



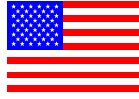
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OCTOBER Meeting: Terri's Residence (address above)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Date/Time: Sunday, October 25

1:00 PM – Pot Luck – We share whatever you bring!

Dress up or dress up your dog and have fun!



Bumble Bee

Best Wishes to **Caroline Hagman** after her knee surgery! And hubby **Rob** after his ear-related surgery! Also, we hope that **Diane and Jim Stanley** are over their flu by now! Say a Prayer for **Ken Cottrill** starting radiation therapy.

Thank You! To Liz Medina, Anthony and Eaine Pollio, Cheryl Martinez, Geraldine Ciaccia and Terri Cuchiaro for participating in the Meet The Breeds held Sept. 19 and also being such good sports and 'handling' a puppy in the ring at the Match Show! Anthony held down the fort while the rest of us tried to walk little puppies with their brakes on. Liz won the **Toy Puppy Group, #1** with her little charge, a puppy boy out of **Ch. Carasel's Teodoro**, and bravely went in to the Best in Match class with dogs 30 times his size! He walked circles around them! Check out the pictures of this special day on our website.

FROM A YORKIE'S POINT OF VIEW...

Hi pups, it is almost Halloween. This is my favorite holiday. NOT!!! Let's think about it for a minute, our "parents" (owners) dress us up in scratchy costumes with things sticking out in all directions and march us around with other dogs dressed the same way. They call this a Halloween parade. The parades usually consist of first aid equipment with loud sirens, fire trucks with loud sirens, and lots of kids telling us how cute we are. There are "treats" thrown from the floats, and first aid equipment, none of which we are allowed to eat, because they would make us sick, or even kill us. The thought makes me quiver. (My mom and dad would never take us to a parade, that would scare us and that would make mom upset). Then comes the actual day, my mom and dad hand out "people treats" to the kids that come to our door. The door bell rings, and rings and rings some more and all mom and dad say to us is, "stop barking". I don't get it, during the other times of the year when the door bell rings we bark and mom and dad don't get so excited. What is it with the "Halloween" door bell that drives my "parents" to tell us to be quiet? We guess we'd have to be "people" to understand all that Halloween stuff, and that would mean we would not get all the extras that we get as the special and loved yorkies that we are. We just love being yorkies, we have a great life!!!

Happy Halloween,
Gracie and Georgie

October 13, 2009

Cats And Dogs Take Over Financial Markets

American Kennel Club and Cat Fanciers' Association Lend a Paw to Ring NASDAQ Opening Bell On October 14, 2009

New York, NY— American Kennel Club® (AKC) and Cat Fanciers' Association® (CFA) announced today that Meet the Breeds™ Chairperson, Gina DiNardo, will ring the NASDAQ opening bell on October 14th 2009 on behalf of leading toymaker and NASDAQ Member Company, JAKKS Pacific (NASDAQ: JAKK). JAKKS is a licensee of the AKC and CFA and is a sponsor of the upcoming Meet the Breeds event.

AKC and CFA's Meet the Breeds, held October 17 & 18 at the Javits Center in NYC, is the world's largest showcase of cats and dogs. The event offers cat and dog lovers the rare opportunity to meet nearly 200 breeds and interact with dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.

DiNardo will be joined by the Cat Fanciers' Association and American Kennel Club, including CFA President Pam DelaBar and AKC President Dennis Sprung. In addition to being broadcast on national business television at 9:30 am ET, the bell-ringing ceremony will be webcast live on NASDAQ's website (<http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx>) and on the NASDAQ MarketSite Tower in New York City's Times Square.

"We are honored to ring the NASDAQ opening bell on behalf of our close partner, AKC and CFA pet toymaker, JAKKS Pacific," said DiNardo. "JAKKS has created an array of top-notch pet products that strengthen the bond between pet owners and their faithful companions."

AKC Legislative Alert: Victory for Louisville KC in Suit Against City

October 06, 2009

Late Friday, United States District Court Judge Charles R. Simpson, III, of the Western District of Kentucky issued his decision in the case of the *Louisville Kennel Club, Inc. v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government*. A significant victory for the Louisville Kennel Club, the judge's decision features two key rulings that may also prove to be of great importance for dog owners nationwide.

First, Judge Simpson held that there was no rational basis why owners of unaltered dogs should be treated differently than the owners of altered dogs. This declared the part of the ordinance that required owners of unaltered dogs to get the Director's written approval for those dogs' enclosures (owners of altered dogs did not have such a requirement) as an unconstitutional violation of Equal Protection and Substantive Due Process.

