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February Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th, 2020

Westminster Watch Party

Dog show? Check. Food? Check. Your RSVP? Let us know!

Menu

Heavy hor d'ouvres!

Location

Aldo's Italian Restaurant — Sandy Springs 6690 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy
Springs, GA 30328
Phone: 770-992-9600

Time: Dinner @ 6:45, Meeting @ 8:00

Directions: Aldo's is on the northwest corner of Roswell Rd. and Abernathy Rd. in Sandy Springs, just outside the perimeter and just west of 400. Parking is behind the restaurant in the Sandy Springs Crossing shopping center.

RSVP: DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO DINE WITH US! You are not required to have dinner, but it is absolutely necessary if you want to dine with us. Join us for drinks or come shortly before 8 for the program and short business meeting that follows. Please be sure to call ahead for your reservations if you plan to join us for dinner as the restaurant has a cut off for reservations and cancellations. You may reserve and pay via Paypal on the club website under "Events" OR Contact Kellie Holbrook by email at holbrookcc@mindspring.com NO LATER than Friday at NOON prior to the meeting on the following Wednesday. If you RSVP'd and do not attend you will be billed for your meal. Price \$25 adults and \$5 for children under 12. If you have special dietary needs, please mention this to Kellie when you make your reservations. If you decide to attend after the RSVP deadline, you can order food "to go" from the restaurant and join us in the ballroom. Just be sure to let us know so we can hold you a seat!

You can make your dinner reservation online and pay via Paypal! Go to the Atlanta KC website, click on Events, and click on the "book now" button under the meeting listing. <http://www.atlantakennelclub.org/>

Want a tax-deductible way to support the good works of the Atlanta Kennel Club? Donate to the Atlanta Kennel Club Foundation – contact Mary Ellen Macke for information on making donations and/or bequests:

maryellenmacke@gmail.com

Birthdays

Mid Jan / February Birthdays

Melanie Barnes - 2/18
Mavis Barr - 2/27
Neil Bates - 1/25
Terry Berrios - 1/30
Tamara Brower - 1/18
Sherry Buchia - 2/17
Amy Caple - 2/16
Jim Carson - 1/25
Susan Catlin - 1/28
Kellie Holbrook - 2/3
Pat Joyce - 1/25
Rebecca Kestle - 2/19
Pat Klausman - 2/1
Gail LaBerge - 2/15
Alison Lowe - 2/9
Norman Mason - 2/19
Karen Mays - 2/4
Sheila O'Brien - 2/20
Gary Oller - 2/23
Marcene Perry - 2/17
Sue Rekuc - 1/31
Lucy Rowland - 1/21
Carol Simmons - 1/30
Richard Smith - 1/31
Clinton Vail - 1/20
Barbara Zahn - 1/17

Anniversaries

Jan / Feb Anniversaries

Alberto & Terry Berrios - 2/14
Palmer Crim - 1/22
Bill & Cathy Deily - 1/25
Jenny Eppinga - 1/31
Mary & Gary Johnson - 2/23
Becky Norton - 2/21

Editor's Note: A lot of our members didn't include birthday and/or anniversary info when they joined. If you'd like your special day(s) recognized here, please send the info to me - golfindogs@att.net

Fun Fact

The Canary Isles were named after dogs, not birds! The name in Spanish is "Islas Canarias" which is derived from a Latin phrase meaning "Isle of Dogs"!

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Call or email either Mary Ellen or Jim for website questions or help.
Do not forget to like us on FACEBOOK! Do you have something to post ?
Tamara Brower is the Facebook Administrator for the Atlanta Kennel Club, the
Peach Blossom Cluster and the Georgia Classic Cluster. tamarabrower@gmail.com
Contact Tamara at tamarabrower@gmail.com.

**Hashtags For Spoiled Pups:**

To help the public understand who we are and how we take care of our dogs, please include two hashtags when posting casual, fun, silly and sweet photos of your dogs being dogs. You'll be part of a concerted effort to show the truth about how our dogs really live – spoiled, pampered and very well loved! Use these hashtags anywhere you post pictures – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

#secretlifeofshowdogs #perfectfitforlife

Brag:

Got brags? Get them to Digest editor Sandy Weaver – golfndogs@att.net!

Juniors: The AKC Junior Showmanship Facebook page: Check it out, Juniors and Juniors supporters!

Got Juniors news? Get it to Digest editor Sandy Weaver – golfndogs@att.net!

