

Canine Capers

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Pets Can Travel on Certain Amtrak Trains During Pilot Program in Illinois

CHICAGO (Sun-Times Media Wire) - If you've been wanting to take your Chihuahua on a sightseeing trip downstate, Amtrak is keeping that plan on track.

Amtrak and the Illinois Department of Transportation Wednesday announced a pilot program allowing travelers to bring small pets on trips between Chicago and downstate locations will continue, according to a statement from the transit agency.

Small pets have been

carried between Chicago and Quincy on the Illinois Zephyr and Carl Sandburg trains for nearly a year, and last August the service was expanded to the Illini and Saluki routes.

"During that time, some 200 animals have accompanied passengers without a single complaint or incident," according to the statement.

The pilot program was set to expire in April, but due to positive customer response, it will be made permanent with no changes, according



to Amtrak.

Dogs and cats under 20 pounds are allowed, but must be placed in a carrier under their owner's seat. Advance reservations are required, and pet owners will be charged \$25.

Service animals are allowed on trains at no charge.

Ticketing and travel with pets originates

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NOTE:

**January and
March meetings
were
CANCELED
due to inclement
weather.**

**There are no meet-
ing minutes to
publish for these
months.**

Canine Horoscope

ARIES
March 21-April 19:
For the next few weeks you will notice your Aries dog behaving unpredictably, but their behavior will be enjoyable nonetheless.

TAURUS
April 20-May20: Taurus dogs will show mounds of gratefulness to family, friends, trainers, handlers, and judges. They will do this through kisses, obedi-

ence and protective-ness.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20: Do not be thrown when your Gemini dog inadvertently unlearns a new trick. They will eventually get

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throughout the day in Chicago, Champaign, Carbondale and Galesburg, according to the statement. The service is only available for afternoon departures in Homewood and Naperville.

Service Animals and Pet Policy

Pets on Trains

Permitted on Select Illinois Trains Only

Travelers may bring small pets along on trips to and from Chicago and Downstate Illinois aboard the Carl Sandburg and Illinois Zephyr Trains 380, 381, 382 and 383 and the Illini and Saluki Trains 390, 391, 392 and 393. For more information on the types of pets allowed, pet reservations and fares, approved pet carriers and additional details, review the complete program guidelines.

With the exception of these select Illinois trains, Amtrak does not permit pets on trains or Thruway services, in passenger areas of train stations or in checked baggage.

Service Animals

Generally, animals are not allowed on Amtrak. However, service animals are permitted in all areas where passengers are allowed. Service animals are animals that are trained to perform a specific task for the benefit of a person with a disability. Amtrak personnel may ask what task(s) the service animal performs. Carry-on pet guidelines do not pertain to passengers traveling with

service animals.

Animals Not Allowed

The following types of animals are not permitted:

Comfort Animals: Animals not trained to perform a specific task, but which are said to provide emotional support or to relieve anxiety simply by their presence (for example, by the passenger holding or stroking the animal).

Pets: Animals for which no claim of any service is made.

Search and Rescue Dogs:* Animals that are trained generally, but not to assist a particular passenger.

Police Dogs:* Other than dogs brought on trains by the Amtrak Police Department.

* If the passenger or agency feels an exception needs to be made for search and rescue dogs or police dogs, contact the Amtrak Police Department for assistance.

Control of Your Service Animal

You must keep your service animal under control at all times.

The animal should always be on a leash, harness or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of his/her disability to use a harness, leash or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control.

Amtrak personnel may require you to remove your service animal en route or from the station premises if: the animal is out of control and you do not take effective action to control it (for example, a dog causes a significant disturbance by barking repeatedly and uncontrollably or is not housebroken) or

the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

If you are asked to remove your service animal, but you would like to remain on the premises and/or continue travel without the animal, you must make ar-

Braggs

Juanita Snyder: Spirit's Heart of Gold (Luna) got BOS at the Roanoke, VA Specialty shows.

Deb Warfield: Oak Hill White Christmas CD, BN, RE received another leg towards his RAE with an 85 in his Rally Excellent class and a perfect score in Rally Advanced, winning the class at the Wilmington Kennel Club trial. In the Rally Novice Pairs

class Kalabria Tawney the Tiger CD, BN, RE and Smiley Acres Handyman Hurry BN, RN earned a perfect score also.

Dawn Rexrode: Phoenix's Fire in the Sky (Ozzie) earned his National and International Baby Championship at the IABCA shows in Westminster MD.

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the hang of it.

