

Canine Capers

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Nose Work Trial Huge Success So Far

NEMKC's return to performance trials continue to be a hit with the upcoming Nose Work Trials!

All class levels reached their limits and included a wait list.

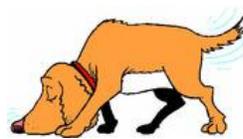
NW1 (nosework level one) has 80 entrants. NW3 (nosework level three) has 147 entrants. The club is expected to make a profit of around \$4000 from this event.

We are lucky enough to have one local judge who is not utilizing a hotel room, which helps keep expenses down.

Lanyards with the club logo were purchased for volunteer thank you gifts. Judge's gifts are old milk-can style containers that can hold food or teats for human or dog, and came in

well under budget. One was also purchased for Linda Grskovich as a thank you for all of her hard work.

The Performance Committee would like to thank



everyone involved in helping make this another successful event. Special thanks to Linda Grskovich for directing us through the entire event from start to finish. Her knowledge and experience has been invaluable!

If you have any feedback, photos, comments or suggestions about this year's trial, or for next year's planning please forward them to me at

phoenixrottweilers@yahoo.com

Have You Seen the New Website?!

If not you should definitely stop in and check it out. You're dog may be featured on a page header or gallery! Anyone who sent in photos can be found somewhere on this awesome new

website. Be sure to take a peek at those gallery pages and see who's there. The photos will change from time to time to be sure to check back periodically.

In addition to mem-

ber photos, there are several new areas to the site. There are updated pages for coming events with lots of information and details, the member's only section has been updated to allow

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NOTE:

**Membership
Awards Dinner is
scheduled for
Tuesday, December
1st at 6:00pm.**

**Contact Carol
Wiley if you're
attending.**

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Club Website (cont'd)

each use to have their own login and password for increased security, and there's a section for club announcements. The new site also implements the use of PayPal in order to receive payments for things like seminars, dues renewals and trophy donations. Of course you can still pay for these items the old fashioned way too, but this gives you another option in case you're like me and wait till the last minute to pay.

The new website is a great way to stay in touch with what the club is doing, what's current, what's coming, and what's exciting! Stop in for a tour around the site and keep popping in to find new

information and photographs!

If you have a photo or tidbit that you'd like to see added to the website, be sure to send it to

Marylou (olbay101@aol.com) or Joyce (joyengle@comcast.net) for consideration.



What Is This Club Coming To?!

For many years now NEMKC has held the usual conformation events twice a year. It was a pretty predictable routine, with the same location.

Times they are a changin'!!

With the recent return to performance events, NEMKC has some exciting things in the works!

The performance committee is working on bringing you many new and exciting opportunities for you and your dog to work as a team.

There is a nosework trial scheduled for October 30, 31, and November 1. Volunteers are needed to help this be as much of a suc-

cess as the recent obedience and rally trials. Contact Joyce (joyengle@comcast.net) or Dawn (phoenixrottweilers@yahoo.com) for more details.

Barn Hunt is also on the committee's radar with hopes to hold an event sometime next year. If you have experience with this type of event please be sure to contact the performance committee to see how you can help.

Wheels are already spinning for next year's rally and obedience trials too! If you are interested in helping out with this event again next year, yep...you guessed it. Please contact the performance

committee and see how you can help.

If there is an event that you would like the club to host next year let us know! We're working hard to bring new competition events to the area.

Why It's Important to Eradicate Fleas on Your Pets

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By Laurie Darroch



Fleas are more than just an annoyance for our dogs and cats. They can cause health problems that go beyond mere itching and bites. They can also spread to everyone else in the house. These insects may be tiny, but they can cause a world of discomfort.

What is a Flea?

A flea is a parasite that sucks blood from its victims. Their bodies are made for jumping and running, so they move easily from animal to animal, including the human members of the household. They can populate quickly if left unchecked. The female feeds on the blood of the dog or cat and then leaves droppings that are a source of nutrition for the larvae they produce. If you see specks that look like dirt on the skin or in the fur of your dog or cat, you are looking at a food source for the female flea's offspring.

Prevention

You can wait to see if your dog gets fleas, but sometimes a proactive treatment to prevent them is a better option, particularly if you live in a region that is prone to the growth of flea populations. They are drawn to warmth and humidity, and they like low altitudes. Check with your vet or pet store to get an appropriate medication to help prevent the fleas from getting a hold to populate on your pet's skin.

Medical Problems

In extreme cases, an infestation of fleas on your pet can cause anemia, particularly in young kittens and puppies. Extreme anemia can cause death. Fleas can cause hair loss from scratching, secondary infections caused by irritated skin from scratching, allergic reactions and general discomfort. They can transmit tapeworms as well. Although you may not have experienced flea bites yourself, they can make your pet feel miserable. If you have experienced the bites, you know how much they itch and irritate.

The insects can spread into bedding and upholstery, which is often difficult to get thoroughly clean once they have infested your furnishings. As small as they are, fleas carry germs and disease that can pack an extreme punch, depending on what they feed from and spread. Remember, these are the insects that lived on rodents who then spread the bubonic plague in the 14th century to humans. The Black Death reportedly decimated more than half the population of Europe at the time. That was over 50 million people. The diminutive size of the bug is not in proportion to the huge amount of damage it can cause.

Species Specific Treatment

You need to keep your dogs and cats clean and free of flea dirt and fleas. Bathing is the beginning point to rid your pet of fleas. Wash off the droppings of the female fleas to get rid of the food that the larvae need to feed on to grow.

