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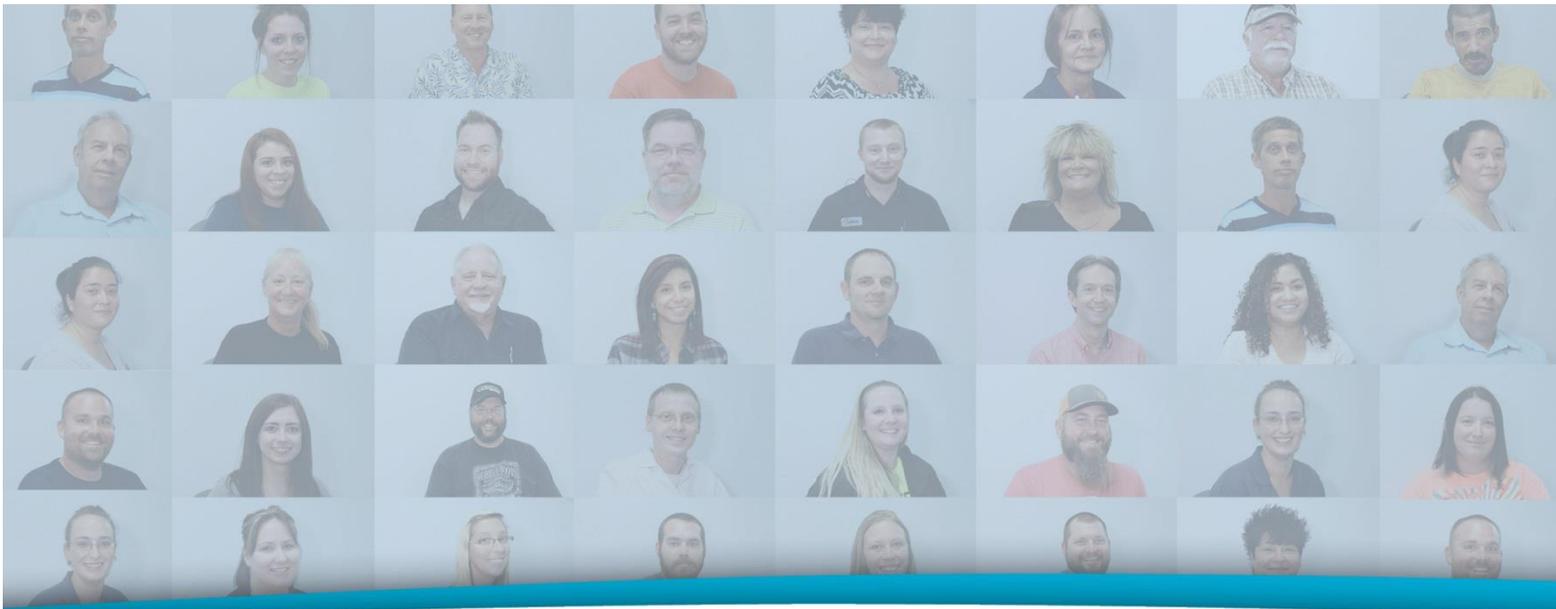
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From the ICAW President

Greetings, everyone.

Well, here it is WAY past the newsletter deadline and I'm scrambling trying to get this article written. At least you now know who to blame when the newsletter comes out late. J

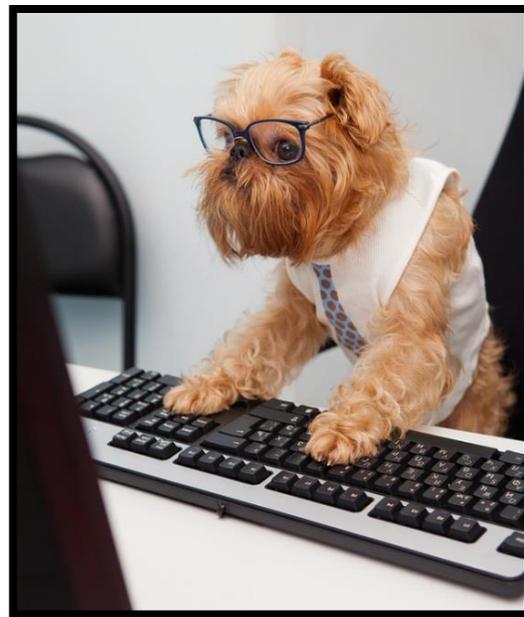
My mind is spinning and I'm trying to figure out what I could write or what would be of interest to you... First of all it's hard for me to believe that fall is here already! I guess time flies when you're having fun. J

Talking about fall being here, now would be a good time to make sure your kennels are buttoned up good and tight, your maintenance is done on your heating system, making sure your heating system works well, etc. that way when the temperatures drop, you will be ready to keep your dogs cozy and warm.

Looking back over this past year so far I truly want to thank each and every one of you for all the hard work and effort you have put into raising that bar and are continuing in still doing so. You are doing an excellent job!

