Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be at the Blessing of the Animals at Porterfields Drive-Thru in St. Clairsville. The Blessing will start at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7th. Please come and meet the newest club members. This is our club’s 30th Anniversary. Refreshments of cake and cider will be served. You can bring dogs, cats, anything you want to get blessed. In the past, we have had birds, miniature horses, ponies, and lots of different animals.

New Members

Bethany Rahm lives in Proctor, WV and owns a Basenji named Mag. In the past, she’s earned a JC title and 6 CH titles on her dogs.

Joy Reese lives in Adena, OH and owns four dogs and has been involved in search and rescue.

Melisa Skillman lives in Proctor, WV and owns five dogs, including a Whippets and Basenjis. She’s been involved in conformation and lure crossing.

We welcome them to our club and hope they will enjoy working with our club.

ATTS Test

The American Temperament Test Society, Inc. focuses on and measures different aspects of temperament such as stability, shyness, aggressiveness, and friendliness as well as the dog’s instinct for protectiveness towards its handler and/or self preservation in the face of a threat.

This test is so much fun and gives you an idea of how your dog reacts to stimuli such as behavior towards strangers - neutral and friendly. Other tests check your dog’s reaction towards auditory, visual and tactile stimuli. An evaluator checks your dog for his reaction and how fast he recovers. One of the more interesting and comical tests is the one where there is a weird stranger who comes out from nowhere and advances 10 feet towards the stationary handler in a threatening manner. A stranger usually dresses in a big coat and a large black hat waving or beating a stick or umbrella, yelling and jumping up/down. The dogs can all react differently depending on what it has been trained for - obedience, CGC/ TDI, Schutzhund, etc. A Schutzhund trained dog lunging at a stranger is allowed, but if an untrained Siberian Husky does the same, it may fail. The evaluator takes this into consideration. FMI regarding the tests, please visit the ATTS website at http://www.atts.org.

Parades

Powhatan Point, OH - November 8th.
St. Clairsville, OH - Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. Tree lighting ceremony before parade.
Moundsville, WV - Saturday, November 22nd. Parade begins at 2:00 p.m.
Bellaire, OH - Saturday, November 29th. Parade begins between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.
Sad News

In mid-August, Zoe, our 10 year old German Shepherd developed a slight hack that went away, some breathing problems, fever and cysts underneath her skin. She was diagnosed with mast cell cancer and only had a few weeks left. With extra care, Prednisone and special dog food and supplements especially for dogs with cancer, she was still enjoying barking at the pesky squirrels, even with some labored breathing. On September 22 she grew weak, her breathing was much worse and she refused to eat. Remember the saying “The eyes are the windows to their souls”? I believe this and that night Zoe’s eyes told us it was time. Mast cell cancer is common and can happen to any dog, but more common in several breeds, so please go to: http://www.kateconnick.com/library/mastcelltumor.html or do a search so that you will know what to look for. LuAnn and Bill

Do animals have souls? What happens when they die?
This book offers some amazing answers....

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Kim Sheridan grew up with animals as her constant companions. Each time she faced the death of a beloved animal, along with the pain came the same questions, to which she could find no answers. Then, mysterious things began to happen which she could not explain. This led her on an incredible journey to uncover the truth. Along with her own extraordinary experiences, she compiled the heartwarming and meaningful true stories of everyday people around the world. She discovered compelling evidence that forever erased her own doubts of an afterlife for animals. Today she is a highly respected and sought after expert on this subject, and her time is devoted not only to animals but to those who are left behind when they pass. Her long-awaited book provides tremendous comfort and reassurance to anyone who has ever loved an animal, and food for thought for anyone who has ever questioned the place of animals in the larger scheme of things, both here on earth and in the afterlife.

