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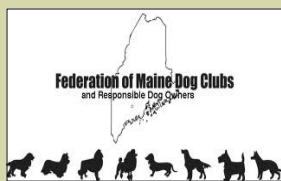
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## Message from the President

Summer time and the livin' is easy... or so the song goes. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer, doing all those things we can't do while we're busy shoveling snow! You know; things like mowing the lawn, weeding the garden, BBQing, family outings, dog shows and going places we've always been going to visit.

VDC is holding our post show equipment clean and repair day on July 24th. For more details contact Peg Dilley or Teri Welch. See you there!

Speaking of dog show stuff keep in mind that our MTB is Sept. 17th at Tractor Supply in Scarborough. If you haven't signed up it's not too late. YCKC is holding an indoor match at Finish Forward Dogs in Saco on Oct. 16th. Rally and Obedience will be in the AM and conformation in the PM.

Teri is putting the finishing touches on the financial stats for the 2011 show and we'll be having a Cluster meeting as soon as they are available.

In your spare time put on your thinking caps because it's not too early to start thinking about next year's slate of Officers.

Pollie & I are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Sept 21st.

*Carroll*

## July 24-YCKC/VDC Post-Show Equipment Clean-Up & Repair Workshop [rain date July 31]

WHEN: 9:00 am

[or Peg 207-627-2291].

WHERE: Teri Welch's,  
33 Lafayette St, Yarmouth, ME,  
207-846-5681, cell 749-7399;

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onto I295N; 4.7 m exit 15 to  
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1N; .6m slight right onto Portland St.; .5m right on Main/Rt. 115 .2m; sharp left on Lafayette St./Rt. 88; & left into yard.  
*Munchies to share welcomed!*



You're Invited to the

## **SIXTH ANNUAL MEET THE BREEDS SHOWCASE**



**Hosted by  
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc &  
York County Kennel Club of Maine, Inc**

**Saturday, September 17, 2011  
Tractor Supply Co.  
US Rt 1 in Scarborough, Maine  
10am to 4pm**

- **Free admission and ample parking around the facility**
- **See various dog breeds in the flesh and fur**
- **Speak with people who know them best**

Returning this year will be a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test conducted by York County Kennel Club's Karen Norteman. Bring your well-behaved dog to the Meet the Breed Showcase and for \$15 see if Rover has what it takes to be a respectable member of society. The CGC test is a 10-step test designed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) to reward good-mannered dogs. For more information and the requirements to pass the CGC visit the AKC website <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm>.

Please note: Although exhibitors may have one or more of their dogs present, **NO PUPPIES OR DOGS ARE FOR SALE AT THIS EVENT!** This is an information only event, literature and contact information will be available for you to take so you may continue your search for the perfect canine family member.

**For more information about Meet the Breeds Showcase contact Pauline Goodwin at (207) 324-5400 or [dnsfarm@roadrunner.com](mailto:dnsfarm@roadrunner.com) or visit <http://yorkcountykennelclub.homestead.com/> and [www.vacationlanddogclub.org](http://www.vacationlanddogclub.org). For the basic behaviors and requirements for CGC testing contact Karen Norteman at [my3seadogs@yahoo.com](mailto:my3seadogs@yahoo.com) or (207)324-9046.**



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**York County Kennel Club of Maine, Inc  
& Vacationland Dog Club, Inc**

**PRESENT**

**SIXTH ANNUAL  
MEET THE BREEDS SHOWCASE**



York County Kennel Club of Maine and Vacationland Dog Club will host the Sixth Annual Meet the Breeds Showcase on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Tractor Supply Co., on Rt 1 in Scarborough. The showcase runs from 10 AM to 4 PM. This event runs in conjunction with the American Kennel Club's Responsible Dog Ownership Day. A Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluator will be there throughout the day testing dogs for a \$15 fee.

**We need exhibitors!** If you would like to set up a booth to represent your breed, dog club or rescue organization please fill in the basic information below and respond to our Meet the Breeds coordinator no later than August 31, 2011.

- Booth space is limited to approximately a 10' x 10' area (the size of an average EZ Up tent)
- Exhibitors must provide their own shade/shelter (EZ Up tent or other cover)
- Exhibitors must provide their own tables, chairs, crates, x-pens, etc
- Exhibitors must provide their own refreshments for themselves and their dog(s)
- Tractor Supply Co. has indoor restroom facilities available to exhibitors and spectators during the event
- No puppies or dogs are for sale at this event. This is an educational event, provide only breed/club literature and contact information for spectators.

