



# Quincy Kennel Club



April 2024

## Dogwood: May the Fourth Be with You!



The Dogwood Parade will be held May 4, 2024. The theme is May the Fourth Be with You. QKC will have a place in the parade. Details will follow. <https://khqa.com/newsletter-daily/may-the-fourth-be-with-you-quincys-dogwood-parade-celebrates-community-strength>

## Test Time!

The next Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test will be on April 14, followed immediately by the Advanced Canine Good Citizen (CGCA) test, if there is sufficient interest.

Dogs must pass the CGC before taking the CGCA, but can take both on the same day. An ACT trial will be August 10.

## Go Fetch!



Club President Dr. Ann Behrens is now an AKC approved judge for Fetch tests. These must be scheduled at least a month in advance with AKC. It takes two passes with different judges to earn a title.

We do have someone else in the club who plans to pursue becoming a judge later this spring.

There are four levels of titles, each requiring more difficult retrieves over longer distances than the last. She will give a brief overview of the requirements at our next meeting.



## National placement

Jeff Blattner and his Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bailey, had three beautiful qualifying runs at the National Agility Championships in Perry, GA.. Dedication and hard work has paid off for this team. After their three runs, they were ranked #26 out of all the 12" dogs.

# THE BRAG BOARD



It looks like we are bragging because we are!

At The Great Dane Club of Greater St. Louis Specialty shows held at Purina Farms at the beginning of March, Shammy Johnson's Great Dane Guinness took RWD (reserve winners dog) under Judge Dana Cline during the am show and WD (winners dog) at the pm show under Judge Jay Richardson.



Tyler Thiel and his dachshund Oakley had four qualifying runs out of four attempted at the novice agility trial in Peoria. It was their first official trial.

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## Dogs in the news

### *Playing with dogs is good for you.*

In a study in which human subjects interacted with a standard poodle while their brain waves were recorded, researchers found numerous positive outcomes in the human handlers.

The activities included meeting, playing, feeding, massaging, grooming, photographing, hugging and walking the dog. Playing with and walking the dog, for example, strengthened the handlers' alpha waves, suggesting improved stability, relaxation and memory, while reducing mental stress. Read more from CNN:

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/13/health/playing-with-dogs-affects-brain-waves-study-wellness>

Or read the original study here:

Yoo O, Wu Y, Han JS, Park S-A (2024) Psychophysiological and emotional effects of human–Dog interactions by activity type: An electroencephalogram study. PLoS ONE 19(3): e0298384.

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0298384>

### *Dog-killing flatworm discovered in Southern California*

Did you know that there is a worm that is lethal to canines? *Heterobilharzia americana* is a liver fluke, from a group of invertebrates that are all parasitic. Schistosomiasis, the disease that develops from this type of infection, takes months to develop. Previously only known from Texas and other gulf states, the parasite, as well as two species of snails that act as secondary hosts, has been discovered in Colorado River waters in Southern California.

[https://news.ucr.edu/articles/2024/03/14/dog-killing-flatworm-discovered-southern-california?utm\\_source=UC+Riverside+Master+List&utm\\_campaign=7568bf7cce-newsletter-ucr-life-32124&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_7568bf7cce-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://news.ucr.edu/articles/2024/03/14/dog-killing-flatworm-discovered-southern-california?utm_source=UC+Riverside+Master+List&utm_campaign=7568bf7cce-newsletter-ucr-life-32124&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7568bf7cce-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

### *Dogs match words to objects*

Using electroencephalography, researchers examined dogs' brain patterns when they were shown an object that either matched or did not match the word the dog associated with that object verbalized by the owner. The patterns were different for matching vs. nonmatching objects, results that suggest that dogs have mental representations of objects that they know. Read the details on CNN:

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/04/01/world/dogs-words-objects-study-intl-scli-scni/index.html>