that strength and presence, she also had this incredible ability to make people feel comfortable, welcomed, and completely accepted just as they were.

For years, trips to Martha's Vineyard meant teaching clinics and staying with Dianne. Eventually, the clinics became less important, and sometimes I simply went to visit. Those visits became something I treasured. There were countless conversations, plenty of laughter, Danes everywhere (because of course there were), and inevitably a Hugo Spritz at the end of the day—a delightful little beverage I have her to thank for introducing me to.

Dianne was also largely responsible for getting me into Great Danes, which, now that I think about it, has probably cost me a small fortune over the years.

She never once talked me out of another one, either. If anything, she was more likely to help me justify it. She supported every crazy idea I had about getting another Dane, showing one, not showing one, or whatever adventure I had dreamed up next.

I'll always be grateful that Dianne introduced me to her best friend, Susan Shaw. Through Sue came my first mantle female, Dillon, and with her came a whole new chapter of my life. Between Dianne and Sue, I was welcomed into the Great Dane community and introduced to so many wonderful people—friendships and memories that I still treasure today. Looking back now, it's amazing to realize just how much of my life grew from that one introduction.

She was always there to answer a question, offer advice, or simply pick up the phone and chat. And I can still hear the way she would greet me—"Hey, kiddo!"—with such enthusiasm and genuine happiness that you couldn't help but smile. I hope I never stop hearing it.

Her world stretched far beyond our family. She was deeply respected in the communities she called home, both on Martha's Vineyard and in Pennsylvania, and she built lifelong friendships throughout the Great Dane world. She was an extraordinary fundraiser, organizer, and doer—the kind of person who didn't wait for someone else to step up because she was already halfway through organizing the whole thing.

Dianne left fingerprints everywhere. On communities. On organizations. On dogs and the people who loved them. And most importantly, on people.

I feel incredibly lucky that some of those fingerprints are on me.

I'll miss the phone calls, the visits, the advice, the laughter, the Danes, the Hugo Spritzes, and hearing that unmistakable, enthusiastic, "Hey, kiddo!"

There are people who simply pass through this world, and then there are people who inhabit it fully.

Dianne was one of the rare ones.

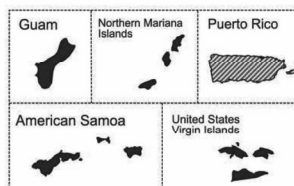
She lived large. She loved large. She gave large. She made life more interesting, more welcoming, and undoubtedly more fun for everyone lucky enough to know her.

Legendary seems about right.

Rest easy, Dianne. I'll raise a Hugo Spritz to you... and if another Great Dane somehow follows me home one day, I'm blaming you for that too.



2026 Point Schedule - Great Danes



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Effective May 12, 2026 - Great Dane

DIVISION	STATES	1 Point		2 Points		3 Points		4 Points		5 Points	
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Div 1	CT ME MA NH RI VT	2	2	4	4	5	5	7	7	10	10
Div 2	DE NJ NY PA	2	2	5	5	7	8	8	12	9	18
Div 3	DC MD NC VA WV	2	2	5	5	7	8	8	13	10	21
Div 4	FL GA SC	2	2	6	9	9	15	13	18	19	24
Div 5	IN KY MI OH	2	2	5	7	7	11	9	17	12	27
Div 6	CO NV UT	2	2	3	6	4	10	5	11	6	12
Div 7	KA OK TX	2	2	5	4	7	6	8	7	10	10
Div 8	OR WA	2	2	4	6	5	9	6	12	9	17
Div 9	AZ CA	2	2	5	7	7	11	10	15	15	21
Div 10	AK	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Div 11	HI	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Div 12	MEX PR	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Div 13	ID MT NE NM ND SD WY	2	2	3	3	4	4	7	7	12	13
Div 14	AL AR LA MS TN	2	2	4	5	5	7	7	9	11	13
Div 15	IL IA MN MO WI	2	2	5	8	7	13	8	14	11	17

Delayed Post Operative Hemorrhaging (DEPOH)

Submitted by Betty Lewis

A friend of Betty's Whippet is in the middle of having complications after a cryptorchid surgery resolved. The article immediately made me think about Danes who hemorrhage after spay. I don't know if this is related. No one has ever mentioned bruising in Danes to give a head's up, but unless the person has read an article like this to alert someone to pay attention to repeated bruising, you would probably never notice. Anyway, I thought this might be relevant for our breed, and you might want to include it in the next newsletter. —Betty

Soapbox rant or helpful info....you choose which. DEPOH. Delayed Post Operative Hemorrhaging (bleeding). First identified in greyhounds after it was identified in a large number of them after neuter, spay or post amputation due to osteosarcoma. Research out of Ohio State University is where I first found this.

My PERSONAL experience. Kohl was 7 or 8 years old. He had a few procedures that were unremarkable. He healed mostly ok. Tho now thinking back on it I remember some "extra" bruising but he healed so I had no reason to think anything of it.

Fast forward to his bladder poke and intestinal biopsy via a scope. Noninvasive. Not a major surgery. Before the scope his bloodwork was normal other than the protein loss, etc as was the reason he was there. The bruising in his abdomen started within 12 hours if not sooner. I questioned it with MSU. They thought it was bruising due to the bladder stick (which had been 24 hours before the biopsy). It got worse and spread up his chest and down his legs. This is when I did my research.

Did I mention I'm a research scientist by trade? 26 years of research under my belt? I found Dr Cuoto's research in greyhounds and I immediately called MSU at 1AM and said he needs this med NOW. They argued with me and said it wasn't likely as it wasn't a major surgery



and his bloodwork for clotting etc. was normal.....but really how did they know?

So I insisted they bring me in that night, I didn't care about the late night ER fee. We started him on the IV form of amicar, can also use tranexamic acid or aminocaproic acid. The IV form can also be given orally in a pinch! A second dose was given again at 8am. By noon, the bruising was already lighter. He was treated for 5 days. He survived because I fought for him.

So why am I writing about this now? Several years later? The DNA test was just being developed <https://waddl.vetmed.wsu.edu/depohgen/>

There was very little info. But now I have tested about half my dogs, first focusing on the dogs that come down from Kohl. I have normal/normal. Mutant/normal and mutant/mutant in my lines. I have had dogs be spayed with no issues and dogs spayed with bruising and excess fluid seepage from incisions. Before any surgery I now treat with aminocaproic acid even if just carriers. I WILL NOT take the risk of losing one of my dogs to something I could prevent. The meds are safe to give if the dog is showing symptoms or is a mut/mut. I asked my vet for a standing prescription with Chewy so that I always have meds on hand in case of an emergency as sometimes they can be tough to get. But I will not take a risk with my dogs ever again.

