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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I am thrilled to announce that Quigley earned his RN Friday night, 10/7/22! He earned his 1st leg a year ago, at IWADVs specialty. His 2nd leg was in May at the IWCA National, in Fair Hill MD, so it was important to me to (try to) get his title at the Obedience club I belong to trial!

His score was less than stellar, but we've never trained anywhere but at CDTC, and we've really only trained in Rally for one, 6week class!

CDTC rocks!

Jodie and Quigley, RN

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Kathy Lewis.

Member Highlights

Carole Silverthorne and Ned



Ned, AKC GCH CH CKC CH Starkeeper Silverthorne Nettle was awarded Veteran Dog, Best of Veterans, and the only Award of Merit on 28 August, 2022 at the Upper Canada Irish Wolfhound Club Regional held in Dorchester, ON. He was bred by Jocelyne Gagne and co-owned by me and Jocelyne. Judge at IWANE was Jamie Souza Bartlett.



Ned and Carole at DelVal2022

This is GCH Starkeeper Silverthorne Nettle after winning Veteran Dog (ok, only two there!) at IWADV 2022. Judge at IWADV was Dr Anne Gallant.



Ned with Jocelyne and me and his Best Veteran and Award of Merit rosettes from the Elgin County/Upper Canada Irish Wolfhound Specialty in Ontario a couple of weeks ago (Aug 28).

Carroll County Celtic Festival



Judy Chantelois & Hurin



Susan Wine & Tyr

Coffels w/ Mordu & Karma



Jodie Jeweler & Quigley



Kathy Lewis & Orlaith



Visitors & Hurin

PennMar Celtic Festival



Puppy Pile: Sophia, Karma, Mordu Coffel

AKC

Can Dogs See Ghosts? *By Alexandra Anastasio Oct 17, 2022*

While there are people who believe in the paranormal, have you ever wondered whether your dog is able to sense the spirits? After all, canines have extraordinary senses that are much sharper than a human's. And wouldn't it be comforting to know that your dog is able to detect a loved one who has passed on?

As much as we'd like to believe there is some truth to the idea that dogs can sense the paranormal, the scientific answer is that we just don't know. Despite the fact that there is no scientific proof that dogs can see ghosts, so much of animal behavior is uncertain that the possibilities of a dog sensing something a human can't is not out of the question. "The most interesting part of the science of dog behavior and understanding is that we simply don't know so much," says Russell Hartstein, a certified dog behavior consultant and trainer in Los Angeles.

Your Own Perceptions Play a Part

Much of a dog's behavior can be a mystery to an owner, but there are countless examples that leave us wondering if the unimaginable is actually conceivable. "When someone is inclined to believe in the paranormal, some dogs may exhibit behaviors that make it look like they are perhaps sensing an apparition is nearby," says Dr. Mary Burch, director of the AKC Family Dog Program and a certified animal behaviorist. "This may be the dog that stops and stands still at a given point in the house, and the owner later finds out someone died there."

If a dog is standing in a corner, barking at nothing visible, could it be that they sense something out of the ordinary? Or perhaps they stay close to an object that is associated with a deceased family member, whether it be a favorite chair or side of the bed, as if that person is still present.

Dr. Burch points out that when a dog barks at what appears to be nothing, an owner sometimes thinks it's because the dog is seeing a ghost or picking up on something the owner can't. "While clairvoyance generally falls outside of what we can prove in terms of science, we do understand and have research on a dog's basic five senses," she says.



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The Sixth Sense

In addition to the five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing), dogs also possess a sixth sense—that “gut” feeling we get when something doesn’t feel right. The difference, though, is that dogs are more open to trusting what they feel and acting on those feelings accordingly, while most people’s minds analyze what’s going on and deny the possibility that auras or spirits exist. “Dogs are remarkable creatures, with senses that far exceed a human’s,” explains Dr. Burch.

