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## A GOOD YEAR FOR ANIMALS THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES REPORTS GREAT STRIDES REGARDING ANIMAL-FRIENDLY LEGISLATION IN TENNESSEE

Thanks to calls and emails from Tennessee animal advocates, the Tennessee General Assembly passed several animal friendly bills in 2008.

### Preventing Antifreeze Poisoning

The General Assembly passed the Haley Ham Law (H.B. 2808/S.B. 2399) which now requires antifreeze that is more than 10 percent ethylene glycol to contain denatonium benzoate, the world's bitterest known substance, to render it unpalatable. Hundreds of children and thousands of animals are accidentally poisoned each year from ingesting antifreeze. Its sweet taste attracts them, but less than a teaspoon can be fatal. One survey found that two out of three veterinarians see at least one accidental ethylene glycol poisoning each year.

### Providing More Time for Owners to Find Lost Pets

The Tennessee legislature also passed legislation (H.B. 2912/S.B. 3149) to require an animal shelter or veterinarian to hold an abandoned animal for at least 3 business days before euthanizing. Prior to this new law, animals were only required to be held for 3 days, including weekends, giving frantic owners of lost pets no time to find them before they were euthanized. The law now makes it easier to reunite families.

### Stronger Penalties for Animal Cruelty

Another piece of legislation, Gizmo's Law (H.B. 2804/S.B. 2697), would make it easier to prosecute those killing another person's animal. Gizmo, a 17 year old Yorkshire terrier, was killed when he was kicked like a football. The abuser was sentenced to 30 days in jail and ordered to undergo psychological counseling. This new law will create a stronger deterrent for such serious crimes.

### Animal Abuser Registry

The legislature considered a bill (H.B. 2803/S.B. 2676) that would have created a registry, maintained by the TBI, for felony offenses against animals. The Animal Abuser Registry would post information about people convicted of aggravated animal cruelty, felony animal fighting, and bestiality in an effort to protect the public from dangerous people who brutalize animals and often move on to humans. Unfortunately, this legislation did not pass this session, but the sponsors hope to reintroduce the bill next year.

### Measure to Make Cockfighting a Felony Considered

In addition to these victories, a bill to make cockfighting a felony moved through 3 committees this year, further than it has in 10 years. Tennessee is one of only 13 states that still has a weak misdemeanor penalty for cockfighting making our state a magnet for this cruel bloodsport. With your help we hope to put an end to weak animal fighting laws in Tennessee in the next session!

It was a good year for animals in the Tennessee legislature, and we are looking forward to more successes next session. You can help secure even more victories for animals by telling your friends and family to join our online community. The more people we can reach on animal protection issues, the better our chances for future successes.

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:  
September 22**

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## TRACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

For members who love tracking, the AKC Tracking Advisory Committee recommendations are up on [akc.org](http://akc.org) and ready for our review. I've seen some negative commentary already, but everything looks pretty exciting to me.

Regardless of whether a person likes the recommendations or not, they have until September 17 to let the AKC know how they feel.

Please visit the AKC Web site at [http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/2008\\_tracking\\_advisory\\_committee.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/2008_tracking_advisory_committee.cfm) to read the recommendations and for instructions on how to respond to the AKC with your comments.

– Submitted by June Johnston

## MEMBER BRAGS



**Wendy Boehme's** Bernese Mountain Dog, CH Prairiefire Strkhnd Celebrity (**Clooney**), got a Group placement in Paducah in June, Group 3, amateur-owner handled. It was the first group placement for either of us.

**Marina Caro's** Italian Greyhound, **ACE**, earned a five point major in Atlanta and is now just one point away from his Championship!! We're now onto training for our MACH.

**Cheryl Geer's** Papillon, Ch. Loteki Civil Liberties RA AX MXJ (**Jackson**), earned his first MX leg on Sunday, August 3, at the Clarksville Kennel Club agility trial held at MTSU.

Jackson also recently earned a new title! He is now Ch. Loteki Civil Liberties RE AX MXJ. He earned his third RE leg on Saturday at the Louisville trial with a score of 98 and second place in Excellent A. He moved up to Excellent B on Sunday and qualified with a score of 100 and third place. He showed in Advanced B on Sunday as well, where he also scored 100 - two scores of 100 for his first RAE leg!

**Cheryl Geer's** Papillon, **Felix**, had some stage fright on Saturday at the Louisville trial and didn't qualify. But on Sunday he came back and qualified in Excellent A with a score of 96 and third place! This was Felix's second RE leg and second class placement in Rally Excellent A.