But don't think you can take a break... if we want to be successful, we'd dare not stop@! We need to keep at it... the public's needs and wants are always changing, and if we don't provide the public with what they want, they are just going someplace else. And before we know it we will no longer be in business. And it's not just like this in the dog industry; it's that way for any business. If a business doesn't provide the public with what they want it won't be long till that business is extinct.

So again, looking back over this past year these are the changes that ICAW has been working on... The Emergency Response Team, Rehoming, Socialization, and Enrichment. Although it would be nice if these changes could happen overnight and stay in place, that's not how it works. Remember, good things take time. We continually need to work share to accomplish goals. Let's talk a little bit these changes that ICAW has been working on.



THE E.R. TEAM...

ICAW has been working on this for almost a year now and has come quite a ways with it. There are details that need to be worked out yet, but remember, a step at a time in the right direction is all that counts. In the meantime what could we as breeders do to help along in getting this started? Can we all install fire and smoke alarm systems in our kennels? We have them in our houses; why not in the kennel? What would happen if our kennel would catch fire in the middle of the night and we wouldn't wake up till it would be too late? I know these aren't very nice thoughts, but in all seriousness these are things we need to take in consideration. Also, do we have fire extinguishers in our kennel? There are numerous other things that we could do for prevention and which would also help out the E.R. Team. Your input is also very much needed and valuable.

REHOMING...

This is probably one of the more challenging ones that ICAW has been working on, trying to place our older dogs in new homes. All their lives our dogs have been used to a kennel and now they need to adjust to a completely different lifestyle. But let's stop and think a little on this. What could we do so a dog doesn't have such a drastic change when he goes to his new forever home?

This is where SOCIALIZING comes in...

Take personal time, one on one time with each of your dogs, leash train them, take them with you in the house, or when you run an errand, or go to town. These are things your dogs will most likely do when they get adopted. I also know that this is a chapter that a lot of you aren't sure about; it probably looks like a big mountain to you, but don't despair, and don't jump in head first. We don't have a lot of experience with basic training, although we are doing some of it. One of the key factors in this is making sure you have plenty of treats around to reward the dog you're working with if it does something right. I would highly encourage everyone to try. I have full confidence that you will succeed and do your best; that's all that counts.

We had a little experience with rehoming and the little bit we've done was amazing! Words cannot describe how rewarding it was to see that happen. It really is a double dose of reward. One reward is to see your older dog go into a new home instead of the less humane way that was being done. The other reward is experiencing the joy and the happiness the customer has by taking this dog. I have a big passion for rehoming and I fully believe that this is one of the changes that the public is going to be expecting of us. I also want to thank the rehoming committee for their efforts and great work you've done in getting this started. And I'm looking forward to seeing where you will go with it in the future. And to all the breeders, I wish you the best as you attempt to proceed with this. Just remember: it cannot happen overnight, a step at a time, a day at a time in the right direction is all that counts.

ENRICHMENT...

This is something that goes hand in hand with rehoming and socializing. Enrichment makes for a happy dog; a happy dog equals productivity. So for us as kennel owners why wouldn't we go out and buy our dogs all the toys they want? J But seriously, it makes a world of a difference in a kennel if we have happy dogs or unhappy dogs. Also having your dogs exposed to toys, etc will help in more ways than one in also avoiding such a drastic change when you rehome them. First of all, whoever adopts them will probably make sure they have plenty of toys, and imagine the joy of the customer if the dog instantly knows what to do with them! The other way it can help is that if we expose our dogs to toys in our kennel they will naturally be happier, which in turn will make it easier for us to work with them as we prepare them for their new homes. The list could go on and on with ideas for socializing and enrichment, but I'm sure you all have better imaginations than I do. Let's challenge ourselves with these changes...the rehoming, socializing, and enrichment.

Another key factor in achieving these goals is to have full confidence in ourselves. Also, if you have any questions or something that you're not sure about, please do not hesitate to call and ask. The ICAW board and the rehoming committee would be happy to assist. We do not have all the answers but we will do everything we can to help.

Turning the page to a new topic, the Purdue Standards have been worked on for quite a while. I know some of you are confused by why it is taking so long, wondering what is ever going to happen with it. I also know this is a touchy subject for some of you and to others it's not. And I truly respect each one of you with your decisions and thoughts on it.

Remember, good things take time... I very strongly feel that we need to support and embrace this as much as possible. Even though, to some of you it may seem like your patience is worn thin, they very much need our support! I strongly believe that this is something the public will be asking of us. I believe that it is going to happen rather sooner than later. Let's all ask ourselves, Do we want to stay in business or don't we?? I believe the day will come when unless we are enrolled in this program we will have a hard time selling our puppies. But why would we not want to do this? The Purdue Standards are the above and beyond. So why wouldn't we want to help paint that picture to the public? What for better way would there be to show the public that we really, truly care about our dogs and puppies.

Also, in case you are not aware of it, Purdue is taking sign-ups for enrolling in this program. And just to want to mention again, I know this is a touchy subject for some of you, and I really respect each one's thoughts and decisions on it. My challenge to everyone is, let's really think this one through. I believe this will come whether we want it to or not. The question we need to ask ourselves is, Do we want along, or don't we? Are we willing to change to the public's needs?