When a dog runs and sits by the door waiting for their owner, Dr. Burch explains this behavior could be a habit simply learned through repetition. But if the owner comes home much earlier than usual, and the dog still sits by the door within minutes of the owner’s arrival, that unexplained behavior could appear to be the result of a sixth sense.

Dogs also have the ability to detect impending disasters before they happen, thanks to their powerful sense of smell. “Barometric pressure and all natural phenomena have odors associated with them,” says Hartstein. “They are beyond the capacity of our noses to recognize, but dogs can sense these changes immediately.”

Can Dogs See Things We Can’t?

The level of a dog’s hearing also surpasses a human’s, and dogs possess the ability to hear higher-pitched noises from a much greater distance. “Dogs’ auditory perception is another area where they perceive the world around them in a vastly different way from human beings,” points out Hartstein. “These differences may be connected to their ability to pick up on different and undetectable phenomena that we do not.”



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A dog's field of vision is much wider than ours; they can see objects at a greater distance, and their ability to see in twilight, dusk, and dawn is far superior to ours, making it possible to pick up certain movements that are undetectable to the human eye. "It could be absolutely accurate that the dog is picking up on something we may not be able to see. But what they are perceiving may not be Casper the Friendly Ghost," explains Dr. Burch.

Dogs are fascinating creatures, and there is still much uncertainty when it comes to the abilities of man's best friend. "Their senses are highly attuned, and it is obvious they are perceiving the world in a vastly different way than we do," says Hartstein. Whether their extraordinary senses are able to pick up on unknown forms, energies, or the paranormal continues to remain a mystery.

AKC What to Do if Your Dog Eats Chocolate

By AKC Staff Oct 17, 2022

Key Points

- Chocolate is toxic to dogs and could cause a medical emergency.
- Signs of chocolate poisoning usually appear within 6 to 12 hours.
- Knowing how much and what kind of chocolate your dog ate is key.
- *holidays*
- *safety*

Chocolate is toxic to dogs, and depending on the type and amount of chocolate consumed and the weight of your dog, it could cause a serious

medical emergency. If you know your dog has eaten chocolate, it's important to monitor them for signs of toxicity. Learn how much is too much, which types of chocolate are the most dangerous, and what signs to look for that may signal your dog needs treatment.

Why Chocolate Is Toxic to Dogs

Chocolate contains both theobromine and caffeine, both of which can speed up the heart rate and stimulate dogs' nervous systems. The risk of your dog becoming sick from ingesting chocolate depends on the type and amount of chocolate consumed and your dog's weight. Calculate your dog's risk of toxicity with this easy-to-use program. The concentrations of these toxic substances vary among different types of chocolates.

Here are a few types of chocolate listed in order of theobromine content:

1. Cocoa powder (most toxic)
2. Unsweetened baker's chocolate
3. Semisweet chocolate
4. Dark chocolate
5. Milk chocolate



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Knowing how much and what kind of chocolate your dog ate can help you and your vet determine if you have an emergency. In general, mild symptoms of chocolate toxicity occur when a dog consumes 20 mg of methylxanthines per kilogram of body weight. Cardiac symptoms of chocolate toxicity occur around 40 to 50 mg/kg, and seizures occur at dosages greater than 60 mg/kg.

In simpler terms, that means a very concerning dose of chocolate is approximately one ounce of milk chocolate per pound of body weight. Since an average Hershey's Milk Chocolate bar is 1.55 ounces, consuming even one chocolate bar can have serious consequences, especially for small dogs. Eating a crumb of chocolate cake or a very small piece of a chocolate bar, on the other hand, probably won't kill your dog, especially if it is a larger breed, but dogs should never be fed chocolate as a treat.

dog-safe alternative to chocolate is carob, which is just as tasty to canines!

What Are the Signs of Chocolate Poisoning?