Cards and Flowers

Our member, Wayne Holbrook, passed away unexpectedly recently. Our most sincere condolences to Wayne's family. Cards can be sent to Kellie Holbrook at 4825 Candacraig, Alpharetta, GA 30022. Our Spring show will be dedicated to Wayne's memory.

If you know of a member who's going through a tough time, please let Jerry Cerasini and Sandy Weaver know. Email them at ponyguru@aol.com and golfndogs@att.net

Member of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to our February Member of the Month, John Barnes!

Rosters:

The Atlanta KC Membership Roster is now available on the Atlanta KC website, www.atlantakennelclub.org, under the Members tab. An updated roster was uploaded in May. Another roster reflecting the results of our annual membership renewal will be posted after membership renewals is completed. This roster is provided for personal use only by members of the Atlanta Kennel Club Inc.

ANY OTHER USE (i.e., BUSINESS or POLITICAL SOLICITATION) IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED by Club Policy). Any violation should be reported to the Atlanta Kennel Club Officers or Board of Directors. This is available to members only. You must have a sign in and password to access the members only section of the website. If you do not have your sign in or password email Jim Macke at jimmacke@comcast.net.

The roster will be updated as soon as the annual membership renewal process is complete.

Judges' Selection Committee 2020-2021

Please call committee members from the appropriate group to suggest judges for consideration by the selection committee which meets several times during the year. Please remember not everyone "suggested" can be placed on a panel due to a variety of reasons however club member input is given priority. We do work with our "sister" cluster clubs and also have a policy not to hire the same judge for the same show 2 years in a row. Since we do share judges with the other cluster clubs, we tend to try to hire judges approved for several groups, if possible, to control expenses through judge sharing. Members provisional for any breeds are also given a priority as well as suggestions from specialty clubs for their supported entries.

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Committee is now working on 2020 Judges

If anyone in our club is newly provisional in new breeds, or thinking you may be soon, you must let Kathleen know in order to be included in a future panel- the new judges lists are not necessarily being monitored OK – just an FYI reminder

If you know of someone who may be provisional in their first group – non member etc — to recommend also let Kathleen or the group leader know as they are always seeking provisional judges for AKC requirements.

Membership

Know someone who loves dogs? Invite them to attend a meeting with you. It's a great way to introduce friends to the sport that includes their furry best friend! You can also refer them to Gilda Mallik – gilndon@comcast.net

New Members

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Scent Work

The Atlanta Kennel Club has been given the honor of hosting the first ever Scent Work Regional Trial. It will be held Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th in Perry, GA, the same weekend we host Agility Trials. We have a large need for volunteers and will be hosting two events in February at our training building and event center for anyone who wants to learn more about Scent Work, the fastest growing dog sport. A training session for volunteers will be held on Saturday, February 12, and a Sniff-N-Go day will be held on Saturday, February 22. Get your dogs ready to compete and you get ready for a fun event with dogs and their people.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Scent Work Event

We are very excited about this opportunity and want to make sure we do a great job and host a very successful, fun event. As you can imagine, we are going to need a lot of volunteers for all of the various positions to run each ring, but we are also going to need several people that will be solely be scoring/reporting and registration. These people will need to be comfortable working on a laptop and must be able to enter scores, run reports, labels, etc.

We are planning a training session for this position on February 12th, 6:30 pm at the training building. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit for this, please invite them to this training session!

We will need at least:

6 for scoring

2 for ribbons (labels)

2 for results/running orders (printing and posting)

2-4 for registration/information

If you feel you would be a good fit for one of these positions please send me an email at: TamaraBrower@gmail.com

So, You're Thinking About Judging...

If you're thinking about becoming a conformation judge, you'll need to do some stewarding assignments as part of the application process. Lucky for you, you belong to a club that is delighted to help you get those assignments. Atlanta Kennel Club has a long history of members stewarding at our shows – if you'd like an assignment next April in Perry, please contact Mary Ellen Macke to let us know of your interest.

Her email address is: MaryEllen.Macke@harrynorman.com

Atlanta Kennel Club Lending Library

Thank you to Darcy Quinlan for the great idea and first donation – the Event Center will soon be sporting a dog-centered lending library. Darcy has generously donated a lot of dog books, and we'd love to have your extras, too. Bring your books to a meeting, training class or event, and thank you in advance for your generosity!

ICE SHOW

Ever been to an ICE show? ICE stands for International Canine Events and their shows are considered rare-breed shows. Often you'll see breeds there long before you'll see them at AKC shows. ICE shows are like well-organized matches. Pre entries are encouraged and do of entries are accepted. Plus, you can earn an International Championship in a weekend! Atlanta Kennel Club is pleased to host an ICE weekend of shows on February 15 and 16.