There will be another meeting at Purdue next spring and my advice to you all is, if at all possible try to attend. You will not be disappointed. Before I close up here I want to touch a little bit on the seminar. I'm not sure where to start. My heart is just overflowing with gratitude and thankfulness for everything that our sponsors and vendors have done and most of all you as breeders for being there and supporting our sponsors and vendors. They are working extremely hard for you as a breeder and the best way we can return our thankfulness and appreciation is to go home and do everything in our power to help raise that bar. Everyone of you – sponsors, vendors, breeders – is very much needed and has an important role in this industry. Without any of you ICAW would not exist. I also do not want to forget the auction. WOW!! What a great auction! Again, a big thank you to everybody who donated or contributed to the auction and also for simply just sitting in and being there. I really hope it was well worth your time for being there at the seminar. The enrichment part was amazing to me! a big thank you to the people who helped make this happen. Hopefully you all came home with a renewed ambition to continue striving for your highest goal. It's a very unworthy and humbling feeling that our state senators and legislators allow us to have an organization like this; not only do they allow us, they also encourage us to join and help raise that bar. We CANNOT be thankful enough for what we have. Remember, to God give all the glory!

Wishing you the best,

Stephen Stoltzfus
ICAW President

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*A leash-trained dog is one that walks easily next to you without pulling. Just because a dog accepts the leash does not necessarily mean that it is "trained". If your dog pulls or refuses to walk next to you while on a leash, then more training is required.

Hello ICAW Members!

In the last newsletter I discussed what you can do to better prepare your retiree for their new homes, namely house training and further socialization, but I failed to mention that they also need to be leash trained – especially large and extra-large dogs. being able to walk on a leash is essential and will be necessary so that they can be placed with loving families.

On the subject of loving families, the two adults that I have rehomed already are doing well in their new homes. I'm currently working on finding new homes for a couple of other adults, but could always help with more! Feel free to contact me if you'd be interested in rehoming one of your adults!

Thanks,

Katrina Lunsford



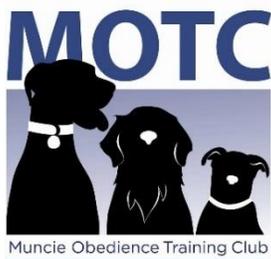
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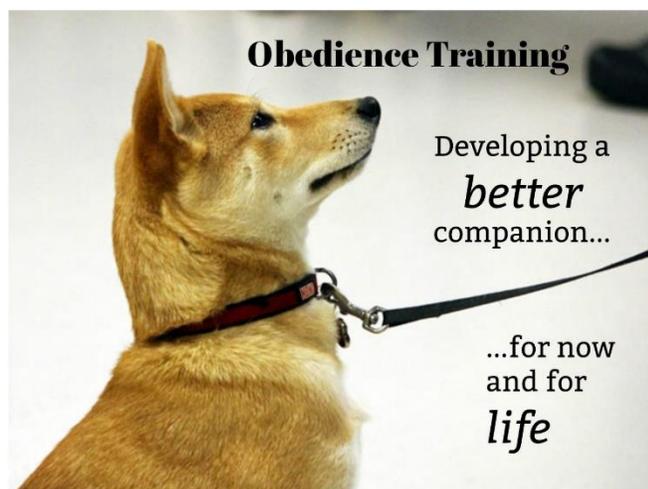
The Muncie Obedience Training Club, located at 214 E Centennial Avenue in Muncie, Indiana, was pleased to be invited to participate in the ICAW Convention on September 29th and 30th in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

It is always enjoyable when our club members can demonstrate our love for our canine companions through obedience training. Demonstrations were performed throughout the two-day event, from how to properly start out a twelve-week old puppy through showing what our older dogs are trained to do. Basic training such as teaching a dog sit, lie down, stay, heel on leash and come when called were explained.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many people that had a keen interest in what we love to do. We provided flyers with training tips and instructions on how to perform certain commands. We answered many, many questions and offered possible solutions to problems that some were encountering. But for us, the best part of the whole event was working with the children that showed such an interest in the dogs and the training. Many stepped into our ring and were taught some basic techniques that they could use when training their puppies upon returning home. We saw some wonderful potential dog trainers in that group. Kids and dogs—a winning combination for the future!

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your very successful, informative convention.

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The kennel is inspected at least once a year by one (1) or more of the following organizations: United States Department of Agriculture; State Department of Agriculture; State Breeder Organization sanctioned by the American Canine Association Inc.; state licensed veterinarian, or the American Canine Association, Inc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The breeder has in place an exercise and socialization program for adult dogs and puppies approved by their attending licensed veterinarian.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The breeder is enrolled and participates in credit hours of breeder-educational courses sanctioned by the American Canine Association per year.		2 hours or more	2 hours or more	4 hours or more	6 hours or more
All breeding sires and dams have been certified by a licensed veterinarian to be free of at least one (1) or more congenital defects.			✓	✓	✓
All breeding sires and dams have points toward their Champion and/or Working Dog titles.			✓	✓	✓
The breeder is enrolled and participates in dog shows sanctioned by the American Canine Association per year.				1 dog show	2 dog shows

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a WORD from the East Central chapter



Hello everybody,

Greetings in Jesus' name. it is hard to believe that fall is here already, and with it our seminar month. We had our breeder's meeting in August at Sabrina Primm's place. It was an enjoyable evening with Sabrina showing us how to do some basic dog training. It looks like quite a few people from our area want to attend the seminar. We hope to do an eye clinic in October with AKC and Dr. Townsend from Purdue.