CANCER

June 21-July 22: Cancer dogs look great coming into March. Their appearance will keep up to the highest standards of the judges and their aura and energy will exude confidence.

LEO

July 23-August 22: Unexpected pleasant surprises will describe Leo dogs best in March. They will show you just how wise they truly are.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22: Looks like Virgo will be gung ho on inspiring other dogs. So if they have brothers, sisters, or just play pals, they will offer loving times ahead!

LIBRA

September 23-October 22: Larger Libra dogs will make it their obligation to take care of the smaller ones. Smaller Libra dogs will express more neediness for love.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 21: The determination that Scorpio will radiate will be astonishing. Try not to cramp their style with over disciplining. They will not respond well.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21: Happy go lucky Sagittarius will dive head first into new adventures. They will feel the luck of the horseshoe on their side.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19: Giving

How Does a Breed Become Recognized by AKC?

What Does it Take to be an AKC Registered Breed?

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and currently registers 184 breeds, representing a wide variety of sizes, colors, coats, temperaments and heritages.

A dog that has full registration with the AKC is eligible to participate in many of the more than 22,000 events offered by the AKC and its affiliated clubs each year (some events are breed-specific).

Internationally, there are approximately 400 breeds that are listed with registry organizations in other countries. The AKC, however, does not register all of these breeds, either because there are too few dogs (of that breed) in this country or there is too little interest among owners of these

breeds to obtain AKC registered status. Because the AKC is a "club of clubs," owners of a particular breed, wishing to have that breed registered, must establish an organized National Breed Club.

AKC Foundation Stock Service

Breeds that wish to begin the road to full AKC recognition must be recorded with an accepted registry (maintained by the national

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breed club or the optional AKC Foundation Stock Service). The AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) is the AKC's recording service for purebred breeds that are not yet eligible for AKC registra-

tion. Currently, there are 63 breeds in the FSS, but acceptance into the program does not ultimately guarantee full AKC registration.

To be considered for listing as an FSS breed, the Breed Club must send in a written request, along with additional documentation such as a written history and a written breed standard. Photographs are also required at the time of application. Once all information is presented to the Staff Executive Committee, a decision is made to allow or deny each request.

Miscellaneous Class

The recognition process begins with a written request to compete in the Miscellaneous Class from the National Breed Club. To be eligible for consideration to become an AKC recognized breed, the following general criteria

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must be met:

A demonstrated following and interest (minimum of 100 active household members) in the breed (in the form of a National Breed Club).

A sufficient population in this country (minimum of 300-400 dogs), with a three-generation pedigree. Dogs in that pedigree must all be of the same breed.

Geographic distribution of the dogs and people (located in 20 or more states).

AKC must review and approve the club's breed standard as well as the club's constitution and by-laws. Breed observations must be completed by AKC Field Staff.

If a substantial nationwide interest and activity in the breed is

demonstrated and the above criteria met, the information is presented to the AKC Board of Directors for consideration to compete in the Miscellaneous Class.

Thirteen breeds are currently eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class: American Hairless Terrier, Azawakh, Belgian Laekenois, Berger Picard, Dogo Argentino, Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, Lagotto Romagnolo, Miniature American Shepherd, Norrbottenspets, Peruvian Inca Orchid, Portuguese Podengo, Pumi and Sloughi.

Moving from Miscellaneous Class to Full AKC Registration

While there is no established "quota" or timetable for adding new breeds, dogs typically compete in the Miscellaneous Class

for one to three years. At the end of the first year, AKC contacts the National Breed Club for updates on the number of dogs and litters recorded, and the number of dogs who have entered events since being eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class. Finally, the club must have held matches, local and national breed specialty shows, judges' workshops and breed seminars.

When all criteria are met, the information is presented to the Board of Directors for full recognition.

Birthdays-April thru July

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I know it's been a while since the last Canine Capers was published. I'd like to apologize for the delay and thank you all for your patience and understanding as I dealt with yet another computer crash and consequent purchase and set up of a new computer and software. I'm hoping that computer problems are a thing of the past now and I can continue to produce the Canine Capers in a timely manner from here on out. As I begin work on the next issue I'd like to remind everyone to send me your articles, brags, interesting finds and photos for inclusion in the July edition of the newsletter. The deadline will be June 23rd in order to have all material edited and ready for print by the July meeting.

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rangements for another person or local animal control to accept custody of your animal, and you may be required to continue or begin your Amtrak travel at a later time or on a later date.

Service Animal Must Remain on Floor

A service animal must sit under the passenger's seat or at his or her feet. Service animals are not allowed to sit in the aisle or on seats.

