



MPDBA Newsletter

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December 2020

NEXT MEETING December 17, 2020

December 2020 greetings from your president.

"December 2020," by John Armour, December 2020.
*December 2020, the last month of a very strange year.
Hope our December is great with our beautiful dogs near.
Hope the New Year brings little fear
And much happiness and health to all we hold dear.*

This is the time of year for giving thanks and giving back. When donations are made to local food shelves, many times pets are forgotten. Our recent Pet Food Drive was a great success, raising almost 3 times the amount raised in our drive earlier this year. Thank you Peggy Simerson and our committee for organizing this, and thank you all for remembering those pets whose love and companionship are helping people get through hard times.

Wendy Olson and our Education Committee are putting some great ideas together. If you have ideas of what might be addressed, please contact Wendy.

Happy Holidays to you all.

John Armour sundog4@popp.net



2020 Meeting Dates

During COVID19 meetings are held via ZOOM

Next meeting Thursday December 17th

You're invited to the

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John Armour is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MPDBA December Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 17, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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MPBDA BOARD MINUTES

MPDBA Minutes of Board Meeting November 19, 2020

Called to Order 7:09 pm by President John Armour via a Zoom conference call

Attendance:

Board Members Present: John Armour, Barb Amour, Barb Bartholomew, Nona Dietrich, Rose Hallman, Kris Hassig, Adam Morris, Bobby Moore-Reibel, Wendy Olson, Carol Ouhl, Peggy Simerson, Lois Walton

Board Members Absent: None

Members: Tracey Schley,

Guests: None

October Minutes Approved: Kris moved, Barb B. 2nd to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Nothing

Secretary's Report: Carol discussed the preparation for sending out the revised Bylaws for vote by the membership. We thought the ballots only go to individuals. Carol checked the current Bylaws which state ballots go to all members of all classes. Carol will need help with the mailing list. Bobby offered to produce labels for the mailing list. Due to Carol's lack of mobility, Wendy offered to pick up the mailing materials and gather them upon their return. Bobby will also produce labels with Wendy's address for the return envelopes. Carol will produce a copy of the current Bylaws with new proposed amendments in red text, a copy of the subsequent final new Bylaws upon adoption of all amendments, a ballot, and instructions on how to complete and return the ballots. We discussed the 30-day time frame for sending ballots. Following the meeting Carol researched the current Bylaws and clarified that the 30 days applies to the minimum amount of time membership should have to return ballots. Once Bobby has all the labels created, Wendy will pick up the materials from Bobby. Carol moved, Kris 2nd to provide funds needed for stamps which we estimated will be between \$90 and \$125. Any stamps left over will be used by Wendy for Sunshine Committee. Motion unanimously approved.

Wendy mentioned the continuing confusion over our Club being "Not for Profit" which is different than a "Non-Profit". A non-profit organization is so labeled under IRS Code 501(c)3 where donations to the organization are tax deductible. Our Club is a Not for Profit organization under IRS Code 501(c)7; donations to our Club are NOT tax deductible. We should double check to make sure our literature and legal documents do not reference Nonprofit. Carol will double check.

Treasurer's Report: Lois had previously emailed the Board the full report. She stated October beginning balance was \$13,027.07. Ending balance was \$13,024.07. The \$3 expense was the bank fee which appears to have changed from a charge for paper statement to an analyzing fee. The \$135 from dues received in September was deposited and will be included in the November report. We need to research the dollar amount for expenditures that requires Board approval. Kris moved, Nona 2nd to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership: Barb Armour reported she is still waiting for required documentation from Mollie and Sydney Fletcher. Their application has already been read and published twice. Once we receive their outstanding documentation, we can vote. Barb Bartholomew will do the home visit.

Sunshine Committee: Wendy sent Get Well cards to Nona Dietrich, Sally Connor (owner of Animal Inn), Joanne Grimsrud (one of the regular instructor/judges for our Juniors Program).

Junior Program: Wendy noted the 2021 Seminar is tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2021 depending upon COVID and a vaccine available to the public. The Juniors committee wants to add videos of handling, breeding, all things dogs to our website and YouTube channel. Members with favorite books to read and/or videos about activities to do with dogs send info on titles/ authors to Wendy. She will create a list for the website.

Education Committee: Wendy reported the committee has been discussing MPDBA's Mission Statement that lists the activities in which we want to be involved and what we can do to support those activities. Starting in January the Committee will create an Introductory video. In addition, the Committee will send out a letter to the membership explaining various topics to be addressed by roundtable discussions that will be recorded. Our member, Tracey Schley, will do voice over.

Unfinished Business:

YouTube Channel: Kris reported our MPDBA YouTube channel is created as a secured channel; it currently cannot be found as there is no content yet. Once content is entered, we will have a link to it on both our website and Facebook page. YouTube will link back to our website and Facebook page. One of the videos we will load is the video we run continuously at the Fair. Anyone who wants to have something loaded will have to submit it to a member of the committee.

State Fair Committee: Rose reported the person who was going to do our bench shrink wrapping for free suggested a better idea. He could do the shrink wrap for free this year. But shrink wrapping would have to be done every year at a cost of approximately \$400 to \$700 per year. He suggested instead of shrink wrapping, we make a one-time purchase of heavy-duty tarps to be used every year. Rose provided pictures of the proposed design and method of tarp wrapping each bench. The strapping that would be used to hold down the tarps will be donated. It will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to wrap each bench; materials can be stored in our container at the Fair from year to year. Menards carries the heavy-duty tarps we need; we can take advantage of their 11% off sales. Rose moved; Bobby 2nd to accept the proposal to spend \$500 to \$700 on the 2x4s and tarps for this year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike S, our handyman, will complete work on our benches this summer. That work includes adding white paneling to the base of the remaining benches, fix the locks, add extra caulking to the floors.

