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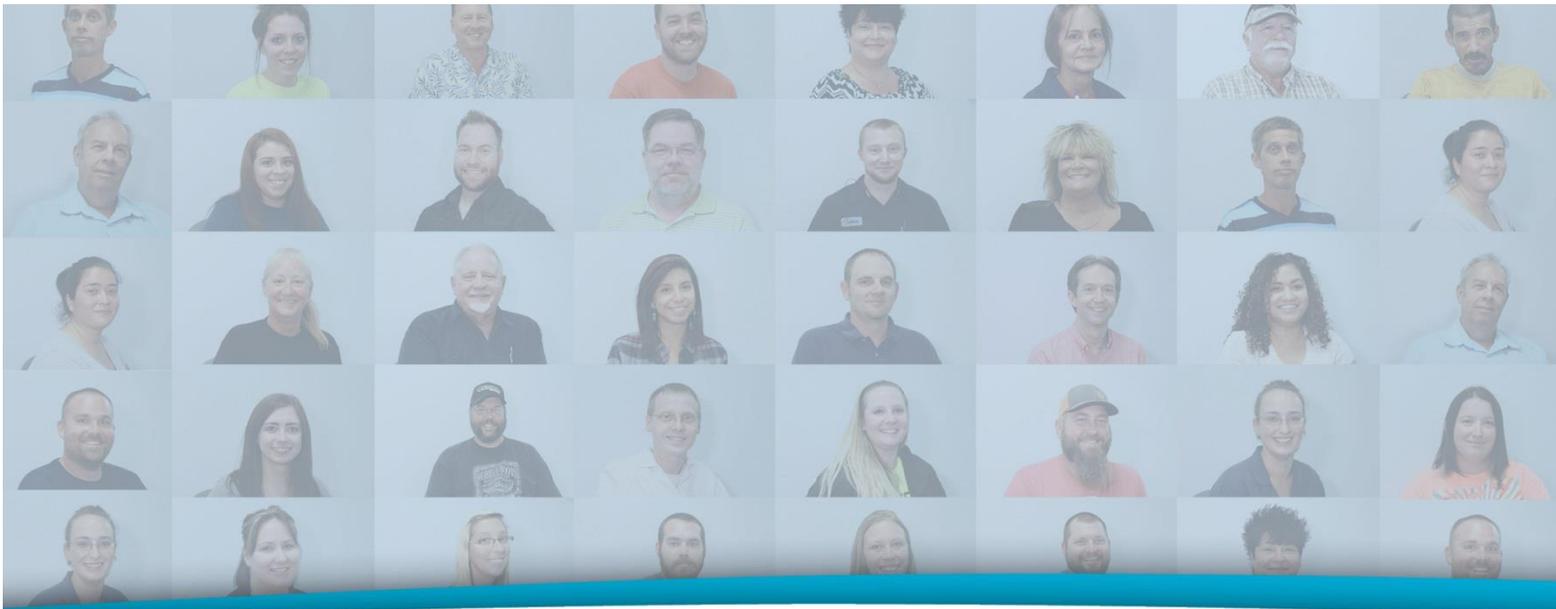


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From the ICAW President

Greetings across the state,

It feels like spring is trying to peep around the corner, and I'm all for it, even though it didn't seem like we had much of a winter around here...

One of the main things on our agenda for this spring is establishing Our exercise yard for our dogs, and I can't wait!! We need to finish excavating and get grass sowed. I really wanted it done last fall so it could get a good start for this spring, but it didn't happen.

Right now, we are taking the dogs out once a day on a leash. We take them out to the end of our driveway and back again. It gives them a little exercise and alsoteaches leash training which I think is very important.

I'm very excited about the Rehoming Program that's trying to be started. I have a big passion for the rehoming program; I think it's just awesome! (what better way would there be for us to do as an industry to help raise the bar?) For those of you who are not aware of this, there was a three-man board voted in to take charge and oversee this rehoming program. I have full confidence in the board, and I believe they will do their best to get this up and running. But let's not forget to be patient. This is something that will take lots of time and effort, and at this point it is still in its early stages. But we don't need to wait till this thing is started, either. We as a breeder can start working on this program today, in our own kennel. And that is getting our adults ready for their new forever home. Some of the many things we can do is socializing them, getting them leash trained, make sure they know how to go up and down steps, ramps, etc. Also, work on making sure they know the basic commands, such as sit, stay, come, etc.

I'm positive if we start working on this today, we will be helping and supporting the board far more than we can imagine. The benefits of this will be; once this program is running, we will be ready! I also know it seems like a lot of work and I wish everyone of you the best. Remember, one step at a time.... If we climb a ladder, we're bound to fall if we try to take more than one step at a time.

Best Regards,
Your Servant, Stephen Stoltzfus ICAW President



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Hello ICAW Members!

My name is Katrina Lunsford and I will be helping to build the rehoming project that has been discussed at past meetings. The goal of this project is to find a good home for every adult dog that we can. As we start heading down this journey, we will need your cooperation to prepare these dogs and make them more desirable to potential adopters. First and foremost, every dog that we accept into this project must be spayed or neutered and current on all vaccinations.

We have talked with the LaGrange Veterinary Clinic and they have agreed to the prices of \$90-\$130 to have your female spayed, \$70-\$90 to have your male neutered, \$45-\$60 for dental work, and \$20 for a heartworm test. In the future, we hope to work with other vets as well. Once that is taken care of, and your dog has fully recovered from their surgery, there are different things that you can work on that will make a world of difference in finding a home for them. There are a few major things that every adopter asks me when inquiring about these adult dogs.

