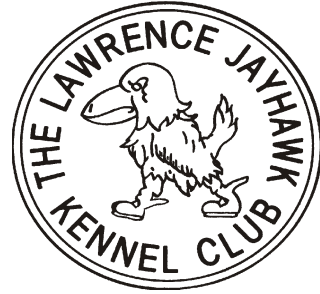


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October 2010



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Newsletter Submissions

If you have an item of interest or a brag to submit for inclusion in the next newsletter, please contact newsletter editor Barb Clauson at blclauson@gmail.com (or 785-842-6884). Deadline for inclusion in next month's newsletter is the 21st of the preceding month. Electronic copy (as a Word attachment or embedded in the body of an e-mail message) is greatly appreciated. If you do have e-mail access, please send your current address to blclauson@gmail.com.

Web Site

Remember to check the Web site, <http://ljk.com>, on a regular basis. Any comments or additions? Contact the Webmaster, Lee Boyd, at leeboyd@att.net.

Mark Your Calendar

October 4: meeting at Christal K-9, 7:30 PM
October 9: Fun Match
November 1: meeting at Christal K-9, 7:30 PM
December 6: meeting at Christal K-9, 7:30 PM

Synopsis of Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club General Meeting September 2010

The Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club held its September 13, 2010 general meeting at Christal K-9. The general meeting was started by a program presented by Dr. Gary Modrcin about canine dentistry. The minutes were approved as corrected; correction spelling of Corky Vroom.

Treasurer Report: Lee Boyd reported on the club's account holdings.

2nd Vice President Report: Jane Tusten reported that class registration will be September 15 at the fairgrounds. Everyone is needed to help check in all those who have registered for class. Classes will be at 6:30-7:30 and 8:30.

Match Committee Report: Jane Tusten reported that the match will be on October 9 at the fairgrounds. We need all of the club members to help put on the event. There will be Rally and Obedience Show N Go in the morning and conformation in the afternoon. There

is a need for ring stewards. Please let her know if you can help. We will need 2 ring stewards per ring. There will be three conformation rings. Ced Devin made a motion that we hire Kerry to set up and take down the rings for the match. Approved.

Delegate Report: Bryant Freeman reported that AKC has put out a 21-position program. This will be discussed at a later date. He said that it would be placed in the newsletter so that people can ask him questions at a later meeting.

Old Business: The Animal Fair will be November 14. Lee Boyd made a motion that we have a table for the cost of \$25 at the fair. Approved.

Lee Boyd looked into the Bark in the Park to be held in Topeka on November 7. After a brief discussion the club will not participate.

Leslie Soden is still looking for a home for the club's library. Ced Devin said that he would look into the possibility of it being housed at the shop.

New Business: None.

New Member 1st Reading:

Sharon Hughes (S) [app. 09/10]

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Sharon will be voted on at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Jacobs

Thank You

The club would like to thank Gary Modrcin, DVM, for presenting a talk on canine dentistry at the LJKC September meeting.

New Location and Librarian Needed

Current club librarian Leslie Soden is hoping to sell her house this fall and so the club library needs to find a new home and new librarian. Please contact a club officer if you are interested.

Member Update

Maxine Yager renewed her LJKC membership late; the Board voted to extend a grace period to her (as per the LJKC By-Laws). Please add Maxine back to your membership list:

Maxine Yager (S) [2/92]

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Japanese Chin

New E-mail Address for Newsletter Editor

I will gradually switch to gmail from my former earthlink address. Please start using my gmail address now and update your member list: blclauson@gmail.com

Help Please

A few people will be needed at each meeting to help set up chairs and tables at Christal K-9. If you would like to volunteer to bring food treats to a future monthly meeting, please contact Jane (785-842-5856; roytus@aol.com).

Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club Training Class Schedule Autumn 2010

All classes will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

	Date	Location
Registration (7:00-8:00 PM)	9/15/10	Building #1
Class 1	9/22/10	Building #21
Class 2	9/29/10	Building #21
Class 3	10/6/10	Building #21
Class 4	10/13/10	Building #21
Class 5	10/20/10	Building #21
Class 6	11/3/10	Building #21

News from the Mother Ship

Visit <http://www.akc.org> for the latest AKC news.