Reiterating another court's earlier decision that recognized that dogs are personal property, the judge further held Louisville's seizure bond requirement as an unconstitutional violation of procedural due process rules. This requirement, which required anyone accused of animal cruelty to post bond for the care of their seized animals, would have resulted in the forfeiture of animals if they were not able to pay for the bond regardless of whether or not they were later determined to be innocent.

"We congratulate the Louisville Kennel Club and their co-plaintiffs on their leadership in opposing the Louisville ordinance," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of the American Kennel Club. "We are confident that this decision will encourage communities to consider the interests of responsible dog breeders and owners when making changes to their animal ordinances."

For a copy of the ruling, please [click here](#).

For more information, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720, or e-mail doglaw@akc.org.

AKC Canine legislation position statements:
http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine_legislation/PBLEG2.pdf

NJFDC legislative news

Date: Sat, 3 Oct 2009 ---Permission to cross-post." I'm on the phone with Barbara Haines, Louisville Kennel Club. We've been waiting for this decision for almost a year, but it was worth the wait. This ruling by a federal judge (an esteemed Constitutional scholar) is a profound victory. This precedent has far-reaching implications, and sets the stage for class-action lawsuits nationwide - anywhere similar ordinances have been enacted, and Constitutional rights of pet owners have been violated.

Highlights of the FEDERAL ruling:

1. Pets are personal property, under the Constitution. Due process, search and seizure, etc.. (all protections provided by Constitution) apply to pets. You are the OWNER of your pets (not the "guardian.")
2. Requirements for housing, treatment, etc.. cannot be mandated by legislation to be different for intact dogs (vs. altered dogs.).
3. Seizure bond is FLAT-OUT illegal and unconstitutional. This practice constitutes unlawful taking of personal property. If, after search warrant is obtained, a person is arrested and their dogs are seized, their dogs must be held AS IS (cannot be sterilized while held, cannot be sold, "transferred" or euthanized) unless the owner is found guilty after trial. Meantime, owner DOES NOT have to pay a dime for their care, until/unless they are found guilty of the charges

Date: Sat, 3 Oct 2009 11:23:58 -0400

I have been informed that the Courier Journal and several tee vee stations ran stories on the Judge Simpson's decision in our Federal action last night. After hearing the reports, I am not sure that they read the same opinion as we did. The plaintiffs in this action are beyond thrilled with this decision. We prevailed on virtually every essential violation of the Federal Civil Rights act asserted. Not every argument in a lawsuit carries equal weight nor do they have equal impact on a national or local level. No longer can LMAS inspect your property and decide if you can own an unaltered dog. No longer can they require a seizure bond where failure to post it makes you forfeit your animals without a finding of guilt. There is a case currently in Kenton County where 10 years ago a women's beagles were confiscated on a nuisance issue and recently they came back and asserted cruelty. When she could not post the seizure bond, they said the animals became their property and they euthanized all of them including 10 -year olds. They then dismissed the cruelty charges. This is in Federal Court in Northern Kentucky on a challenge to the seizure bond and a violation of her civil rights. This decision by Judge Simpson holds that the conversion of her animals without a finding of guilt violates her due process rights. This type of thing is happening all over the county and this decision will have a huge impact. While, the search and seizure issue was dismissed because the city agreed with us, the Judge went on and discussed violations of the Fourth Amendment and clearly indicated that the provision in the Ordinance which allegedly permits seizure for any violation of this chapter which is the provision used by LMAS to seize puppies because of an alleged violation of the Class A Kennel License, requires a warrant for seizure. Please take the opportunity to read this opinion several times. It will have, we believe, a huge impact on a local and national basis. If you need to contact me please do so or contact our counsel, Jon Fleischaker at 502-540-2319. We have the upmost confidence in you as you have always been committed to accurate

and complete reporting. Below is the information sent to folks around the country. Thank you.

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This is a great decision. Judge Simpson found that the determination between altered and unaltered dogs is without merit and therefore the requirement of inspection of enclosures for unaltered dogs is unconstitutional. He additionally found that dogs are personal property and the requirement of a seizure bond where you must post a bond upon a showing of probable cause and if you cannot post the bond your animals become the property of the state, city etc. is unconstitutional and a finding of guilt must occur before a court can take your property. The judge issued an injunction prohibiting the city from enforcing these provisions. With respect to the Fourth Amendment issue the Court dismissed it because the city agreed with us. However, the Court spent a lot of time discussing the Fourth Amendment and stated that notwithstanding the ordinance seeming to allow for seizure without a warrant for tethering violations, for some cruelty issues and for any violation of the ordinance (a provision used by Meloche to seize animals for violations of his alleged Class A requirements) the Court reasoned that no ordinance provision nullifies a warrant requirement so as to those seizures LMAS must obtain a warrant prior to seizure. Moreover, while the Court did not strike down many of the definitions, it could have just left it at that. Instead the Court went point by point and clarified the statute as to what was permissible and what wasn't. Notwithstanding the story in the "Courageless Journal"- I am not sure that they read the same opinion, we had a major victory on the issues that matter on a national basis. Please read it a few times, it gets better with age. While Judge Simpson did not deal with the state issue, the veterinary issue which was the most important one, was addressed by a change in the state law which makes veterinary records confidential and does not permit release of them unless a court order issued or the owner gives consent in writing. Since we prevailed on our Sec. 1983 issues, Jon will file next week for attorney's fees which are mandatory under the statute. We are hopeful that we will receive a substantial reimbursement.

