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From the ICAW President

Greetings to everyone!

How is everybody doing? Around here we are on the go as spring has arrived! We currently have a few litters on the ground. Our main focus is still raising quality red and white bulldogs, although we have a few colored-color carriers which is always exciting to see the variety of color each litter has.

So what's going on with ICAW...as most of you know, ICAW has grown dramatically in the last few years. This is absolutely awesome! So a few years ago we could have our seminar at the Antique Building in Shipshewana or at Dinkies in Daviess County. These could be rented at a very reasonable rate, but as ICAW grew it seemed these buildings began to shrink. ☺ We needed bigger buildings! So our first step was to the Fort Wayne Coliseum and then on to the MEC in Shipshewana, which was the nicest place we ever had for the seminar. But regretfully, this NICE place came with a PRICE that was not so nice and it just didn't make sense to the ICAW board. So as you can see, ICAW is having slight growing pains which is a GREAT problem to have in this situation!

With help from the board and our seminar committee, we have found a new location to have our 2019 seminar. It will be at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen and the date is September 19th, 20th, and 21st. I am extremely excited about this and am hoping everyone will be able to attend! Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Northern Chapter KMA crash course. USDA, BOAH, and 3 veterinarians were there along with every KMA member from all 3 teams. I found this evening to be very beneficial and exciting. I treasure these moments that we can work side by side with USDA and BOAH and keep building these relationships with them. It's simply priceless. I can see without a doubt KMA is one of ICAW's most valuable asset. It's simply a group of people trying to help other people do a better job in managing our kennels, etc. Better yet, these people are voted in by you guys as ICAW members! I strongly encourage everyone to participate to the fullest although this is an absolute voluntary program and it's your choice.

If you have any questions on this, please call your KMA chair or your chapter president. I want to take a moment and thank everyone for being a part and participating in ICAW. The more I get involved the more I realize that most of us professional dog breeders would not be doing what we are doing today if it were not for a few keen minded individuals that got their heads together and started a great organization called ICAW back in 2009. Many thanks to each and every one of you! I always have to remind myself that everything I do today can impact my tomorrow whether it be good or bad. So let's keep putting our best foot forward and keep raising the happiest, healthiest, and best quality puppies we possibly can!

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a WORD from the East Central chapter



Greetings from east central Indiana!

I hope everyone is doing well. Around here everyone is busy and doing fine.

For April and May, we have a lot of puppies. We retail most of our puppies, which is a lot of work, but we enjoy doing it.

In March the KMA team along with a few of us other people in Wayne County were up in Berne, Indiana doing some kennel visits. Then there was a meeting in the evening with the Adams County people about their new ordinance coming into effect. I think with some changes and cooperation from everyone things can still continue and go on.

Our February chapter meeting turned out different than we had expected with our speaker cancelling last minute. We still had a good meeting with some interesting topics discussed.

Sincerely,

Paul King

EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER 2019 AGENDA

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Hip Dysplasia (Optional)

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OFA Evaluation

Autoimmune thyroiditis (Optional)

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Cardiac Evaluation (One of the following)

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a **WORD** from the Allen County chapter



Hello, greetings to everyone,

Just a few lines from the Allen County chapter. I think spring is finally here! Can't wait for summer. By the time this reaches you, our spring meeting will be over. We are voting on another KMA board member, then we will have a full board finally in our chapter. We would like to start quarterly meetings with our community, but as we all know farming is about to begin for another season, so I'm not sure how that will work. John Schmucker asked me to write a few lines, so I hope this works. 😊

Wish everyone the best,

James and Malinda Hilty

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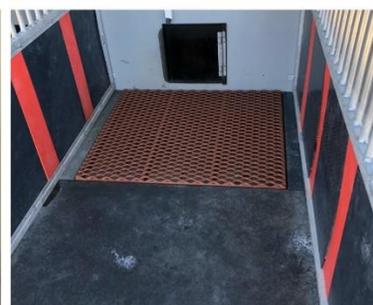
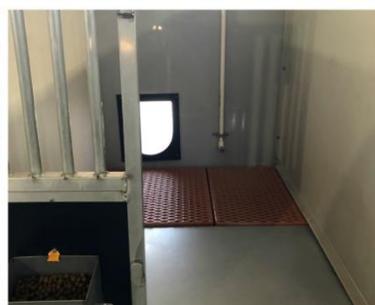