## GRAPE AND RAISIN TOXICITY

### Based on report provided by VMRCVM Vet Notes

Animal Poison Control Center has documented multiple cases of grape and raisin poisoning in dogs within the last several years. Presumably, this has occurred in the past but was attributed to other causes.

### What Kind of Grapes & Raisins?

The source of the problem has been varied. Grapes of all varieties (including homegrown) have been implicated. Raisins are usually made from white seedless grapes, but all raisins of any source should be considered kidney toxic.

### Why?

The toxic principle is unknown. Grapes contain low amounts of tannins compared to acorns, a known kidney toxicant in large animals. Grapes lack significant amounts of Vitamin D, another known kidney toxicant. It is unlikely pesticide residue is involved due to the wide variety of grape types involved. So far the majority of toxicosis reports have been in dogs. However, feeding grapes or raisins to cats and ferrets should also be discouraged, as poisonings have been reported in these species as well.

### How Many Would Poison Your Dog?

The minimum toxic dose is approximately 0.3 oz/kg body weight. This would correspond to about 2 grapes per kg body weight, or roughly 1 grape per pound of body weight.

15 lb dog = 12-14 grapes could be deadly

25 lb. dog = 23 grapes could be deadly

50 lb. dog = 50+ grapes could be deadly

75 lb. dog = 75 grapes could be deadly

Raisins, having lost their water content, are considered more toxic at 6 raisins per kg of body weight, or 2-3 raisins per pound of body weight.

15 lb. dog = 30-45 raisins could be deadly

25 lb. dog = 50-75 raisins could be deadly

50 lb. dog = 100-150 raisins could be deadly

75 lb. dog = 150-225 raisins could be deadly

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms appear 6-24 hours after the dog eats raisins or grapes (average is 12 hours). Initially, symptoms are gastrointestinal signs, followed by kidney problems.

Vomiting is usually the primary sign, with diarrhea, depression/lethargy, anorexia, colic, dehydration and sharply decreased urine output. The course of disease is anywhere from three days to three weeks. Dogs with existing kidney problems have a guarded to poor prognosis.

### Treatment

If the raisins or grapes have been ingested within 2-3 hours, vomiting should be induced followed by activated charcoal to limit further absorption. Treatment is based on preventing further absorption and maintaining urine output and electrolyte balance.

Editor's note: The above toxic dosages should be considered a rough guideline – as with any potential toxin, your dog's health and specific physiology can affect the amount of a toxin required to cause a problem. If you suspect your dog has eaten raisins or grapes, contact your veterinarian for advice on how to proceed.

Source: [www.goldenrayorkies.com](http://www.goldenrayorkies.com)

## “SEE SPOT EAT” OFFERS HEALTHY, TASTY TREATS



See Spot Eat, Nashville's premier all-natural doggie bakery, celebrated its grand opening August 2nd, 2008, in Berry Hill.

“See Spot Eat is a relaxed, fun place where Nashville residents and their dogs can come for healthy, tasty treats,” says Kat Martin, owner of See Spot Eat: A Doggie Bakery. “We’ve also compiled a varied selection of positive training supplies, interactive dog toys, premium foods and treats, and other dog-related items that provide the best quality of life for your canine companion.”

Martin bakes her treats daily using natural ingredients, and organic when possible. None of her creations contain any corn, and there are several selections that are wheat-free for those who have dogs who may be allergic. Most popular is the mix-and-match variety of doggie biscuits, which can be purchased by weight at a per-pound price.

See Spot Eat also offers specialty dog cookies, which can be customized with your dog's name for a special occasion. The bakery display case boasts beautiful (and healthy) selections that are guaranteed to tempt your dog's tastebuds. Martin's specialty, liver brownies, are a paw-down favorite among her clients.

Additionally, See Spot Eat has teamed up with their new neighbor, Pranzo Pronto!, an Italian take-out shop offering sandwiches, salads, heat-and-eat entrees, coffees and desserts. The idea is to offer a place where Nashville's dog lovers can come hang out with their pups. This is a unique concept for Nashville and one that Martin feels is a much-needed addition.

“People don't have that many places that they can go with their dogs besides the dog park or a pet store,” says Martin. “With Pranzo Pronto! offering their delectable

people food right next door and See Spot Eat offering our wonderful doggie treats, folks will be able to grab a snack for themselves as well as one for their pooch, all in the same place.” Outdoor seating will be offered for those that want to hang out a while.

“The addition of See Spot Eat will make Berry Hill a great destination for animal lovers,” says Berry Hill City Manager, Joe Baker. “It's a great fit with our eclectic mix of retail businesses. We're looking forward to the grand opening and extending this interesting concept to the community.”

