

JULY 2017

# The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

[www.hoabc.org](http://www.hoabc.org)

Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

**We have a NEW board!! Congrats to all!**

**The next HOABC club meeting- Next meeting will be held on  
Saturday August 26, 2017 in the HOABC reserved grooming area-  
Time to be Determined**



So...you say you **DON'T** have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the **Odd Man** (or woman) out at our next function!??!! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!

## 2016-2017 Club Members and their New Title Holders

Plaque	Full Name	Plate	Call name	Date of Title	Member/Owner
	Papageno's Red October v Eurozone	<b>RATN</b>	Ascan	June 2016	Sabrina Jay
CH	Galaroc N Ewing's Show Biz	<b>NJP, OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP</b>	Carmel	JUL16,OCT16,JAN17,MAR17,MAR17	Mark and Janet Ewing
<b>CH</b>	Midnight Sky's Endure The Payne	<b>GCH</b>	Payne	August 2016 October 2016	Joyce Peckham
CH	GalaRoc N EWING'S Show Off	<b>OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ</b>	Shiloh	SEPT16,SEPT19,JAN17, JAN17	Mark and Janet Ewing
<b>CH</b>	LattaLane's Irish Pot of Gold	<b>GCH</b>	Kerry	Dec 2016 Feb 2017	Tom and Carol Latta
<b>CH</b>	Dusty Road's Thrill Ride		Graham	Feb 2017	Rachel Jackson
CH	Great Expectations September Morn	<b>GCH</b>	Ziggie	Feb 2017	Tom and Kay Dobbs
<b>CH</b>	Lattalane's No More Shenanigans		Kassie	April 2017	Tom and Carol Latta

[Remember- April 1 is the cut off for ALL plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates](#)

**DUPLICATE plaques can be ordered!**

## Member Brags

June 2017 Best Bred By Working Group- Electric KC- Great Falls, MT- FarMore's Etched in Stone- Owned and bred by Amber Gates  
June 2017 Midwest Boxer Club –3R's 4D Crown Victoria of Dusty Road Best Puppy in Both Specialties- owned by Rachel Jackson  
June 2017 Midwest Boxer Club –Best Owner Handler in Breed - CH Dusty Road's Thrill Ride CA- owned by Rachel Jackson

IF you would like to be included in the newsletter brags...please send them to [farmoreboxers@yahoo.com](mailto:farmoreboxers@yahoo.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!



Check out our Facebook page for Updates...



## Officers & Directors 2017-2018

President: Karen Emerson (2019)

Vice President: Mark Ewing (2019)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2018)

Secretary: Tiffany Jay (2019)

Board Member: Janet Ewing (2018)

Board Member: Amber Gates (2018)

Board Member: Thomas Latta (2019)

### Committee Assignments for 2017-2018

Show Chairperson: Jeannine

Trophies: Janet (C), Mark and Tom D

Hospitality: Joyce (C), Liz, Scott, Rachel, and Kyle

Facebook Updates: Amber (C) and Peyton

Fundraising: Jeannine (C), Jim, Peyton, Tom L,  
Tom D, and Dan

Advertising: Tiffany (C)

Nominating

Historian: P

Breeder Referrals

Membership: Jeannine and Julie

Public Education: Tiffany (C), Julie, and Joyce

Door Prize: Carol (C), Hailey

**NEW Committee  
assignments coming  
soon!**

Amber (C), Janet, and Rachel

Sabrina (C), and Julie

Sabrina (C) and Carol

Website: Tom L

Boxer Rescue: Liz

Newsletter: Amber

Legislation: Joyce



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## Rescue Corner

**WE NEED HELP!**

Contact [mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net](mailto:mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net)

### **URGENT need for foster homes!!!**

Please! Help get the word out! MO/KAN Boxer rescue is in need of qualified Foster homes.

Some BASIC requirements to be considered for a Foster Home.....

- Fencing is not required but is preferred; not having a fence will limit placement options.
- All other pets in the home must be UTD on shots and on HW prevention year-round.
- Contact Elizabeth or Joyce for more information at [mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net](mailto:mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net)

## Helpful Links

### Kansas all breed clubs

<http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/>  
<http://www.heartofamericakc.org/>  
[www.wichitakennelclub.com](http://www.wichitakennelclub.com)  
[www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com](http://www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com)  
[www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/](http://www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/)  
[www.ljkc.com/](http://www.ljkc.com/)  
[www.salinakennelclub.org/](http://www.salinakennelclub.org/)  
[www.TopekaKC.org](http://www.TopekaKC.org)

### Kansas Obedience Clubs

[www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com](http://www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com)