Signs of chocolate poisoning usually appear within 6 to 12 hours after your dog has eaten it. Older dogs and dogs with heart conditions are more at risk of sudden death from chocolate poisoning. The symptoms, which may last up to 72 hours, include the following:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Restlessness
- Increased urination
- Tremors
- Elevated or abnormal heart rate
- Seizures
- Collapse and death

What to Do if Your Dog Ate Chocolate

If you believe your dog has eaten chocolate, call your veterinarian immediately or call the Pet Poison Helpline (855-213-6680) for advice. Note that if your vet is not open, some services provide live chat and video options to connect you with a vet. Based on your dog's size and the amount and type of chocolate consumed, your veterinarian may recommend that you monitor your dog for the clinical signs listed above and call back if his condition worsens.

In other cases, the veterinarian may prefer you bring your dog into the clinic. If your pet consumed the chocolate less than two hours ago, your veterinarian may induce vomiting and give them several doses of activated charcoal, which works to move the toxins out of the body without being absorbed into the bloodstream. For more severe cases, veterinary intervention may be needed to provide supplemental treatment, such as medications or IV fluids, to resolve the effects of the poisoning. Dogs suffering from seizures may need to be monitored at the clinic overnight.



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How to Prevent Your Dog from Eating Chocolate

To prevent your dog from sneaking chocolate, follow these tips:

- **Put it away:** Make sure all chocolate items, including cocoa powder and hot chocolate mix, are stored where the dog cannot reach them, such as on a high shelf in a closed-door pantry. Remind your children and guests that chocolate should be kept out of the dog's reach and not left on countertops, tables, or in purses. Keep this in mind during the holidays, too, making sure to place trick-or-treat bags, Easter baskets, Valentine's Day candy, Christmas stockings, and Hanukkah coins (gelt), for example, in a place where a dog cannot get to them.
- **Teach "leave it":** The command "leave it" is extremely effective in preventing dogs from eating something that falls onto the ground or is left within reach during a walk. It's also a very easy command to teach.

- Crate train your dog: The safest way to ensure your dog doesn't eat anything harmful while you're not supervising them is to crate train them. Find a sturdy crate that is large enough for your dog to stand up and turn around and make it a comfortable, safe place for them to retreat to when they want to be alone or when you can't watch them. Offer toys, a stuffed chew toy, a favorite blanket, and treats to help them feel like the crate is their personal den.

Vanilla Dog Biscuits

Recipe by Katherine Calderwood

-2 cups of almond infused almond flour or almond meal

-1 egg

-(Optional for extra vanilla) 1 scraped bean or 1 tsp alcohol free vanilla

-1/4 cup of drained canned pumpkin, mashed banana, or puréed apple with liquid drained (any type of purée works!)

Mix all ingredients. Add additional almond flour if needed. It should be able to hold its shape. Bake at 350 until golden brown (for me it's 12 minutes)

Yummy for both dogs and their owners!!

Retrievist

Is Your Dog Ready for Fall Weather?

Say goodbye to bright and sunny pool days and hello to fall foliage and cups of warm apple cider. Looking to enjoy the crisp autumn weather with your dog? Our editors and dog experts have curated the perfect autumn checklist for you and your pup. These fall products that will help to keep your dog warm, visible in dark conditions, and safe.

Reflective Harnesses

This may be something you consider a year-round staple, but when it comes to shorter periods of daylight and the fall equinox, having a

reflective harness is a must when out adventuring with your dog. With one, you can walk or hike at ease knowing that you can see your companion and others can too.

Portable Water Bowls

Keeping your dog hydrated on long walks and hikes is essential, even if it's not super-hot out. With these portable water bowls, you can feel keep your dog from getting thirsty while enjoying your time together. These products are compact and fit nicely into a bag before heading out the door, without the bulk of carrying both a large water bowl and water bottle.

Dog Boots

Protecting your dog's paws is extremely important. Whether it be rough terrain, thorns, or rocks — sharp materials can definitely cause your canine some discomfort. But dog boots will allow for safe autumn adventures so you can jump in the leaves together or run through the mud without a trip to the groomers immediately after.