It's a nice evening in September. I'm sitting here watching the children out in the yard. They're trying to teach their dogs to sit, stay, heel, and shake a paw. We were all glad for the tips Sabrina gave us. It is fun for them to do something else, as they have all our dogs leash trained now.

God's blessings wished –

Eli King



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a WORD from the Allen County chapter



Friendly greetings to all from Allen County, Indiana.

Hope everyone is doing well! We have been extremely busy this summer, but blessed beyond words, so want to be thankful to our Lord and continue to praise his name.

We are looking forward to the upcoming seminar. It's great to see so many people come together to share information with all the friends in ICAW. We have the 2017 farm tour in our area, so we tried our best to get that set up. We hope everyone will enjoy it.

Not much news from our kennel. We have one Golden Doodle puppy left from our last litter and have three pregnant females: a lab, a Golden Retriever, and one Golden Doodle. So we are looking forward to those being born.

We hope to see all our friends at the seminar!

God's blessings to all,

John & Susann Lengacher and family

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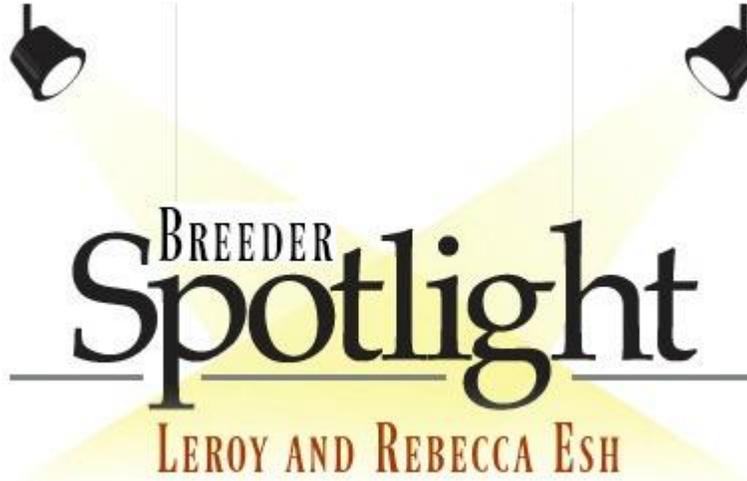
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BREEDER Spotlight

LEROY AND REBECCA ESH

It's called the crossroads, the point at which a choice must be made. It was where Leroy and Rebecca Esh found themselves just a couple years after starting their kennel in 2012. "Originally, we were looking for something to do as a family on the side a little bit," says Leroy, "It was fun at first but it didn't take long for us to come to a point where we had to decide whether to upgrade our business or get out of it."

Leroy describes a kennel facility that was workable, but not great; dogs that were healthy, but maybe not top-notch members of their breeds; and a day-to-day routine that was at times profitable but rarely fulfilling. Perhaps the Esh's story is one that a few other breeders can relate to: get excited, get started, get frustrated, get behind.

Ever been there? Done that? The next step the family took is what made all the difference: they got busy turning things around.

"We had to decide, are we going to quit or do something about it? We knew we couldn't continue business as usual so we decided to take a risk and change what was needed. It wasn't an easy decision but the choice we made to build a new kennel and start over was one of the best we've made together."

The last five years have seen their challenges, but what a difference a renewed purpose can make. From investing in a new kennel that gives the dogs more interior space and is much easier to clean, to pursuing full OFA certification for large and small breeds alike, to spending more time researching individual dogs before adding an out-cross, and to making regular outdoor exercise a part of each dog's daily rhythm, the Eshes have found practical ways to make important improvements.

Today Leroy is once again excited as he explains the ins and outs of his business. "We've expanded to raise four breeds: Yorkshire Terrier, Shih Tzu, Miniature Schnauzer, and Alaskan Malamute. Even with our expansion, the dogs we have today are much younger and healthier than the ones we used to have, and they're happier, too. Each day each adult spends at least an hour simply being a dog in our turnout yards. We're in the process of making our yards more of a playground area, hoping to add a slide, swimming pool, and tunnels for them to run through. I packed gravel along the back and side of each yard so the dogs can play hard but not get dirty, and we have a separate outdoor area for dogs in heat to stretch around in without being bothered." As a bonus, the more time the dogs spend outdoors helps keep the inside of the kennel clean longer, which combined with a kennel design that's more efficient to clean, makes a big difference in everyone's attitude. "One thing is for sure," says Leroy, "It's a lot more fun to run a kennel that's easy to clean."

When it comes to finding homes for their puppies, Leroy explains that the family's main focus "is on the retail side of things. We work with Sabrina Prim, who does a great job photographing each puppy and listing them on websites like Puppyspot.com and Puppyfind.com, as well as arranging flights and trips to the airport when a puppy is going to its new home."