BREEDER Spotlight

JOHN & LEONA TROYER

Greetings from J-L Kennels! We are John and Leona Troyer, with 5 helpful children: Julie (19), Katy (15), Josiah (12), Ben (10), and Olivia (9). We as a family have been blessed beyond measure in lots of ways, but we see lots of blessing coming from our puppy business. When asked to do a featured kennel, I thought, "No way!". But isn't that the way human nature works. So I thought, "Well, I like to read this article when others do it", so I will try and put some thoughts on paper. We have been in the kennel industry for almost 19 years now. Wow, where does all the time go? And more importantly, what have I done with this time? We got our first dogs (2 Jack Russel females) as payment when John helped a neighbor get some horses ready for a sale. We also bought two poodle females when we went to the Wolf Lake Swap meet in the year 2000. We currently have 45 adults in our kennel (Rottweilers, Golden Retrievers, a couple Boxers, Shih Tzus, Havanese, Cavaliers, and Poodles) and sell 85% of our puppies retail. It's a lot of work, but very rewarding also. We really love the excitement of finding new homes for all of our puppies. Meeting the customer is always a great experience and it teaches us a lot about what people are looking for in a new little puppy.

We have had a couple kennels in the past – double stack wire floor kennels – but always continued to improve our set up and I think that will continue as long as we want to be successful in this business. We are looking at making some improvements in our exercise yard this spring. We built a new kennel in 2014. It's 20x90 with 12 large breed runs and 20 small breed runs. We have no special whelping area, but heated plates in the small breed side and in-floor heat for the large breed side. The floor heat and bigger area in our kennel has made a big difference for us that all the children can be involved with the chores and socialization in the kennel. Some days we will find the children laying in the pen with the puppies, other days they will open a pen and run with the puppies through the kennel and of course now that it's spring time they also take the puppies outside in the yard. It's important to keep the kennel clean and it needs to smell clean for the public.



Some of the things we have learned on our journey is always do the right thing for your dog. This is not always easy from the financial point of view, but it is a must for survival for this industry. Also, a good socializing system is a must for every successful kennel. We use the bio-sensor program. We don't want to have a customer drive 3 hours to see a puppy, then the puppy is scared of strangers. So it is our goal to be on top of all these things along with making sure we have quality breeding stock – OFA certified parents really helps the customer to be confident that they are receiving a good genetically sound puppy.

Things we have picked up over the years:

1. Always – and I mean always – do your research when buying or keeping back breeding stock.
2. Tell your story whenever you can. By this, I mean to your buyers if you sell retail. Retailing your puppies is another whole article in itself. If you are thinking about retailing your puppies, please educate yourself about your breeds as this is not just about getting more for your puppies, but more importantly about how you make your customers feel. It also opens your kennel to the public. So my advice is do it right. But retailing has also helped us form friends that are priceless!

Now on to the nutrition side and protocols of J-L. We feed Tuffy's Gold, NutriSource, Royal Canin – it depends on the stage of the dog or puppy. For worming and vaccinating, we go by what our vet recommends. Vaccination and dewormers need to be precise and continued until the puppy goes to the new home, even if the puppy is 4 months old. We use Dr. Hilary Christner at LaGrange Vet for most vet related stuff. But we also use King Animal Clinic of Topeka for stuff that needs immediate assistance, since they are only 2 miles away. And King Animal Clinic of LaGrange for all our puppy checks. Well I think I better wrap this up. My heart is filled with gratitude for all the help we have received on this awesome journey. Keep it up every body! If you are just starting or thinking of starting, please ask. There are a lot of people who would gladly help you. So that you don't have to make the same mistakes they did.

God Bless,

John and Leona Troyer

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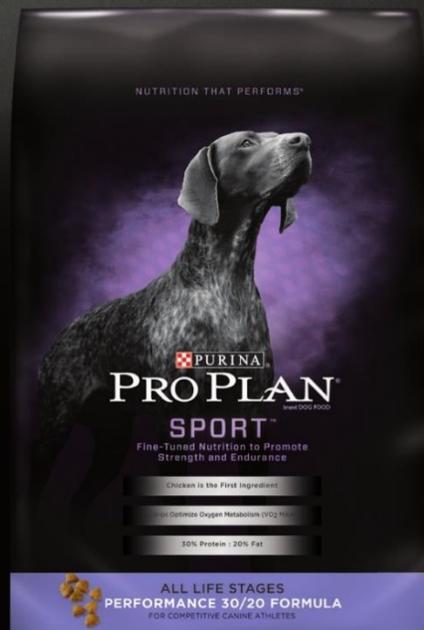
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Thoughts

from our

Past President

Greetings across the state!

There's one thing that we constantly keep hearing in the dog industry, and that is how important it is to be a good light in the industry and work on leaving a good impression to the public. In a different form it also has been called "raising the bar".