AKC Legislative Alert: CA AB 241 Vetoed by Governor

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3986

10/12/2009

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed Assembly Bill 241 which would have prohibited any person or entity from having 50 or more intact dogs or cats. He returned the bill with the following veto message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 241 without my signature. This measure would make it a crime for any person or entity to own or control more than 50 unsterilized adult dogs or cats for breeding or raising for sale as pets. I support measures designed to prevent animal cruelty and that punish persons engaged in the abuse of animals. However, this measure simply goes too far in an attempt to address the serious problem of puppy mills. An arbitrary cap on the number of animals any entity can possess throughout the state will not end unlawful, inhumane breeding practices. Instead this measure has the potential to criminalize the lawful activities of reputable breeders, pet stores, kennels, and charitable organizations engaged in raising service and assistance dogs.

For these reasons, **I am unable to sign this bill.**

The American Kennel Club Government Relations department opposed this bill throughout the legislative process, sending letters to the author and committee members, as well as alerting our California breeders to the impacts of AB 241. A letter was sent to Governor Schwarzenegger requesting a veto and we are pleased that he saw the same problems with this bill that we did. AKC sincerely thanks all the clubs, responsible pet owners and breeders who took the time to educate their legislators and Governor Schwarzenegger about the potential impacts of this bill.



GIANT CANDY CORN:

Supplies:

Plastic Orange Cones - can be found at your local sports good store
Yellow & White Acrylic Paint
Foam Brushes

1. Paint the top of the cone white and the bottom of the cone yellow. Yep, it's that easy. If you want the lines to be perfect and clean, you can mark off the sections with painter's tape.



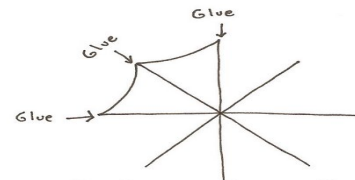
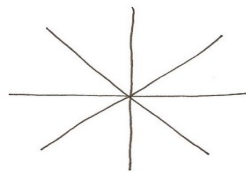
2. For each color paint 3 or 4 coats on the cones. Let dry about 10 minutes in between each coat.

*To prevent paint scratching off, coat with clear acrylic spray.

So what do you do with giant candy corn you might ask? I envision these lining the walk way to the front door on Halloween night. Maybe place some flashlights inside the cones so they glow.

Spider Web Tablecloth . . .

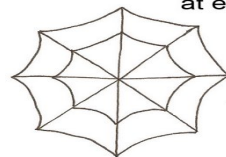
Cut four strips of lace slightly shorter than the diameter of your table. Glue all four pieces together in the center, one at a time.



Cut 8 more pieces of lace all the same side and glue at each corner.



should now look like this when all 8 pieces are in place.



cut another 8 pieces and glue as shown



cut another 8 pieces and glue as shown. flip over - done

* I used a hot glue gun to glue the lace, I'm guessing fabric glue would work to



Talking to Animals - A look at the role of communicators in the pet-human relationship

By Jillian Wolande

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to converse with your canine or feline friends? Professional animal communicators, a growing trend in the pet industry, claim to make this phenomenon possible. The communicator attempts to telepathically intuit the thoughts of an animal and then relay those thoughts to the animal's guardian.

I was skeptical at first. Animal communication sounded intriguing, but at the same time I really did not believe a person could have a conversation with my dog. But after interviewing four different professional animal communicators, I came away with a different opinion. Who knew my dog, Bella, loves the color pink?

Animal communicators can play a major role in helping people and pets beyond conducting telepathic communications. In fact, all of the communicators I spoke with donate much of their time to helping animals find and stay in homes. They work with rescue foundations to help match homeless pets with forever families. They've helped pets and their guardians through transition periods, developed constructive behavioral techniques between pets and guardians, and even helped guardians find lost pets.