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Rescue/Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed form to:

Pauline Goodwin

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For more information contact Pauline at (207) 324-5400 or [dnsfarm@roadrunner.com](mailto:dnsfarm@roadrunner.com). For club info please visit their respective websites <http://yorkcountykennelclub.homestead.com/> and [www.vacationlanddogclub.org](http://www.vacationlanddogclub.org).



# AKC Government Relations



June 30, 2011

[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4448](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4448)

A Massachusetts legislative committee will consider a bill on July 19 to significantly change the definition of kennel to encompass training facilities or any dog event with more than 12 dogs. All those meeting the new criteria would be required to comply with all state and local licensing and other regulations currently reserved just for large kennels.

Responsible dog owners and trainers are encouraged to attend the July 19 hearing and to contact the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to express concerns with this legislation. *Scroll down for hearing and contact information.*

#### Summary:

House Bill 1023 would change the definition of kennel to exempt "daytime only services such as dog grooming, dog training, supervised playtime and dog walking with no more than twelve dogs on a single premises."

While the AKC appreciates the sponsor's attempt to exempt certain services, the bill actually expands the definition to include activities and services that are not currently considered a kennel. This would mean that any daytime activity where more than twelve dogs are present (including dog shows, training facilities, companion events, etc.) would now be considered a kennel and required to comply with all state and local kennel licensing and regulations.

[Read the AKC's letter to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.](#)

#### How You Can Help:

• Attend the committee hearing on July 19. The meeting information is as follows:

Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

Date: July 19, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Massachusetts State House, Room A-2

• Contact the committee members and express your concerns with House Bill 1023. [View the committee member names and contact information here.](#)

The AKC will continue to closely monitor this legislation. For questions or more information, contact the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs & Responsible Dog Owners at [info@massfeddogs.org](mailto:info@massfeddogs.org) or the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

If you would rather not receive future communications from The American Kennel Club, let us know by clicking [here](#).  
The American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Dr. Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617 United States

## The Wells "Mail Dog" by Anne Lively, Ed. The Cassette

One of the rewards of my job as an art director is that it takes me to places I otherwise probably wouldn't think about visiting.

Last month I went down to the Wells Meeting House to go through their archives in hopes of finding old photos that I could use in a project I was working on. Wells Meeting House is one of those wonderful little local museums, filled mostly with items donated by local families. Historically significant documents were displayed shoulder to shoulder with items of everyday life. There were old maps and photos and books, a school desk and a boy's fifth grade report card, a woman's shoe (only one and very old), personal journals and dusty town records. Thumbtacked to a wall of one of the upstairs rooms was a postcard from the 30's. Pictured was an illustration of a running dog with a pouch strapped around its neck. "Commemorating the Mail Dog" it read.

"What was the Mail Dog?" I asked the woman who was showing me around. I'd never heard of the Mail Dog.

She told me what she knew of the Mail Dog. During the French and Indian War so many mail carriers were killed that a dog was enlisted to do the mail run between Wells, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The dog carried the mail in a leather pouch around its neck. Nobody knows the exact route the dog took, but they think that it was not the direct 30 mile route we have today. Most likely the Mail Dog looped around to outlying towns. "I wonder what kind of good treat the dog got when he arrived with the mail", my guide said.

I hesitate to tell you the end of the story because it isn't a happy one. The Mail Dog carried letters for seven years before being killed by Indians. I don't do well with sad endings on animal stories, do you? By Anne Lively, Collie person. <http://www.thecassette.com/>

# Separation Anxiety by Stephani Morancie

Separation anxiety (SA) is a behavioral disorder where a dog feels severe distress when separated from its group. This can often be in the form of a panicky reaction or depression.

The common signs of separation anxiety are being a velcro dog, showing departure cue anxiety, destruction, vocalization, elimination, excessive greeting behavior (over excited), self destructive behavior, drooling, vomiting, and/or the inability to eat while owner is away. Usually, if a dog displays just one of these behaviors, it is not automatically assumed that the dog suffers from SA. Instead, the dog needs to show a few of these signs. And, there are varying levels of SA (some dogs suffer more than others).

Crating often leads to self harm because dog tries to escape the crate. The same can happen in a home—some dogs jump through windows to get outside.

There are some behaviors that people perceive as separation anxiety, but are not. Barrier frustration is one. Lack of stimulation leading to destructive behavior is another. Incomplete housetraining is a third. It is important to obtain the correct diagnosis in order to treat your dog appropriately.