Before we continue here, I want to sincerely thank everyone for their hard work and dedication that a lot of you have put into "raising the bar". You have gone way out and beyond from the actual standards. By doing that you are gaining a tremendous amount of respect from the public. Whether you are aware of this or not, you are the ones that will have a long, bright future in raising dogs. Thank you!

Public Image

But like the saying goes, even though we are way ahead, out and beyond, we dare not stop. The minute we stop, we are going to lose. Choosing this rewarding occupation of raising dogs is making us be involved in an industry that is constantly changing. The public image is changing. It is changing fast. We cannot control that. The only way we are going to stay in business is to provide the public with what they want. Again, it is the only way. We have to be open-minded. Open to accepting changes that our end consumer is requiring of us. If our minds are closed to accepting changes that the public wants of us, we are putting our own death sentence on us. We will not have a future in raising dogs. Again, we cannot control what the public wants, but we can control by making sure we give them what they want.

So what does the public want?

What is the public image requiring of us? We talked about how the public image is changing. What changes are coming? First of all, this article is not being written to offend someone, not at all. It is being written in hopes that it will help someone. Some of these changes that we're going to talk about might sound a little harsh, but that is not the intentions at all. These are changes we see coming, by talking and communicating with our lawmakers, our legislators, and different leaders throughout the public community and industry.

Things that worked well for us in the past will no longer work in the future. Why?? Because the public image is changing. We cannot control that. Operating out of a kennel that has wire cages, wire flooring, pens on top of each other, does not have inside-outside access for the dogs, is dingy, crowded, poor ventilation, no curb appeal are bygone days. The list could go on and on.

Also, we can have the nicest kennel in the country and operating in good standards, but if we have poor quality breeding stock in that kennel, we are in just as bad shape as the person with the worst kennel. If you are operating illegally, no matter how good you are at being two-faced, and it has worked and you have gotten away with it for years, your days are numbered. It is not a matter of will you get caught. It is a matter of *when*. I realize that all of the above does not sound very encouraging, but again it is being written in hopes that it will help someone. The intention of this topic was to help see what the public wants and does not want. So, we touched on what will no longer work for the future, let's talk about something that's more encouraging about what our end consumer wants. The industry that we are in changes so fast that this could be outdated by the time this gets in print; well, maybe not quite so fast. 😊 But I don't think there's another industry that changes so fast than the canine industry.

Again, if we choose this occupation, we need to commit ourselves to that. We cannot control that it changes so fast. The saying, "A dog is a man's best friend" is becoming more realistic today than it ever was. The public is looking more and more at a dog as a human being. It is important to keep in mind, this puppy you are raising to sell, will most likely live in somebody's house, sleep in their bed, eat off their table. It will most likely have clothes to wear, have multiple toys to play with, and might even have its own room. It will probably be enrolled in obedience school, will travel with them wherever they go, will do whatever they do. It will be treated like a human being. And last but not least, here's what I like to remember and keep as top priority: this puppy will most likely become a close family member to its owner.

We need to keep this in mind all the time: when we are choosing our breeding stock, socializing our dogs and puppies, making sure our facility is a clean, healthy environment for our dogs (even in what we feed our dogs), making sure our female dogs are being taken care of properly when pregnant. All these things and more will affect the life and health of a puppy. Again, keep in mind that this puppy will most likely become a close family member to someone; and what will happen if this puppy gets diagnosed or dies at a young age with bad joints, or a disease because of poor health quality. It will affect your business.

Our end consumer is expecting a puppy that comes from OFA certified, genetic health tested parents. He's expecting that puppy to come from a well-kept facility; he's expecting it to be disease free, and also seen and checked by a vet, provided with proper health papers. He's expecting to see the parents of his puppy and the parents to be well treated, socialized, leash trained, inside-outside access, turned out in a play yard. The public is not wanting to see our adults in wire cages, or wire flooring, crowded pens. They expect them to be in an environment that we need not be embarrassed to show them. The list goes on and on. I also want to make it clear that we don't need a big, fancy kennel to be able to have a future in raising dogs. Even if we have a small kennel with just a couple dogs, we can be doing just as good a job. How?? If you socialize your dogs, do basic training, turn them out in a play yard, have a nice, healthy environment for the dogs, etc. Also have your dogs exposed to enrichment, you are one of the above and beyond! You are doing a good job!

You reap what you sow

If we do everything that the public is expecting of us, it will do nothing but tremendously help our business. My own experience has been (and I'm not where I can say I'm doing all of the above) it has been unbelievable the amount of money

people will pay for a puppy that comes from a kennel/environment that is striving to provide the public with what they want. I usually like to think the more we put into our dogs, the more of a return we will get.