Sonya Fitzpatrick (SonyaFitzpatrick.com) is the first animal communicator I interviewed. Fitzpatrick was born and raised in London and now resides in the United States. She grew up among many animals and believes she was given the gift at an early age. She said that she has been speaking to animals ever since she can remember. Fitzpatrick starred in a notable TV show, *The Pet Psychic*, currently has her own radio show, and has written several books. She is also actively engaged in rescuing and assisting lost, abandoned, and sick animals through her foundation, the Gift of Animal Life Sanctuary, Inc. (GOALS).

Before Fitzpatrick and I spoke over the phone, she requested a photograph of my dog, Bella. Our conversation did not follow the normal question-and-answer format. She immediately started relaying Bella's thoughts and feelings. She knew everything from the color of her bed to the fact she was staying with my mom over the weekend.

At one point in the conversation, Fitzpatrick asked me where I was traveling. She said Bella informed her of the vacation I was planning. (I had a vacation planned to begin 12 days after our conversation.)

Fitzpatrick said she was able to communicate with Bella through images. "[Bella] picks up your thoughts and pictures. She knows when you're sad, happy, upset, or going away. [Animals] have a language-it is a bit of a silent language," she said.

The next animal communicator I spoke with was **Cindy Huff** (CindyHuff.com) of Animal Communication and Wellness Services in Pleasant Plain, OH. Huff does consultations for animals and their guardians over the phone or in person, and focuses much of her effort on "emotional situations," she said.

"Basically, there are a lot of different ways to get information: sight, sound, smell, and taste. You can also communicate energetically and or emotionally without saying a word," Huff explained. Huff works mainly with animal rescue groups. "We live in a country where people dump animals all the time. We want dogs to stay in the good homes they have. If we facilitate good communication and understanding in the family, chances are the family will get the help the dog needs," she said.

As I continued on with my research and interviews, I was becoming more fascinated with animals and their relationships with humans.

The third animal communicator I spoke with was **Tim Link, author of the book *Wagging Tales* (Wagging-Tales.com)**, a collection of his experiences with various animals. Link works with pet guardians as well as animals in zoos and aquariums. In most cases, Link works in one of three areas: behavioral or physical change, lost animals, and transition (i.e. pet loss).

Like Fitzpatrick, Link also had a consultation with Bella to give me a better understanding of her thoughts. I asked Link about a specific behavioral issue. When Bella goes on walks and we run into another dog, she loses her temper, growls, barks, and pretty much goes nuts. Link's advice was for me to speak to her before and during the walk and reward her when we return home. "Before you go on a walk Â... tell Bella what the situation is and what we are doing and why this is good," he said.

Echoing Fitzpatrick, Link said that dogs pick up visually on what we say to them. "When you speak out loud, they understand what you're saying, and they will see the imagery that comes with the words."

Link does 95 percent of his work over the phone. He donates a portion of his proceeds from his work and his book to rescue groups and spends much of his time working with animals from shelters as well. Link said that his purpose is to "give animals a voice."

My last interview was with **Emerald DuCoeur of Hearts Content Animal Communication (HeartsContent.net)**, which is based in Doylestown, PA. DuCoeur was motivated to become an animal communicator after the death of her beloved dog, Trajan. She consulted an animal communicator for the first time to help ease her grief. "It was almost instantaneous, my wanting to be an animal communicator, after communicating with my much-loved dog, Trajan, through an animal communicator. I could feel his presence during a consultation, and I was greatly comforted," she said.

DuCoeur also had a consultation with Bella. I asked her questions that dealt with Bella's emotions, behavior, and body. The most interesting discussion we had was about Bella's knee. Bella has had surgery three times on her right leg, and a vet told me that she needs another surgery, so I asked DuCoeur if Bella had any physical pain. DuCoeur put the phone away, and when she returned she said that Bella felt pain in the right leg. "She is not showing stability in her right leg," she said.

DuCoeur shared several other cases she had with her clients. "During a private consultation with a lovely woman who had just rescued a large male Great Pyrenees, the three of us talked about aggression issues and solutions mostly. Then her last question was, 'Did he have anything else he wanted to tell her?' He said, 'Thank you for not throwing me away.' We were both very moved," she said. "I love my work, telepathically talking with animals and people and teaching people to do the same themselves," DuCoeur added.

After speaking with each animal communicator, I have a better understanding of their goals and the work they do. They all share a unique gift that helps humans understand animals. Pet guardians who are having trouble can turn to an animal communicator and find out issues that need to be resolved. As Cindy Huff stated, "We want to keep pets in the good homes they have."

The reason you're receiving this is.....



...dogs can smell a good person a mile away!



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