What about you? Are you tired of the same-o, same-o, slowly going backward and ending each day a little more drained, a little less driven than the day before? For those in the same boat he was, Leroy does add a word of caution. "To be honest, this can be challenging work. Sometimes it seems like all we're doing is going uphill, and it can really be a climb." For anyone else at the crossroads, he recommends thinking it through carefully and coming up with a detailed plan. Sage advice from this issue's kennel spotlight!





Teachable Moments

An Excerpt from the USDA Inspector's Handbook

Repeat NCI

NCIs cited in the same section and subsection as on the last inspection or on the last full inspection if the previous inspection was a Focused Inspection should be designated as a "Repeat". The "Repeat" designation may be also be used if the section and subsection have been cited as a Repeat citation multiple times within the last 3 years, even if it was not cited on the last full inspection. You are responsible for checking the NCI and designating as a "Repeat" if ACIS did not.

Remember: Do not include correction dates for Repeat NCIs.

NOTICE

On Preliminary Inspections or New Site Approval inspections, NCIs should **not** be designated as a "Repeat".

Recurring/Chronic NCI

A recurring or chronic noncompliant item is the same or a similar noncompliance which is not found on consecutive inspections, i.e., it is cited on one inspection, corrected by the next inspection, then re-occurs on the third and/or a subsequent inspection.

The recurring noncompliance can be:

- ◆ A noncompliance of the same Section and subsection of the regulations or standards
- ◆ The same noncompliance with the same Section and subsection of the regulations or standards but identified for a different species
- ◆ The same or a similar noncompliance as cited earlier

Some factors to consider when deciding if the NCI is recurring or chronic include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Have you discussed the development of an active program or system of maintenance with the licensee/registrant?
- ◆ Have you discussed the NCI with a person of higher authority at the facility?
- ◆ Have you noticed a pattern?
- ◆ How far back was the last time the NCI was cited?
- ◆ How many inspections have been conducted between the recurrences?
- ◆ What is the severity of the NCI?

Use your professional judgment in deciding what action to take, such as:

- ◆ Citing the NCI as a new noncompliant item

- ◆ Citing the NCI as a Repeat NCI (Include in the description other inspection dates that this NCI has occurred)
- ◆ Discussing the NCI with your SACS

“Critical” NCI Identified

Critical NCIs are the following:

- ◆ Direct NCIs (see description below)
- ◆ A prior adverse event that had serious or severe animal welfare consequences to one or more animals, but poses no current risks to the animals. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - ❖ Actions or inactions of unqualified personnel resulting in documented, adverse effects on the health or well-being of an animal
 - ❖ Escape of an animal resulting in adverse effects on the health or well-being of the animal (NOTE: this includes those situations when an animal is not recovered)
 - ❖ Failure of an IACUC to meet and/or conduct facility and program reviews for a period of time equal to or greater than 1 year resulting in documented, adverse effects on the health or well-being of an animal
 - ❖ Handling violation that resulted in death or serious injury to an animal
 - ❖ Lack of an attending veterinarian with documented adverse effects on the health or well-being of an animal that require immediate veterinary care
 - ❖ Studies involving more than momentary pain and distress to an animal that is conducted at research facilities without an approved protocol and without an appropriate response from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- ◆ Inspection refusals and situations where APHIS has been unable to inspect the facility for a significant amount of time due to chronic unavailability for inspections
- ◆ Records intentionally falsified to mislead APHIS or another government agency
- ◆ NCI resulting in an injury requiring immediate medical attention or death to a human
- ◆ Handling an animal in a manner that results in an animal attack or physical contact between an animal and a member of the public, depending on the circumstances, such as where the incident adversely affected the health or well-being of the animal, or the circumstances or practices that caused the incident posed a high risk to the animal and/or the human and could have led to serious injury or death to the animal and/or the human

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- ◆ Interference with, threaten to abuse, or harass an APHIS official in the course of carrying out his or her duties
- ◆ Obtained an animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a valid, and knew both 1) that the person the animal was obtained from does not hold a license, and 2) that the person was required to hold a license
- ◆ Knowingly obtaining random source dogs or cats from a prohibited source, or obtaining animals by use of false pretenses, misrepresentation, or deception
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A “Direct” noncompliance is a Critical noncompliance that is **currently (at the time of the inspection) having a serious or severe adverse** effect on the health and well-being of the animal, or has the high potential to have that effect in the immediate future.

A prior adverse incident discovered during the inspection that had serious or severe animal welfare consequences and there are ongoing risks for the same serious or severe adverse effects at the time of the inspection should be marked as a “Direct”.

The severity of the NCI has no impact on whether an NCI should be marked as Critical or Direct; the determining factor is whether it has a current impact or has the potential to have that effect in the immediate future.

See *Appendix B—Direct Noncompliance Item (NCI) Guidance* on page B-1 for examples.

NOTICE

On Preliminary Inspections, NCIs should **not** be designated as a “Direct”.