So what led me to post my diatribe? 2 dogs in the last month, one not related to my stuff and one very related have gone into the vet and showed possible symptoms of DEPOH and were refused treatment. One is pending an outcome,

the other sought out a different vet and got the meds and within hours was better. My point? You have to be your dog's advocate.

This syndrome isn't well understood. So no fault to the vets but listening to those of us who have lived it, have experience with it or the knowledge and time to research it is important! Its important to know if you don't know the dog's test status but its bleeding or bruising abnormally and the owner is asking for these meds that maybe its a real possibility it will help the dog! It won't hurt them IF they have symptoms! Edited to ADD. This is not just a greyhound or deerhound thing. I know personally of a basenji who has had complications and my research of peer reviewed articles has found a wolfhound as well.

And some more info if you have read this far. I found some info in the deerhound page that helped confirm what I have seen.

https://deerhoundhealth.org/delayed-post-operative-hemorrhage-depoh-faq/?fbclid=IwY2xjawSfkDdleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETfETWplb0hUMU5UZ1EySjRTc3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHiCe_VN7APTEEx_75h0sow29h1xPmYNuD7ueQOqa1StBo2htiDJWG0dyLy-rl_aem_NbjxfU_XEdXTBpZknsOvRA

It says that in some dogs, major surgery goes just fine, no issues and later in life this syndrome manifests itself. Similar to what I saw in Kohl. It also suggests that carriers can still have problems just not as high of a chance as the mutant / mutant. I also believe that some dogs as they age are more prone to the clotting breakdown possibly explaining why some dogs are fine at a young age and not so good later in life. Definitely more research needs to be done. Testing and allowing the group in Washington to use your dog's dna for research is a good first step!

As an owner who has lived this, its the best \$70 per dog I have ever spent. Knowledge and being able to do something in advance might save

some heart ache. Knowledge also means you can go to your vet or ER vet and say my dog could be prone to this no matter if its a major surgery or a biopsy or even a catheter site and we need to be aware and proactive.

One other anecdote and I'll get off my soapbox. I have a carrier. She has always bruised really easily. She jumps off the ramp in the pool and if she bumps the ramp with a leg she will bruise. We had her tested before her spay. my vet refuses to do a surgery on a Whippet now if your dog is not tested due to my due diligence in educating. She had aminocaproic acid the day before and day of her surgery. My vet noticed her tissues seemed "squishier" during the spay, so she did an ultrasound after to just be sure she was ok. She did have a bit of extra bruising around her incision site but with daily aminocaproic acid after she healed just fine. Could she have had complications without the meds? I think so.....but thankfully I don't ever have to know.

Brain Teasers in this Issue Submitted by Betty Lewis

Brain Teaser #1:

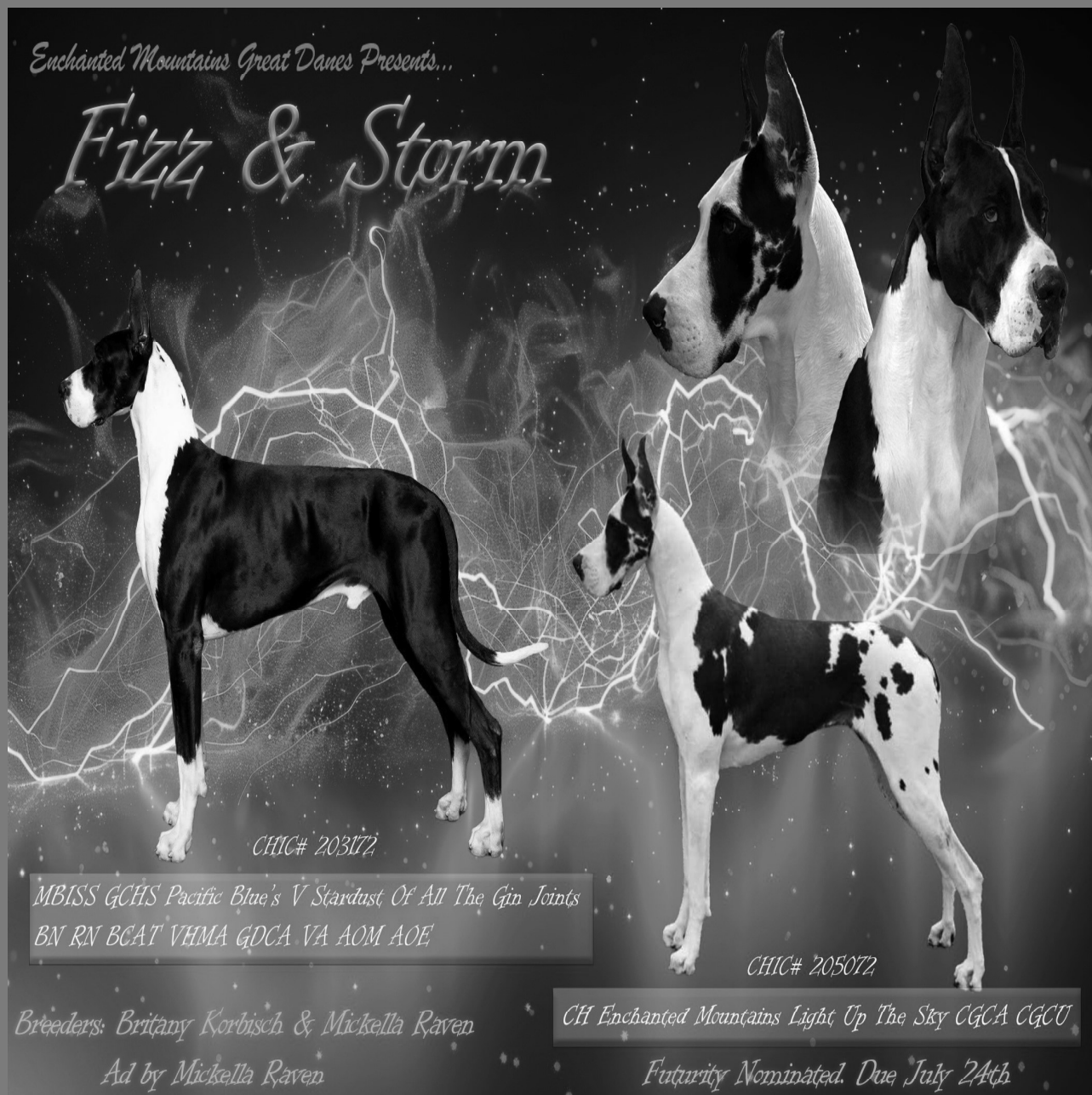
I left my campsite and hiked south for 3 miles. Then I turned east and hiked for 3 miles. I then turned north and hiked for 3 miles, at which time I came upon a bear inside my tent eating my food! What color was the bear?