Fleas cont'd

When you use an application of flea medication, be sure you use the proper type specific to a dog or cat. Cats have a different metabolism that reacts to the type of flea treatments used for your dog.

There are also [natural options](#) that may work well to get rid of fleas, and even [garden plants that help fight fleas](#).

Symptoms

Not all dogs and cats have the severe allergic reaction to flea bites called Flea Allergy Dermatitis. Some pets may show little or no signs of itching or scratching. It is up to you to periodically check for the presence of the fleas and their red bites, and eradicate them quickly if they show up.

Tricks

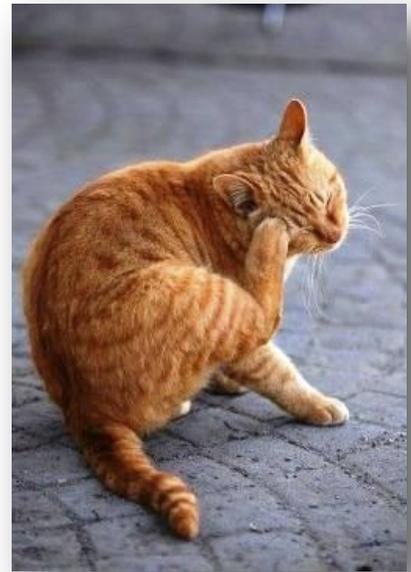
Topical flea treatments are quick and fairly easy to apply, but some pets do not care for the initial sensation of the medication on their skin or in their fur, even if it is applied in an area out of reach of their curious nose or mouth, such as the back of their neck. Give your pet a [CANIDAE treat](#) to keep them momentarily distracted so you can quickly apply the anti-flea treatment.

As soon as you see any evidence that fleas have invaded, it's vital to work quickly to eradicate them. Keeping your pet and your home free of flea infestation is not an easy task by any means, but it is a very important component of responsible pet ownership.

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2016 AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days (RDOD)

The American Kennel Club® calls on its dog clubs and other pet-related organizations from around the country to participate in AKC RDO Days. It is an annual event to educate the public about the importance of being a responsible dog owner and celebrates the deep bond between humans and their canine companions. Read more at <http://www.akc.org/events/responsible-dog-ownership-days> and know that everyone learns something new at this event!

RDOD cont'd

The Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club will be answering this call in September 2016! We began forming a committee at our September General Meeting. If you would enjoy helping or joining this committee, please let Joyce Engle or Jackie Aiken know. The NEMKC goals will be (1.) to encourage public participation in "My Dog Can Do That" activities that are enjoyable introductions to canine events, (2.) expand and enhance public education and (3.) introduce our club and the AKC to the growing dog owner public.

The tentative date is Saturday, September 24, 2016. This date was selected to avoid the Bel Air Art Show and Ravens football games. We are looking for a location that will help us draw more people to the event and plan to advertise heavily. We discovered from a survey at our last RDOD, that the majority of those attending simply drove by, noticed the tents and activity and decided to stop by the event. Our location and final date will be set keeping these issues in mind.

The committee will begin discussing the demonstrations, activities and health services. In the past our ring demonstrations and training included "My Dog Can Do That!" with rally, obedience, agility and free style dancing. New options will be considered such as an agility or pulling demonstration and the new AKC Pee Wee Handling Class. In addition there were search and rescue, law enforcement K9, canine Olympics, a costume contest, canine college, emergency vet presentations, ask the vet, canine CPR and basic first aid, grooming techniques, safety around dogs with our canine ambassador and our 6' costumed dog and the breed parade. For canine health there were free dental checks, nail clipping, trimming, microchipping, rescue, rehabilitation and therapy groups.

Surely we'll have the pet disaster planning and preparedness and attempt to have one of the trailers for the big day. The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) will be included and hopefully expanded to include the advanced and urban titles as well. Of course there will be food and vendors. The vendors have donated to our fundraising in the past, so they are very important to us...and they work hard, we just invite them and map out their space.

Don't forget that this is also a great opportunity for fundraising for our club. Last time, large baskets were raffled off and Frosty Paws sold to raise funds for the Ma & Pa Dog Park, the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the NEMKC Dog Emergency Fund. Who needs a donation and how can we raise money in 2016?!

Clearly this is a wonderful community event and a huge undertaking for the club. If you want to help or have any ideas, let us know! Just email, let us know at the General Meeting or join us at the Events Committee meeting starting October 6th at 6:00 pm in the General Meeting room.

Joyce Engle Chair
Jackie Aiken Co-Chair



Performance Committee:

The next performance committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:00pm at the McFaul Center. Contact Joyce Engle with any questions.

Upcoming events:

- Nosework Trial; October 30, 31, and November 1 in Knoxville, MD
- Turkey Cluster show at Howard County, November 29th.
- Membership Awards Dinner; Tuesday December 1st at Baldwins Crab House 525 Pulaski Hwy, Joppa, MD 21085 . Menu choices include crab cake dinner, chicken breast, or new York strip steak. Cost is \$21 for members, and \$21 for a guest/significant other. Flyers were sent out to members. If you have not received one please contact Carol Wiley.
- Pictures with Santa December 5th, and 12th from 10:00am til 2:00pm at Pet Nirvana 1202 Agora Dr Bel Air, MD 21014
- September 17th and 18th 2016 Rally/Obedience trial at Oriole Dog Training Club, more details will be coming soon.