Correction Date Guidelines:

- ◆ If the “Direct” NCI was corrected at the time of the inspection, a correction date is not necessary.
- ◆ For an egregious Direct noncompliance, the correction date should be very short, e.g., 1 day, and the reinspection should occur within a short period of time after the correction date to verify the correction and ensure animal welfare.
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Thoughts

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Dear fellow ICAW members,

By the time this newsletter comes to your door the 9th annual ICAW seminar will probably be history, and hopefully we can again say, like we always have in the past, that we had more vendors and attendees than ever. This could not happen without your support and help so in advance a great big thank you to all who attended, whether you are a breeder or vendor, whether you donated an auction item, were a speaker, or if you only came to visit. THANK you. We need you all.

Many hands make light work. United we stand, divided we fall. One step at a time. These are all encouraging, uplifting, and true sayings that we as ICAW have been using for years. They have guided us to a lot of good results, so let's continue to strive to better our industry hand in hand, a little bit at a time. Let's always realize that we are never so good that we cannot improve or can't take advice from a concerned fellow member. Let's always be ready and willing to help a fellow dog breeder raise the bar. Let's be open-minded enough so that we don't get caught in a rut.

The theme at the seminar was enrichment and the goal was that every attendee went home with new ideas on how to further advance on the enrichment end of it, regardless at what level they are operating now. I really think this is an important part of raising dogs. This will make for a more relaxed kennel, therefore a better producing kennel, and also a much more marketable kennel. Enrichment and socializing and basic training all go hand in hand and we cannot afford not to put all three into effect.

If plans hold out we will be having a few different topics on enrichment and also a few different demonstrations on basic training so hopefully everybody gets what they want.

In the last newsletter Mark Raber quoted Frank Zappa – "A mind is like a parachute – it doesn't work if it isn't open." So in other words, the sky is the limit, and we don't need to be afraid to climb because we have an open mind, or parachute, and therefore we do not need to fear the fall.

Thanks to all ICAW members for believing this. Let's keep on keeping on.

John Lapp

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a **WORD** from
the Southern chapter



Smiles and handshakes to anyone who might read these lines...

Here in the southern chapter things are pretty quiet. We had a USDA meeting on July 13 with Dr. Susan Kingston. She also brought Patrick Keith, Dr. Kerry McHenry, Lori Linn, Ann Marie Houser, Dr. Rebecca Nanney and Juan Arango with her. The meeting was well attended with licensees and hobby breeders and also some new breeders. We ordered in pizza for the meal. Dr. Kingston introduced herself, explained the USDA and her goals for her new position. Then she had a question and answer session afterwards. Some great questions came in and they all took turns answering them.

The KMA still has part of a day to finish up this year's visits with some new signups and a couple breeders that were working on their kennels. I'm looking forward to the seminar in Ft. Wayne on September 29-30. Sounds like several van loads are going from this chapter. Looking at the schedule it looks like it should be another good seminar.

If any breeders in the southern chapter want to put any dogs in an OFA clinic in March let us know. We will be doing hips, elbows, knees and hearts with Dr. Brandon Sinn.

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"Not necessarily," says Carl. "I recommend breeders do three things first: 1) make a wish list of what they'd love to see in their kennel; 2) study kennels that are 5-10 years old; and 3) think hard about whether they'd enjoy working in that environment. People think best when they stay away from impulse decisions based on all the wrong information."

Make a Wish List

Before the September seminar in Fort Wayne, Carl left his store in Millersburg, Indiana, with several trailers full of items meant to just get people thinking: a dog bone-shaped bench, a doggy teeter-totter, specialty cabinets, and state-of-the-art flooring and wall materials. "If we don't think outside the box," he explains, "We'll never get outside the box." Carl believes living quarters in a kennel can be built to provide enrichment, security, comfort, as well as all of the dogs' basic needs while still enabling the breeder to easily interact with his dogs, efficiently clean all areas, and effectively monitor the health of each dog or puppy. "We get there little steps at a time," he adds. Since founding Straightline four years ago, many of his company's innovations, for example a hideaway door for easy access to an outside hose and versatile whelping boxes that can be easily modified as puppies grow, have been inspired by breeders simply digging into their wish list.

Study Working Kennels

Carl and his team develop designs for new kennels by looking at old questions in new ways. Studying appearance might mean asking "Does this kennel look more like a jail or a playpen?" A deeper look at maintenance could mean examining how well a new material holds up to the best cleaning solutions over time. "We're asking ourselves which parts should be plastic, which should be aluminum, and things like how does color affect the dogs' behavior? But we won't know the answers to these questions until the kennels have been tested. That's why I suggest breeders wanting to build new should visit not the brand new kennels out there, but those that have been used regularly for 5-10 years. The people running those facilities will be able to tell them a whole lot more about what works and what doesn't."

Would I enjoy this?

What Carl hopes his company does best is help breeders identify their own interests before building something they'll never enjoy. He shares that, "Bottom line, we're going to build a kennel that's 100% custom to meet the needs of someone's dogs and overall operation. But building around the breeder's passion and personal interests is the most important part, and my favorite part." In his experience at the helm of Straightline Enterprises, Carl has observed that breeders who approach running a kennel as just another job will get little more out of it than a paycheck. "But what happens if someone puts their all into it? They still get the paycheck but they get a great feeling of satisfaction, too."

