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President's Message:



Test your knowledge of AKC's most popular breeds!

Q. Which breed has the longest consecutive reign as the number 1 most popular dog in America?

Labrador Retriever Boston Terrier
Poodle Bulldog

A. To this day, the Poodle holds the record for being the most popular dog for 22 consecutive years (1960 – 1982). Though often considered high maintenance due to its coat, the Poodle is actually one of the high achievers of the canine world. The breed is exceptionally smart, hardy and excels in obedience training.

Q. Which of the following was one of the original nine breeds registered with the AKC in 1884?

Golden Retriever English Setter
West Highland White Terrier Mastiff

A. One of the oldest gundog breeds, the English Setter was developed in England more than 400 years ago. While the 1800s were the only decade that the English Setter reigned as the number one breed, it remained in the top ten for four decades, but hasn't been in the top ten since the 1910s.

Q. What was the number one most popular dog breed of the 1920s?

Labrador Retriever Boston Terrier
Scottish Terrier German Shepherd Dog

A. Shortly after Rin Tin Tin was featured in the Warner Brothers film *Man From Hell's River* (1922), the German Shepherd Dog became #1 in AKC registrations (1925-1928). The breed is still extremely popular today. While a favorite canine companion, GSDs are also hailed as the world's leading police, guard, and military dog, and was the second most popular dog of 2011.

Q. Former President Bill Clinton's dog Buddy is one of the most popular dogs in America. What kind of dog is he?

Golden Retriever Yorkshire Terrier
Labrador Retriever Boxer

A. Named after former President Clinton's great-uncle Henry Oren "Buddy" Grisham, Buddy the dog was a Chocolate Labrador Retriever. The Clinton family brought Buddy home in 1997, shortly before the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, and he spent his puppyhood living in the White House. It was joked that Buddy was President Clinton's one loyal friend in Washington. In 1991, the Labrador Retriever took over from the Cocker Spaniel and remains the leader of the pack today, having entered its 21st year as the number one most popular dog in 2011.

Q. Which of the top 10 most popular dogs enjoyed TV stardom on the sitcom *Full House*?

Labrador Retriever Poodle
Golden Retriever Shih Tzu

A. The Golden Retriever played the Tanner family's pet dog, Comet, on the sitcom *Full House*. Golden Retrievers, with their intelligence and eager to please attitude were the 4th most popular dog in 2011 and are consistently in the top 10.

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Welcome

Applying members must have participated in at least four Newtown Kennel Club activities, such as attending general meetings, working at matches, handling classes, shows, etc. Approved by board, published and elected at the April General Meeting:

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Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Colony Diner, at Exit 10, Newtown, CT or in conjunction with general meetings



Newtown Kennel Club 2012 Calendar of Events

July 18

General Meeting (Board Meeting)

July 22

Health Clinic

August 23 (Thursday)

First NKC show

West Springfield, MA

August 26 (Saturday)

Second NKC show

West Springfield, MA

October

Match 6

Jan Purdy

Match chair

Extension Center

Bethel, CT

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Ox Ridge KC

November 14

General Meeting (Board Meeting)

-- location to be determined

December 19

General Meeting and Holiday celebration (Board Meeting)

-- location to be determined

Watch for Flyers



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Registering your puppy or litter helps the AKC and its affiliates do so many things for dogs everywhere.



AKC Meet the Breeds
October 20 and 21
Over 200 breeds of dogs and cats.
Two days to meet them all!

American Kennel Club 2011 Dog Registration Statistics

BREED	RANKING			
	2011	2010	2006	2001
Labrador Retrievers	1	1	1	1
German Shepherd Dogs	2	2	3	3
Beagles	3	4	5	5
Golden Retrievers	4	5	4	2
Yorkshire Terriers	5	3	2	6
Bulldogs	6	6	12	19
Boxers	7	7	7	8
Poodles	8	9	8	7
Dachshunds	9	8	6	4
Rottweilers	10	11	17	11
Shih Tzu	11	10	9	10
Miniature Schnauzers	12	12	10	13
Doberman Pinschers	13	14	21	24
Chihuahuas	14	13	11	9
German Shorthaired Pointers	15	16	20	22
Siberian Huskies	16	18	25	21
Pomeranians	17	15	14	12
French Bulldogs	18	21	36	64
Great Danes	19	17	24	
Shetland Sheepdogs	20	19	19	



Breed Handling

Classes are at the Edmond Town Hall, Route 25, Newtown on Tuesdays at 7:15pm and 8:00pm

***Rabies certificate required
No dogs under 16 weeks allowed!!***

Please remember one of the benefits of NKC membership is handling class ... please volunteer to help out at a class.