Separation anxiety stems from lack of confidence and, according to Dr. Nicholas Dodman, it is very prevalent in dogs with dysfunctional backgrounds (multiple homes, etc). There is a strong association with noise phobia, so if you have a dog with SA, then you will want to keep an eye on him or her firework and thunderstorm season approaches.

Things that can trigger SA: boarding, bereavement, a change in an owner's schedule, multiple relocations. Some dogs will go years without experiencing SA and others will experience it the first time they are left alone.

Those random departure/densensitization of leaving cues instructions that you read about on the internet? They do not work (according to studies done by Dr. Dodman). The problem is that the dog is actually having panic attacks when left alone. Having longer and longer absences doesn't work, either. These things don't work for true SA. A lot of dogs have a pseudo SA and this treatment does work.

Here are the basics for treating SA:

- Break the anxiety cycle
- Make leaving fun
- Environmental enrichment
- Low key returns (everyone should do this, even if their dog doesn't have SA)
- Independence training
- Medication

So, let's take each one step by step. Each step needs to be done in conjunction with each other – doing one step will not solve the problem for most dogs.

## **Break the cycle!**

Doggy daycare, pet sitter, friend or relative takes care of dog, dog walker.

## **Make leaving fun!**

Or, "oh, good, you are leaving now!" Make sure that you do not sympathize with the dog - this can change our entire demeanor, so the dog reacts to that. Keep your goings upbeat and fun. Give instructions - sit, be a good dog, etc.

# Separation Anxiety [SA] continued

Make sure that leaving = good things, so Kongs, Buster cubes, interactive toys, etc.

## **Environmental Enrichment**

All food comes out of toys (well, except training food). Morning meal comes when you leave. All uneaten food gets picked up when you get home (and not given at the next meal). Most dogs will not go hungry for more than a few days.

The critical time for SA is the first 30 minutes. If you can have them eat and work to get their meal during this time, then that will help a lot. Also, feed the evening meal at least an hour after you get home so that you arriving home doesn't mean food. This meal should be out of toys, too.

## **Low Key Returns**

Only respond to the dog when she is calm. The goal here is to even out the emotional rollercoaster that coming and going elicits in a dog (this is a quote-ish from Dr. Dodman). Obviously, no punishment - this makes SA seriously worse.

## **Independence Training**

Work on stays. No close contact while resting. That means the bed is off limits, too. We need to make the dog less of a velcro dog, so we do that by encouraging independent behavior while we are with the dog. Do not respond to demanding behavior.

Work on Dr. Overall's Relaxation Protocol (e-mail Stephani for a copy of this). The later days of this have out of sight stays. That will help a lot with confidence. Take the RP as slow as needed - you might have to repeat days for a long long time before moving on to the next day's steps.

## ***Reward calm, independent behavior.***

Think about doing obedience, rally or agility training. Some of the tasks in these venues means that the dog works away from you. Herding classes might be a good idea, too. Anything to increase your dog's life experience will also help increase her confidence. And, if she shows fear, give lots of food so that the fear lessens over time.

Try to exercise your dog immediately before leaving.

## **Medications**

There is absolutely nothing wrong with giving a dog medication to help with this. It is very effective to medicate at the beginning of the SA program and then wean off the medication as the dog becomes more confident and learned behavior is changed to confident behavior.

The FDA approved meds are Clomicalm and Reconcile. If you e-mail me, I can give you more information on them.

Please do not use Acepromazine. It is on the MDRI list and it has been know to make the dog's body relaxed, but not their mind, so the dog is still feeling fear (shudder).

Some people have had good results with melatonin for anxiety. This drug is over the counter and easily given in food.

Tryptophan is also used and some say that it works great. Overall, treatment for SA has a fairly good prognosis, but, like anxiety that humans suffer from, it will mean dealing with it for life.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please e-mail me at [smorancie@yahoo.com](mailto:smorancie@yahoo.com).





## ADA 2010 Revised Requirements

# Service Animals

The Department of Justice published revised final regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for title II (State and local government services) and title III (public accommodations and commercial facilities) on September 15, 2010, in the Federal Register. These requirements, or rules, clarify and refine issues that have arisen over the past 20 years and contain new, and updated, requirements, including the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards).

## Overview

This publication provides guidance on the term “service animal” and the service animal provisions in the Department’s revised regulations.

- Beginning on March 15, 2011, only dogs are recognized as service animals under titles II and III of the ADA.
- A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability.
- Generally, title II and title III entities must permit service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas where members of the public are allowed to go.