The first question I'm always asked about is if the dog is house trained, that is the #1 thing that people look for when they consider adopting an older dog. Being doggie door trained is better than being not trained at all, but being fully house broken makes a world of difference to people. Also teaching them basic commands such as sit, stay, lay down, "no," is an added bonus, but not entirely necessary. We are currently looking into recruiting individuals to possibly foster these dogs and train them for a time, but it is still in the works for the time being, and would be a deal worked out between the breeder and foster.

The next question I'm always asked about is if the dog is good with small children, other dogs, cats, and animals, in that order. Most adopters are looking to expand their family with either their first pet, or an additional one, so knowing how each dog behaves in different settings is important. The best thing you can do for these dogs is expose them to as many things and situations as you can. Children of different ages, big and small dogs, cats, cars, towns, anything you can will better prepare your dog for their new journey, and give valuable insight to the new owners on what they may possibly need to avoid or work on with each dog.

The last question I'm asked about is if the adopters can come visit and bring their kids and possibly other dogs to see how compatible their family is to each dog. Now, I have no problem with telling people that it may not be possible, and some people may not care as much as others, but it's something for each of you to consider and make me aware of whether or not you are okay with it. Letting people visit the dog can "seal the deal," so to speak, and can put whatever worries and reservations they have at ease, so I would recommend it, but it is not necessary.

Accomplishing these three tasks and considering visitation might seem like a lot, but it means finding your dog a good home as easy as possible. The project is actively searching for ways to improve and make the transition for these dogs smoother. I'm excited to be working with you all and am very eager to find all of your dogs good forever homes!

Thank you for the opportunity!
Katrina Lunsford

Rehoming your dogs and how to prepare...



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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.			✓	✓	✓
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What's **NEW** WITH THE BLC?



Greetings from the Troyer home, where wiggly puppies are still highlights even after years and years of being dog breeders.

BLC updates from the Ohio meeting held Friday, February 24th, just before Ohio's annual Breeders Conference.

Levi Graber has decided to resign as President. That puts John Lapp in the President position until the Kansas City meeting in June.

BLC has also expanded their ways of communication, they have a sizzle line for the updated information, Legislative updates and the goals of the BLC, all on one number, 712-432-8574. We encourage everyone to call in to this number.

BLC also has a new conference call line, 515-739-1496, pin # 970694.

Wishing you all the best,

John Troyer



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Canine and Domestic Feline Specialist at USDA-APHIS-AC

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Craig was a very active advocate to the Professional Dog Breeders. He was one of the leaders in the USDA Workshops that were implemented at the ICAW Conferences. Craig was diagnosed with cancer.



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a WORD from the East Central chapter



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in Jesus' name.1

We sure are having a mild winter so far.

We had our yearly Hobby Breeder meeting on February 17th, 2017 with a good attendance. It seems like the group is willing to do a good job.

Last week we had our breeder meeting, which also was well attended. Berne was added to our chapter and a load attended from there. It looks like a lot of work, but it seems like some are willing to do a good job. The first one has his USDA license now. We are thankful for their efforts, and we hope to help them in a way that they won't get discouraged.

Kerry McHenry, Susan Kingston, and Pat Keith were also at our breeder's meeting. It was a privilege to have them there. How thankful we are to have a good relationship with USDA. Let's all do our part, so we can keep it that way.

Enjoy Spring,

Eli King



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Thoughts from our Past President ...

Exciting Times!

There are a lot of exciting new things happening in ICAW lately, and I encourage everybody to get involved if you are not. I see these things as being major players when it comes to saving our industry.

REHOMING PROGRAM

This program has been started in the Northern Chapter on a very small scale. We want to start small and do it right, and yes it will take patience and a lot of time. There will be mistakes made along the way, I'm sure, but let's be patient with the board and support them with their decisions. I feel we have a very good board in place with Lonnie Burkholder as chairman, and Devon Troyer and Devon Schrock and trust them to keep this program on track and appreciate all the time and effort you put into this program. I look forward to the day where we can incorporate this into all Chapters. I think this program will go a long way in showing our government officials and the rest of the public, that we are responsible breeders and truly do care about our dogs.

Emergency Response Team

Hopefully this is something we never have to use, but we need to realize that we probably will see the day when we will be extremely glad that we had something like this in place. If you as a breeder are not familiar with the ER team, be sure to contact your Chapter President or your local ER person, and have their phone numbers on hand in case of an emergency. Please do not wait to do this as tomorrow could be too late. Just like the rehoming program, I think the ER Program will go a long ways in showing our government officials and our fellow citizens that we truly do care.

The **NEW** KMA Evaluation

This new evaluation now is in effect and seems to be working fairly well, however we realize there still needs to be tweaking, and encourage all members to share your own thoughts with your local KMA or your Chapter President. As we consider changes, let's remember our goals are to help the breeder raise the bar and also help decrease some of the workload of our KMA people, and to reward the breeder who is doing an outstanding job, but not punish the breeder who is trying but not at the top of the ladder yet. Remember, we are only as strong as our weakest link, so let's patiently help strengthens the weaker link one step at a time. Unity is our goal.

USDA

By now, some of you may have met our new USDA supervisor Dr. Susan Kingston who replaced our friend Dr. Kirsten. After meeting with her over lunch and visiting for approx. 3 hours, followed by a 2-hour breeder meeting, I'm convinced we have another good supervisor, who wants to continue with the communication and working together like we did with Dr. Kirsten. This is very humbling to me and do not feel worthy that we still have people in our government agencies that want to work with us and are willing to listen to our point of views.