Looking back over this article, I hope I didn't come across as too discouraging - that was not the purpose. It was written in hopes that it would inspire somebody. The industry that we are in is an industry that one of us alone cannot handle.

The animal rights people will not give up! We had an experience here in the state a couple of months ago that in turn gave us some inside info from the AR people. They are trying harder than ever to put us breeders out of business. It is a fact. We are on their top priority list. It is more important than ever that we take a stand and do everything we can to improve the public image. It will take only one bad experience and everything that we've worked so hard for will go down the drain. I have full confidence that if we provide the public with everything that they are expecting, we will win. But it will take every one of us doing the best we can. If we all pull together in the same direction, we will be one powerful organization. We are only as strong as our weakest link...

MVP's

Who are the most important people in the industry?? Is it our powerful leaders from USDA? Is it our dear friends from BOAH?

Is it our chapter presidents who put in countless hours behind the scenes for their chapter and breeders? Is it our KMA, who are warriors out in the field, working together, educating our breeders? Or is it the breeders who invested a lot of time and money into their kennel and are doing everything the public image wants of them? I believe the most important persons in the industry are the ones just starting to raise dogs. Whether you are starting out with two dogs or lots of dogs, whether you have a small kennel or a big fancy kennel you are the most valuable person in the industry. We need you. The first thing you need to do that will bring the most value to your business is the future is reach out to your chapter president, your KMA team. They are just waiting and will be more than happy to educate you in the right direction. Remember, we all need to pull together, speak in one voice. United we stand, divided we fall...

It is time I close off here. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual ICAW seminar coming up in Sept. 20th and 21st. It will be a week earlier this year due to changing of location. Go to page 9 for more details. We also hope to have the itinerary and lots more details in the next newsletter. Wishing you the best...

~Stephen Stoltzfus

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Setting Puppies and Dogs Up for Success: Designing Kennels with Behavior and Welfare Considerations in Mind

By Dr. Candace Croney, Ph.D., & Traci Shreyer, M.A.

(Taken from akc.org and edited for space reasons)

The environment in which a dog or puppy is raised will have significant impacts on virtually every aspect of his or her life. The quality of the kennel environment can affect a dog's physical health, comfort, and safety.

A kennel that is aesthetically pleasing to people but does not adequately meet the dogs' needs is a poor investment of resources that can create or worsen unnecessary stress for dogs and their caretakers.

The Influence of Kennel Design

An improperly designed kennel can also be costly, creating conditions that are conducive to dog and human illness or injury as well as those that are difficult for caretakers to manage or function ineffectively. A poorly ventilated kennel, for instance, can make it difficult to keep ammonia levels low, contributing to upper respiratory problems for dogs and puppies (as well as people) and can lead to increased disease transmission between the animals.

How a kennel is designed and what features it offers can also critically influence learning and behavior in dogs and puppies. This, in turn, impacts how well they do in their current and future environments. Ensuring that a kennel is designed to set dogs and puppies up for success both within and outside of that environment requires understanding that good animal welfare includes more than the basic food, water, and shelter needed for biological functioning. Finding ways to also meet the dog's behavioral and psychological needs is essential.

All kennels should be built to meet applicable state and federal requirements.

However, several additional factors should be considered when planning a new kennel or thinking about how to modify an existing facility:

1. The breeds and sizes of the dogs to be housed and cared for
2. The type of kennel to be constructed — indoor, outdoor or indoor/outdoor
3. Special needs and uses (e.g., exam rooms, quarantine areas, whelping areas)
4. Construction design and materials to ensure the physical safety of dogs, compliance with relevant state and federal requirements, and to optimize the usability of the space by both people and animals
5. Accommodations for dog behavior that help to set dogs and puppies up for success while they live in the kennel and in their future homes

Discussing all these factors in-depth is not possible here. The concept of designing animal facilities to accommodate behavior is an emerging challenge for everyone who houses and manages animals and is particularly important for dogs, who are intended to produce or themselves serve as lifelong companions and "good citizens" in their homes and communities. For these reasons, we focus on key areas in which the behavioral needs and welfare of dogs can be incorporated into kennel design.