## How “Service Animal” Is Defined

**Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.** Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

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This definition does not affect or limit the broader definition of "assistance animal" under the Fair Housing Act or the broader definition of "service animal" under the Air Carrier Access Act.

Some State and local laws also define service animal more broadly than the ADA does. Information about such laws can be obtained from that State's attorney general's office.

### Where Service Animals Are Allowed

**Under the ADA, State and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that serve the public generally must allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go.** For example, in a hospital it would be inappropriate to exclude a service animal from areas such as patient rooms, clinics, cafeterias, or examination rooms. However, it may be appropriate to exclude a service animal from operating rooms or burn units where the animal's presence may compromise a sterile environment.

### Service Animals Must Be Under Control

**Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices.** In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

### Inquiries, Exclusions, Charges, and Other Specific Rules Related to Service Animals

- When it is not obvious what service an animal provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff may ask two questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform. Staff cannot ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.
- Allergies and fear of dogs are not valid reasons for denying access or refusing service to people using service animals. When a person who is allergic to dog dander and a person who uses a service animal must spend time in the same room or facility, for example, in a school classroom or at a homeless shelter, they both should be accommodated by assigning them, if possible, to different locations within the room or different rooms in the facility.
- A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless: (1) the dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it or (2) the dog is not housebroken. When there is a legitimate reason to ask that a service animal be removed, staff must offer the person with the disability the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the animal's presence.

- Establishments that sell or prepare food must allow service animals in public areas even if state or local health codes prohibit animals on the premises.
- People with disabilities who use service animals cannot be isolated from other patrons, treated less favorably than other patrons, or charged fees that are not charged to other patrons without animals. In addition, if a business requires a deposit or fee to be paid by patrons with pets, it must waive the charge for service animals.
- If a business such as a hotel normally charges guests for damage that they cause, a customer with a disability may also be charged for damage caused by himself or his service animal.
- Staff are not required to provide care or food for a service animal.

## Miniature Horses

**In addition to the provisions about service dogs, the Department's revised ADA regulations have a new, separate provision about miniature horses that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.** (Miniature horses generally range in height from 24 inches to 34 inches measured to the shoulders and generally weigh between 70 and 100 pounds.) Entities covered by the ADA must modify their policies to permit miniature horses where reasonable. The regulations set out four assessment factors to assist entities in determining whether miniature horses can be accommodated in their facility. The assessment factors are (1) whether the miniature horse is housebroken; (2) whether the miniature horse is under the owner's control; (3) whether the facility can accommodate the miniature horse's type, size, and weight; and (4) whether the miniature horse's presence will not compromise legitimate safety requirements necessary for safe operation of the facility.

**For more information about the ADA,  
please visit our website or call our toll-free number.**

ADA Website  
[www.ADA.gov](http://www.ADA.gov)

To receive e-mail notifications when new ADA information is available, visit the ADA Website's home page and click the link near the top of the middle column.

### ADA Information Line

800-514-0301 (Voice) and 800-514-0383 (TTY)  
24 hours a day to order publications by mail.

M-W, F 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Th 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)  
to speak with an ADA Specialist. All calls are confidential.

For persons with disabilities, this publication is available in alternate formats.

Duplication of this document is encouraged. July 2011

# VDC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this club is to encourage and promote the raising, general care and training of purebred dogs; to promote harmony, fair play and good sportsmanship in the best interests of purebred dogs; to encourage the novice owner and breeder in his approach to the raising, general care and training of purebred dogs; to assist all members in the showing, breeding and general care and training of their dogs; to assist the general public to understand dogs of all origins and learn to better care for and enjoy them through educational and instructional programs, projects and exhibitions, obedience and field trials, all under the rules and regulations of the **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

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## 2011 Calendar

### January

18 FMDC meeting  
 19 Awards Banquet

### February

15 FMDC meeting  
 16 General meeting

### March

15 FMDC meeting  
 16 General meeting

### April

19 FMDC meeting  
 20 General meeting

### May

11 General meeting  
 17 FMDC meeting  
 18 VDC Show Setup  
 19-22 Cluster Show

### June

10 Annual Banquet  
 16 General meeting

21 FMDC meeting

### July

No general meeting  
 19 FMDC meeting

### 24 Equipment Clean-up

### August

No general meeting  
 15 FMDC meeting

### September

20 FMDC meeting

21 General meeting

### October

18 FMDC meeting  
 19 General meeting

### November

15 FMDC meeting  
 16 General meeting

### December

21 FMDC meeting  
 21 **Holiday Party**



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