USDA information: Patrick Keith wants to hold a mock pre-license meeting in each Chapter where he will show us breeders what to expect in a pre-license or regular inspection. I encourage all breeders to attend these meetings if at all possible, as I see this as a big help in passing our USDA inspections. As a USDA breeder, you probably know that in the past years your inspection reports were available on the internet for anybody to view, who wished. Approximately a month ago, that got changed so your records were no longer available for just anybody to see. However, this is an ongoing battle and we don't know where it might end up. The last I heard it sounded like the kennels who applied for their license under a LLC or other corporation might be available on public records. If you filed under your personal social security number your records would not be available to the public. However, we cannot afford to release _____ because it could change again at any time and even if it doesn't, your pet store or distributor still needs to see your records, so it is still as important as ever that we keep our records clean.

Thanks to the people who are involved in our new Rehoming Program. We appreciate all of your hard work. Let's keep raising the bar one step at a time. Working together in Unity is our goal.

John Lapp

P.S. Stay tuned for the new ICAW brochure that is being worked on.



a WORD from the Allen County chapter



Greetings from Allen County, IN.

Hope this finds everyone well. Here we are busy and blessed beyond words. We are having 70 degrees in February, I got all the trimming done in the orchard, and noticed the trees budding, rhubarb coming through, and robins walking around the yard, so hope spring will be early, as it is my favorite time of year.

We have a litter of Goldendoodles and a litter of Labs now. The boys love to get them out and romp around in the yard. They even teach them to run up the ramp on the swing then come down the slide!

We are in the process of getting arrangements made for our appreciation day and mini seminar on April 25th at our house. Dr. Sinn is planning on coming and will have open discussion on whatever topic you want to discuss. Also, OFA x-rays on hips and elbows will be available for a very reasonable price on April 13th and 14th. Call 260-417-6609 for details.

God's blessings to all....

John & Susann Lengacher

What is a standard?

Excerpt from The Puppy Gurus Boot Camp, Week One

A breed standard is a list of qualities that make up the ideal representation of a given breed. These traits consist of height, weight, coat color and texture, bone structure, proportions, etc. The guidelines will specify in detail what the dog should look like, feel like, and act like.

Why is it important?

The importance of this standard is to give a clear direction in developing a breeding program. Each breed was originally created for a specific purpose and the structure and behavior of that breed plays a huge part in the performance of its tasks, even if that task is simply companionship. The conformation of a dog – its structure – is also a key indicator into its health, both present and future. A dog with mal-aligned teeth can one day suffer severe pain as well as early onset of dental disease. An incorrect topline can cause back injury and arthritis. Stifles that are either too bent or not bent enough can put unnecessary strain on the back and hips.

How do I know if my dog conforms?

Evaluating your own dogs against its breed standard can be difficult, but is absolutely necessary. It is very important to evaluate each individual dog against the *standard* and not against another dog. Noticing differences between dogs, both good and bad, can be helpful, but it must never take the place of the standard. Every dog will have faults, so knowing those faults in comparison to the standard will help you in overcoming them in future generations. Being well-versed in the standard for your chosen breed allows you to observe faults quickly, potentially saving you the mistake of purchasing a lesser-quality dog. It also allows you to recognize the areas in which your own dogs excel, thus helping you achieve even greater success in future generations.

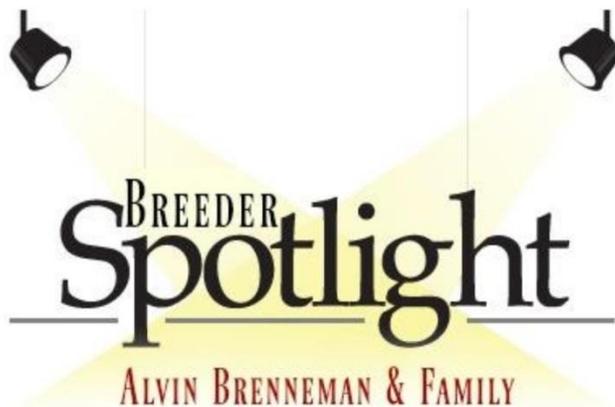
How do I get dogs that look like what the standard calls for?

Breeding according to the standard can be a challenging, but extremely rewarding venture. It takes commitment to continually evaluate your dogs, forethought to carefully plan each litter, and time to research pedigrees, health history, and temperament qualities.

Genetics are what determine the qualities a dog possesses, both the inner workings of their body and the outer display of those inner parts. As a breeder, it is your duty to carefully record the good qualities that your dog possesses, along with any faults. Keeping records of this will help you in choosing breeding partners in future generations.

Dog breeders have sole responsibility when it comes to the puppies that their dogs produce. Because YOU are the one that owns the parents, YOU are the one that breeds those dogs, YOU are the one that produces puppies, and whether they turn out good or bad, it is all YOUR responsibility. For this reason, knowing the genes and bloodlines of your dogs is absolutely imperative so that you can make wise and knowledgeable decisions when planning a litter of puppies.

Always avoid getting a dog that does not conform to the standard. MAKE HARD DECISIONS and stick to your gut. It may involve saying “no” to a friend when he offers a particular dog, or holding off breeding one female in order to choose a better mate for her.



BREEDER Spotlight

ALVIN BRENNEMAN & FAMILY

Greetings from the Brenneman family! We are a family of eight, located near Fort Wayne, IN in the rural country. Tina and I, Alvin, were married in the year of 2000. God has since blessed us with six precious children: Grace, Adam, Charity, Joy, Clara, and Rebekah.



Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

I was asked to write about us and our dogs, but first of all, I would like to acknowledge what God has done and is still doing in our lives. It is only by His mercy that we are here today and are able to be a part of this rewarding occupation of raising puppies. Seventeen years ago I was deeply burdened with the guilt of sin and found myself making a real mess out of my life and our marriage. But then, by the grace of God, He gave me a new heart and a new outlook on this short life where we are not even promised tomorrow. My life has never been the same since, which is how I then later got started raising dogs. I took a new interest in my children and had a longing to someday be home with them to work alongside them, teaching them the principles of God.

“And thou shalt teach them [the oracles of God] diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

Deuteronomy 6:7

Having raised a few litters of puppies when I was still at home, and hearing of others doing it, I felt it was a great opportunity for a family to work together, plus very rewarding to see other families enjoy the puppies we raised. We took a liking to the snub-nosed breeds, and for the first few years raised Boston Terriers and Pugs. In 2006 we bought our first two English Bulldogs, and quickly learned of the many challenges the breed can bring. Looking back, I'm not sure what kept us trying the English Bulldogs, other than the fact that we enjoyed the breed and thought someday it may be financially rewarding. By 2008 we were not breeding the Boston Terriers and Pugs much and had bought some of our first Boxers. We now had about ten English bulldogs as well.





In 2012 we moved to a new location with more acreage, making it more suitable for dogs. The property had a 7,000 square foot pole barn that we started a major remodel project on. With the extra space in the new kennel, we were interested in adding a few more breeds of dogs. Our hands were full with retailing the English Bulldogs and Boxers, so we added some of Happiness Is Pets' Golden

Retrievers, Labs and Huskies to our breeding program. We are very pleased with the quality adult dogs they gave us and it is a pleasure to raise the quality puppies for them. So today my wife and I along with our children, two full-time employees, and a couple part-time employees enjoy working with the dogs.

Our inside kennels have four-foot-high solid dividers which I feel is important for the dogs' privacy. I have and am still trying different epoxies for the floor covering. Through different experiments, I seem to be liking the few tile rooms that we've had done in the past year. Our dogs are directly on the concrete floor, which is heated in the winter and a great place to stay cool in the summer. Our outdoor floor surfaces consist of cement, stone, and tenderfoot/cement combination. I often get asked which surface works best, and I feel it depends a lot on the breed of dog and their energy level.

Each puppy that is kept back to add to our breeding program is put through what we refer to as our socializing program. It consists of the children taking them on a fifteen-minute walk five days a week, teaching them to lead as well as a few basic commands such as sit and shake paw. This is done when they are around twelve weeks old and usually lasts for eight to twelve weeks. We found that it makes such a better kennel companion. Then when they are ready to be retired it makes it a lot easier because for the most part, they remember those things they were taught in their early age.



We have had play yards for about three years now. Most of our dogs get walked to the play yard for an opportunity to run and play with other dogs in the yard. The walk and socializing with other dogs really seem to help keep them social and happy.



Medical

Over the last few years our Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Siberian Huskies, and Boxers have been getting their OFA testing done. We see this as a very important part of our

breeding program. The demand for health certifications are becoming more and more in demand as families are being made aware of health clearances. New puppy owners are willing to pay more for their puppies with health-certified parents. We have been doing heart and knee



certificates on our English Bulldogs but are now ready to start doing their hips and elbows. This will be a new experience for us and are not sure what the future holds in that. Our vet makes visits to our kennel at least once a year and does a hands-on exam of each dog, listening to their hearts, checking their eyes, skin coat, ears, teeth, and knees. He fills out and signs a form stating the health of the dog, which also helps reassure the customer that their

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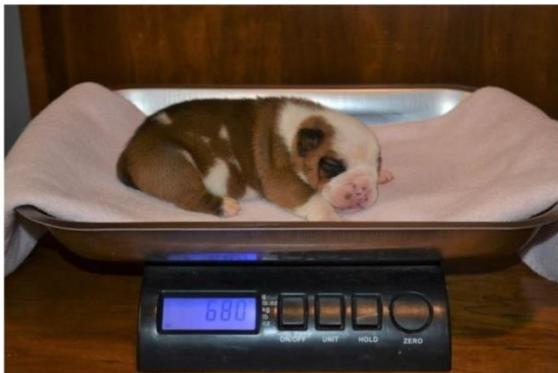


new puppy's parents are healthy and being seen by a vet on a regular basis.

Each dog in our kennel has their own clipboard that we use to hold any documents for medications, unusual behavior, breeding dates, whelping notes, special diets, etc. We use red paper for anything medical related to try to eliminate an overlooked clipboard. During our walk-through for medications we give each dog a

treat. This really helps to keep the dogs inside instead of making a dash for the door when they see the syringe of safeguard coming their way!

We have been doing progesterone testing for the last ten years. This, I feel, has been a tremendous help in getting our females pregnant. We were taking all our samples to the vet which was very time consuming and can be costly. Last June, with the help of Happiness Is Pets, we were able to get our own Mini Vidas machine which has made our life a lot easier. We will check our females until we find the day they are ready and then breed one time. This seems to help keep the males from being overused. The single breeding consists of about ten percent natural ties, fifty percent artificial inseminations and forty percent surgical inseminations.



As many people are aware of the challenges in raising bulldog pups we are certainly still learning. In the last six months we have been weighing each puppy before and after it eats to ensure they are getting their normal supply of milk. We do this three times throughout the day for the first week or two and then weigh once daily until they are eating solid food. Monitoring the newborns' weight gains/losses definitely helps to catch a problem sooner than their actions will show.

Our puppies get two Neopar vaccinations, two 5-Way vaccinations, and two Bordetella vaccinations before they leave here. We hear at times this is too many vaccinations and want to be open to changing when necessary, but we also want to be cautious in making changes to something that has worked for us for the past six years.