Club Library

The LJKC has an extensive library of books pertaining to dogs. The listing of our library available to be checked out by members is at the Club's Web site: <http://www.ljkc.com/members/library.htm>. If you see something you want to check out, just let Librarian Leslie Soden know.

Braggs

Cimmaron's Gold Standard of Marsport, "Nugget" (Brittany), owned by Karen Booker, went Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and got pulled for Breed for a 3-point major in Des Moines, September 11. At 15 months, Nugget has been shown three weekends and has both majors.

Chesapeake Strong Force, "Obie" (Cairn Terrier), owned by Marty and

Sherry Woodward, now has 13 points after winning his first major at the Cairn Terrier Club of Denver annual specialty on Friday August 20 in Greeley, CO. He was Winners Dog at the specialty and got Reserve Dog at the major all breed show on Saturday. We were honored to have John and Jennifer Cramer in attendance to see Obie win his first major!

Sonbar's Viligiant Valkyrie at Cynosure, "Kyra" (Basenji), owned and handled by Vickie Jacobs, won Best of Breed both days at the Jessie James Dog Show.

AKC Legislation Summary Position Statements

AKC Delegate Bryant Freeman has asked that the current AKC Legislation Summary Position Statements be published in the newsletter for discussion at future club meetings. They can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Remembering Penny (August 20, 1997 to June 28, 2010) by Caroline Rankin

Penny's registered AKC name, Antaup Penny Ante, was far too pretentious. She was a very small sheltie, 13 inches tall and a light weight at around 12 lbs. However, her personality was very large, at least 50 inches tall and a heavy 50-75 lbs. There was no question, she was "BOSS DOG". Now being boss dog is a very busy job. And she never flinched from the duties of that position. She was always present, and always watching to see that things were done according to Penny's Rules. She supervised mealtimes, the order in which the other dogs entered or left the house, the games

that were played, and potty time. And she was a great communicator. We have an open staircase between the two floors of our house and she had a “talking stair” on which she would perch and then, face to face with Bob, would oink and grunt and chirp and vocalize, telling him all about her day. She also oversaw our comings and goings, with much shaking of her large pillow at the door when we left the house.

She came to us at 7 weeks old as a tiny little ball of fur that fit into one of Bob’s hands. And we had great hopes for her. As life would have it those hopes faded as she gave us far more than we had ever dreamed possible. She was definitely the sparkle of our eye. And now as we think back, those memories bring smiles and laughter, and yes tears too. As is always the case, she left us too soon.

An early memory was her first experience with sheep. We took her for a herding lesson, to see if she had any “instinct”. The lesson was to be about half an hour long and we finally managed to catch a very tired Penny about an hour later. She instantly decided those sheep needed bossing around, in particular, they needed to be gathered up and held against the fence. Since they had other ideas, she was very busy chasing down escapees and returning them to the spot she had chosen, against the fence. The woman who was working with us, was bemused, as she handled Australian shepherds which drove rather than gathered sheep. Eventually, we might have figured it out, were it not that we discovered that Penny had hip dysplasia. And sheep herding was far too taxing a job for a dysplastic dog.

Penny also did competition obedience, and did finish her C.D. and although she was trained through utility, she was

never able to consistently do the broad jump in open. Since AKC in all their wisdom would not allow dogs to compete in utility without having finished their CDX title, the obedience “career” stopped. Penny also did agility and snagged one novice title. But soon, AKC in all their wisdom made the courses faster and tighter and she could no longer physically handle it. But she could track and did get her TD. She was an honest tracker and very easy to read. Her test was the day after a blizzard and the track went through a couple of drifts over her head. She bounced through the drifts, disappearing momentarily in the snow, and then exploding up and out and tracking on. This earned her the name of Miss Bunny Penny (Bob is a fan of James Bond).

Penny was the first dog that I trained with the clicker. We went to several Shirley Chong seminars in Grinnell, IA and at one encountered a large intact male Rottweiler. Shirley asked whether I’d be willing to let Penny teach the Rottie some manners and although I was a bit nervous about it, I trusted Shirley. So, with the Rottie and Penny off lead, the Rottie came snoofing around Penny. Penny never missed a beat; she just simply moved under him and grabbed one of his testicles. He suddenly became very still and then walked away, very stiff legged. And for the rest of the week-end he was the perfect example of a mannerly gentleman.