Bragg

Enchanted Mountains Great Danes Presents...

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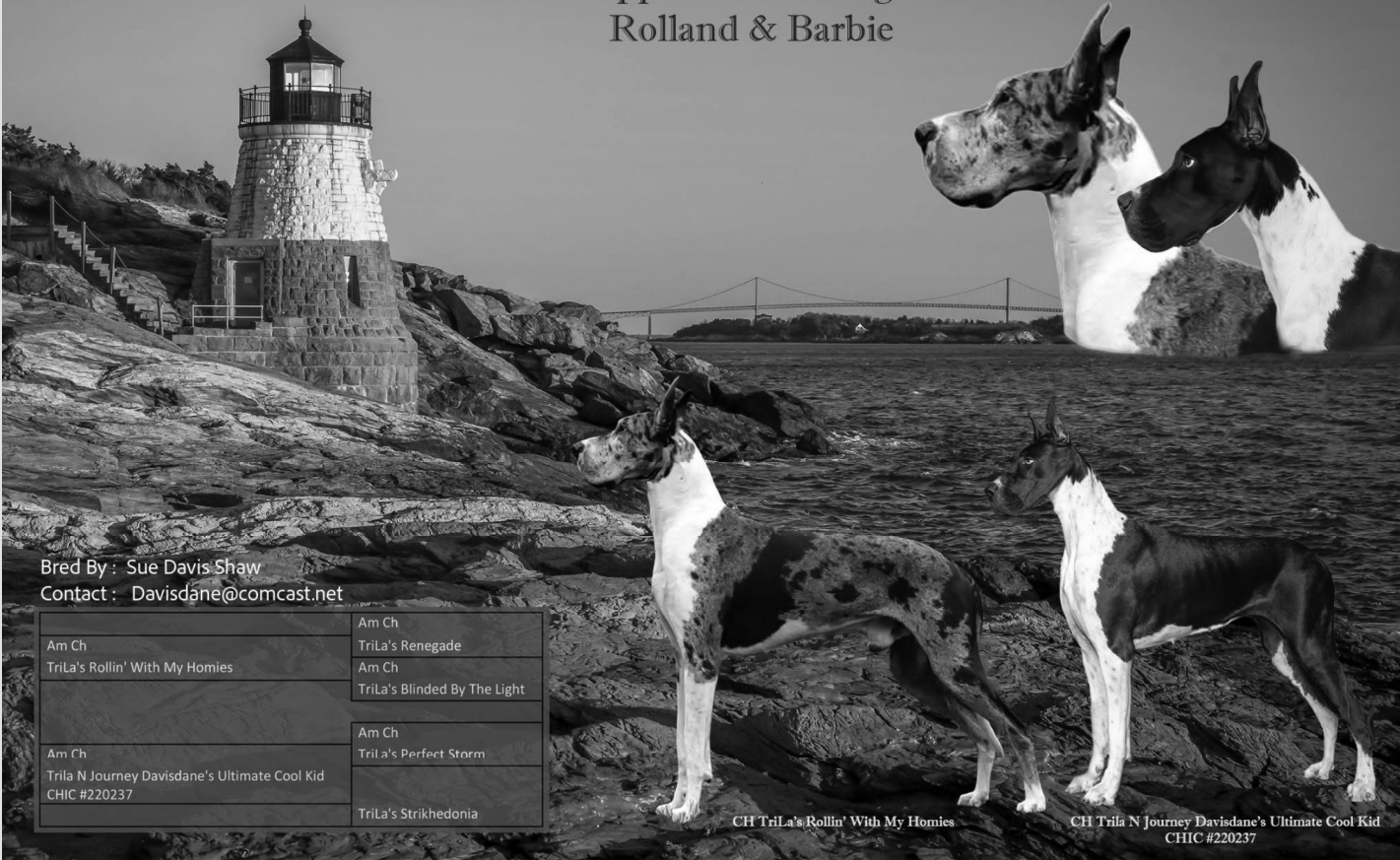
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Bred By : Sue Davis Shaw
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Brags

GCH Timbercreek's Simply Mehvelous aka Red



Even in torrential rain, Kim Thurler's Field Spaniel, Red, has been having fun, topping all entries at the New England Sporting Group Association show under Marjorie Mortarella and taking Group 1 and 2 at the Rhode Island Kennel Club and Ladies Dog Club shows under Joy Brewster and Paula Nykiel respectively.

Owned with Tia Prather and shown by Jess Thibault Kahrhoff

Brags

**We are thrilled to introduce
CH Sundance N Maitau's Never Stop Believing!**



Deke finished his championship in three weekends, undefeated.

Deke was bred and is owned by

Marcia & Peter Roddy, Tiffany & Helen Cross and Pat Ciampa

Braggs

**MBISS GCHB Lemaire's One and Only
"Adele"**



After being home since April working through a false and then her coat blowing, Adele comes out and wins her 18th BISS. We love this special girl!

Presented by John Gerszewski

Breeders/Owners: Jayme Lemaire, Carol Urick and Robert E. Layne

Brags of a Different Nature

Our very own “Bob” was once again recognized by the Chancellor of UMass Medical School - David D. McManus, MD’02, ScM’12, MBA

“I’d like to offer a warm welcome to the high school and college students participating in our summer programs and thank the outstanding team led by Robert Layne, MEd; Brian Lewis, PhD, and Linhelle Charles, who make these programs possible.

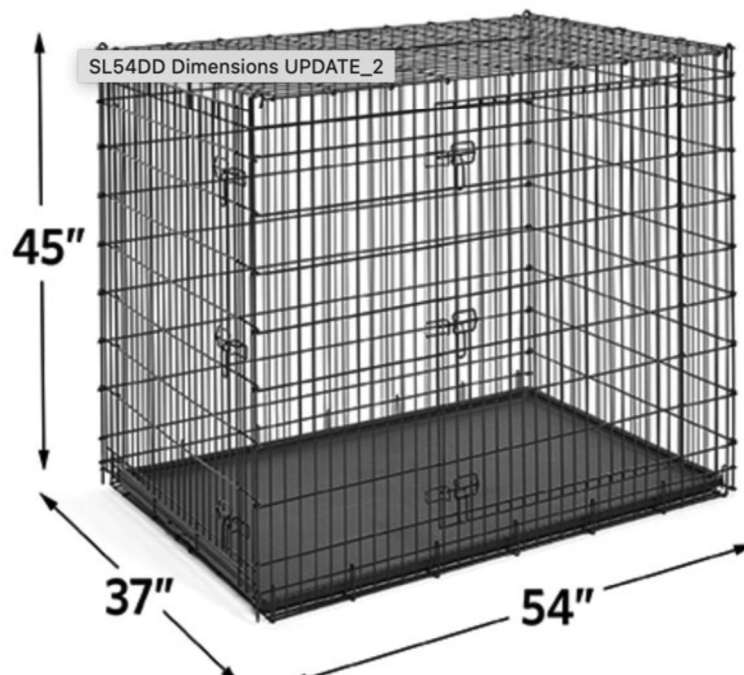
We have 33 undergraduate students in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program who are getting hands-on biomedical lab research experiences and 20 aspiring physicians and scientists in the High School Health Careers program. “

Crate For Sale

Mid-West Solutions XX-Large

Double Doors, Pin Style, comes with cover with vents, pan, and a divider panel. Asking \$175.