We use fenbendazole/metro (safeguard) for giardia and SMZ for coccidia. Each puppy is treated with this prior to leaving to help reduce stress-related parasites.

Cleaning

We like to trade off with different disinfectants with the main ones being Vikron S, Vetenall, and at times just good old Clorox. Each kennel on the inside is disinfected, hosed, and squeegeed six days a week. We use tenderfoot and carpet on our whelping moms and pups, which is disinfected and cleaned daily as well.



Marketing

Time, time, time, and more time is about all I can say about marketing! My daughter Grace spends about 30 hours a week in the office, taking photos of puppies, advertising them online, replying to emails, keeping in touch with new puppy owners, and the list goes on. With me answering puppy calls to hear what people are looking for,



answering their sometimes many questions about us as their potential breeder, and then listening to all their sad stories of their dog they recently loss takes up a lot of time as well. However, it is a very rewarding part of the job to see families enjoy their new puppy, and at times even cry when they hold their new little puppy for the first time. It brings a bigger responsibility to us to raise a healthy puppy.

We know it will be like a child to some family, and understand they may have saved up for months to purchase it. We realize they are now trusting us as the breeder to have done all we could to provide them with a lifelong good experience.



Teapup had an article in January of 2016 with helpful hints in marketing. I find some of the most important tools required for marketing are first of all a quality puppy. You can have the best quality puppy but you need an



excellent camera to display your quality puppy. A good photo editing program is very helpful in removing unwanted obstacles and also to adjust the lighting of the photos. The last thing is the time thing again. When people have done their research and are now ready to buy a puppy, they usually will not wait two days to get a response from an email or a day for a phone call. We live among a generation of people that get what they want and usually want it now, so it's always important to keep up with the phone calls and emails.

It took me a while to get started on this letter, and now looking across I may have written too much. I know it's always an enjoyment though to hear other breeder's stories so thought I should do my part as well. If I came across like we have things figured out then I really misled you—I could most likely fill this entire newsletter with all our mistakes and shortcomings we have made and still make. If something doesn't seem right in what we are doing or if there is something you want further explanation on, feel free to call me.

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8:30 a.m.	Check-In + Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	<i>WELCOME</i> Dr. Candace Croney, Purdue University
9:15 a.m.	<i>Nutrient Sufficiency Through Canine Lifetime: Implications for Development & Learning</i> Dr. Kate Shoveller, University of Guelph
10:00 a.m.	<i>Dietary Management: Implications for Canine Health</i> Dr. Kate Shoveller, University of Guelph
10:30 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	<i>Update on Periodontal Disease in Dogs Prevalence Estimate; Visual Tool Validation</i> Drs. Amy Bauer & Judith Stella, Purdue University
11:45 a.m.	Lunch + Networking + Vendor Exhibits
1:15 p.m.	<i>Preventive Dental Health in Dogs</i> Dr. Steve Thompson, Purdue University
2:00 p.m.	<i>Long-term Effects of Early Environments on the Behavior & Welfare of Dogs</i> Dr. James Serpell, University of Pennsylvania
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	<i>Behavior & Welfare Considerations in Rehoming Breeding Dogs: Scientifically Assessing Welfare in Kennels</i> Dr. Candace Croney, Purdue University
3:45 p.m.	<i>Advancements & Outstanding Challenges in Breeding Dog Health & Welfare: Prioritizing Issues</i> Panel Discussion
5:00 p.m.	<i>Close</i> Dr. Candace Croney, Purdue University



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Canine Words

Dog owners can use unique definitions when describing their dogs. A common word, such as "socks," has a different meaning for dog owners than the clothing item you might wear under your sneakers. A dog's socks are white marks on its feet.

Read the descriptions below. Then unscramble the name of the term. A clue appears below each description to help you. Good luck!

1. A darkly shaded color pattern on the skull of some breeds. PCA
Clue: You might wear one of these at a baseball game.
2. The portion of a dog's forelock (or bangs) that hangs over the eyes or partially covers them. AELRMLUB
Clue: You use one of these to keep dry in the rain.
3. A white mark on the forehead. ARSTS
Clue: You see these at night.
4. A large, black mark over the back of the dog. SDLEAD
Clue: Horseback riders sit in these.
5. This is longer hair below the neck on the chest of a dog. RNOPA
Clue: People wear one of these to protect their clothing in the kitchen.
6. This is the color of the coat on the back and upper part of the sides of a dog, between the neck and the tail. BATEKNL
Clue: You place more of these on your bed when it is cold.
7. This is when a dog's hair turns gray around its muzzle. FRSOINGT
Clue: Another term for "icing" a cake.
8. A group of puppies born together with the same mother and father. LIRTET
Clue: Another word for "trash."



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Six Pet Health Problems You Can Prevent

It's frustrating and worrisome when your animals are sick or you're faced with a difficult-to-treat issue. Problems like these are costly and take up a lot of your time. But did you know some of the most common health issues in kennels and shelters can be prevented? We put together a list of six common but preventable animal health problems, along with tips on how to stop them from ever happening again:

Parasites

When you have a new litter of puppies, you want them to grow up strong and healthy. The last thing you want is parasites such as coccidia and giardia slowing their growth and suppressing their immune system. Parasite control in puppies begins with mom. The fewer parasites mom passes to the babies, the fewer we need to manage out of the babies.

