



The Scoop

Roseville Dog Owners' Group

Canine Good Citizen Test Scheduled for October 13th

The Roseville Dog Owners' Group (RDOG) sponsored a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) clinic Sunday, September 22 at Kaseberg Park to help dog owners prepare themselves and their dogs for the CGC test on Sunday, October 13.

Six dogs and their owners participated in the clinic. Many thanks to instructor, Nancy Dougan, owner of A Dog For All Seasons dog training. She helped each dog/handler team prepare for the test and work on problem areas. She was also helpful in answering questions about general dog behavior and training techniques.

Thanks also to the RDOG volunteers who helped

make the clinic a success: Pamela Dallas, Tracy Beagin (and her German Shepherd, Dash), Josh Jacoby, Patty Diehl, Lyn Billings, and Chris Dunlap.

The CGC certification is sponsored by the American Kennel Club and is open to dogs of all breeds and mixed breeds. To obtain certification, a dog must successfully pass several tests intended to demonstrate that the dog is a polite and calm member of society and will behave appropriately under a number of common situations and circumstances. For more information about CGC please visit our web site at www.rosevilledog.org

Did You Know . . .

- RDOG meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Christian Life Center In Roseville. See page 8.
- The November meeting has been pushed back one week to November 12th due to election day. The Christian Life Center is used as a polling place.

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American Airlines Unilaterally Bans Several Dog Breeds

By Pamela Dallas
RDOG Parliamentarian

One of my clients just told me American Airlines refused to accept her Doberman on a flight because he is one of a few breeds they have recently banned from air travel on their planes. My client is moving here from Denver and preferred to fly with her dog rather than travel by car. The entire time we worked together she talked about her dog, showed photos and told of his playing with the neighborhood children. He doesn't sound like a vicious dog to me.

Curious, I contacted American Airlines this morning and indeed was told there is a new breed ban in place. I then checked the American Kennel Club site and found the following:

American Airlines Update: AKC Acts; Your Help Still Needed [Thursday, September 12, 2002]
In August, after an incident involving a "pit bull" puppy who had escaped his crate and damaged the cargo hold of an American Airlines flight, American Airlines imposed a breed-specific policy

banning Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers and any mixed-breeds containing one or more of these breeds.

There is no scientific basis for breed-specific policies, and no animal welfare organization in the country supports such policies. In addition to the American Kennel Club, breed-specific policies are opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the National Animal Control Association, the National Animal Interest Alliance, and countless other well-regarded national organizations who have expertise in animal behavior and welfare. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the government agency responsible for compiling bite statistics, was part of a task force that issued a report on the fallacies of breed-specific legislation.

Nevertheless, American Airlines has disregarded these facts and thousands of complaints and refused to rescind its policy.

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Happy Birthday!



October

- Rooney Dietrich, Oct. 1
- Hershey McClure, Oct. 1
- Lily Molnar, Oct. 1
- Einstein Roby, Oct. 1
- Samson Sadler, Oct. 1
- Sassy Ru Oddone, Oct. 2
- Baby Teitzel, Oct. 3
- Bunni Mayeda, Oct. 4
- Winnie Johnston, Oct. 10
- Holly Dougan, Oct. 12

- McKenzie Stokes, Oct. 13
- Amanda McManamy, Oct. 15
- Kramer Rea, Oct. 15
- Baloo Brown, Oct. 21
- B.J. Heiser, Oct. 21
- Bandit Dobbins, Oct. 31

November

- Ariel Nathanson, Nov. 1
- Juno Henderson, Nov. 14

Is your dog's birthday missing? Call (916) 774-2854 or email birthdays@rosevilledog.org to add his or her name to the list.

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Beware: Chocolate is Toxic to Dogs

By **Lorrie Stevens**
RDOG Member

With the holidays come all sorts of special treats, one of them being chocolate. It comes in all forms; candy, cookies, fudge, brownies, pies, cakes, etc. When humans over-indulge in chocolate they risk weight gain and tooth decay, our canine friends however, risk death.