### Missouri all breed clubs

[www.JCKC.org](http://www.JCKC.org)  
<http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/>  
[www.missourirhinelandkc.com](http://www.missourirhinelandkc.com)  
[www.heartlandkc.org](http://www.heartlandkc.org)  
[joplandogs.com](http://joplandogs.com)

### Missouri Obedience Clubs

[kansascitydogtraining.com/](http://kansascitydogtraining.com/)  
[www.gsltc.org](http://www.gsltc.org)  
[www.mcotc.org](http://www.mcotc.org)  
[www.showmek9.com](http://www.showmek9.com)

## AWESOME stuff to do with your dog!

### All Star Dog Sports (BSMO)

<http://www.allstardogsports.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Allstardogsports/?fref=ts>

### Mo-Kan Dock Diving

<http://www.mokandockdogs.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/mokandockdogs>



### Ozarks Mischief Barn Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/347414932104557/>



## Important Links- health/clinics

### BLUE PEARL

<http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/>

[www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

### Overland Park

913.642.9563  
11950 West 110th St  
Overland Park KS 66210

### Kansas City North

816.759.5016  
139 NE 91st Street  
Kansas City, MO 64155

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>  
<http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm>

## CLUB HOLTER

*The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.*

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ [sabrina@lattahomes.com](mailto:sabrina@lattahomes.com) for availability

# Mark your Calendars

Club	State	Show Day	Show Date	Breed Judge	Competed Last Year
Dallas Boxer Club	TX	Thursday	6-Jul-17	John P Wade	37
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Friday	7-Jul-17	Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine	39
Roaring Fork Kennel Club, Inc.	CO	Saturday	8-Jul-17	Robin Hug	2
Roaring Fork Kennel Club, Inc.	CO	Sunday	9-Jul-17	Ms. Betty Regina Leininger	2
Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club	IA	Saturday	8-Jul-17	Mr. William (Bill) P Shelton	14
Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club	IA	Sunday	9-Jul-17	Ms. Denise Dean	14
Greater DeKalb Kennel Club	IL	Saturday	8-Jul-17	Ms. Elizabeth Muthard	4
Greater DeKalb Kennel Club	IL	Sunday	9-Jul-17	Mr. Charles L Olvis	4
Trinity Valley Kennel Club	TX	Saturday	8-Jul-17	Ms. Nikki Riggsbee	40
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Sunday	9-Jul-17	Mr. Jay Richardson	34
Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Thursday	13-Jul-17	Patricia A Sosa	20
Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Friday	14-Jul-17	Mr. James A Moses	23
Kishwaukee Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Saturday	15-Jul-17	Mr. Ken J Murray	22
Kishwaukee Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Sunday	16-Jul-17	Michael Canalizo	23
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Thursday	13-Jul-17	Ronald V Horn	10
Comal County Kennel Club	TX	Friday	14-Jul-17	Mr. John S Lucas	11
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Saturday	15-Jul-17	Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke	6
Comal County Kennel Club	TX	Sunday	16-Jul-17	Mr. Robert L Vandiver	8
Texas Working Dog Association of Greater Houston	TX	Wednesday	19-Jul-17	To Be Assigned	
Houston Boxer Club, Inc.	TX	Wednesday	19-Jul-17	Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Hastings	45
Bluebonnet Boxer Club of Cypress, Texas, Inc.	TX	Wednesday	19-Jul-17	Pamela Bruce	48
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Thursday	20-Jul-17	Michael Canalizo	48
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Friday	21-Jul-17	Mrs. Christie Martinez	47
Bluebonnet Boxer Club of Cypress, Texas, Inc.	TX	Friday	21-Jul-17		
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Saturday	22-Jul-17	Mrs. Doris Cozart	45
Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.	TX	Sunday	23-Jul-17	Robin Hug	45
Burlington Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Saturday	22-Jul-17	Mrs. Evie Sullivan	11
Burlington Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Sunday	23-Jul-17	Mr. Eric J Ringle	11
Longview Kennel Club	TX	Saturday	29-Jul-17	Mr. John Constantine-Amodei	8
Longview Kennel Club	TX	Sunday	30-Jul-17	Dr. Roger S Pritchard	8
Crab Orchard Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Saturday	5-Aug-17	Mr. Walter J Sommerfelt	12
Crab Orchard Kennel Club, Inc.	IL	Sunday	6-Aug-17	Col. Joe B Purkhiser	12
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.	AR	Saturday	12-Aug-17	Ms. Marcie S Dobkin	10
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.	AR	Sunday	13-Aug-17	Mr. John C Ramirez	10

# Learning Stuff!

## Brucellosis Update: AKC Canine Health Foundation Funds Research to Battle the Disease

Samantha Wright | June 13, 2017

Canine brucellosis is a reproductive disease caused by the bacterium *Brucella canis* (*B. canis*), which can cause infertility, abortion, and severe spinal infections in dogs.