Your goal is to assure these pesky parasites stay under control so the puppies get off to the best start possible. To accomplish that, good disinfection practices and preventatives like [CocciGuard](#) are necessary. Understand your deworming schedule. The dewormer you use and when you use it, is more important than how much dewormer you give them! Late in her pregnancy a mom should undergo deworming and get a good bath prior to whelping. Males should be dewormed twice a year. When new dogs are introduced into your kennel, home or shelter, no matter what their history or age, assume they have parasites and start the deworming process immediately.

Respiratory Problems

It's unsettling to hear your dog fight a vicious, honking cough. Upper respiratory problems like kennel cough tend to get worse at night, meaning an interrupted sleep for both you and your dog. Respiratory diseases are transmitted easily, so prevention through vaccination is the best control.

When it comes to groups of dogs that are housed together, proper ventilation is key to preventing respiratory problems. Since high exposure to the organism is required to cause an outbreak of coughing, your goal is to dilute the organism with more air, ensuring minimal exposure when an affected dog coughs. Keeping the air moving also helps prevent additional bacteria and viruses from becoming concentrated in the area and making the existing infections difficult to clear.

Heat Cycle Issues

Irregular heats and few litters are frustrating. And in the winter months heat cycle issues seem to get worse. As the days get shorter, cycling often slows, but a 100 watt light placed 10 feet from the kennel will usually prevent this issue. Dogs need about 14 hours of light a day, so supplementing their natural exposure with four hours of artificial light in the evenings should help prevent seasonal cycling.

A dietary deficiency can slow or stop a dog's heat cycle; that's where daily vitamins come into play. Eliminate dietary deficiencies as a possible cause before trying to trigger the ovary to cycle with hormones. [Doc Roy's® Daily Care](#) works for large breeds and [Doc Roy's® B Strong](#) for small breeds. Another way to tell if a dietary deficiency is to blame is examine your dogs. If your females are overweight, that often is a sign they are lacking some nutrient or vitamin and overeat to compensate for this shortage.

Puppy Loss

You do everything you can for your puppies and there's nothing worse than having a puppy born normal yet not breathing. In slow whelping, puppies are short of oxygen at birth, which contributes to dead or fading puppies. Fast-absorbing calcium such as [Breeders' Edge® Oral Cal Plus™](#) at the start of labor and anytime mom is slowing down helps labor and assures live births!

A slow whelp also causes mom to get tired and therefore when whelping is over, she's too exhausted to care for her puppies. Getting babies on the ground in six to nine hours is the goal. Malnutrition that first week is preventable but that prevention starts before the babies are born. If we want mom birthing timely and having puppies that fight to live, we need adequate iron and prenatal vitamins. If they are born anemic, babies stay anemic and weak for six weeks.

Milking Issues

You want to give each new puppy the best start at life so they need adequate colostrum. If mom is not milking well it can be disheartening for you both that she cannot provide the nutrition her puppies need. Give mom the necessary prenatal and postnatal nutrition her body requires and help support milk production. Fenugreek and Chaste tree fruit are herbs that have been proven to reliably boost milk production. For moms that have had milking issues in the past or before planned C-sections, using [Breeders' Edge® Oxy Momma™](#) seven days before her due date can get mom dripping milk at birth. No bottle feeding is the goal and it can be done!

Disease

The threat of diseases like parvo and brucellosis keeps anyone with dogs up at night. When it comes to parvo, 50 percent of prevention is giving the parvo vaccine early. When they start eating gruel, it is time to start parvo-only vaccines.

The other 50 percent of prevention is disinfecting. Using a penetrating disinfectant is a must. Bleach will sterilize the surface, but will not go through smeared feces or fat to get the virus underneath. **Virkon**® and **OXINE**® (with citric acid) are penetrating disinfectants and they are safe around young puppies. Bleach and quaternary ammonias are never safe for nursing babies.

To prevent brucellosis, test new additions with the PCR test and isolate them for four weeks. Artificial insemination can also help prevent the risk of transferring the disease. By vaccinating, testing, disinfecting and isolating, these devastating diseases can be managed and prevented so you can sleep well, without the worry. And don't forget biosecurity!

Now it's time to come up with a detailed plan on how to manage, control and stop these problems for good. Our expertly trained Pet Care Pros are ready to support you in this next step. Give them a call at 800-786-4751. You can do this and Revival is here to assist!

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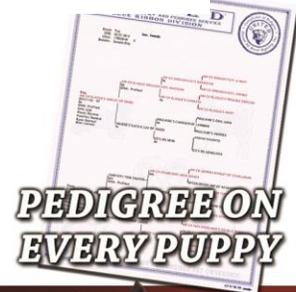
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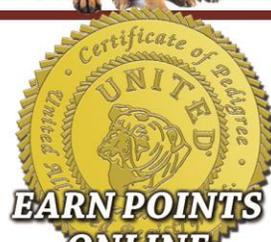
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a WORD from the Northern chapter



Greetings from the Northern Chapter:

How does this find everybody? Hard to believe we're in March of 2017 already! On January 23rd, we had a meeting at Yoder's Homestyle Cooking. We had Dr. Hilary talk on parvo issues popping up, and making sure puppies are vaccinated properly.

Then we had re-elections for our KMA. We had 2 separate KMA's in the North Chapter. Devon Yoder came off and Lavern Whetstone (LaGrange) was elected on for east half. Then Enos Miller came off and was replaced by Darrel Schwartz for the west half.

On January 30th, we had a special meeting at Merle and Ruth Miller's to talk about a rehoming program. Lonnie Borkholder, Devon Yoder, and Devon Schrock were elected as the rehoming board, and were advised to pursue some options.