Effective Space Use

Here are some tips for incorporating effective space use and outdoor access:

- Incorporate separate areas for nesting and elimination so that pups can practice being clean and prepare them for successful housetraining
- Include enough pen space in designs to accommodate social housing
- Consider the location of drains and layout design to facilitate ease in providing enrichment, and prevent problems when adding items such as toys and chews to the pen
- Create spaces for physical exercise and safe social contact/play within friendly dog groups; consider size, breed-specific behaviors, and individual dog preferences
- Designs that include indoor and outdoor options allow for variation and opportunities even in inclement weather
- Utilize gates and alleyways to promote efficiency and ease for handlers when moving dogs between the home pen and these areas
- Avoid creating high arousal and frustration by positioning exercise yards directly adjacent to dogs confined in home pens



Building in Enrichment

Environmental enrichment is the provision of accommodation or enhancement to the kennel that improves the quality of animal care in various ways. Effective enrichment can help to increase the number and types of normal behaviors dogs show, reduce abnormal behaviors, increase their use of the space given to them, and help them to cope with stress. In fact, a major way in which enrichment helps dogs to cope is by giving them the opportunity to have some control over aspects of their environment.

Introducing enrichment into kennel design typically involves altering both the quality and complexity of the dog's living space. Many breeders will be familiar with providing toys as one of the most common forms of enrichment for dogs and puppies. Providing suitable, well-maintained beds can also be enriching as not only may these help to keep dogs and puppies comfortable and dry, they can provide an opportunity to hide or elevate as well as view the environment from a different perspective. Portable exercise pens or the addition of more permanent puppy playpens/yards built into safe areas of the kennel environment promote socialization of pups by exposing them to objects and surfaces outside their home pen. Remember — gentle exposure in many locations is critical for success. Besides adding items to existing structures, the kennel itself can be designed to be more enriching to the dogs. This type of enrichment provides the additional benefit of improved socialization to common items, surfaces, and experiences found in household environments.

These items not only better prepare pups for their new homes, but they also can be helpful in preparing retiring breeding dogs to transition successfully to new homes. Additionally, built-in "furnishings" create a scenario where dogs can experience these items "automatically" without the need for direct breeder interaction to produce the benefits.



THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Greetings from the Emergency Response Team,

While it is the first of March, the weather feels more like January. We are anxiously looking forward to the warmer sunshine of spring! With spring on the way, we have some exciting news to share! We had originally hoped to have the kennel tour on a legislative level completed in the winter months. Several months ago, we visited the police and fire stations, and our county building in Elkhart and Goshen, stopping to talk with various officials. We handed out our ER brochures and talked about ICAW.

Finally, after weeks of reaching out and trying (and trying!) to touch base with our county commissioners, we were able to contact Mike Yoder. He is very excited about a kennel tour and acknowledged a need for the county officials to see a professional breeding facility. He encouraged us to wait for warmer weather, preferably May or June and he offered to help us organize the tour. We look forward to this event and now we need volunteers! Please contact us at 574-862-1075 if you would like to be part of the kennel tour.

I think it will be a wonderful opportunity to build a positive relationship with our county officials and the chance to show them that we are breeders who love and care for our animals! We have been invited to attend a safety and disaster meeting; Volunteers/Community Organizations Active in Disasters, scheduled for April 25th in Elkhart. Since we have several other events planned that week, we have not yet decided if we will attend. Walking into county buildings, police stations, and fire stations, handing out brochures, and explaining the reasons for ICAW has pushed us out of our comfort zone. It is easy to sit back and think that others, with more experience and better words, can talk to these people that work on the legislative level. We have discovered though, that they are people, real people, just like us. Most of them share our love for dogs and puppies. They are polite and kind, helpful and willing to share their time with ICAW. We cannot be grateful enough for those people who recognize our dedication to the industry and are willing to help us so we can keep doing what we love.

Since this magazine arrives in the homes of experienced dog breeders this will be the perfect place to ask a question! Does anyone have any advice on the best kind of dog beds to use? Our dachshunds ancestors were bred to hunt badgers in Germany many years ago. I do think every night they dream of digging badgers out of their burrows and shred their beds into piles of stuffing! We have tried several different options; the "real" beds with a frame several inches high with a cover stretched across (they dig at the corners till it tears), and the crate mats which they can shred in a matter of minutes! Our dogs get several hours of exercise every day, they have numerous different toys to play with in their pen, and still they seem to find their bed the best thing to chew on! Any advice would be appreciated!

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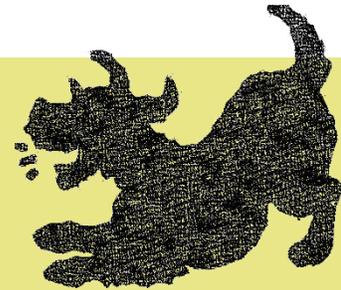
Spring chapter meeting - April or May

OFA Health Clinic - Heart, Eyes, Knees, Hips & Elbows
Dr. Wendy Townsend and Dr. Brandon Sinn

Fall Chapter Meeting - November
This will be annual elections (KMA only this year)



a **WORD** from the Southern chapter



Greetings to all in the Savior's name,

Here in southern Indiana we are all looking forward to springtime after a wet, chilly winter. The grass is just starting to turn green and the birds are starting to come back for the summer.