Take the next step

Who do you know who's been thinking about building a new kennel? Do them a favor and settle them down before sending them over to Straightline. Don't let their hands touch their wallet until they've taken the time to walk through the steps Carl recommends. The same can go for veteran breeders. When was the last time you wrote down a list of "Wouldn't it be great if..." Maybe it's time – you never know where it might take you.



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a WORD from the Northern chapter



Hello,

Well it's that time of the year again, ICAW Seminar! I always look forward to that and it sounds like they some exciting things lined up for everyone. It's getting towards the end of the year again so that means my term as chapter president is up. ☺ As I look back over the last four years we've seen a lot of growth and also some changes, most of it for the better.

For anyone thinking about raising dogs, please get all the information you can. Talk to other breeders, find out what your county laws are and state regulations. It can save you time and money in the long run. Let's continue to band together and keep raising the bar and it will benefit us all. I'd like to thank everybody for your help and support in any way over the last couple of years. I look forward to seeing the northern chapter continue to grow.

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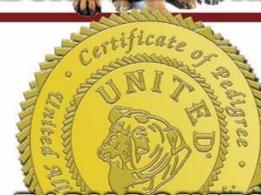
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When instances of animal neglect and abuse are witnessed, citizens should report cases to local law enforcement officials.

Indiana state law outlaws cruelty, abandonment and neglect of animals. Acts of torture and physical abuse of an animal are a crime in Indiana, as are neglect or abandonment. A court may permanently confiscate animals that are abused or neglected. In general, authority to enforce these laws falls to local officials.

Some specific items from Indiana state law include:

- Requires owners to provide animals with food and drink;
- Restraining an animal more than briefly in a way that endangers the animal's life or health is not permitted (examples: using a tether that is less than 3 times the animal's body length, using a tether that is too heavy for the animal, using a tether that causes the animal to choke);
- Dog and cat owners must provide shelter from weather extremes – providing shade from heat and protection from cold;
- Dog and cat owners must provide reasonable care for injury or illness that seriously endangers the life or health of the dog or cat.

Local animal control agencies are part of city or county government, and are usually the first responders to a neglect or abuse report. Animal control agencies are not the same as private shelters or rescues that do not have any jurisdiction or power to enforce law.

Common Issues on Animal Welfare Investigations

BOAH veterinarians and animal health specialists will assist local law enforcement or animal control in conducting animal welfare investigations if requested by those agencies to do so. Common issues found include: animals in poor body condition, inadequate or no food, insufficient or lack of water, inadequate bedding and shelter, overgrown nails or hooves, matted hair, lack of adequate dental care, excessive amounts of feces and urine, signs of intentional fighting, and lack of veterinary care.

During these investigations, BOAH veterinarians will assess the condition and health of the animals and their surroundings, then write a report of their findings to help law enforcement officials determine if charges will be filed. If animals need to be removed from a harmful situation, local officials must make arrangements for that action to take place. BOAH does NOT take animals. Only if requested by the court, would a BOAH veterinarian write a report either recommending or not recommending confiscation of animals.

Who to Contact

- Complaints or violations involving commercial dog breeders should be reported to the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.
- Complaints involving a small-number dog breeder or owned pets should first be directed to local law enforcement or local animal control. These agencies may submit an official request for the assistance of BOAH staff, if needed.
- Complaints about livestock and poultry can be directed either to local law enforcement or local animal control or to BOAH via an online reporting form at: www.in.gov/boah/2760.htm or by calling BOAH toll-free at: 877-747-3038.

Law enforcement, animal control, or BOAH field personnel cannot be everywhere or see all things. Almost all animal welfare investigations commence because private citizens have observed something that causes concern and those citizens have reported it. Helping animals living in less-than-adequate situations takes teamwork from citizens, law enforcement, BOAH, and others.