On February 24th and 25th, John Troyers, Myron Hochstetlers, Milan Wingards, and us went to Holmes County, Ohio for their annual seminar. Was very interesting and a lot of people. They fed over 800 people Saturday noon.

Spring is just around the corner, hard to believe that we heard the spring peepers already in the first of March. We want to wish everybody a safe, blessed and prosperous 2017.

Devon Troyer

Northern Chapter 2017:

Northern Chapter Picnic:

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Place: Cook Station Park, Millersburg, IN

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Commercial Dog Breeder Inspections: Animal Care Requirements

Indiana has a commercial dog breeder and broker program that is overseen by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). Dog breeding operations that maintain more than 20 sexually intact female dogs older than 12 months are required to be in this program. These facilities are inspected by BOAH veterinarians and animal health specialist.

In the last newsletter BOAH covered the minimum facility requirements for commercial dog breeders. In this article we will look at the animal care requirements for commercial dog breeders and brokers in BOAH's program. This is the third of three articles that cover what is involved in a BOAH inspection and what items are inspected.

Animal Health

Animal health and husbandry is evaluated by the dogs' ability to exercise and socialize, access to adequate feed and water, and the cleanliness of enclosures.

Breeders must have a written exercise plan for their dogs that is signed by a veterinarian. Dogs must be allowed to exercise outside of primary enclosure at least once per day unless a run is connected to the primary enclosure.

Dogs need to have an adequate quality and quantity of food to maintain a good body condition as well as a continuous supply of water.

Enclosures should be cleaned at least once a day. This involves removing all feces, urine, and food waste. Food and water bowls need to be cleaned regularly.

Pest control is necessary to maintain good health of dogs and caregivers. Breeders need to have an effective pest control program.

Body Condition Score

BOAH personnel use the Purina Dog Body Condition Scoring chart. Dogs should be fed to maintain normal body condition, which is a score of 4 to 6 on the Purina chart.

When evaluating the body condition on dogs, BOAH personnel also look at the teeth, eyes, and condition of nails and hair of dogs.

Dental Care

A BOAH dental scoring chart is used to evaluate the dental condition of dogs. Build-up of plaque or tartar should be non-existent to minimal. Some chew toys help remove plaque build-up as well as brushing teeth.

Continued...

Rabies Vaccination

All dogs older than 3 months of age are required to be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian as stipulated by state law.

Veterinary Care

The inspector will ask if a veterinarian has been in the facility within the last 12 months. Dogs requiring veterinary care need to be provided with veterinary care. Medications need to be in-date and properly stored.

Records and Identification

Reviewing the dog breeding operation's records is part of BOAH's inspection. All adult dogs and weaned puppies should have individual identification. Records should include: identification of each dog and weaned puppy, vaccinations and other veterinary care.

Information regarding Indiana's Commercial Dog Breeder and Broker program is available on BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/2549.htm.



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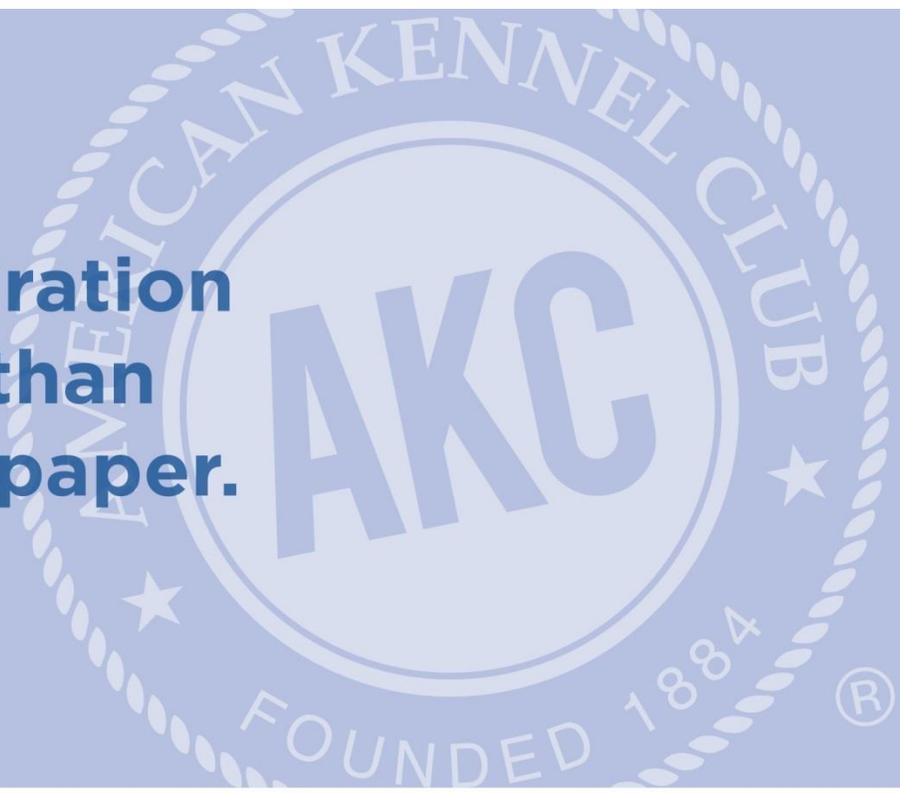
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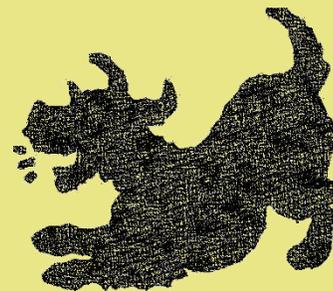
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a **WORD** from the Southern chapter



Hello from Southern Indiana

We had a good day at the statehouse on January 26th for the Meet and Greet. Protect the Harvest and AKC always do a great job with that event.