Penny had numerous health problems. As mentioned previously, hip dysplasia was one, as was bladder “stones” which resulted in (or from) numerous urinary tract infections. This caused either incontinence or plugging of the urethra. In fact our one attempt to do rally (back in the early days when there were 70+ entered in novice) was interrupted when

she became plugged and had to have an emergency trip to the vet. This time as many times previously the bladder would get squeezed and the urine expressed; however, one time the bladder burst and Penny had to undergo emergency surgery to repair her bladder. She also had seizures and was on medication for that. Finally, we took her to K-State for a health check, especially to find out what might be causing her urinary problems. We discovered that she most likely had lupus. In the years that followed, she lost an eye to “dry eye”, most likely a result of the lupus and her kidneys started to fail, again as a result of the lupus. Through all these health issues, she was always happy, bubbly and continued to boss everyone around. She was almost always game to “give it a try”. She truly lived her life to the fullest. Because of her health issues and all the medications she was on, we often took her with us when we visited relatives or went on vacations. She was always welcome. Did I mention that she was cute? Unbelievably cute! And she had a way of melting the heart of everyone she met.

In June 2009, I was returning to Kansas after a visit to relatives in Wisconsin and stopped with Penny at an Iowa rest stop. There she found little cat (or maybe the little cat found her). At any rate she and the little cat walked all around the rest stop together and when we got back to the car, the cat jumped in. Apparently Penny had invited her home. Of course, we checked with Bob for his approval on bringing the little cat home, and also with all the people around the rest stop to make sure the cat was truly a stray. Now, Penny is gone physically, although we still see her sitting and supervising all facets of our lives. Only now, the Penny angel stands with her paws on her

hips and surveys our goings on as if she is our conscience, just making sure we are still following Penny’s Rules!

Mandatory Pet Sterilization Bill is Defeated

From PetPac:

It’s official—SB 250, the mandatory pet sterilization bill is dead! Thank you to the legion of PetPAC Supporters who called, wrote and faxed California legislators to voice their opposition. Once again PetPAC was successful in defending the rights of pet owners. Please make a generous contribution to PetPAC in recognition of our hard fought victory. Many pet owners and clubs have pledged to contribute \$250 in honor of NO on SB 250. Please make whatever contribution you can afford to help PetPAC. PetPAC has exhausted our resources in fighting back the mandatory sterilization lobby. Without your support we will not be able to continue our work across the United States. By defeating SB 250 pet owners in California and across this country sent a strong message; we will fight to protect our dogs and cats from irresponsible mandatory sterilization laws. We understand these laws cost taxpayers millions and result in more dogs and cats being relinquished to animal shelters and euthanized. We are honored and grateful for your support. Sincerely,
Bill Hemby, Chairman

Dogs in Music Video

Here’s a fun dog and pony show. OK, without the ponies—they use furniture instead (and a goat—watch carefully, there really is a goat). It is by OK Go: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHIJODYBLKs>. The dogs in the video were

from Talented Animals:
http://nymag.com/daily/entertainment/2010/09/how_ok_go_went_to_the_dogs.html.

Tribute to Military Dogs

<http://www.southeuclidpolice.com/K-9Presentation.html>

Book about Michael Vick's Dogs

Here is a story about a book about Michael Vick's dogs:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129989424>. *The Lost Dogs: Michael Vick's Dogs and Their Tale of Rescue and Redemption* by Jim Gorant.

Bite Strength and Jaw Size and Bite Style

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZm037jPNgc&feature=fvw>

Disaster Planning

Here are several resources for disaster planning:

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/199749.php>

<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness/>

http://www.pettravelcenter.com/page_items/itemList/56

http://www.petfriendlytravel.com/?page=pet_shelters

http://www.avma.org/disaster/emerg_prep_resp_guide.pdf

(this searchable CD-ROM is a resource designed for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, emergency managers, and others interested in all hazards/all species veterinary and animal emergency issues. This 400+ page reference is full of disaster planning information, containing actual templates for writing detailed animal disaster annexes to county and state emergency operations plans.)

http://www.avma.org/disaster/saving_family_brochure.pdf

Upcoming Area Events

Club member Troy Clifford Dargin will be performing Philostrate in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare (performed in the original pronunciation, directed by Paul Meier) on November 11, 12, 13, 14*, 18, 19, 20, 21* at Stage Too! Ticket info can be found at:

<http://www.kutheatre.com/~kutheatr/performances.shtml>

The annual Animal Fair to benefit the Lawrence Humane Society is Sunday November 14.

