



Wags Weekly

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Issue 38, February 23, 2017: *This is the weekly dog news/KCAA news email for the Kennel Club of Anne Arundel. It comes out every Thursday. If you have a brag, have personal or dog news to share, have health advice, or hear of news or an event, send me (Tom Masog, Corr. Sec.) an email or text by midnight the previous Tuesday. And please share Wags Weekly outside of KCAA. This seems to be one completely new thing that our club is doing well, and maybe it can be of value to others!*

Club News

- The next General Meeting will be Saturday 2/25. It will be 4-7. It is a Mardi Gras Happy Hour. Please RSVP to [Dan](#) and let him know what you can bring. We have beads, King Cake, and real Louisiana Red Beans & Rice. We can use some other appetizers. If you're too busy on Saturday or don't cook, bring some chips, beer, wine and sodas. But PLEEZE RSVP to [Dan](#)!
- Please note that the handling classes will resume for another 5 weeks starting on February 28. Classes will be Tuesday nights at the same time, 7:30 - 8:30. We train at Tecla, at 7111 Dorsey Run Rd #106, Elkridge, MD. Encourage your friends that have 3-6 month pups that need socialization - even if they have NO intention of showing. Ours is NOT an obedience class but there is plenty of experience in lead walking, standing still, and being petted by strangers. Just drop in. \$15 per session for non-members.
- We will participate in Arundel Mills Bass Pro Shop's Dog Days on 3/25 and 4/1. Mark your calendars; more details to come.
- Our next (and 1st) show will be Wednesday October 25 in Westminster, MD.
- **Is anyone interested in taking a bigger role in planning the 2018 shows?** Lynne Beard has taken over as the Spirit of Maryland Cluster chair, and would like KCAA members (1) to sit with Dave Dorward of Carroll KC to learn about judges' selection; (2) to sit with Gloria Dorward to learn about hospitality; and (3) to work closely with Lynne Beard as an assistant cluster chair. The work is thankless and may be complex and require some travel to and from Carroll County. But isn't this sort of thing *precisely why* you joined an all-breed club? Please email [Jo Ann](#) if interested.

General News/Dog Interest/Seasonal Tips

- I did the Hearts and Hounds event at Westfield Annapolis. I did not see other KCAA folks there, but there were lots of purebred dogs walking the mall. A couple of my co-workers enjoyed this so much! And I started thinking: could KCAA team with the [Heart Health Foundation](#) and do a similar Mall Crawl - maybe during August? Any volunteers to organize this - email [Tom](#).
- Did you give your dog a valentine this month? Huh? [This article \(click\)](#) will tell you 5 ways to tell your dogs you love them - in their language.

Braggs & Member News

- I'm holding off on braggs and letting folks brag in person at the General Meeting. I'll include all braggs next week (and catch up on older braggs too).
- Don't forget to send in braggs. Braggs include major wins (conformation or otherwise), dog titles, dog certifications, litters, and any other item that is important to you. I feel so bad when folks tell me braggs, as I tend to forget them. Sorry! Feel free to text ([240-535-3936](#)) or email (contact above) when you have a brag.

Upcoming Local Dog Events

- Canines & Cocktails for a Cause, Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville, Friday 2/24 from 6:00 to 7:30. Here's the [flyer and description \(click\)](#); this date benefits the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. **Again, not a KCAA activity, but KCAA members will be there. Join us!**
- Healthy Pets Seminar: [Dog Training Using Positive Reinforcement \(click\)](#), Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville, Saturday 2/25 @ 2. Free; call ahead for reservation.
- Healthy Pets Seminar: [Pet Friendly Gardening \(click\)](#), Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville, Saturday 2/25 @ 11; Severna Park, Saturday 2/25 @ 2. Free; call ahead for reservation.

- Canines & Cocktails for a Cause, Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville, Friday 3/24 from 6:00 to 7:30. This date benefits Greyhound Pets of America/MD.
- Canines & Cocktails for a Cause, Homestead Gardens, Davidsonville, Friday 4/28 from 6:00 to 7:30. This date benefits the Senior Dog Sanctuary.

Upcoming local shows closing soon:

- Celtic Classic, York, PA - closes 3/1
- Tarheel Cluster, Raleigh, NC – closes 3/8
- March Madness Cluster, Edison, NJ – closes 3/8 (also Thur night Group shows)
- Salt City Cluster, Syracuse, NY - closes 3/15
- Western PA Kennel Association, Monroeville, PA – closes 3/15
- Speedway Classic of the Carolinas, Concord, NC – closes 3/15

Or take a road trip and check out the nearest local shows this weekend: Sorry, no local shows.

Looking for Something Non-Dog to Do?:

Restaurant weeks were started to increase restaurant business during a slow time of year; the first one was in NYC in 1992. Baltimore City has its [Restaurant Week February 20 - 26 \(click\)](#). Over 40 restaurants in and around Annapolis participate. It's a great way to try a new place. Some eateries have a few selected items on the Restaurant Week menu; others include a substantial part of the menu. Please check the website; some restaurants have restrictions. Please note: dinners are a fixed price (oops, prix fixe for you fancy dog people) of \$34.95, and some places that are typically cheaper add on a cocktail, wine or beer. **Click and check the menus.**

Know something that we don't? Give me an email at tmasog@gmail.com by midnight the previous Tuesday. If you received this email by mistake, please let me know and I will correct the mailing list.