At the time of writing, the new KMA grading system is almost ready. Thanks to the pioneers of this program. It has and continues to serve our industry very well. By now some of you have probably used the new sheet and hopefully it's going well. All breeders are encouraged to participate in some way, even if it means requesting a sheet from your chapter president or KMA chairman and doing your own evaluation.

Also, the Emergency Response Team has been setup for each chapter. This consists of, but not limited to, wire crates being available for transportation or temporary housing in case of fire, flood, storm damage etc. There may be more info on the ER team elsewhere in this issue.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Spring and Summer

Mark Raber

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One of the biggest questions that the Animal Rights Activists have been using against us in the past year; "What will happen with all the dogs or puppies in the event of a disaster?" For example... fire, flood, tornado, etc.

This question is a valid question and in the past we did not have a good answer. However, we now have a four-man emergency response team in effect who will be trying to help the best they can.

Back in November of 2016, the ICAW board voted on a set of guidelines and gave them to the ER team to try and get them started. We have purchased 400 collapsible wire crates in case of an emergency situation. These have been distributed to the Northern, East Central, and Southern Chapters.

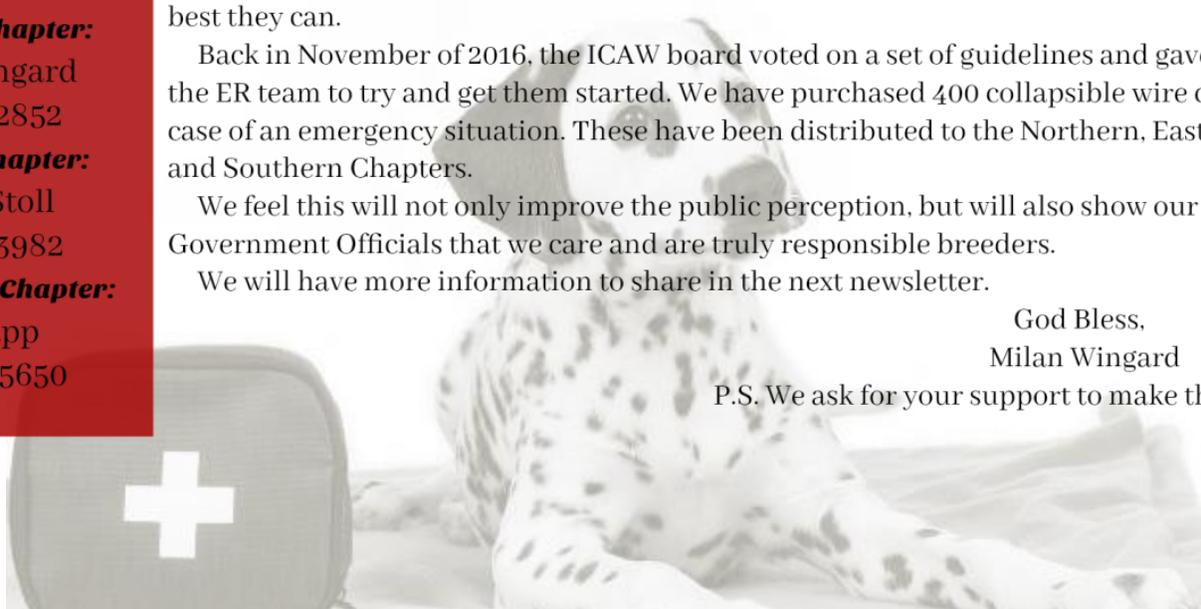
We feel this will not only improve the public perception, but will also show our Government Officials that we care and are truly responsible breeders.

We will have more information to share in the next newsletter.

God Bless,

Milan Wingard

P.S. We ask for your support to make this effective



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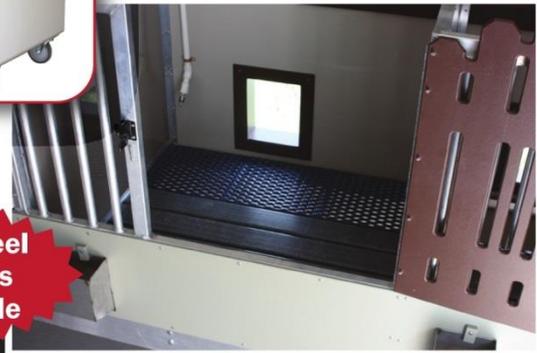
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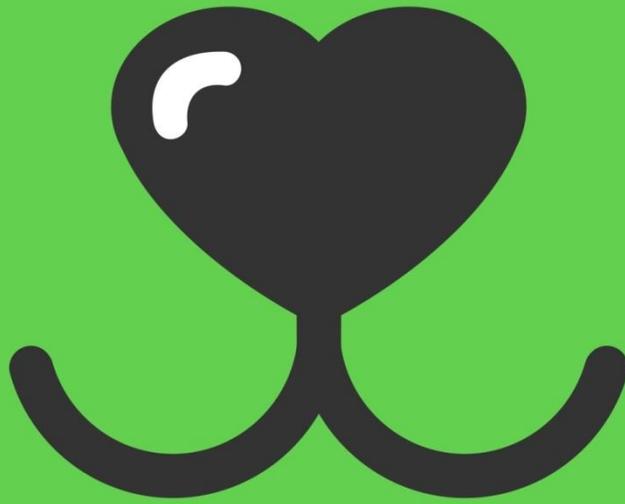
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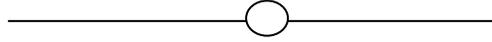
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