Contact Shawny Cirincione at hobarra@yahoo.com for more information.

Non-Member's Fee: Only \$8.00

Obedience Classes are under way.

Please contact:

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for more info. There is a minimal charge for Newtown KC members for the classes.



Volunteers are always needed for the various committees. Please check the list of committees and contact the chair!

We always needs volunteers / stewards at our Newtown Kennel Club's shows. Please contact the show chairs to volunteer next year on either or both days !!!

Thursday show

Chair: Helene Nietsch helene.nietsch@ge.com

Co-Chair: Bill Daugherty zack80@aol.com

Saturday show

Chair: Debbie Studwell studwella@sbcglobal.net

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We need your help to make our shows successful !!!

Remember ... club members cannot exhibit their dogs (with or without a handler) at our shows.



Breed Like a Judge **Judge Like a Breeder**

By Helene Nietsch

The practical guide to judging dogs both in and out of the ring is to appreciate the true quality of each dog against its standard – which sometimes seems overlooked in the obvious and inevitable search for faults. A perfect dog has not yet been produced nor ever will. Over-emphasis on faults rather than virtues is a road to a risky destination which may prevent one from seeing the various good qualities and attributes a dog possesses only to condemn a dog for a minor imperfection with one's favorite intolerable fault. If one based decisions on faults alone many animals might have been overlooked as a worthy champion, credible stud dog or an admirable show dog. We must not forget that it is the whole dog that counts and that the absence of a fault does not suggest in any way the presence of its corresponding virtue.



Are judges sometimes of a mind to over-emphasize faults rather than virtues in judging a class of dogs? Do breeders, choosing a puppy or selecting a stud dog, concentrate on a fault and overlook the obvious qualities... qualities which the breed, their breeding program or a brood bitch might need for improvement? In the long run, if you are choosing for overall quality and your focus is on virtue your choices as a breeder will be rewarded with success. If one has a more impartial viewpoint as a judge should, a breeder might indeed overlook these negative qualities which seem to unfairly outbalance the positive qualities. If the emphasis was on type, rather than showmanship, a judge might appreciate the qualities which are of real value to the breed.

Judge like a breeder. Breed like a judge. There are many factors essential to a praiseworthy show dog. Of foremost importance is the close adherence to breed type. Following that, soundness, structure, balance, style, plus health and temperament complete the whole package in the eyes of a judge as well as a breeder. A truly great show dog should not excel in the statistics without impeccable breed type and balance, soundness, style and ring presence. However, showmanship should not override breed correctness. This also does not mean that an extreme specimen with minor faults may not be valuable in a breeding program to correct a deficit in an area, but the final goal should always be soundness, quality and type within the standard.

Emphasis should be on substance over superficiality. Formulating a mental picture of the breed with particular emphasis on quality and balance takes many years of experience and study. Hold a picture in mind of what the breed was intended to do, and translate that into the ideal dog to do that job. Know the standard. Learn from experts in the breed.

Are not the goals of the judge the same as the breeder? Both have the responsibility to this sport to select the best dogs to make the next generation better than the previous. Both have the opportunity to improve the breed. Dogs that win in the show ring inevitably have more opportunity to reproduce, so it is equally important that breeders' standards are high and judges understand true breed type. While dismissing a dog from a breeding program or a ribbon in a class because of a particular minor fault, the obvious overall quality which is of real value to the breed may be overlooked ... this would be fault judging to an extreme.

Some faults are, of course, more serious than others depending on the breed, lack of breed type being the most serious of all faults. Should a light eye be more heavily faulted than a lack of balance or an unsound rear assembly? Is a poor tail set a more significant flaw than a weak front or sagging topline? Are show results the true measure of a dog's quality? The dog with the most quality and the least faults is the one that should be recognized and rewarded.

It is the judge or breeder with a true eye for quality, one who can sort through the minor imperfections, to find that special and rare thing we call true quality. Dog breeding is about protecting a breed, not about one great win or winner. Seasoned ethical breeders don't settle for just good enough, but strive for the very best for future generations. Let's hope that some day we can produce consistency in litters that are bred for correct breed type and that they are evaluated and judged with a keen, educated eye ... **the eye of an esteemed judge, the wisdom of a master breeder.**