<http://icedogshows.wpengine.com/shows/2020-atlanta-peach-state-winter-grand-prix/>

From the American Kennel Club...

The American Kennel Club and GF Sports, a live events and sports media entertainment company, are taking America's largest showcase of dog breeds, AKC Meet the Breeds on tour! Click below for full details on this joint venture and initial tour dates!!

https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/30145301/GF-Sports-x-AKC-Press-Release-Clubs-Delegates.pdf*

Spring Cleaning

It's almost spring cleaning time and we have a request: Would you clean out your tack box and donate show collars and leads you no longer use for new exhibitors to use? We're getting a lot of people new to showing dogs in our training classes and would love to provide them with appropriate "show clothes" for their dogs. Bring your donations to a meeting or contact Sandy Weaver to coordinate the donations. golfndogs@att.net

“Here’s How the AKC Dog Detection Task Force Is Helping to Improve Our National Security” by Dr. Carmen Battaglia

In a country with more than 80 million dog owners, why is there still a shortage of dogs that are needed to protect the borders, airports, cities, schools, malls, entertainment events and nuclear plants. Most Americans are unaware of this shortage even though it is not new. The problem significantly increased following the events of 9/11, Brussels, Boston, Las Vegas, New York and London. As other terrorist events and natural disasters began to occur, most countries began to buy up the supply of working dogs for their own protection. According to the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, about 90 percent of the detection and patrol dogs in the US come from overseas breeders. The dependence on European breeders to supply a needed resource was not acceptable to the Federal Government, and during the past 50 years, four separate Federal breeding programs were established only to close each of them because of a budget cut or a lack of funding. The last closing in 2012 demonstrated that this problem needed the involvement of the private sector.

In 2016, the U.S. Senate held three hearings regarding the security of our airports, borders and infrastructure and the need for dogs that could detect explosives. Following those hearings, the AKC was asked to help because of its 130,000 breeders, 5,000 clubs and 22,000 events held each year. When, in 2017, the AKC was again asked by the government and private sector to help, the Board responded by establishing the AKC Dog Detection Task Force with a small pilot program involving about 90 breeders and several adjunct breeds. The breeders involved agreed to produce litters and hold back at least one pup from each litter that would undergo advanced socialization and enrichment techniques and eventually become a working detection dog. Because canines are known to remember up to 40 orders and can be used to search for live people, cadavers, drugs, firearms, explosives, endangered species, and diseases, they make ideal candidates for this kind of detection work. (*Browne*) Researchers have also become involved. Many studies are focusing on finding new ways to improve the dog’s working abilities by understanding the unique characteristics observed among the selected candidates and others by understanding the temperament and behavioral characteristics found among the successful dogs. The AKC Dog Detection Task Force is studying ways to increase the supply of these needed dogs by finding better ways to improve breeding, puppy raising, socialization, training, management and selection. Recently, dogs were trained to identify an invasive species of Scotch broom, a shrub plant found in two state parks 50 miles from New York City. This scrub is wide-spread in the Pacific Northwest, but new to New York. Dogs are being used to find these targeted plants so conservationists can uproot them.

Most of the dogs involved in the pilot program come primarily from proven field-trial lines whose drive and energy are needed to perform the demanding tasks of a working dog. The parents of these pups all have the health clearances required for their breed, including sound hips and elbows. The puppies selected are socialized and given enriching experiences. The breeders work closely with AKC’s contractor and subject matter expert, Scott Thomas, former breeding program manager of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Mr. Thomas is a longtime dog breeder and trainer who uses livestream and online course materials to work directly with the breeders on training and socialization methods for the puppies. The pups are evaluated at 3, 6 and 9 months of age. When they are 10-12 months of age and ready for placement, their breeders contact the agencies and organizations that purchase working dogs. Information about the protocols used by the Task Force with puppies can be found at purposeraisedpup.com. Breeders in the Task Force program are given guidance about the needs and work requirements of buyers such as Federal and State agencies, the police and others because the working and environmental conditions of airports, passenger and cargo terminals, stadiums, city streets, crowded malls and borders are all very different. The task force also helps by maintaining a list of Federal and State agencies, police departments and vendors for this purpose. Recently the AKC Dog Detection Task Force was asked to help the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). They are a department of the USDA with a special mission involving the use of canines to screen passengers and luggage entering the US and its territories. In 1984, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Beagle Brigade at the Los Angeles International Airport. Beagles were preferred because of their keen noses, non-threatening size, high food drive, and gentle nature with the public. In 2003, USDA transferred the agricultural inspectors to the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Today, more than 110 CBP agriculture canine teams provide screening at border crossings, pre-clearance locations, air passenger and cruise terminals, cargo warehouses, and mail facilities that process international passengers and commodities.