Contact Sue Shaw and I will put you in touch with the seller. Davisdane@comcast.net



The Truth About Licorice And Dogs: Risks And Benefits

April 2, 2026 Alex Seilis

Submitted by Sue Shaw

When you think of licorice, you probably picture the sweet, chewy candy found in grocery store aisles. But the licorice we're talking about is very different.

Licorice root (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*) is an ancient medicinal herb with powerful health benefits for dogs. Used for centuries in Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurveda, and even Ancient Egypt, licorice root is a natural remedy for inflammation, digestive problems, and more. It's a far cry from the sugary licorice candies we humans enjoy, and it might just become your dog's new favorite herbal remedy.

Below, I dive into everything you need to know about licorice root and how it can support your dog's health. From soothing itchy skin to helping with arthritis or even leaky gut, this herb can do a lot. But like any natural remedy, it's important to understand how to use it safely.

What Is Licorice Root?

Licorice root, or *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, is a member of the pea family that's been used in herbal medicine for centuries. It's a perennial plant, which means it grows back year after year, and its roots are harvested in the fall when they're packed with nutrients.

This plant isn't just your average garden herb—it's a natural powerhouse packed with antioxidants and soothing properties that make it incredibly versatile.

What makes licorice root stand out is its unique ability to support a healthy inflammatory response while supporting the body's natural healing processes. It's widely used in both Traditional Chinese Medicine and Ayurveda to treat issues like indigestion and respiratory problems.

In fact, it's so effective that herbalists often call it the "adaptable herb" because it can be used in so many different ways. Whether you're dealing with a dog who has itchy skin, arthritis, or an upset stomach, licorice root can help.

Is Licorice Root Safe For Dogs?

Licorice root is generally safe for dogs when used correctly, but like anything, there are a few things you need to watch out for. In small, controlled amounts, licorice root can be a fantastic addition to your dog's health routine.

However, it's not a herb you should use every day without guidance from a holistic vet. Prolonged use or incorrect dosages can lead to side effects like fluid retention or changes in blood pressure, especially if your dog already has a health condition.

There are some specific cases where licorice root isn't a good choice. Pregnant dogs, dogs with Cushing's disease, and those with certain heart conditions shouldn't be given licorice root. Additionally, if your dog is on medications like corticosteroids or blood thinners, it's important to consult your vet first because licorice root can interact with these drugs.

For a safer option, you can try deglycyrrhized licorice (DGL), which removes the glycyrrhizin compound that can cause side effects while still keeping the herb's healing benefits intact. This version is particularly helpful for dogs with sensitive systems or those who need long-term care.

Key Benefits Of Licorice Root For Dogs

Digestive Support And Leaky Gut Relief

Licorice root is one of the best natural remedies for dogs suffering from digestive issues, particularly leaky gut syndrome. Leaky gut occurs when the lining of the intestines becomes damaged, allowing harmful toxins and undigested food particles to leak into the bloodstream.

This triggers chronic inflammation, which can lead to long-term problems like arthritis, allergies, and even autoimmune diseases. Licorice root's soothing properties help support a healthy inflammatory response while stimulating mucus production to protect the gut lining.

For dogs with acid reflux, upset stomachs, or indigestion, licorice root can also provide quick relief. It's especially effective when used as a deglycyrrhized licorice (DGL) tincture, which removes the glycyrrhizin compound that may

cause side effects. Dosing is simple—start with 12 to 20 drops per 20 lbs of body weight twice daily and consult a vet for long-term use. This makes licorice root a powerful ally in keeping your dog's digestive system healthy and balanced.

Skin And Topical Use

Itchy, irritated skin can be a nightmare for both dogs and their owners, but licorice root can help bring relief. It's a great option for managing conditions like contact dermatitis, flea allergies, and hot spots. Whether your dog has a persistent itch or needs help healing minor bruises and skin injuries, licorice root can ease discomfort and speed up the healing process.

You can apply licorice root topically as a tea, salve, or oil. For example, you can create a licorice infusion by steeping dried licorice root in olive oil for 30 days, then straining it for use. This gentle, natural remedy not only reduces itching but also helps keep your dog comfortable while you address the root cause of their skin issues through diet or other treatments.

Arthritis And Joint Pain

For dogs with arthritis or joint pain, licorice root offers a natural alternative to pharmaceutical anti-inflammatories. Compounds in licorice, including glycyrrhizin, work to support a healthy inflammatory response and provide pain relief, making it an excellent choice for managing occasional joint discomfort. It can even help protect cartilage from degeneration, which is key to maintaining mobility in aging dogs.

However, because licorice root can have side effects when used long-term, it's best to consult with a holistic vet if your dog has chronic arthritis or joint issues. In the short term, licorice root can also be applied topically to joints as a soothing oil or salve. This dual approach—internal and external—can give your dog some much-needed relief without relying solely on medications.

Respiratory Relief

Licorice root isn't just for digestion or joints—it's also a fantastic remedy for respiratory problems. As a

natural cough suppressant, it soothes sore throats and helps loosen mucus in the lungs, making it easier for your dog to breathe. Whether your dog has a mild cough or more significant respiratory irritation, licorice can provide relief without harsh chemicals.

Its effects also help reduce swelling in the respiratory tract, offering comfort for dogs with conditions like kennel cough or seasonal allergies. Adding licorice root tea to your dog's care routine is a simple way to support their respiratory health, especially during cold or allergy seasons.

Liver And Detox Support

Licorice root has a long history in Traditional Chinese Medicine as a liver detoxifier, making it an excellent alternative to milk thistle for dogs. Its antioxidant properties help protect the liver from toxins, support a healthy inflammatory response, and support the body's natural detoxification processes.

This makes it particularly useful for dogs exposed to environmental toxins, processed foods, or medications that strain the liver.

By preventing cell damage and supporting mitochondrial health, licorice root helps keep your dog's liver functioning optimally. If you're looking for a holistic way to protect your dog's liver, especially in conjunction with other detoxifying herbs, licorice root is a valuable option to consider.