AKC Legislation Summary Position Statements

(available at http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/position_statements.cfm; accessed 16 September 2010)

Air travel for dogs: To ensure the safest air travel possible, the American Kennel Club strongly supports thorough training of airline staff who handle dogs, adequate environment controls in cargo spaces, and careful attention to record keeping. The ability to ship dogs by air as excess baggage, cargo, or in the cabin is vital to dog owners, breeders, handlers, and exhibitors who want to travel on the same flights as their dogs. We encourage airlines to serve their customers by continuing to offer these necessary services.

Animal terrorism: The American Kennel Club® abhors acts of violence committed against dog owners, dog handlers, kennels, and research facilities by those who object to the keeping and use of animals. The AKC® respects the right of all individuals to express and advocate personal opinions in lawful ways. We strongly condemn illegal actions such as the “liberation” of dogs or destruction of property. The AKC supports the right of people to own, train, interact with and exhibit their dogs without interference.

Breeding restrictions: The American Kennel Club® strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. The American Kennel Club opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

Canine population issues: AKC® commends experienced breed enthusiasts who are educating the public and other breeders about the need for long term commitments and responsibilities. We encourage them to help new owners address issues that could result in the relinquishment of pets. National research organizations have reported that the majority of unwanted dogs in the United States come from owners who are unable or unwilling to train, socialize, and care for their dog. The American Kennel Club also encourages pet owners to spay or neuter their dogs if they do not want to participate in AKC conformation events or engage in responsible breeding programs. The American Kennel Club further supports programs dedicated to teaching the pet-buying public how to find a responsible breeder and how to make well-informed decisions when buying a dog rather than buying on impulse. Such programs help to ensure that pet purchasers find a puppy or dog that is a good match for their lifestyle, at an appropriate time in their lives, thereby increasing the likelihood that the animal will stay with the owner for its entire life. The AKC encourages owners and potential dog owners to visit our website at www.akc.org to locate AKC Parent Clubs which are the national organizations that represent breeds recognized by the AKC. The American Kennel Club believes euthanasia should be employed only as a last resort when all reasonable efforts to place adoptable dogs have failed. At the same time, AKC recognizes that not all dogs are adoptable due to temperament and health issues.

“Dangerous Dog” control legislation: The American Kennel Club supports reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs. The AKC

believes that dog owners should be responsible for their dogs. We support laws that: establish a fair process by which specific dogs are identified as “dangerous” based on stated, measurable actions; impose appropriate penalties on irresponsible owners; and establish a well-defined method for dealing with dogs proven to be dangerous. We believe that, if necessary, dogs proven to be “dangerous” may need to be humanely destroyed. The American Kennel Club strongly opposes any legislation that determines a dog to be “dangerous” based on specific breeds or phenotypic classes of dogs.

Debarking: Debarking is a viable veterinary procedure that may allow a dog owner to keep a dog that barks excessively in its loving home rather than to be forced to surrender it to a shelter. Debarking should only be performed by a qualified, licensed veterinarian after other behavioral modification efforts to correct excessive barking have failed. As with other veterinary medical decisions, the decision to debark a dog is best left to individual owners and their veterinarians.

Dog auctions: The American Kennel Club considers auctions and raffles not to be reasonable and appropriate methods to obtain or transfer dogs. AKC’s current inspection program shall include kennels/individuals offering dogs for sale at auctions. Any dog sold at auctions that is under 8 weeks of age or without microchip identification will be ineligible for AKC registration and shall be placed on permanent referral. The American Kennel Club discourages Parent Club rescue groups from purchasing dogs at auctions. Although Parent Clubs may be doing good things for individual dogs purchased at auctions, it perpetuates the problem and tends to create a seller’s market. Reciprocally, auctioneers seek more dogs of those breeds to offer at auctions. AKC applauds the work of Parent Club rescue groups on many fronts. However, AKC believes that the purchasing of dogs at auctions is not overall in the best interest of purebred dogs.