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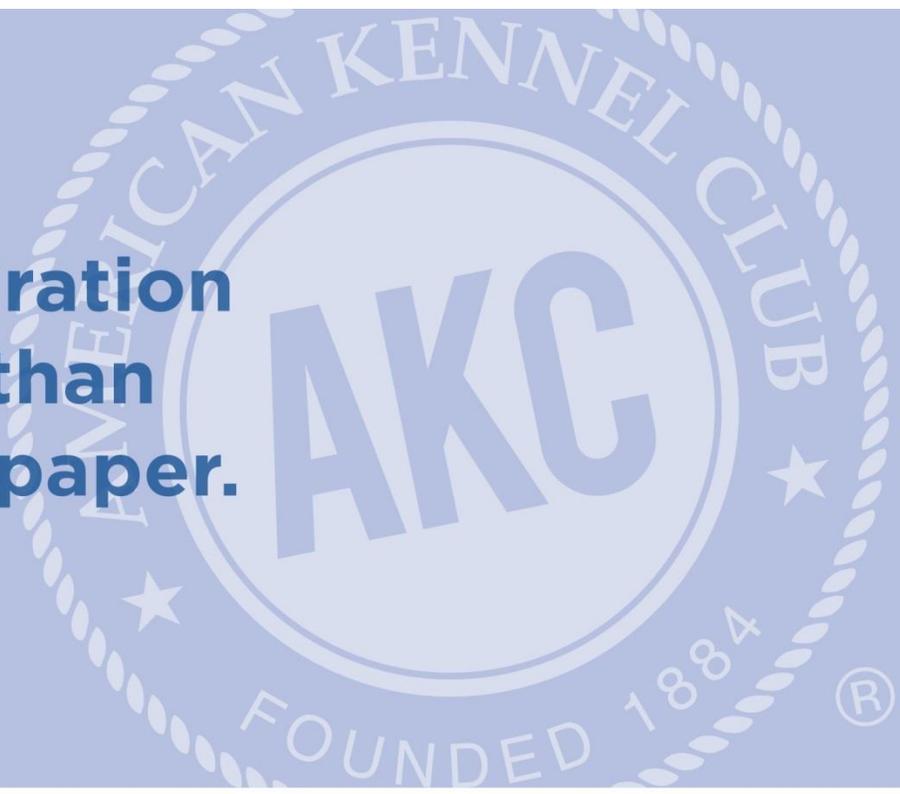
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And because consistency is key with dog training, it gets even more complicated when there are several people in the household. That's why it's important to include the children (and your spouse, for that matter) in every step of the process and to make sure everyone is following the rules in regard to training.

Let them be involved. I once had a student who wouldn't let her kids near her puppy that would be competing in obedience. The children weren't even allowed to talk to the dog because she didn't want them to "mess up the training." Personally, I found that including my kids in the training process brought us closer together as a family. A child as young as 5 years old could understand how to ask a dog to sit before giving him a treat. And since you're never leaving your young kids and dogs alone together without parental supervision, you'll be able to help him follow through on training properly.

Turn your back on jumping. Teach everyone in the house and regular visitors that when they approach your dog while he's in a pen or behind a gate and he jumps up, they are to turn their backs to him. After the dog has settled down, they can turn around and see what his choice is. If he sits, they can give him a treat. If not, repeat the process. Also, by having your kids teach this technique to guests, they will see how challenging it is to convince other people to follow directions.

Give kids their own commands. Kids can be unpredictable and inconsistent, and it's difficult to retrain a word after a dog has confused its meaning. That's why I give my kids different words to train the dog. My dogs learn to come to me on the word "here," and they learn to stay on the word "wait." But I told my kids that they were going to train the words "come" and "stay." That way, they wouldn't use my words and would focus on theirs.

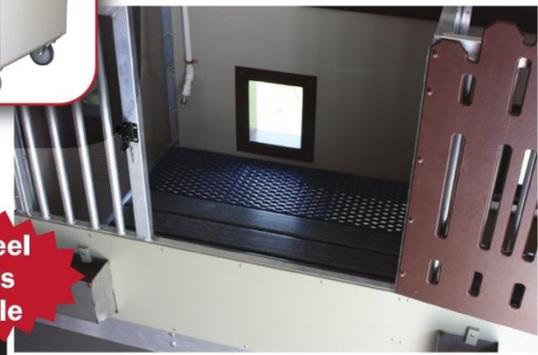
Teach children how to use treats and praise. It's important that kids learn how to teach their dog that they are just as exciting as a treat. I remember having this conversation with my son when he was little. He said that the puppy only wanted to be around him when he was holding dog treats. I told him that I was going to let him in on a really important dog-training secret: In order to make this puppy want him as much as the cookie, he had to teach him to do something in order to get the cookie. So waiting for him to sit and then giving him a cookie (or opening a door or throwing a ball) made him just as valuable to the puppy, because suddenly he was the gatekeeper of everything the puppy wants.

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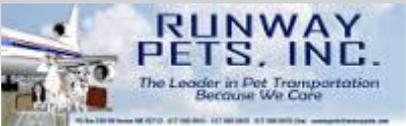
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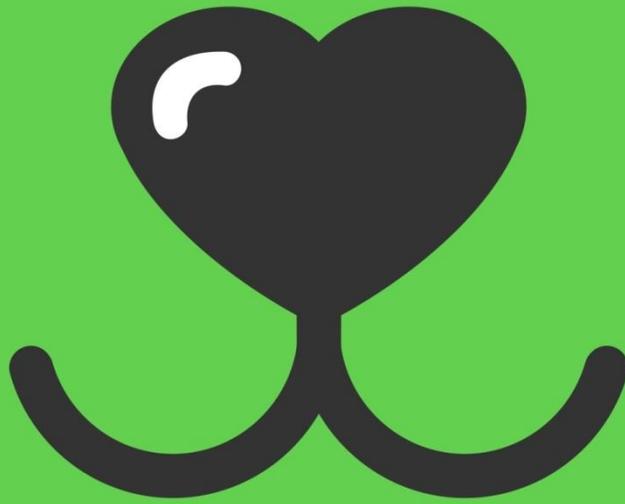
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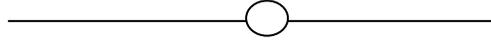
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