We are working with AKC on getting another OFA clinic planned this summer with Dr. Brandon Sinn doing hearts, knees, hips, and elbows, and also Dr. Wendy Townsend doing the eyes.

We are also working on getting our spring chapter meeting planned, waiting on a date from the speakers to finalize those plans. The KMA has started their evaluations. I am thankful for the guys taking time out of their busy schedules to make their rounds. The crash course with USDA is planned for April 23rd here at our kennel. The date has been changed a couple times, trying to get it to suit everybody.

Wishing everyone the best,

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Northern Chapter Spring Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2019

Time: 5:45pm

Facilitator: Devon Troyer

Devon T. welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Silent prayer and supper.

Devon announced upcoming events:

- Purdue - meeting at West Lafayette June 8, 2019
- OFA Clinic - May 22 and 23

USDA updates:

1. Potable water 2x a day for one hour
2. Physicals on all adult dogs at least once a year

- Annual northern chapter picnic June 18th at Riverbend Park Middlebury, In.

Supper sponsors were Midwest Farm and Pet, Straightline Enterprises, Family of Puppies, Happiness is Pets, Chicken Soup for the Soul.

Darrin Miller had a couple updates to announce:

- ICAW Seminar date was changed to September 20th and 21st - location to Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen.
- Reminded the people to renew their ICAW memberships
- Chapter meetings should be self supporting if possible. Sponsorship did not quite cover it so collection buckets were passed

Devon T. introduced the Sheriffs

- Jeff Siegel (Elkhart County)
- Max Weber (Noble County)

They each had a few words, thanked us for what we do! They support us and will stand behind us. Get to know them.

John Troyer thanked the sheriffs for coming and made a few comments. Introduced John Bolens as the last man standing with common sense.

Craig Curry thanked everyone for coming, said he never dreamed 12 years ago that ICAW would grow and become what it is today. Talked on getting to know John Bolens and the courage it took to make the changes John made.

John Bolens

- talked about his growing up years and the evolving of his jobs in law enforcement and coming to the realization that he was helping the animal rights extremists operate illegally.
- he is now on a mission and that is correcting the wrongs he did

The following are some of the points and precautions he talked about, including:

- he would like to see the "puppies for sale" signs go
- purple fence posts or trees every 100ft means no trespassing
- things you can see from the road are not protected
- if you are abusing animals, you are breaking the law

The following are his notes:

1. Create a clear customer area. Fencing and clearly marked parking
 - Post signs stating no customers beyond this point
 - Post signs stating no photography
 - Cite pet health and customer safety as a reason
2. When receiving phone calls
 - Don't discuss numbers of animals on premises
 - Don't discuss specifics about where you regularly sell your animals
 - Be brief in all answers
 - When in doubt, don't answer questions
 - Ask for caller's full name and return phone number and where they are calling from
3. If someone shows up at property claiming to be a customer
 - Ask to see identification, cell phone number and make appointment for a different date
 - Take note of vehicle they are driving
 - Are there other people with them?
 - If others are with them, are they wandering around the property?
 - If possible try to obtain license plate information
 - Watch for any hidden recording devices
4. If someone from AR organization comes to property
 - Ask them for identification, are they law enforcement?
 - Ask them what office they work out of including address and phone number
 - Ask them the specific reason(s) for visit
 - If they request to inspect the property or animals, DO NOT allow
 - Request to see search warrant if they persist
 - Ask them to leave if they do not have a search warrant
 - If they are not law enforcement, contact local sheriff's dept to make official record of visit.

Devon T. mentioned the importance of making sure you know who you are supporting. Talked on the brucellosis in Wayne County and the importance of doing your testing.

Thanked Craig Curry and John Bolens for coming and the ICAW board and all who helped for their hard work.

Door prizes were handed out

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

a **WORD** from the Northern chapter



Hello to all from the Northern Chapter,

Wonder how this finds everyone? Here we are busy like usual. Grass is starting to turn green and the spring flowers are getting ready to bloom. We are looking forward to the warm sunny evening sitting around the campfire; it's something we as a family enjoy.

In February, we had our re-election meeting. Along with the re—elections it was talked about the NICL (Northern Indiana Canine Loss) program. It's similar to the program they have for horses. It's something that's been talked about for a couple of years already and only in its grass roots.

One March 25th, we had our KMA crash course with 34 people attending, 5 from USDA, 3 from BOAH, 3 vets from different clinics, ICAW board, the 3 KMA teams and the chapter board. It was a very interesting and educational afternoon.