Addison's Disease

For dogs with Addison's disease, licorice root's steroid-like properties can provide much-needed support for adrenal function. Addison's disease occurs when the adrenal glands don't produce enough hormones, leading to symptoms like fatigue, low appetite, and even collapse. Licorice root works by mimicking the body's natural corticosteroids, helping to regulate hormonal balance and reduce inflammation.

Herbalists often combine licorice root with adaptogenic herbs like ashwagandha or mushrooms to enhance its benefits for adrenal health. However, because Addison's disease is a serious condition, it's



essential to work closely with a holistic vet to determine the right dosage and combination of herbs for your dog's specific needs.

How To Use Licorice For Dogs

Topical Use

Licorice root is a fantastic natural remedy for soothing irritated skin and speeding up healing for minor wounds or bruises.

One of the best ways to use it topically is by making an oil infusion. To do this, place dried licorice root in a glass jar and cover it completely with olive oil. Let the mixture sit in a warm but dark place for about 30 days, shaking it occasionally to help extract the beneficial compounds. After a month, strain out the root and store the infused oil in a clean jar in the refrigerator.

This oil can be applied directly to itchy skin, rashes, hot spots, and even areas affected by flea allergies. Because licorice has natural corticosteroid-like properties, it can help support a healthy inflammatory response without the harmful side effects of pharmaceutical steroids.

If your dog has minor cuts, bruises, or joint pain, massaging a small amount of the infused oil into the affected area can offer natural relief. Just keep an eye on your dog to prevent excessive licking, though a small amount ingested from licking isn't harmful.

Internal Use

When using licorice root internally, it's essential to get the dosing right and choose the right form of the herb for your dog's needs.

The two most common methods are glycerin extracts (glycerites) and tea infusions.

- **Glycerin Extract (Glycerite):** This is one of the easiest ways to administer licorice root. Glycerites are gentle, well-tolerated, and don't contain alcohol. For general use, the recommended dose is 12-20 drops per 20 lbs of body weight, twice daily. This can be mixed into food or given directly using a dropper.
- **Licorice Root Tea:** Making a simple tea can also be a great way to give your dog the benefits of licorice root. Steep 1 teaspoon of dried licorice root in 1 cup of hot water for about 10-15 minutes, then let it cool before use. For dosing, give 30-60 drops

- per 20 lbs of body weight, twice daily. This can be added to your dog's water bowl, mixed into food, or administered directly with a syringe.

For digestive issues like acid reflux or leaky gut, deglycyrrhizinated licorice (DGL) is recommended instead of whole licorice root to avoid potential side effects from glycyrrhizin. Always start with a conservative dose and consult a holistic vet if you plan to use licorice root long-term.

Cautions When Using Licorice Root

While licorice root is generally safe for short-term use, excessive or prolonged use can cause some unwanted side effects. The glycyrrhizin compound in licorice can lead to:

- Water retention and bloating
- Sodium retention and electrolyte imbalance
- Low potassium levels (hypokalemia), which can affect heart and muscle function
- Increased blood pressure (hypertension), especially in susceptible dogs

If you notice signs of swelling, excessive thirst, lethargy, or irregular heart rhythms in your dog, stop using licorice root and consult a vet. These effects are most likely to occur with long-term use, which is why licorice should be used in moderation.

Certain dogs should avoid licorice root due to underlying health conditions that could be worsened by its effects.

Do not give licorice root to dogs with:

- **Diabetes** – Licorice can influence blood sugar levels.
- **Heart disease or high blood pressure** – The sodium retention effect can increase strain on the cardiovascular system.
- **Liver disease** – While licorice can support liver health, it should only be used under veterinary guidance in dogs with liver conditions.
- **Pregnant or nursing dogs** – Licorice may affect hormone levels and should be avoided in these cases.

If your dog is on corticosteroids or blood thinners, consult a holistic vet before using licorice root, as it can interact with these medications and may require dosage adjustments.

Pairing Licorice With Other Herbs

To reduce the risk of water retention or potassium loss, licorice root is often paired with diuretic herbs like dandelion leaf, which helps flush out excess fluids while replenishing potassium levels.

If you plan to use licorice root for more than two weeks, adding a kidney-supporting herb like parsley or nettle may also help counteract any imbalances.

For conditions like Addison's disease, licorice is frequently combined with adaptogens like ashwagandha and ginseng to provide more balanced adrenal support. Working with a holistic vet or herbalist can help determine the best combination for your dog's specific needs.

What About Licorice Candy?

When people hear "licorice," they often think of the black or red candy found in stores, but licorice candy is not the same as licorice root. In fact, licorice candy is completely unsuitable for dogs due to its high sugar content, artificial flavors, and additives. These ingredients can contribute to obesity, dental issues, and even digestive upset in dogs.

Red licorice, in particular, contains no real licorice at all—it's just sugar and artificial flavoring. Black licorice may contain small amounts of licorice extract, but it is still processed with syrups, sweeteners, and preservatives that are not safe for dogs.

In rare cases, black licorice candy outside the U.S. may be flavored with real licorice extract, but that doesn't make it safe for dogs. Even in its natural form, excessive licorice can cause high blood pressure and potassium imbalances. There have been reports of humans experiencing serious side effects after consuming large amounts of real licorice candy, including heart issues and swelling—imagine what that could do to a dog's smaller system!

If you want to give your dog the benefits of licorice, stick to natural licorice root preparations—either as a tea, glycerite, or oil infusion. Avoid licorice-flavored candies or processed treats, which offer no nutritional value and may pose health risks.

FAQ

What happens if a dog eats licorice? If dogs eat licorice in small amounts, they may experience mild digestive upset, but large quantities can lead to health problems like high blood pressure, fluid retention, and potassium imbalances. If your dog consumes a significant amount, contact a veterinarian immediately to prevent serious complications.

How much licorice is safe for a dog? While small doses of natural licorice root may offer health benefits, too much can cause health issues such as sodium retention and elevated blood pressure. It's best to consult your vet before giving any licorice-based supplement to ensure safe usage for your dog's specific needs.

Can dogs have Twizzlers licorice? No, Twizzlers and other licorice-flavored candies contain sweet taste enhancers, artificial colors, and high sugar levels, which can lead to weight gain and digestive upset in dogs. These processed treats offer no nutritional value and should be avoided entirely.

Is black licorice safe? Black licorice made with real licorice extract can cause health problems like high blood pressure and electrolyte imbalances in dogs. Always check the site or product label for ingredients, and avoid giving black licorice to your dog to prevent potential toxicity.

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Getting to Know You

Heather Davis

Background with Great Danes

I welcomed my first Great Dane in 1995 and quickly developed a deep appreciation for this remarkable breed.

Since then, I have had the privilege of sharing my life with several Danes and have come to understand the special bond they form with their people. While I love dogs of all breeds, I cannot imagine my life without at least one Great Dane by my side. Their gentle presence, loyalty, and unique beauty make them truly exceptional.