Because of the changing needs for better security, APHIS is now purchasing and raising Beagle puppies, which are in short supply. The AKC Dog Detection Task Force is helping with ideas, suggestions and recommendations that include age appropriate activities such as exercise, training methods and development protocols that will make these canines better detection dogs. A Beagle Brigade detector dog named “Millie” works for APHIS. She is employed at the Miami (FL) International Airport. Her job is to stop contraband from entering the country. One small apple tucked in a suitcase on an international flight could cause big problems once it arrives in the United States because prohibited fruit and vegetables can introduce insects and disease into American crops. Finding just one piece of fruit would take humans many hours of time and could hold or delay flights and passengers. “Millie” and other trained canines like her can find them in minutes.

This small 20-pound dog is ideal for sniffing out such contraband. They are known to be stubborn and will not give up until they find the odors they were trained to detect. Although she has only been on the job since November, 2017, “Millie’s” diligence has paid off with many successful finds. In one situation, there was a large pot of clay arriving in Miami from Cuba. It seemed unusual and harmless until “Millie” alerted. Some digging revealed animal heads of goats, chickens and turtles, most likely sent for a religious ceremony.

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According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Giant African Snail was first found in the U.S. in Florida in the 1960s and took approximately 10 years and \$1 million to eradicate. It was later reintroduced into Florida and Hawaii in 2011. This snail, which can grow up to eight inches long, is considered “one of the most damaging snails in the world” as it feeds on at least 500 different types of plants and can cause structural damage to stucco and plaster buildings.

It also can be harmful to humans because it carries a parasitic nematode which can cause meningitis. According to the USDA, Giant African Snails are difficult to eradicate because they reproduce quickly, producing around 1,200 eggs in a year.

Training and developing pups to become Beagle Brigade detection dogs begins with a training program that is six weeks in length during which time the pups learn how to respond to target odors while ignoring other items that are allowed including candy, cheese, bread and fish. At the end of six weeks, the successful candidates are paired with handlers who travel to the APHIS center near the Atlanta airport for a 10-week training program. They start by learning new odors like bark, passion fruit, yam, sweet potato, scallions, peppers, avocados, etc. These special canine detector dogs do their job to protect the country’s agricultural program and save the U.S. billions of dollars in eradication, crop yield and economic trade.

Helping other agencies produce a better detection dog is just one example of how the AKC Dog Detection Task Force collaborates with the public sector. In addition to their patriotic effort to increase the supply of needed detection dogs, the task force shares their research findings and protocols for breeding and raising better puppies with breeders and trainers.

For more information about the Beagle program at APHIS contact: Trent Adamson, Supervisory Training Specialist, 770-304-7930.

For information about AKC Dog Detection Task Force contact: Penny Leigh, Program Manager, 919-816-3749, Penny Leigh (pxl@akc.org)

Author

Carmen L. Battaglia holds a Ph.D. and Master’s Degree from Florida State University. As an AKC judge, researcher and writer, he has been a leader in promoting the better ways to breed dogs. An author of many articles and several books, he is also a popular guest on TV and radio talk shows including several appearances on Animal Planet. His seminars about breeding, structure, pedigree analysis, selecting sires and choosing puppies have been well received by breed clubs all over the country. Those interested in learning more about his articles and seminars should visit the website

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE “CANDIED” AND “CHIPPER”, TWO MEMBERS OF THE “BEAGLE BRIGADE,” WHO SNIFFED OUT THE CONTRABAND FOUND IN A TRAVELER’S BAG. AFTER SEARCHING THE SUITCASE, AGENTS FOUND TWO GIANT SNAILS ALIVE, AND SEVERAL ILLEGAL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAT THE BEAGLES ALSO UNCOVERED.