On March 26th, we attended the Elkhart County Indiana Farm Bureau meeting. Key note speaker was Elkhart County Sheriff Jeff Sigel, which was very interesting. On April 9th, we are having our spring meeting at Delmar Catering in Nappanee with John Bolens as our main speaker.

We wish everyone a great summer,

Devon Troyer

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NORTHERN CHAPTER 2019 AGENDA

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Buyer Beware:

Evaluate Breeding Dogs before Purchasing

Before buying new breeding animals, be sure to do some research to prevent introducing potential health issues into your kennel and avoid expensive veterinary care.

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) encourages commercial dog breeders to ensure potential new breeding animals are healthy and well-maintained before making a purchase. This article addresses factors to consider in potential breeding animals. BOAH's column in the next issue will cover how to introduce new breeding animals to a kennel.

Use the following checklist to evaluate new additions:

- Brucellosis**
Always test for canine brucellosis **before** buying both female and male breeding dogs. Retest all newly acquired dogs 60 days after purchasing. Be aware: Antibiotics can suppress test results, allowing a brucellosis-positive animal to test negative. Clinical signs appear from 30 days to 6 months after exposure—which may be after entering your kennel.
- Oral Health**
Look in the mouth of a dog before purchasing. Poor oral health can lead to lower conception rates and lower litter numbers.
- Skin Conditions**
Physically observe dogs for skin conditions before purchasing. Inspect dogs for signs of infection, lice, fleas, or other external parasites.
- Internal Parasites**
Look for signs of internal parasites including: blood in stool, diarrhea, poor body condition, etc. Ask what preventative measures the kennel owner uses to combat parasites.
- Respiratory Issues**
Look for signs of respiratory issues including nasal discharge, coughing, wheezing, and labored breathing.
- Vaccination and Health History**
Ask for vaccination records before purchasing animals to understand what has and has not been administered to the dogs.
- Breeding History**
Ask about the breeding history of the dam and sire as well as the dog you are considering purchasing.
- Tour the Supplier's Facility**
Nothing compares to an in-person visit, where you can see the animals personally. Visit the kennel to get a sense of the level of care being given to the dogs. Are pens an adequate size and clean? Is general sanitation, including waste disposal, acceptable? Are the dogs well socialized? Dogs interested in interacting with people tend to have lower stress levels; this improves their ability to stay healthy.
- Breed Standards and Certifications**
Know the breed standards for the breed you are purchasing and make sure the animal fits those standards. Check for certifications that may be appropriate for certain breeds such as: Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), Hip Evaluation (PENN Hip), Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF).

Importing into Indiana

All dogs imported into Indiana must have a certificate of veterinary inspection written by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of importation. A current rabies vaccination administered by a veterinarian is required for all dogs 12 weeks of age and older. Information on importing dogs to Indiana is available online: www.in.gov/boah/2437.htm

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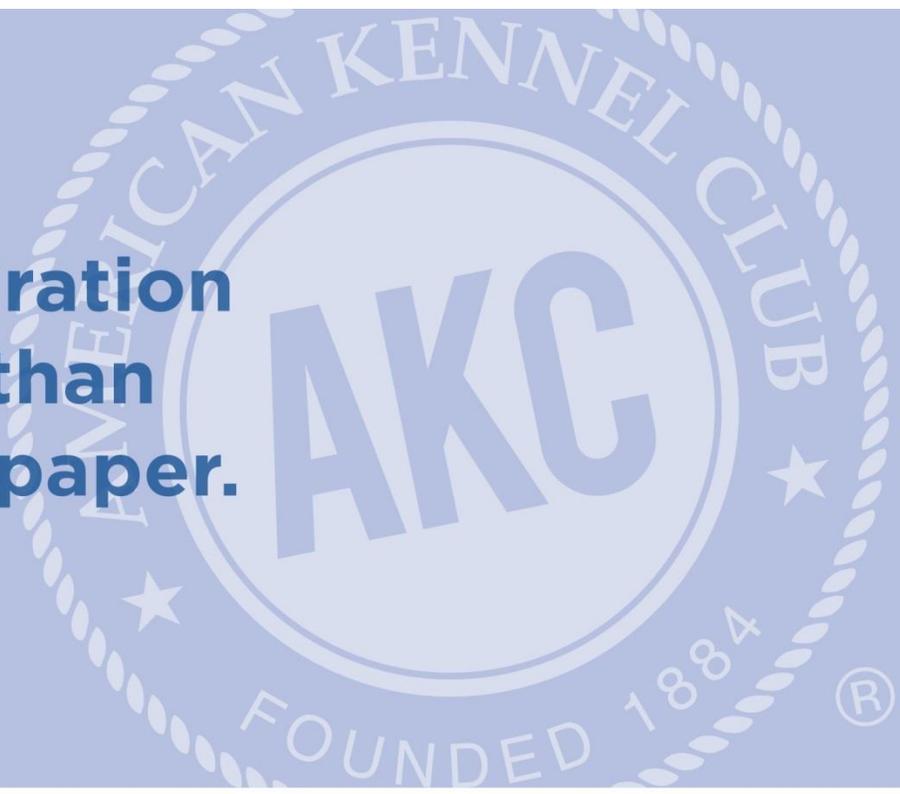
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I hope this spring is treating everyone well. I know the warm days have me ready to be outside enjoying the weather.