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“Kim Sheridan has the ability to open minds and touch hearts. Presented in an intelligent and down-to-earth manner, this book will surely touch the lives of animal lovers everywhere.”
— Jack Canfield, Co-author of Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul

“Kim has done a lovely, heart-touching job with a mysterious and controversial topic. It is her genuineness and passion that lift the topic of animals all the way to kingdom come, where their souls most surely reside. Much, much here for reflection, for insight, and for inner peace for all who have loved and lost an animal family member.”
— Susan Chernak McElroy, author of Animals as Teachers & Healers

“This uplifting book is a real page-turner! Kim’s unique life experiences and compassion make this book a tremendously healing gift!”
— Gretchen Wyler, Vice President of The Humane Society of the United States, Hollywood Office

“At last, Kim Sheridan confirms that our precious pets survive their physical death and can communicate with us from their heavenly realm, where we can expect reunion when it’s our time to pass. Thank you, Kim!”
— Judith Guggenheim, researcher & author of Hello From Heaven!

“Kim has combined an amazing amount of information, from stories, quotes and perspectives to thought-provoking theories on a fascinating and controversial subject. Her courage, persistence and talents shine beautifully throughout the book. If you’ve ever wondered about this subject, this book is a must-read! It touches your heart and stimulates your mind! Read and enjoy!”
— Allen M. Schoen, MS, DVM, author of Love, Miracles and Animal Healing and Kindred Spirits: How the Remarkable Bond Between Humans and Animals Can Change the Way We Live “Seven years in the making, this wonderful book chronicles a skeptic’s gradual conversion...author Kim Sheridan comes to the view that all animals—including rats—have an essence that survives death, and that they can and do communicate with humans from beyond the veil.... Sheridan, who runs a Rat Rescue operation in her home, has had to learn to deal with the loss of a long line of beloved pets. As a result, she has become something of an expert in the bittersweet art of letting go, and her love and wisdom breathe from every page....”
— Helen Weaver, author of The Daisy Sutra: Conversations with My Dog

“...A MUST-READ MASTERPIECE!” — Celebrity Newsmagazine
Kay Moore’s Golden Retriever Millie qualified in three straight shows and was awarded her AKC CD title. The 4th leg was just for insurance and was their best one.

She is now Gold Star’s Millenium Force RN CD. Kay won her legs towards her title at the following shows.

1st leg  April 5  189 points  Youngstown All Breed Training Club
2nd leg  May 10  187 points  Akron All Breed Training Club
3rd leg  June 7  181.5 points  Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club
4th leg  June 8  191 points  Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club

Bertie Prettyman’s Brussels Griffon Gavin went BOB at the Clermont County Kennel Club shows on 9/6 and 9/7, and at the Butler County Kennel Club shows on 9/20, and Erie Kennel Club on 9/21. Gavin also received a Group 3 at Butler County Kennel Club under judge Joe Walton. As of 8/31, the Canine Chronicle ranked him as the #6 Brussels Griffon in Breed Rankings and #10 Brussels Griffon in All Breed Rankings.

Bertie’s little red Smooth girl Autumn debuted at Clermont Co., taking the major reserve her first time in any ring, and a major and BOS the next day. Autumn is co-owned with her granddaughter Bailey, so that made the weekend even more exciting.

Candy Gebhardt’s English Cocker Abbie received 2 more points. The wins were from the Butler County Kennel Club. She went WB, BOW, and BOB on September 20th and at the Erie Kennel Club show she went WB and BOS on September 21.

Bertie Prettyman talked with Dr. Kammi Hefner (of Fairmont WV) at the Butler show several weeks ago and she told her about a home study group underway, “The ABC’s of Dog Breeding”, based on the book and seminars of the same name. It includes reading assignments and a workbook, and if successfully completed, you can receive a Certificate of Completion thru the AKC Breeder’s Dept. The author, Dr. Claudia W. Orlandi, also does seminars on the subject. There is a charge for the book needed. For more info, go to www.abcsofdogbreeding.com.

Eloise Wolfson has a beautiful collie puppy named Jamie. Eloise brought him home when he was 12 wks. old. He’s a neat little guy with lots of personality ans spunk. He’s been keeping her busy.