Dr. John Sullivan of the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine warns that unsweetened baking chocolate is the most dangerous as it contains the highest percentage of theobromide per ounce: 400 mg per ounce as compared to 45 mg per ounce for milk chocolate. Usually toxic symptoms will occur when 100 mg of theobromide are ingested per kilogram (2.2 pounds) on the animal's weight. So, a 10 lb. Poodle can succumb with the ingestion of just 1 ounce of baking chocolate.

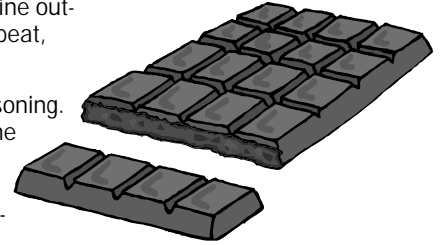
The symptoms of theobromide poisoning are numerous and they appear within a few hours or up to a day after the chocolate ingestion. Chocolate stays in the animal's stomach a long time. As the

theobromide is absorbed into the bloodstream the animal can exhibit the following symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, diuresis (increased urine output), hyperactivity, rapid breathing/heartbeat, muscle tremors, seizures, coma, death.

There is no antidote for theobromide poisoning. Treatment is geared toward supporting the animal's basic life functions, preventing further absorption of the chocolate, hastening elimination, and treating the symptoms.

If your dog ingests any amount of chocolate call your veterinarian immediately. Don't assume your dog is fine even if it vomits after ingesting the chocolate. Chocolate can melt and form a ball in the stomach which can be difficult to remove. Your vet can treat with active charcoal and monitor vital signs.

The best treatment is prevention. Never leave chocolate within reach of your pet, never give as a treat and if your dog should ingest chocolate, call a vet at once.



Please Support Our Business Members

Our business members show their support for RDOG and our mission of promoting responsible dog ownership by paying their dues and by advertising in our newsletter. Please show your appreciation by patronizing our business members whenever possible.

Bird and Pet Clinic of Roseville: located at 4010 Foothills Blvd, Suite 101, in Roseville is a full service veterinary hospital for all kinds of animals. Victoria Joseph is certified in Avian Practice. They are open Monday to Thursday 8am – 8pm, Friday 8am – 6pm, and Saturday 9am – 5pm. They can be reached at (916) 773-6049.

Custom Dog Training: located at 801 Riverside Ave., Suite Y, in Roseville is owned by Steve Forsty. Steve has been training dogs since 1982, and has been at the present facility since 1988. "Where Dogs Love To Learn" is his motto. Steve and his assistant Carly, hold classes for puppies, and intermediate training. They also hold private classes and train dogs for Canine Companions. Steve can be reached at (916) 781-9647.

Just Like Magic Pet Grooming: located at 2249 Baseline Road (near Foothills Blvd) in Roseville. Barbara makes sure your pet is groomed to the utmost satisfaction, and is the best looking dog on the block. "Simply the Best All Breed Grooming" is her motto. Grooming hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays 8am – 5 pm. For an appointment, she can be reached at (916) 789-1576.

Langley Home Sales: is represented by realtor Carol Langley. She has been a realtor for the past 12 years in Sacramento/Placer area. She likes to work with families who consider their animals' part of the family. Carol is presently a board member of the Placer SPCA. She also fosters kittens,

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American Airlines...

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What The AKC Is Doing

We have written letters to the chairman of the airline and AKC President Al Cheauré has contacted American Airlines' CEO directly. We have posted information on our Web site and circulated it through e-mails, newsletters, the AKC booth, and the GAZETTE. Still, the airline will not relent.

Therefore, the AKC Government Relations Consultant is planning to introduce the issue at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) meeting in October. He will also contact the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) to seek their support. In addition, AKC staff will be visiting Congress on September 17th and initiating discussion on this issue.

What You Can Do To Help

Many dog owners have already contacted American Airlines, but more letters are needed. AKC urges dog owners to continue sending mail, fax or e-mail opposition comments to the president of American Airlines:

Mr. Gerard Arpey
President, American Airlines

P.O. Box 619612, Mail Drop 2400
DFW Airport, TX 75261-9612
Fax 817-967-4162
E-Mail: GerardArpey@AA.com

(We have been informed that e-mail might not be accepted, so please fax or mail your letters if e-mail is returned to you.)