Due to some recent happenings in Indiana I would like to address the issue of Canine Brucellosis again. I think it is always good to review what we know and maybe expand our knowledge.

B. Canis is an intracellular bacterium that lives mainly in the canine reproductive tract. It has a smooth cytoplasmic membrane that makes it difficult to test for. This is one of the reasons that it is so important to have a good biosecurity plan in place. Brucellosis is mainly shed through vaginal discharge along with stillborn fetuses and aborted tissues. The organism can also be shed in urine, feces, milk during lactation and semen. Shedding of *B. canis* from the vaginal discharge is highest 4-6 weeks after an abortion in females and in males for the first 2 months after infection.

Females usually present with a complaint of abortion at 45-55 days of pregnancy, still birth and not conceiving. In males the symptoms are usually testicular swelling initially and then small testicles later on in infection, low libido or missing females. Less commonly noticed symptoms can be spinal arthritis noticed as back pain and uveitis of the eye.

Humans can be infected by *B. canis* although it is rare. It is usually through mucous membranes or breaks in the skin. Good cleanliness is important after handling your dogs. Immunocompromised individuals such as young children, pregnant women and the elderly should not handle known positive dogs. Symptoms for humans mild flu like symptoms, headaches and mild aches.

If you are concerned that you may have brucellosis in your kennel please contact your veterinarian immediately. There are several tests available to test for brucellosis. Determining the correct screening test is the first step. We use an inhouse card test to screen. If this test in a positive test, a second test is sent out for confirmation. This confirmation test is important to rule out false positives that can be caused by respiratory or other types of infections that could be present and affect the test. These secondary tests can take a week or more to get results and are the reason that we use the quicker screening test first. It is very important to keep in mind that from the time of infection to the time of testing positive can be up to 45 days. This makes testing along with elimination of positive individuals a long and difficult process. It is also important to know that this is a reportable disease in Indiana. This means that it is required that both your veterinarian and the lab running the test will report to the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

Brucellosis CAN NOT BE TREATED. Antibiotic use in these cases will only affect testing and in the long term taking longer to eliminate it from a kennel. The longer it takes to eliminate the more costly it becomes to the kennel owner.

It is important to keep in mind that not every male infected will become sterile. He can still produce sperm and therefore litters of puppies. Females can also have live puppies. The litters are usually smaller and some of the puppies may not survive. Some can survive and will be infected for life. For these reasons it is important to quarantine and test new individuals to your kennel environment.

Biosecurity is also highly important in helping to prevent not only brucellosis, but other infectious diseases in your kennel. As the weather is getting nice people tend to do more traveling and visiting. While new people through your kennel is good socialization for your dogs, they can also be a source of infection. When people visit if they have dogs request that they refrain from touching things in your kennel. Just walk through and look. If they are an individual who has a kennel themselves, I would request that they come to your kennel in fresh cloth's and shoes, not the clothing that they have worn in their own kennel. Providing guests with shoe coverings is also a good idea if people are traveling from one kennel to another. If you have been the one visiting a kennel then it is recommended that you go change cloth's and shoes before going into your own kennel.

Something you might think about less is transmission between your own dogs. This is also an important consideration in a kennel situation. When handling litters of young puppies it is important to wash your hands before handling the next litter. Always handle the healthiest individuals first and treat any sick individuals last. This can help prevent the spread of any illness from one to another. If you are taking food or water containers out of pens it is important that they are cleaned and sanitized before going back into the pen. Disease can be spread from pen to pen on anything that isn't cleaned and sanitized before it is moved to another pen. Brucellosis is just one of many things that can spread through contact with contaminated objects.

A good disinfecting protocol is important in any kennel and will make healthier happier dogs and puppies.

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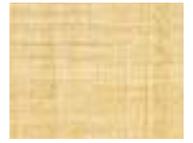
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