Today, I share my home with two neutered males: Onyx, a 4-year-old black Dane, and Igor, a 1-year-old blue Dane.

I joined GDCNE as an associate member to connect with other Great Dane owners, deepen my involvement with the breed community, and learn about the world of dog showing.

Professional Experience

After a 37-year career in law enforcement, I will officially retire in August and begin a new chapter as a professional dog trainer.

My background in public service has given me a strong foundation in discipline, communication, patience, and problem-solving—skills I now bring to helping dogs and their families build safer, stronger, and more trusting relationships. My decision to pursue dog training grew from a deeply personal experience with my own Great Danes, when my female Dane's intermittent reactivity toward other household dogs resulted in a serious injury to my boy, Onyx. Through structured training, careful management, and supervised integration, I was able to create a safe environment where both dogs could successfully cohabitate.

That journey not only strengthened my understanding of canine behavior but also revealed a natural ability and passion for working with dogs and the people who love them.

Training Approach

I recently earned my professional certification from QC Pet Studies as an International Dog Training Professional. In this new career, I am committed to using science-based, positive training methods to support dogs and their owners with patience, consistency, and compassion. I continue to work alongside other certified trainers to broaden my knowledge, strengthen my skills, and stay informed about effective training practices, so I can offer future clients thoughtful, practical, and individualized options for their dogs.

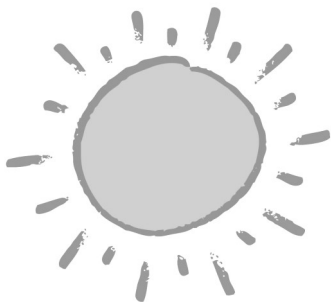


Onyx and Igor

Onyx



Igor



Sunshine Report

Suzanne Kelley is recovering and has been moved to a rehab facility, and we hope that she will be home soon.

Lisa Lewis and Sue Shaw lost Dovie, Davisdane's One in a Million Merle CD BN CGC TKN at nine years old. Bred by Lisa, Sue and Rachel Wilson

The Great Dane Club of New England's entire membership is grieving for our very own Dianne Powers. To say she will be missed is a grievous understatement.

Canine Ovulation Test Pads

Submitted by Betty Lewis—*Betty states that while she found this interesting she doesn't have any background or additional or personal information on this.*

A little more information about Canine Ovulation Test Pads for you.

Using Canine Ovulation Test Pads is the only method for measuring and confirming **OVULATION** in dogs, other tests, test for LH surge, not actual ovulation. We also measure the length of ovulation, something else other tests cannot achieve. Our test is also a test at home, quick, non-invasive, and a cost-effective way to monitor her ovulation changes.

Here's why we are preferred:

1. Easy and Non-Invasive - unlike blood tests that require a vet visit and needle draws, Ovulation Test Pads work by detecting changes in vaginal secretions. This makes testing, stress-free for both the dog and the owner.
2. Real-Time, At-Home Testing - Ovulation Test pads allow breeders to monitor the season and ovulation at home without waiting for lab results. This ensures better timing for breeding without multiple vet appointments or travel costs.
3. The Ovulation pads work by detecting changes in season, to check for fertility, silent or difficult seasons and challenges with

conception, by giving you the best time to mate after ovulation, not just the LH surge. The tests also show the days she is ready to be mated on after her eggs have been through the maturation phase, no other test give these results.

4. Cost-Effective - Frequent blood progesterone tests can be expensive, but Ovulation Test Pads provide a more affordable alternative while still offering reliable results.

5. Higher Accuracy for Breeding Success - By pinpointing ovulation, Ovulation Test Pads improve the chances of successful mating or artificial insemination, which is crucial for breeders aiming for optimal litter size.

6. We have been in business for 22 years, we offer a personal dedicated expert fertility service with free readings and we take you to, through and after ovulation, advising you the best days for mating.

We are the first company in the world to develop an at home Canine Urine Pregnancy Test.

We currently have a JUNE special offer for Canine Ovulation Pads.

For a full season you would only need 30 to 40 tests, we test twice daily. The cost is starting from as little as £33.00 per season.

Our website and further information is available at www.canineovulationpads.com

Dog Ice Cream

Course dog treat

Prep Time 20 mins

Total Time 2 hrs 20 mins

Submitted by Sue Shaw

Dog Ice Cream is a must make for dog owners. This is a frozen treat that is pet friendly and made with dog-friendly ingredients. Perfect for hot summer days when your dog wants to cool down a bit.



Ingredients

- 1 banana
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 32 oz. plain Greek yogurt
- Medium Milk Bone dog biscuits

Instructions

- Place the banana, peanut butter, and Greek yogurt in a blender.
- Blend for 1-2 minutes until it is smooth and creamy.
- Then you will spoon the mixture into the ice cube trays.
- Next stick a Milk Bone into the center of each treat.
- Freeze for 2-3 hours, or until fully set.

Store in a freezer container or freezer bag. Then give to your dog when you want to give them a treat.



Recipe to Repel Ticks and Fleas

Submitted by Sue Shaw

8 oz water

5 oz apple cider vinegar

10 drops Neem oil

10 drops Catnip oil

5 drops of either Lemon oil, geranium oil, or eucalyptus oil

South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.
Friday, September 11, 2026
&
Saturday, September 12, 2026



**Canine Good Citizen
and Trick Dog Evaluations**

**Canine Good Citizen
CGC, CGCA**

**Trick Dog Evaluations
Novice, Intermediate, Advanced**

Entry Fee - \$25.00 per dog per entry. Checks should be made payable to South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.

AKC Certified Evaluator: Susan Davis Shaw, Davisdane@comcast.net

Testing will take place from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon on Friday and Saturday in Ring 10.

Check in at the Rally Ring. Please bring any special equipment that you may need for Trick Dog.

For those who aren't familiar with CGC (Canine Good Citizen). Most well behaved, reasonably obedient dogs will pass. Fact is, it looks really good with your insurance company! To earn a CGC title, your dog needs to:



Canine Good Citizen Test Items

Accepting a friendly stranger

Evaluator approaches and pretends to shake hands with handler (hands 6–12 inches apart). Evaluator does not touch dog.

Sitting politely for petting

Evaluator pets dog; dog must show no shyness or resentment.

Appearance and grooming

Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears and each front foot.

Out for a walk

Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.

Walking through a crowd

Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show casual interest but not jump up.

Sit and down on cue / Staying in place

Handler shows that dog can do both sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft. line, and returns immediately.

Coming when called

With dog still on 20 ft. line from Test 6, handler walks out 10 ft. and calls the dog.

Reaction to another dog

Two handlers and dogs approach, pretend to shake hands (hands 6–12 inches apart), exchange pleasantries, then move on.