The *B. canis* bacteria can be transmitted several ways: during a heat cycle, at breeding, through contaminated hands or clothing, and from the bitch to the puppies during whelping and nursing. There are often no clinical signs following infection, and there are currently no cures or effective treatments. The clinical signs that may appear, such as weight loss, lethargy, and swollen lymph nodes, are often like those of other diseases, which may delay and complicate diagnosis. Male dogs may also experience swelling of the prostate, testicles, and epididymis (the tube that carries sperm). *Brucella* infections constitute a serious problem for [dog breeders](#), pet owners, and kennels. Though well understood in the context of canine breeding operations, this disease is an under-recognized health issue in the canine rescue and shelter populations and may be a source of infection to these dog populations. Canine brucellosis is a zoonotic disease, meaning that humans exposed to *B. canis* can contract the disease, and therefore it presents a public health issue, as well.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is currently funding three canine brucellosis grants. These research projects are focused on improving diagnostics, developing a vaccine to prevent *B. canis* infection, and studying the epidemiology of the organism:

### •Preventing Inaccurate Diagnosis of Brucellosis

Principal Investigator: Christina Larson DVM; University of Minnesota

Brucellosis testing is often made difficult by the fact that the most commonly used brucellosis test, the rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT), also gives false positive results when the dog has recently been infected with a different bacterium, *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, which is one of the common causes of kennel cough. Vaccinating a dog for *Bordetella* (kennel cough) is likely to cause false positive results on the RSAT. This study will evaluate whether false positive RSAT results are obtained after [vaccinating the dog](#) with an intranasal, commercially available *Bordetella* vaccine.

### •Development of a Brucellosis Vaccine for Dogs

Principal Investigator: Angela Arenas DVM PhD; Texas A&M AgriLife Research

The goal of this research is to develop a safe and effective *Brucella canis* vaccine, using a genetic mutant that has been shown to be safe and effective for controlling infection against other *Brucella* species. The development of such a vaccine for dogs will significantly impact canine and human health by limiting the spread of *B. canis*.

### •An Epidemiological Study of *Brucella canis*

Principal Investigators: Tory Whitten, MPH and Joni Scheftel DVM, MPH; Minnesota Department of Health

The investigators will measure how commonly rescue and shelter dogs entering Minnesota are exposed to *B. canis*, as a first step to understanding the prevalence of this important reproductive disease. The results will be used to determine the prevalence and raise awareness of this disease in rescue and shelter dog populations, help identify risk factors for canine brucellosis, and develop a diagnostic test for canine brucellosis at the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. An important outcome of this study will be to create prevention and control measures applicable to this population of dogs.

To learn more about canine brucellosis, please read the USDA's [Best Practices for \*Brucella canis\* Prevention and Control in Dog Breeding Facilities](#).

To learn more about the AKC Canine Health Foundation's research and education programs, please visit [akcchf.org](#).

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[http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/brucellosis-update-akc-canine-health-foundation/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20170615\\_content\\_breeder&utm\\_term=article4](http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/brucellosis-update-akc-canine-health-foundation/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20170615_content_breeder&utm_term=article4)



# Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals



Depending on where you live, many businesses are now increasingly pet-friendly such as clothing stores, hotels, pet supply stores, photography studios, etc. For people who use and need service dogs for medical purposes or assistance, this can be a blessing and sometimes a problem.

Compounding the problem is the definition of what is considered to be a service animal.

According to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) website, "A service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability."

[The new ADA regulations also contain a specific provision which covers miniature horses.]

Under the ADA, service dogs allow people with medical conditions or disabilities to function and participate in society such as going to movie theatres, the grocery store, work, restaurants, etc. A service dog may pull a wheelchair. Another example is that a service dog can help a person with epilepsy by detecting and then keeping the person safe during a seizure. Of course, many of us frequently see guide dogs for people with visual impairments.

Businesses and other entities do have rights that protect them if a particular service animal behaves in a way that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others or is not under the control of the handler.

Additionally, businesses can ask two specific questions about service animals – that do not violate or interfere with the civil rights of people with disabilities – and are then protected from litigation.

The ADA website states:

1. Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

Staff are *not* allowed to request any documentation for the dog's training, require that the dog demonstrate his/her task, or inquire about the nature of the person's disability.