Walking Your Service Animal

If the train schedule permits, you may walk your service animal at station stops provided that you

stay within reasonable proximity to the train and re-board promptly when the conductor notifies you that the train is about to depart. If you plan to walk your animal during the trip, please notify the conductor when you first board the train. Some routes may have limited or no stops for the duration of your trip, so we encourage you to check schedules before you make your travel plans.

Amtrak employees are not responsible for the care or supervision of any passenger's service animal.

Making Reservations with Service Animals

It is not possible to make reservations that include service animals on Amtrak.com. Amtrak encourages passengers using service animals to make reservations by phone so that we can reserve an accessible seat or space (if desired) and provide you with information regarding intermediate station stops. Call 1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245) or TTY (1-800-523-6590). Agents are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Police Dog Now Safer Thanks to Donation from AKC Club

By: Stephanie J. Smith

Neeko, a German Shepherd Dog working for the Ross Township Police Department in Pennsylvania, recently received a protective vest that will keep him a little safer on the job. The vest was purchased by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Western Pennsylvania from Vested Interest in K9s and will help protect Neeko from bullets and stabbings.

Police K-9s are essential members of law enforcement and perform vital tasks that humans cannot, such as pursuing and apprehending fugitives, detecting illegal substances and explosives, and searching for lost and missing children as well as Alzheimer patients.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Western Pennsylvania donated the funds for the vest in memory of Rocco, a K-9 who was stabbed to death last year while working with the Pittsburgh police. He was one of 20 dogs to die in the line of duty in the United States in 2014. Many club members were surprised to learn that dogs weren't automatically outfitted with a protective vest.

Learn more about Neeko's story in TribLive and how you can get involved with Vested Interest for K9s.



In Full Bloom: Tips for Dog-Friendly Gardens

By: Stephanie J. Smith

The beautiful flowers and plants that the spring season brings can be very dangerous to your four-legged friend if ingested. A little extra planning can give you a garden that both you and your dog will love. Here are our dog-friendly gardening tips:

Poisonous plants. There are many common flowers and plants that are dangerous for dogs, and can even prove fatal. The unsafe part could be in the flower, fruit, roots, or leaves. Do your research before planting anything to see what could potentially harm your dog. Some plants to avoid are Calla Lilies, Sago Palm, Azalea, and Rhododendron, among others.

Thorn in your side. While roses are beautiful flowers, the thorns can seriously injure your dog. Be mindful of plants with thorns and either leave them out of your garden or try and block your dog's access to them. Keep plant food away from dogs. Fertilizer may keep your plants and grass healthy, but it can be harmful to your dog. Ingesting large amounts of fertilizer can



cause your dog to have serious digestive upset. Follow instructions for using fertilizer carefully and wait the appropriate amount of time after use before letting your dog run around. **Dangerous pesticides.** Pesticides in your garden can cause major problems for your dog. Snail bait with metaldehyde and fly bait with methomyl are especially dangerous for your four-legged friend. Make sure to store pesticides in areas where your dog cannot get to them and follow the instructions for use.

Speaker of the Month; May

Our guest speaker for May 5th will be Dr. Judy Morgan DVM, VA, CVCP, CVFT from Woolwich, NJ. Dr. Morgan is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association. In 2008 Dr. Morgan traveled to China to study acupuncture and food therapy with the masters. She has authored one book; "From Needles to Natural: Learning Holistic Pet Healing", and co-authored "What's for Dinner Dexter?". She also developed a series of YouTube videos entitled "Food is the Foundation of Life (ie Pet Diets as Therapy for Diseases)".



In addition to their busy lives, Dr. Morgan and her husband provide complete rescue services for the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and English Toy Spaniel breeds.



Do you have a friendly pet that loves people and craves attention?

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NOTE: WHEN THIS SEMINAR FILLS, WE WILL CONSIDER ANOTHER IN THE AFTERNOON.

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Obedience & Rally Trials

July 12, 2015



Classes Offered

Regular Obedience: Novice A & B, Open A & B and Utility A & B

Optional Tiling Obedience: Beginner Novice A & B,

Graduate Novice, Graduate Open

Rally: Novice, Advanced, Excellent

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it all they've got, Capricorns will strut their stuff and Mark their spot by winning and whining.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18: All Aquarius breeds will feel a little too rushed and forced if patience is not practiced while handling them during training and shows.

PISCES

February 19-March 20: Droopy but not sad, just a little more laid back will e the best way to describe Pisces for the next couple of weeks.

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