Reaction to distractions

Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.

Supervised separation

Handler goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Dog is held on a 6 ft. leash by an evaluator.



Memorandum

Subject: New AKC Policy and Disciplinary Updates Focus on Dog Safety

Date: July 16, 2026

At its July 2026 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved a new policy and related disciplinary changes to strengthen protections for dogs at AKC events.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of dogs are at the heart of everything AKC does. In recent months, several incidents involving dogs left unattended in vehicles have resulted in dangerous situations and, in some cases, tragic outcomes. As temperatures rise and these risks increase, the Board determined that additional safeguards are necessary to help prevent future incidents and reinforce the shared responsibility of exhibitors, handlers, and owners to ensure every dog's safety.

Effective immediately, AKC's new Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy prohibits leaving dogs unattended in vehicles that are fully enclosed or do not have adequate ventilation and airflow. Simply having fans, air conditioning, temperature monitors, remote alerts, or other electronic devices does not, by themselves, make a vehicle safe for an unattended dog. Owners and handlers are responsible for ensuring dogs are kept in conditions that protect them from heat-related illness, distress, injury, or death.

Violating this policy is considered conduct prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, the sport of purebred dogs, and the American Kennel Club and may result in disciplinary action under the AKC Charter and Bylaws.

The Board also approved two related changes to support the new policy. Effective July 29, 2026, the Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events guidelines will require an Event Committee hearing whenever a dog is seriously injured or dies in connection with an AKC event, not just when a vehicle is involved. This process allows the committee to review sworn testimony, determine the facts, and ensure these incidents are handled fairly and consistently at events across the country.

The AKC Discipline Guidelines have also been updated to include a new disciplinary offense and penalty structure for violations of the Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy. Depending on the severity of the violation and the circumstances involved, penalties may range from a one-year suspension and monetary fines to a lifetime suspension and fines of up to \$10,000.

These changes reinforce AKC's commitment to providing a safe environment for dogs and promoting responsible stewardship at every AKC event.

For more information on this policy contact: Compliancediv@akc.org

Frequently Asked Questions: AKC Unattended

Dogs in Vehicles Policy



Why did the AKC adopt this new policy?

Following several recent incidents involving dogs left unattended in vehicles, including situations that resulted in serious injury and death, the AKC Board of Directors determined that stronger safeguards were necessary to help prevent future tragedies and reinforce the shared responsibility of exhibitors, handlers, and owners to protect dogs at AKC events.

What does the new Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy require?

Effective immediately, the policy prohibits leaving a dog unattended in a vehicle that is fully enclosed or does not have adequate ventilation and airflow.

What is considered a vehicle under this policy?

For purposes of this policy, a vehicle includes any enclosed or partially enclosed motorized conveyance used to transport dogs, including passenger cars, SUVs, pickup trucks, vans, minivans, commercial vehicles, trailers being used to house dogs, motorhomes, recreational vehicles (RVs), and similar vehicles. Regardless of the type of vehicle, owners and handlers are responsible for ensuring dogs are not left unattended in conditions that could compromise their safety or wellbeing.

Are fans, air conditioning, temperature monitors, or remote alert systems enough to comply with the policy?

These are all valuable precautions and can play an important role in helping maintain a safe environment for dogs. However, they should not be the only precautions relied upon. Fans, air conditioning, temperature monitors, remote alert systems, and other electronic devices do not, by themselves, make a vehicle safe for an unattended dog. Owners and handlers remain responsible for ensuring dogs are kept in conditions that protect

them from heat-related illness, distress, injury, or death.

Vehicles should be checked regularly to verify that cooling systems are functioning properly and ventilation is sufficient so that the dogs remain safe and in good condition.

Is the AKC advising that I leave my vehicle unlocked?

No. The AKC is not advising exhibitors, handlers, or owners to leave their vehicles unlocked. The policy does not prescribe how a vehicle should be secured. Rather, it requires that dogs not be left unattended in conditions that could compromise their health or wellbeing. Owners and handlers remain responsible for taking all appropriate precautions to ensure the safety of both their dogs and their vehicles.

Who is responsible for complying with the policy?

Every owner and handler is responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of any dog in their care while attending any AKC event.

When does the new policy take effect?

The Unattended Dogs in Vehicles Policy is effective immediately.

What happens if someone violates the policy?

Violating the policy is considered conduct prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, the sport of purebred dogs, and the American Kennel Club. Violations may result in disciplinary action under the AKC Charter and Bylaws.

What disciplinary penalties may apply?

The AKC Discipline Guidelines now include a specific offense and penalty structure for violations of the policy. Depending on the severity of the violation and the circumstances involved, penalties may range from a one-year suspension and monetary fines to a lifetime suspension and fines of up to \$10,000.

Why is the AKC adopting this policy when many states already have laws regarding dogs left in vehicles?

State laws vary significantly in how they address dogs left unattended in vehicles, including when intervention is permitted and what constitutes a violation. As the governing body for dog sports, the AKC has a responsibility to establish consistent standards of conduct that apply to all participants, regardless of where an event is held. This policy establishes a clear, uniform standard for exhibitors, handlers, and owners and provides the framework for consistent enforcement through the AKC Discipline Guidelines. It is intended to complement, not replace, applicable state and local laws, and all participants are expected to comply with both.

Will previously resolved disciplinary matters be reopened under this new policy?

No. Disciplinary matters that have already been investigated and resolved under the applicable AKC Rules, Policies, and Discipline Guidelines in effect at the time of the incident will not be reopened.

Does this policy apply only to hot weather?

No. While hot weather significantly increases the risk to dogs, the policy is based on providing safe conditions for dogs at all times. Owners and handlers are responsible for ensuring dogs are not left unattended in conditions that could compromise their health, safety, or wellbeing

What other changes did the Board approve?

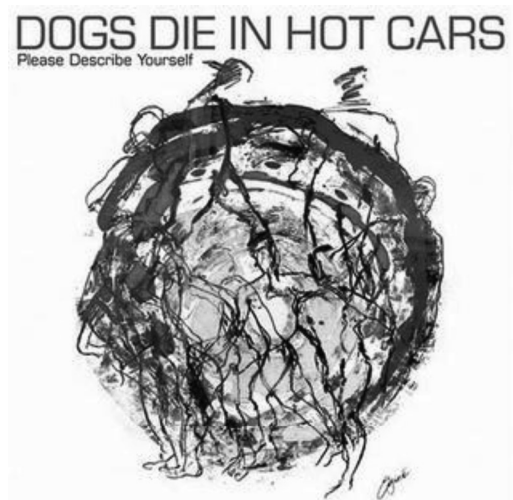
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What is the purpose of requiring an Event Committee hearing?