Points to address

- Breed-specific policies are unfair, unjustly punish many well-behaved dogs, and do nothing to improve safety.
- The incident that occurred on American was due to an inadequate container, not because the dog was a specific breed.
- Passengers would be better served if the airline would determine whether a dog is dangerous based on measurable criteria and actions, not by creating an arbitrary list of "bad" breeds.

Obviously, the September 17 meeting did not result in a change in policy. Personally, I think breed banning is wrong and dangerous. Even if you don't own one of the cited breeds, your breed could be next.

Support Our Business Members...

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helps at the shelter, and works to raise money for the many animals that need our help. She can be reached at (916) 773-7562 or via email at carollangle@msn.com

Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic: located on 3901 Sierra College Blvd in Loomis, is co-owned by veterinarians Rick Frey and Corey Cherrstrom. There are over eleven vets on staff, and six specialists to take care of any pet's needs. They are open Monday to Thursday 8am - 8pm, Friday 8am - 6pm, and Saturday 8am - 4pm, with 24-hour emergency service every day of the year. They can be reached at (916) 652-5816 or via email at lbvc@jps.net

North Fork Veterinary Clinic: located at 3045 Grass Valley Highway in Auburn is owned by Tom Sheriff and Wesley Dill who are knowledgeable and experienced veterinarians who rely more on their expertise than solely on expensive laboratory tests. They help support the Friends of

Placer County Animal Shelter. They are open Monday to Friday, 8am - 6pm, and Saturday 9am - 5pm. They can be reached at (530) 889-2437.

Roseville Veterinary Hospital: located at 810 Riverside Ave in Roseville is owned by Dr. Grunder since 1992. Dr. Grunder and his staff have spoken at our RDOG meetings. Because the Hospital is small, patients are generally seen by the same Doctor and technicians for every visit. This allows for more individual personal care. They are open Monday to Friday 8am - 5:30pm, and Saturday 8am - 3pm. They can be reached at (916) 782-2123, or at www.zwebpage.com/vet. The Emergency Clinic is available at (916) 632-9111.

If you are a dog lover, joining RDOG is a great way to show your support. Business memberships are \$50.00 per year, and we have special deals for advertising in our newsletter. Please call the RDOG voice mail box at (916) 774-2854 for more information.

The Secret Recipe for De-Skunking Your Dog

Once upon a time there was a beautiful yellow lab named Dawn, who lived with her wonderful guardian, Cliff Ramsey. As the story goes, Dawn was outside in her very own yard one night and who should she meet but PePe LePeu. PePe wasn't impressed with Dawn and before she knew what happened, he "let'er fly" (know what I mean?). When Cliff called Dawn into the house he immediately regretted it. She'd been skunked!

After many phone calls with little success, Cliff's wife finally reached Animal Control. They gave her the formula that worked. Here it is. We suggest you file it with your other important papers. PePe is still out there:

De-Skunk Formula

1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide

¼ cup baking soda

Two tablespoons dishwashing detergent (such as Dawn) [is that a pun?]

Mix the ingredients together and immediately, while the mixture is foaming furiously, cover the dog completely. Use a washcloth for the face and ears. Rinse with a fine mist of water. The smell is gone!

Thanks, Cliff and Delta Dawn, for this information.

This article appeared in the September issue of POOCH Pawsitive, the newsletter of the Pet Owners Organization of Citrus Heights.



Bake Sale Raises Nearly \$400 for Urban Search and Rescue

Once again, RDOG has proven that Roseville citizens have a sweet tooth, especially when it benefits a worthy cause.

So, on Saturday, September 7th, volunteers Lyn Billings, Josh Jacoby, and Ellen Dean descended upon the Petco store on Douglas Boulevard in Roseville. Armed with delicious baked goods and an aggressive pricing policy (which became more aggressive as the day went on), they proceeded to sell nearly \$400 of lemon bars, brownies, cookies, and dog treats in just a few hours.

This bake sale was to directly benefit the Sacramento area Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) dogs and their handlers. You may remember firefighter Richard Lee at our meeting a few months ago and his talk about their participation in the World Trade Center rescue efforts. Richard is one of four firefighters in the local area who own highly-trained search and rescue dogs. Each handler supports their dog personally with no support from the agencies they work for. Vet bills, food, grooming, etc. are all paid out of pocket.