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Lines from Linda

BY LINDA AYERS TURNER KNORR

DR. CARMEN BATTAGLIA LEADS AKC DETECTION TASK FORCE

Dr. Carmen Battaglia is a multifaceted leading gentleman of the dog world. Widely admired for his enormous impact on the sport his contributions are endless. With Masters and Doctorate degrees from Florida State University he is recognized worldwide as a researcher, lecturer and author. He has served on the staffs of Emory University, Florida State University, DeKalb College and the University of Tennessee Space Institute. Dr. Battaglia’s research on puppies, Early Neurological Stimulation, and the risks of bloat have been published in professional veterinary journals. This is just one example of over 60 articles and many books we have authored.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America has chosen Carmen to represent them as their AKC Delegate for the past 26 years and the AKC Delegate Body has repeatedly elected him to serve on the AKC Board of Directors. Other roles have included serving as President of AKC Reunite, and serving on The National Genetics Committee, The Canine Health and Education Committee and AKC’s Committee for the Future. He judges more than 40 breeds and is highly regarded for a program he developed called Breeding Better Dogs. Carmen and his wife Nancy are Georgia residents. There he served as Chairman for the Study Group on Vicious Dog Legislation. His committee’s recommendations have been used as model legislation in several states.

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As Chairman of the AKC Detection Dog Task Force, Dr. Battaglia just wrapped up the three day American Kennel Club 2019 U.S. Detection Dog Conference in Durham, North Carolina. Attendees included persons involved in national security from government, law enforcement, business leaders, educators, breeders, trainers, etc.

As our changing world brings fears of terrorism involving explosives, drugs and mass shootings, the need for trained detection dogs in America and abroad has sadly increased tremendously. For more than 50 years our country has depended on importing these working dogs from European breeders. According to the US Departments of Defense and Homeland Security 90 percent of working dogs used for security come from overseas breeders. Worldwide security threats have increased the need in other countries as well creating great shortages of dogs. Worsening the crisis, the best dogs are being kept abroad and not being available to us.

To respond to this crisis, Dr. Battaglia says, **“As the largest dog registry in the country, and an advocate for breeding for type and function, we want to use our expertise and resources to collaborate, raise awareness and educate breeders with the goal of finding practical solutions to this shortage.”**

Through the AKC Detection Task Force, Dr. Battaglia shared the following information on what breeders and Patriotic Puppy Raisers need to know.

In 2016, the US Senate held three hearings about the security of our airports, borders and infrastructure. Following these hearings the AKC was asked to help. The AKC Board responded by establishing the AKC Dog Detection Task Force. The mission was to bring together the stakeholders, develop a pilot program, involve the breeders and puppy raisers and increase the supply of needed dogs. Breeders who have an interest in this program apply through an application process that is reviewed for acceptance by AKC consultant, Scott Thomas. Applicants are screened for their willingness to breed their females, socialize the pups produced and enrich their experiences until they are 8-10 months of age. The AKC Dog Detection Task Force also works with puppy raisers. These are individual willing to socialize and help develop young puppies using recommended protocols until they are 8-10 months of age. Breeders and puppy raisers work out their own financial arrangements.

APPLICANTS WHO BECOME A PARTICIPANT

The success of the Task Force is based on breeder and puppy raiser involvement. It requires breeders to breed, raise and develop pups and participate in a yearlong data gathering the program.

The pilot program of the AKC Dog Detection Task Force currently uses two breeds that are popular with many government agencies and private sector vendors. They are the Labrador Retriever and German Shorthair Pointer. Adjunct breeds have also been added based on their breed history as a detection or patrol dog.

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

The objectives of the Dog Detection Task Force include behavioral and DNA studies that are used to better understand breeding methods, kennel life, maternal influences, nutrition, and ways to make improvements. In order to accomplish these objectives those selected will be expected to:

- **Plan to produce a litter with the intention of holding back one or more puppies to be dedicated to this program for one year. Breeding stock will include only those dogs that meet the health initiatives recommended by their parent club**

- Complete timely reports and take videos of their pups as they develop
- Participate in conference calls and webinars hosted by the

AKC consultant

- **Participate in weekly reporting and quarterly video testing**

- Record and submit data weekly on each pup
- Submit a DNA mouth swab that is provided which will be used for research

- Actively participate in evaluations scheduled at 3, 6, and 9 months of age

- Submit on a quarterly basis behavioral videos of each dog performing a standardized test (ACS/TSA)

- Receive and use feedback about puppy development based on reports and videos submitted

- Be willing to share information and learn from others

- Breeder participants in the pilot will be given access to a password protected site where information is stored

- **Puppy Raisers agree to socialize and train a puppy (8-12 weeks) using suggested protocols and be dedicated to this program for one year**

- **Priority will be given to the two target breeds**

SUPPORT FOR PUPPY RAISERS

Puppy raisers are a special feature of the AKC Dog Detection Task program. These individuals help by raising a puppy for up to 10 months of age. Many puppy raisers with children provide an ideal situation for a puppy’s development. The protocols developed by the AKC consultant include socialization, enrichment and training periods. Puppy raisers are expected to provide information and videos as pups develop. They are expected to participate in the evaluations at 3, 6 and 9 months of age.