Some states have regulations to protect people with disabilities that do *not* infringe on their civil rights. Colorado passed a law last year that imposes fines on people who misrepresent ordinary dogs as those specifically trained for the purpose of assisting someone with disabilities. California takes the law further. Service dogs must be registered with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, which provides standardized identification tags. Anyone in California who falsely claims an animal to be a service animal can be charged with a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for six months or a fine up to \$1000 or both.

## **Fair Housing Act**

Depending on the title within the ADA law, ADA is overseen by the Department of Justice (DOJ) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Fair Housing Act (FHA) – which is managed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – defines assistance animals, “An assistance animal is *not* a pet. It is an animal that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person’s disability.” The FHA states, “Persons with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation for any assistance animal, including an emotional support animal.”

So, FHA is more all-encompassing to ensure fair housing for everyone. It covers people with disabilities who need a service dog to perform tasks *and* people who need animals (any type) for emotional support. It overrides “no pets policies” by landlords.

FHA provisions are also built in *in case* the animal may be considered a danger to others or property. Property owners – if the disability is *not* apparent – can ask for documentation from a physician, psychiatrist, social worker, or other mental health professional that the animal provides emotional support that alleviates one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of an existing disability. The law does protect civil rights because landlords cannot ask for medical records or the nature of the disability.

## **Psychiatric Service Dogs**

Before we move on, we wanted to touch upon Psychiatric Service Dogs (PSD), as approximately 15 states have statutory definitions of either disability or service dogs that are intentionally worded to *exclude* PSDs. If a person with a disability and a fully trained PSD qualifies under the ADA, they would still have regular protections under the ADA, but no additional ones provided by the state.

These dogs are performing a specific task, such as:

- Providing safety checks for, or calming, individuals with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Sensing an anxiety attack and taking a specific action to help avoid the attack or lessen its impact.
- Reminding a person with mental illness to take medications.
- Preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors, such as self-mutilation.

It is certainly sad that psychiatric disorders are considered “murky” or go unrecognized in this day and age.

## **Air Carrier Access Act**

The Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) was enacted to protect the civil rights and health of people with disabilities who use service animals, people with Emotional Support Animals (ESAs), and people with PSDs to be able to bring the animal into the cabin. This law falls under the aegis of the Department of Transportation.

For service animals, airlines can do the following:

- Request the credible verbal assurances of a qualified individual with a disability using the animal.
- Look for physical indicators such as the presence of a harness or tags.
- Observe the behavior of the animal.

For ESA and PSD, airlines can request specific documentation and/or 48-hours advance notice that cannot be older than one year. It must state a mental or emotional disability that is recognized in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, and a need for an ESA or PSD for air travel or at a destination. It must be written by a licensed mental health professional who provides care to the person, dated, with type of professional, and jurisdiction or state in which the license was issued.

Airlines are never required to accept snakes, reptiles, ferrets, rodents, and spiders. Additionally, they can refuse an animal if it is not properly behaved. However, an animal cannot be refused if it just makes the crew or other passengers uncomfortable.

## Conclusion

Some people sadly take advantage of the ADA, FHA and ACAA.

Regarding ADA, three loopholes appear to exist in the federal law:

1. The ADA does not require that service animals be certified or licensed. Certification could be considered a barrier to entry and therefore discriminatory.
2. A service dog does not have to be professionally trained, but can be personally trained. A professional training requirement may be considered a barrier to entry.
3. Some state and local laws define service animal more broadly than the ADA.
4. We have to remember that "trained for a specific task" is not the same as well-behaved – and this is where the ADA standards can fall apart.

As noted above, businesses have certain rights. However, businesses are reluctant to deny access to misbehaving service animals or ask if the animal is a service dog because they may pose their questions poorly. Then, they could be prosecuted for violating civil rights. People with disabilities who use well-behaved and trained service dogs are becoming rightfully angry and upset when people are taking advantage of the law.

In addition to the life-saving, emotional and functioning assistance service dogs provide, we need to remember the cost and number of years it took to get the dog to be specially trained. For instance, the full cost to breed, raise and train a service dog to help a child within the autism spectrum can be over \$20,000. A guide dog for a person with a visual impairment is around \$50,000.

Today, people with well-behaved and trained service dogs are pointing to people with ESAs or PSDs for making life more difficult for them outside of the home and on public transport and planes. In fact, the Advocates' Service Animal Proposal wants to limit the rights of people with ESAs on planes. But, it is not a problem created by responsible people with legitimate ESAs or PSDs. It is only people who take advantage of the laws, as they are harming the civil rights and protections others desperately need.

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# Fun Stuff!



Anyone for a little "Boxer in the grass?"



Momma Delilah and son Frick'n Atticus... lovely Kansas morning



Throw it...throw it..... Come on.....Darryl



Just ...gonna...close my eyes...for a minute.....  
Xana