Dog fighting: The American Kennel Club supports state laws making any form of participation in organized dog fights a felony. The AKC unequivocally opposes dog fighting and the breeding and/or training of dogs for fighting. The AKC opposes the training of dogs for uncontrolled aggressive behavior toward other dogs and people.

Ear cropping, tail docking and dewclaw removal: The American Kennel Club recognizes that ear cropping, tail docking, and dewclaw removal, as described in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character and/or enhancing good health. Appropriate veterinary care should be provided.

Enforcement of the animal welfare act: The federal Animal Welfare Act enforced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is intended to regulate wholesale breeders, dealers and caretakers of dogs. The USDA has regularly strengthened the standards for humane care and treatment of dogs and other animals by persons regulated under the Act. The American Kennel Club supports increasing the number of USDA enforcement personnel dealing with wholesale dog operations and strong enforcement of the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act.

“Guardian” v. Owner: The American Kennel Club supports the use of the term “owner” rather than “guardian” when referring to the keeping of dogs. The AKC believes that the term guardian may in fact reduce the legal status and value of dogs as property and thereby restrict the rights of owners, veterinarians, and government agencies to protect and care for dogs. It may also subject them to frivolous and expensive litigation. The term guardian does nothing to promote more responsible treatment of dogs. We strongly

support efforts to educate the public about responsible dog ownership to ensure that all dogs receive the care, love, and attention they deserve.

Homeowners' insurance and dangerous dogs: The American Kennel Club believes that insurance companies should determine coverage of a dog-owning household based on the dog's deeds, not the dog's breed. If a dog is a well-behaved member of the household and the community, there is no reason to deny or cancel coverage. In fact, insurance companies should consider a dog an asset, a natural alarm system whose bark may deter intruders and prevent potential theft.

Proper care and humane treatment of dogs: Dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times. Proper care and humane treatment include an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. The American Kennel Club believes that dogs should not be kept in circumstances or numbers where these needs can not be adequately fulfilled. Anyone convicted of animal cruelty where charges involved a dog will have all AKC® privileges suspended.

Protection for puppy purchasers: The American Kennel Club supports reasonable laws and regulations intended to protect the pet-buying public in obtaining a sound dog of the breed represented. Breeders and/or sellers should be responsible for providing certain refunds, replacements, or reimbursements should the dog sold become ill or die from a condition contracted prior to the purchase. Such remedies should be conditioned upon the buyer's scrupulous adherence to the care and feeding program prescribed by the breeder and/or seller, as well as a timely examination by a state licensed veterinarian. Breeders and/or sellers should provide buyers with a written bill of sale detailing the responsibilities of both the buyer and seller. This bill of sale should also detail any exclusions to refunds, replacements, or reimbursements.

Purebred dog rescue: The American Kennel Club supports and encourages the efforts of clubs, organizations, and individuals to rescue adoptable purebred dogs. These dogs may originate from animal shelters, or from owners who can no longer care for their dogs in a responsible manner. The American Kennel Club encourages all such groups and individuals, after exhausting all possible means to contact the breeder of such animals, to spay or neuter all adoptable purebred dogs prior to placing them with a responsible owner.

Responsible breeding practices: The American Kennel Club® believes that breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly for the purpose of preserving breed characteristics and producing healthy, well-socialized purebred puppies. Responsible breeders are expected to give careful consideration to health issues, temperament, and genetic screening, as well as to the individual care and placement of puppies in responsible homes. AKC® supports and promotes these and other responsible breeding practices through breeders' education programs, and commends those who offer similar guidance. The AKC strongly opposes the breeding of dogs by those who do so without regard for the dogs' welfare. We support scrupulous enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, and state and local regulations governing the humane care of animals. We further believe that USDA and other enforcement agencies should be given appropriate resources to ensure that regulations are met. In addition, the AKC Investigations and Inspections department conducts more than 5,000 kennel inspections each year. When

AKC inspectors find kennels that do not meet our minimum care and conditions requirements, they educate and encourage those breeders to raise their standards or face suspension of their AKC registration privileges. Proper authorities are also alerted to any cases of animal neglect.

