



Quincy Kennel Club



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We scoured the newsletters to bring you the highlights of the past year. Keep in mind that each newsletter actually reports on events from the previous month.

JANUARY

Myron McCord and Neesha Elkin's Cane Corso "Saphira" achieved her Championship in conformation while their Cane Corso "Phoenix" Won Best of Opposite Sex at the National Owner Handler Series Finals.

FEBRUARY

The number one dog name for bitches was Luna, while the ever popular Max was #1 for males. Carolyn Williams' miniature American shepherd Vegas earned the Novice title in FAST.

MARCH

Fit dog titles became available. Linda Snider's Enzo went BOB all 5 days at Grayslake Cluster.

APRIL

The French Bulldog became the #1 registered dog in the U.S. Club members participated in the Kelley's Fun Run in Quincy. Jackie Wyandt became the first member to put the fit dog titles on her dogs, Blitzen and Spirit.

MAY

Several members participated in the SMACCM agility trial in Columbia. Joe Coelho's Isabel earned titles in Novice Standard and Excellent JWW.

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Therapy dogs help relieve test stress

QKC therapy dogs visited Quincy University to help de-stress college students studying for final exams. Those attending included Amaya Smith & Zeppelin, Tammy Hartweg & Kali, Joe Coelho & Indigo, Bonnie Zabuski & Meara, and Lorna Stookey & Louie.



Members celebrate at Christmas party

The QKC Christmas Party was held Sunday, December 9. Many members were in attendance.

This year's theme was the ugly Christmas sweater or ugly Christmas garment of choice. The winner of this contest was Joe Coelho, wearing a Jack Frost-style suit, with Pat Creek taking second in her Grumpy Cat sweater.

Pizza was served, along with many delicious desserts. The ornament toss contest was won by Joe Coelho. Allusions to his previous experience with Beer Pong are exaggerated. Members enjoyed a bingo game with dog breeds on the cards instead of numbers and letters.

THE BRAG BOARD



It looks like we are bragging
because we are!

Barbara Gregory's Rosie earned the Fit Dog Bronze title, as did Joe Coelho's Zaphod Beeblebrox and Luna.



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JUNE

Many members endured the rainy Dogwood Parade and earned points toward fit dog titles. Linda Snider's Lagotto Romagnolo Enzo competed at the Westminster dog show.

JULY

The Eric Salas workshop was held in our building. Ann Behrens' Lyric finished her Novice JWW and Novice FAST titles.

AUGUST

Air conditioning was restored to the building. There was much rejoicing. Ann Behrens' Flat-coated Retriever Allie finished the Master Preferred Jumpers Bronze title.

SEPTEMBER

An Agility Course Test (ACT) was held at the club building. Three handlers and dogs passed all 4 courses: Karen Garnett & Fergus, Tyler Thiel & Oakley, and Merry Miller & Zoey.

OCTOBER

Club members participated in the Quincy Humane Society Mutt Strut, held in Quincy's South Park. The club successfully executed two dog shows at the Prairie River Cluster in Springfield, IL.

NOVEMBER

The QKC Halloween Party was held, with many handlers and dogs in costume. Lorna Stookey and Louie, dressed in Steampunk garb, won the Judges' Choice award for best costume.

DECEMBER

CGC tests were held. The first MACH for the club was earned by Jeff Blattner and Bailey, who also qualified for Nationals.

Dogs and humans process body postures similarly in their brains

As many of us know, dogs are experts in perceiving facial expressions and bodily gestures such as hand signals. Understanding this ability is critical to dog training.

A new study shows that information from body postures plays a similarly important role for dogs as it does for humans.

The results offer new insights into how dogs and humans perceive each other and their environment. They confirm via MRI scanning of the dog brain that the temporal lobe plays a central role in social communication and perception.

An easy-to-read summary of the study is here:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/06/230627225203.htm>

The complete journal article is as follows: Magdalena Boch, Isabella C. Wagner, Sabrina Karl, Ludwig Huber, Claus Lamm. 2023. Functionally analogous body- and animacy-responsive areas are present in the dog (*Canis familiaris*) and human occipito-temporal lobe. *Communications Biology* 6 (1) DOI: 10.1038/s42003-023-05014-7