See Spot Eat is located at 2815 Bransford Avenue, in the heart of Berry Hill.

Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information about See Spot Eat, call (615) 712-6112, visit [www.seespoteat.com](http://www.seespoteat.com), or contact Kat Martin at (615) 712-6083.



### Agility on a Budget

Would you like to practice agility in your own backyard, but can't afford all the expensive equipment? No problem! Here is a budget-friendly agility course - and it's a snap to set up and take down! Thanks to Debbie Gordon for the link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxLX63qqNyg>

The *Dixie Recall* is published on the first of each month. Please submit brags, classifieds and other contributions by the 20th of the month to appear in the next issue of the *Dixie Recall*. Submissions received after the 20th may appear in the following issue.

# CLASSIFIEDS

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## SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER

**September 5-7** Agility. Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center in Harriman, TN. Show closes August 13.

## SHOW 'n GOs IN SEPTEMBER

**September 14** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Chattanooga Obedience Club at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga. Runs are \$5. For more information contact Fay Taylor at (423) 886-2171 or (423) 364-9181 or visit [www.playdogexcellent.com](http://www.playdogexcellent.com).

## SHOWS IN OCTOBER

**October 2-5** Agility (Indoors). Nashville Dog Training Club and Clarksville Kennel Club at Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes September 3.

**October 11-12** Obedience (Indoors/Outdoors) and Rally (Indoors). Tupelo Kennel Club at Agricenter International in Memphis, TN. Show closes September 24.

**October 18-19** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Chattanooga Obedience Club at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, TN. Show closes October 1.

**October 24-26** Agility (Outdoors). Greater Kingsport Kennel Club at Appalaichan Fairgrounds in Gray, TN. Show closes October 10.

**October 24-26** Obedience, Rally and Agility (Indoors). Paducah Kennel Club at West Kentucky Livestock and Exposition Center in Murray, KY. Rally and Agility on Friday; Obedience, Rally and Agility on Saturday; Obedience and Agility on Sunday. Agility closes October 1; Obedience and Rally close October 8.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

**Curt Brock available for private lessons** If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his air-conditioned building. Contact [cbrock@tntech.edu](mailto:cbrock@tntech.edu) for more information.

**Sandra Edson offers private agility lessons** For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at [sancrestfarm@comcast.net](mailto:sancrestfarm@comcast.net)

**Pat Thorne available for private obedience lessons** Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UD's on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

## EVENTS

**Dog Day Festival** September 20 at Centennial Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mutt Strutt Registration 8:30 a.m., Mutt Strutt 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$5. This is a fundraiser for the Nashville Humane Association and always has an incredible turnout with lots of vendors, music, demonstrations, food and fun. For more information, contact Lisa at the Nashville Humane Association at (615) 354-6342.

## PET SITTING

I thought I would pass along an addition to the pet sitting contacts from a couple of months ago. Debbie Huntley of "Sit, Dog, Sit" Pet Sitting Services is available for daytime pet sitting and dog walking. Debbie's company is based out of Brentwood and she services the Brentwood, Franklin, Cool Springs and Nashville areas.

Debbie comes recommended by Marina Caro and Diane Overstreet. She has two Golden Retrievers, and has agility and flyball titles on one of them. She also taught agility and flyball at Pup Scouts a few years ago.

You can reach Debbie at (615) 406-9862 or by e-mail at [debbiehuntley@comcast.net](mailto:debbiehuntley@comcast.net).

## AGILITY CLASSES

**Aerial Aces Agility** will begin the early fall series of classes on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Novice Competition and Excellent Competition will be offered. Cost is \$70 for a six week series of one hour classes, outdoors in Portland, TN. Please call Sandra Edson at 615-325-9765, or email [sancrestfarm@comcast.net](mailto:sancrestfarm@comcast.net), or check the website [www.aerialacesagility.com](http://www.aerialacesagility.com) for more information.

## RED ROVER DAYCARE

**Red Rover** is a full-service daycare and grooming facility, and offers Freestyle and Happy Heeling classes as well. The next session of classes, Happy Heeling, begins on the following dates:

Saturday 6-7 p.m., starting September 6;  
Monday 7-8 p.m., starting September 1; and  
Tuesday 7-8 p.m., starting September 2.

Classes will be held at 960 Main Street in East Nashville. \$120 for six weeks.

Contact Heidi Dixner at Red Rover for more information at 227-7709 or by e-mail at [heidi@redrovercomeover.com](mailto:heidi@redrovercomeover.com).

**ATTENTION MEMBERS!** Are you or your pooch about to celebrate a birthday? Please let us know! Send in your October birthdays to be featured in the next issue.

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