Breeders who place puppies with puppy raisers select their own puppy raiser and enter into their own agreements regarding any financial considerations for raising the pups and how the costs and expenses will be managed. The final disposition about puppy’s, their placement and selling price is made by the breeder.

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Most buyers are looking for young untrained dogs, called “green dogs”. Experience shows that buyers are varied and include Federal and State Agencies, police departments, private vendors who are breeders and others who purchase young puppies from breeders that they intend to train for their specific buyers.

The Task Force does not negotiate, own, buy or sell dogs but does provide advice and assistance. Agencies and organizational buyers are not recommended. If they are known to the Task Force they will be placed on an information list that is passed along for breeders to use.

SALE PRICE OF PUPPIES

Breeders who participate in the AKC Dog Detection Task Force have made the commitment to breed their females and provide puppies for sale. Because there are many buyers from different agencies, vendors and organizations, no one price has been set. Selling price is usually based on the age of the pup, the buyers need, and their opinion about the puppy’s potential and worth. Final selling price is generally related to age and performance at time of evaluation. Buyers are usually looking for well socialize puppies that are comfortable around children, adults, crowds, new places, different surfaces, smells, are happy, upbeat, playful, willing to chase and retrieve a ball or toy. Many buyers will want to see how pups handle isolation and confinement. Therefore, breeders and puppy raisers are encouraged to use a dog crate when preparing and developing their pups. Depending on age and the needs of each buyer, performance becomes the important factor in determining price. The market for a well socialized pup is large and breeders whose pups demonstrate the traits mentioned generally demand the higher prices.

There is also a market for pups not selected. Breeders who decide to sell pups early will learn there are other buyers looking for older pups. To help these breeders, the AKC supports a website and a program called “AKC Market Place” where breeders can list their pups by breed and age. Market Place provides information about the breeder and the pups for buyers to review. Experience shows that many buyers prefer older, well socialized pups that has been exposed to an enriched environment which makes them ideal for placement in a family or home environment.

ADJUNCT AND NON-TRADITIONAL BREEDS

Adjunct and non-traditional breeds, their breeders and puppy raisers are commended for their desire to participate in this program and for their willingness to help in this national security effort. Because of limited time and resources only two breeds were identified in the current pilot program. Adjunct breeds are those known for their established history and versatility as a working dog breed. Some adjunct breeds are used for single-purpose (detection only), others for dual-purpose (patrol and detection). Their participation is welcomed and they will have access to the resources of this pilot along with reports and suggestions. Feedback and recommendations about their dogs and pups will be provided as time permits.

Adjunct and non-Traditional breeders who choose to become involved do so with the understanding that they will complete the application and be accepted.

The expectation from these breeders and puppy raisers (Adjunct and non-traditional breeds) follows:

BREEDERS AND PUPPY RAISERS CAN EXPECT FROM THE AKC CONSULTANT

- Assistance and help via email, website, and social media
- Advice and counsel during whelping, weaning, socialization and enrichment periods
- Recommended protocols during socialization, enrichment and training periods
- Feedback about puppy videos submitted (breeders and puppy raisers)
- Guidance throughout a process that answers questions that arise regarding weaning, socialization and development of the pups
- Personal and individual dog or puppy information will not be shared with others
- Cumulative data about the dogs and pups will be shared with those involved in approved research
- Be willing to share information and learn from others

All breeders including those in the adjunct and non-traditional breeds are expected to negotiate with buyers the successful placement and price for their dogs and puppies. The Task Force does not negotiate, own, buy or sell dogs but does provide advice and assistance. If they are known to the Task Force they will be placed on an information list that is passed along for breeders to use.

More information is available at:

For the Application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXSHJSY>

For More information: <https://purpose-raisedpup.com/>

<https://www.akc.org/akc-detection-dog-task-force/akc-pilot-detection-puppy-rearing-program/>

For information about AKC Dog Detection Task Force contact: Penny Leigh: Program Manager, 919-816-3749, Penny Leigh (pxl@akc.org)

For further information about the AKC Dog Detection Task Force breeding program contact: Scott Thomas at scott@purpose-raisedpup.com 210 392 4109

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