An Event Committee hearing allows the committee to receive sworn testimony, review the facts surrounding an incident, and ensure cases are handled fairly, consistently, and in accordance with AKC rules.

What is the overall goal of these changes?

These updates strengthen the AKC's commitment to protecting the health, safety, and wellbeing of dogs while promoting responsible stewardship and consistent enforcement at every AKC event.



Car Restraints

Submitted by Betty Lewis

As I do my daily errands, I've seen more than a few open windows in cars. And, what do I see sticking out of those windows? Dogs' heads! Ugh! I think it's time to talk about proper restraints for animals when riding in cars.

First, consider the legality of driving with a loose pet in the car. Some states require that pets be restrained. When I was in New England, I discovered that my state of New Hampshire, the "Live Free or Die" state, where motorcyclists are not even required to wear helmets, has such a law! Maybe your state does, too.

Next, though, it's all about safety: safety for you, for your pets, and for the other people on the road. A loose animal can become a flying missile should you have to brake suddenly. The Automobile Association of America (AAA) estimates that a 10 pound dog becomes 500 pounds of pressure against the windshield in a car moving 50mph! Wow!

A free-roaming animal in your car, especially cats, seem to seek out the area under your feet, interfering with the gas and brake pedals. The heat vent is right there, an invitation to disaster. This isn't an issue for a Great Dane, but I've seen a lot of Danes riding with their heads resting on the driver's shoulder. This doesn't seem like a good idea to me.

Dogs who ride with their heads out the window are particularly vulnerable to injury. Didn't your parents tell you to keep your hands inside the car when the car is moving? It's for a good reason! And, your hands don't even have eyes, noses, and mouths! Injuries to eyes are extremely common when dogs are allowed to indulge in this behavior.

In addition, in the event of an accident, a loose animal is very likely to exit the vehicle, either because she is thrown out during the accident, or when someone opens the door to help. A

panicked animal, especially on the highway, is most certainly lost, but also very likely to be hurt or killed by traffic.

There are a lot of articles on the reasons to restrain pets in cars. I found no less than six of them in the "Whole Dog Journal" (WDJ) <http://www.whole-dog-journal.com>. If you don't have a subscription, I recommend that you get one. Once a subscriber, you have online access to past issues.



Some of the WDJ articles go into depth about the topics I've touched on above. Others focus on methods of restraint from crates to seatbelts. I can't go into the depth they did in the magazine, but I will touch on a few key points.

Crates

If you have a small enough animal, or a big enough vehicle, crates are, in my opinion, the best all-around way to restrain a pet. The question, when looking for a crate for a car is: plastic or wire? From a safety standpoint, I think plastic is probably the best. This is why airlines use them. Here is one very rugged choice <https://www.rufflandkennels.com/>

The disadvantages to a plastic crate are that some dogs don't like them, they can be too hot in summer, and the solid walls make it difficult for you to take a quick look, and access your pet's comfort while you're driving. A sturdy wire crate overcomes these issues but can be a source of injury in a crash.

In both cases, your pet must be acclimated to the crate before putting him into it in the car. I am hoping that all of your dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, and other small pets are already used to being confined in crates in your houses. :}

Seatbelts

The alternative to using a crate is some kind of harness/seatbelt combination. I have never used this option, but I know that a lot of people do. Cats and smaller pets must still be confined to crates.

Here are some qualities to look for in a dog seatbelt.

Sturdy material

Support panel across the chest

Reinforced stitching

Custom fit adjustments

Easy on/Comfortable

Attachment to car seat belt mechanism

The "Roadie" from <http://www.ruffrider.com> seems to meet the conditions I set forth above.

Other Safety Considerations

Your pets should, ideally, ride in the back seat. The seat most vulnerable to injury is the passenger seat in the front. If your pet must ride in the passenger seat, the front airbag should be disabled. Some newer cars have a button which disables the airbag, and in other cars, the airbag is automatically disabled if the weight on the seat doesn't exceed some threshold. Look in your car manual for this information or call your dealer.

Finally, I looked up "car seats for dogs" on the internet, and I found quite a few of them. Some even seemed to have harnesses inside of them to keep the dog in the seat, but none that I read about met the criteria I have listed above.

To make sure my assessment was correct, I called Ruff Rider, the company which makes the Roadie, and spoke to Carl Goldberg, the inventor. He confirmed my suspicion that every car seat is made only for the purpose of allowing the dog to see out the window, something in my opinion, which is not necessary, and maybe detrimental. He said that safety is not a consideration in the manufacture of any of them. So, don't waste your money on this type of product.

Further, he agreed with me that the passenger seat is not safe for a dog, but if he must ride in the front seat, to use a Roadie, and have the dog sit on a pillow or soft dog bed instead of any kind of car seat arrangement. This makes the dog sit lower in the car, and less capable of reaching the windshield or dashboard in the event of sudden braking.

This article targets keeping pets restrained while in a car. It goes without saying that in extreme temperatures there are times when pets should stay home. Please use common sense when it comes to making the decision to have your pets accompany you in the car.



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WORD	Rearrange the letters
DORMITORY	DIRTY ROOM
PRESBYTERIAN	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER	MOON STARER
DESPERATION	A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES	THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH	HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE	HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES	CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY	IS NO AMITY
ELECTION RESULTS	LIES LET'S RECOUNT
MOTHER-IN-LAW	WOMAN HITLER
SNOOZE ALARMS	ALAS NO MORE Z'S
A DECIMAL POINT	IM A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES	THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO	TWELVE PLUS ONE

Brain Teaser #2:

Fill in the middle word. This word should correspond with the first and last word.

- 1) Street _____ Jack
- 2) Bird _____ Bed
- 3) Shopping _____ Lady
- 4) Orange _____ Stump
- 5) Stamp _____ Lock
- 6) Wet _____ Fill
- 7) Air _____ Pad
- 8) Pocket _____ Keeper
- 9) Life _____ Company
- 10) Wish _____ Fragment



Brain Teaser #3:

You can ask this question all day long and get completely different answers, yet all the answers will be correct. What is the question?

Answers to Betty's Brain Teasers

Brain Teaser #1 Answer:

White. The only place you can hike 3 miles south, then east for 3 miles, then north for 3 miles and end up back at your starting point is the North Pole. There are only polar bears at the North Pole, and they are white!

Brain Teaser #2 Answer:

- 1) Car
- 2) Feather
- 3) Bag
- 4) Tree
- 5) Pad
- 6) Land
- 7) Mattress
- 8) Book
- 9) Insurance
- 10) Bone

Brain Teaser #3 Answer:

What time is it?



Deadline for Next Issue

October 31, 2026 is the deadline for the Holiday Issue. Please send your Holiday pictures from any year just let me know who the dog is in the photo.