Dog Jackets and Coats

While not every dog needs a jacket, some dogs benefit from one in colder weather. Small, short-haired dogs, skinny, and senior dogs could use an extra layer. A waterproof coat is also nice to have if you plan on going out when it's rainy or snowy. Bonus: Jackets can also help to prevent fur from becoming matted from the weather.



Plant Guide For Pet Owners



Poisonous Plants

- Daffodil
- Castor Bean
- Easter Lily
- Sago Palm
- Star Gazer Lily
- Tiger Lily
- Cyclamen
- Azalea



Toxic Plants

- Aloe
- Begonia
- Bird of Paradise
- Bougainvillea
- Calla Lily
- Carnation
- Chrysanthemum
- Coleus
- Cosmos
- Dumb cane
- Elephant ear
- Fleabane
- Gardenia
- Geranium
- Hibiscus
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Mother-In-Law Tongue
- Pansy
- Peace Lily
- Pinks (Dianthus)
- Plumbago
- Poinsettia
- Primrose

Pet-Friendly Plants

- Alyssum
- Blue Daisy
- Boston Fern
- Bottlebrush tree
- Camelia
- Canna
- Ceolsia Plumosa
- Christmas Cactus
- Coreopsis
- Echevaria Succulents
- Gerber Daisy
- Gloxinia
- Impatiens
- Marigold
- Nasturtium
- Pampas Grass
- Persian Violet
- Petunia
- Polkadot Plant/Baby Tears
- Rose
- Snap Dragons
- Spider Plant
- Start Jasmine
- Sunflower
- Sword Fern
- Viola
- Zinnia





PVIWC List of Meeting & Events 2022

January 9 Regular Meeting - Zoom
February 13 Regular Meeting - Zoom

March 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parades and Festivals

- March 5 Alexandria, VA **POSTPONED** till later in the year
- March 6 Annapolis, MD
- March 12 Manassas, VA
- March 12 Shamrock Fest
- March 12 Gaithersburg, MD
- March 13 Washington, D.C **CANCELED**
- March 13 Baltimore, MD
- March 19 Harrisburg, PA

March 20 Show Meeting - Zoom

April 2, 3 & 4 Specialty Harford County Equestrian Center, Bel Air, MD

April 3 Regular Meeting - Following judging at Specialty
April 32 Southern MD Celtic Festival, Prince Frederick, County, MD
April 29 & 30 Dills Celtic Festival, Dills Tavern, 237 Baltimore St, Dillsburg, PA
April 30 & May 1 Faerie Festival, Marshy Point Nature Center, Baltimore

May 10-12 Irish Wolfhound National Specialty Cecil County Fairgrounds at Fair Hill
4640 Telegraph Rd, Elkton, MD 21921

June 11 Carroll County Celtic Festival, Agriculture Center
June 12 Regular Meeting - Coffel
June 18 Penn Mar Irish Festival, Shrewsbury, PA
June 25 & 26 Celtic Fling (*with a concert on Friday night 24th*) PA Renn Faire grounds

July 16 Annapolis Irish Festival, Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 Crownsville, MD

August 14 Regular Meeting – Christina Buckner's

September 3 & 4 Virginia Scottish Games
September 17 Halfway to St Patrick's Day, York Revolutions Game
September 18 Fun Day – Reba's

October 16 Regular Meeting – Reba's

November 11, 12, & 13 Maryland Irish Festival, Timonium, MD
November 20 Regular Meeting – Guinness Brewery in Halethorpe, MD

December 11 Holiday Party –

December 17	Druid Hill 5K, Baltimore, MD
December 28	Military Bowl Parade, Annapolis, MD
January 27-29	Winter Celtic Festival, Havre de Grace, MD

Dates, Time, or location to be determined and subject to change on some events.

Need Volunteers to Host meetings.