Responsible dog ownership: The American Kennel Club® believes that owning a dog is a rewarding experience that brings great joy and happiness to any household. With dog ownership comes long-term emotional and financial commitment and a variety of responsibilities. Accordingly, we encourage potential owners to closely evaluate their lifestyle before deciding to obtain a dog and to give careful consideration to what breed will best suit them. They are encouraged to visit the AKC® website, www.akc.org, to do their research. AKC strongly urges puppy purchasers to seek responsible, ethical breeders as resources for their dogs. We further encourage owners to provide proper care, training and socialization to ensure that their pets remain happy members of their family, respectable members of the community and well-mannered canine good citizens. AKC and its affiliated clubs offer a wide range of educational programs and materials to teach dog owners how to reach these goals while enjoying their dogs for many years to come.

Spaying and neutering: The American Kennel Club encourages pet owners to spay or neuter their dogs as a responsible means to prevent accidental breedings resulting in unwanted puppies. The American Kennel Club encourages breeders to discuss spaying and neutering options with puppy buyers who do not wish to participate in conformation events.

The advantages of purebred dogs: Responsible breeders breed dogs with desired characteristics, abilities and instincts. The offspring of their breeding programs are predictable in appearance, temperament and instinct. Purebred dogs are true to type when mated. The American Kennel Club® currently recognizes and includes more than 160 breeds in its stud book, and various dog registries throughout the world recognize more than 400 breeds. Some of the breeds are of relatively recent origin, while other breeds have existed since civilization began. The choice of a purebred dog permits the prospective dog owner to select the desired size, appearance, disposition and instincts with assurance that a puppy purchased from a responsible breeder will possess those defined characteristics.

The right to keep and enjoy dogs: The human–canine bond predates history. Since the dawn of civilization, people have enjoyed the companionship and assistance of dogs. Dog ownership has existed in all cultures, races, climates and economic situations - by monarchs, monks, nomads, and peasants. The American Kennel Club® strongly endorses the right to own, keep and breed dogs in a responsible and humane manner. We believe that responsible dog ownership is compatible with most living arrangements. The AKC® opposes laws that limit the number of dogs a responsible owner may own as well as unreasonable limitations on pet ownership, such as the prohibition of dogs for residents of senior citizen and government subsidized housing facilities. The AKC recognizes the special obligation of dog owners, not only to their pets but also to their neighbors. The AKC supports “curbing” and clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws, and other reasonable regulations designed to ensure dogs and their owners remain respected members of their communities.

Use of dogs for assistance and service: The American Kennel Club strongly supports the training and use of dogs to provide assistance and service to humans. Dogs provide

valuable service as: seeing eye dogs; hearing dogs; therapy dogs; handicapped assistance dogs; drug, bomb, and arson detection dogs; and tracking dogs to locate missing persons and fugitives. The American Kennel Club opposes those who seek to define the assistance and service dogs provide to humans as exploitative. The AKC encourages the continuation and further development of the use of dogs for these and similar purposes.

Use of dogs in research: The American Kennel Club recognizes the invaluable contributions to both human and veterinary medical knowledge and practices that have resulted from medical research on animal subjects, including dogs. The American Kennel Club believes that all efficacious alternatives to the use of dogs should be explored before using dogs, that the research should clearly necessitate the use of dogs, and that standards of humane care and treatment of such dogs should be scrupulously observed. Also, the American Kennel Club strongly believes that individuals who utilize dogs in research should bear full responsibility for ascertaining the source of their dogs and for assuring that suppliers comply with federal, state and local regulations.

Use of dogs in sporting, working, and competition activities: The American Kennel Club encourages and strongly supports the interaction and mutual enjoyment of owners and dogs in sporting activities such as hunting and field trials; in working circumstances such as herding, tracking, and pulling; and in competition events such as dog shows, obedience trials, agility trials, and other performance events and tests. The AKC believes that dogs should be properly cared for, humanely trained, and not pushed beyond reasonable limits for which they were bred.