Each firefighter will receive \$100 from RDOG towards the support of their dogs.

Special thanks to our volunteers, the several additional members who brought baked goods for the sale, and to Petco for allowing us use of their storefront.



RDOG volunteers Lyn Billings, Josh Jacoby, and Ellen Dean (L-R) run the bake sale table to benefit the four Urban Search and Rescue dogs in the Sacramento area.

Get Your Pet Spay/Neuter Stamps Now!

By Pamela Dallas
RDOG Parliamentarian

RDOG members have been following the spay/neuter stamp campaign since the beginning. Many of us wrote letters to the Postmaster

General declaring our support and interest in the stamps and helped spread the word throughout our community. Now it is a reality. The stamps are now on sale at our area post offices and local PetSmarts.

Two stamps are offered, one with a kitten and one with a puppy. These stamps are designed to increase the awareness of pet owners of the

need to spay and neuter their pets. Four to five million animals are euthanized in our country each year. Most of these animals are healthy and would make great pets; there just are not enough homes to go around. Both of the stamps offer the message to spay and neuter your pets.

Every sheet of stamps will direct the public to www.pets911.com and 1-888-Pets-911 to find their local veterinarians, animal shelters, and other services offering rescue and adoption opportunities and spay and neuter services.

We can do our part by requesting these stamps when we purchase postage and sending the spay/neuter message with each letter we mail. Also, visit the RDOG display featuring the spay/neuter stamps at the Maidu Branch library during the month of October.

Stamps may also be purchased at the U.S. Postal Service's web site at www.usps.com



Paul Krouchick, Chief Custodian of the Roseville Post Office presenting advertising display poster for the new Spay/Neuter stamps to Pamela Dallas, RDOG Education chair



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Important Note
The November meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 12,
at 7:00 pm.
The meeting was pushed back one week due
to election day.

Western States K-9 Trials Coming to Roseville October 12

The Roseville Police Department is proud to host a Western States Police Canine Association Trial on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Maidu Regional Park, 1550 Maidu Drive in Roseville. Police canine handlers from over forty police agencies from California, Nevada, Idaho and the U.S. Air Force and Navy are expected to compete. The public is invited to watch the various events. This is the first time the WSPCA has held a competition in Placer County.

The competition will kick off at 9 a.m. with an area search. Each police dog and officer team will search for a concealed "bad guy." Obedience and agility trials will follow. One of the most exciting events for the public to watch will be the protection competition, which will begin between noon and 1 p.m.

In order to participate, all dog and officer teams must be certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST), or the equivalent organization in the team's home

state, and may be on active duty, retired or in reserves. Even the agitators—the lucky team members who get to wear full-body bite suits and pose as "bad guys"—must have passed a certified agitation course. The public will see top-notch German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherds and Rottweilers compete. Teams will earn points toward the association's "Top Dog" award. The "Top Dog" will be revealed at another WSPCA event in Folsom on November 2.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for the public to see police canine teams at work," commented Police Chief Joel Neves. "We have some of the best police dogs in the nation right here in Placer County. Dogs from Placer County law enforcement agencies have taken the gold in the Police and Fire Olympics for the past two years."

The event is free to the public. Snacks and souvenirs will be available for purchase. For more information, please call Officer Cal Walstad of the Roseville Police Department at (916) 774-5074.

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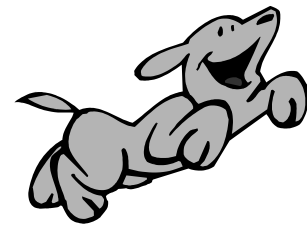


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RDOG Meeting Information

The Roseville Dog Owners' Group (RDOG) meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm. We meet at:

The Christian Life Center
119 Fern Avenue, Roseville

If you are coming from Cirby on Riverside (heading towards Douglas) the street after Darling is Fern. Take a right turn and the next street is Clinton. The church is on the corner.



Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 12th (Note: this meeting has been pushed back one week due to election day)

Tuesday, December 3rd

Tuesday, January 7th