Food Donation: Peggy reported the fundraising for Feeding Furry Friends (FFF) continues to progress. Another dog club donated a sum that matched the raised total for that day. She again asked everyone to give just \$10 and ask just 5 friends to each give \$10, the goal could be reached. We know that people's pets give comfort in difficult times. We also know that particularly in today's environment, helping people keep their pets is even more important than ever. We want to continue to support FFF; they support many pet organizations including food shelves that also carry pet food, many animal shelters and rescue groups as well as other groups like People and Pets Together that are trying to help people keep their pets in this very difficult time. She reminded us that today was Give to the Max day and the fundraiser still continues through December 7. It's easy to donate. Just go to www.giveMN.org. In the upper right corner of the screen search for MPDBA. That will take you directly to our page. Then you can click on the "Donate" button.

Nominating Committee: Wendy reported the Board will stay as is. Officers are elected by the Board (not the membership) after the annual meeting which is the Board's first official meeting of the new year. Wendy pointed out that our Bylaws state no Board member may also be a delegate of a member club. That would be a conflict of interest. Our Board members will make sure their respective breed clubs have a different person as delegate.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Website: Kris noticed that our newsletter does not format correctly on our website. Diane Prange is working to make the newsletter more readable on the website.

Annual Meeting: We are all assuming COVID will still be an issue in January / February when we have our Annual Meeting. We assume our meeting will have to be virtual probably via Zoom. We discussed how we handle our normal format of elections / possible votes and a speaker. Peggy suggested we separate the Annual Meeting into 2 events. **Event 1** – we have our Membership meeting to cover our various Officer and Committee reports. This will be held in January to comply with our Bylaws. We will need to have someone lead the Zoom meeting and another to motivate members to join the Zoom meeting. We have had good member interest in our Zoom Board meetings.

Event 2 – Postpone our speaker to a spring date to be determined. We can wait to see the COVID environment. If the environment will allow us to hold an in-person get together with social distancing (if still necessary) to have a speaker, we can plan that later.

Adjourn - Nona moved, Kris 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.



Breaking News: U.S. Dept. of Transportation Revises Airline Service Animals Rules

By [AKC Government Relations](#)

Dec 02, 2020 | 2 Minutes

Today, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) announced final revisions to its Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulations that concern the transportation of service animals. The new finalized rules, which will be effective in January, are intended to ensure that America's air transportation system is safe for the travelling public and accessible to individuals with disabilities, and address concerns raised by individuals with disabilities, airlines, flight attendants, airports, other aviation transportation stakeholders, and other members of the public, regarding service animals on aircraft.

[Click here to read the final rule in its entirety.](#)

The final rule defines a service animal as a dog, regardless of breed or type, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. This change in definition significantly aligns DOT's definition of "service animal" with the definition that the Department of Justice uses under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

The changes also clarify that emotional support animals (ESAs), comfort animals, companionship animals, animals being trained to be service animals, and species other than dogs are not considered to be "service animals" under the new DOT definition. Instead, airlines may recognize and accommodate emotional support animals as pets. Many commenters, including airline industry stakeholder groups, disability rights advocacy organizations, and animal interest groups, [including the American Kennel Club \(AKC\)](#), cited safety concerns with the previous recognition of ESAs as service animals, including the growing trend of individuals misrepresenting their pets as service animals and the number of online mental health professionals willing to provide pet owners with emotional support animal and psychiatric service animal documentation in exchange for a fee.

The DOT rules also continue to prohibit airlines from refusing to transport a service animal solely based on breed. Airlines may continue to assess each animal individually to determine whether it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

In keeping with our policy on the [Misuse of Service Dogs](#), the AKC submitted comment in April 2020 that expressed support for the proposed definition of "service animal" and reiterated strong support for public accommodation that allows individuals with disabilities to use service dogs without regard to the dog's size, phenotype, or breed. Likewise, our comments condemned actions that fraudulently misrepresent a dog as a service animal when it is not, or attempt to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

[Click here to read AKC's April 2020 comments to DOT.](#)

AKC's Government Relations Department (AKC GR) has begun analyzing the extensive provisions and DOT-supplied discussion and justifications of the newly-finalized rule, and will provide detailed information to stakeholders once that analysis has been completed.

For more information, contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org





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Feb 15-16, 2021**

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Save the Date

The free, virtual event will be held Feb 15-16, 2021.

All sessions will be recorded and available on-demand to attendees.



Population management
and diversity

Canine genetics research

A breeder's perspective
on canine health

Session Topics

Discover the latest insights and best practices from leading experts in the fields of veterinary medicine, dog breeding, and more via panel discussions and dynamic presentations. Speaker lineup and conference schedule to be announced.

Save your spot and
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Register

Even if you cannot attend the virtual seminar from Embark,, sign up so you can view the recorded sessions on demand. Also listen to the short video you will be able to see when you do go to the sign up page. https://embarkvet.brand.live/c/embark-canine-health-summit?utm_campaign=brd_eng_health_summit_2_20201203_customers%20%28TfcSAb%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=klaviyo&ke=eyJrbF9lbWFpbCI6ICJiYXJiaWxAc2NoaXBwZXJrZS5jb20iLCAia2xfY29tcGFueV9pZCI6ICJNZGVwTloifQ%3D%3D



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Assisting the Sports - Agility Modifications That Expire at Year End For Agility. Three Regulations were suspended or modified until year-end 2020 to provide clubs and exhibitors flexibility due to COVID-19. The three modifications are

1. Two-judge requirement to title - this waiver will be continued through **December 31, 2021.**
2. Closing Dates –to permanently change Chapter 1 of the Regulations for Agility Trials to allow clubs licensed for agility, at their option, to close the event not less than seven (7) days prior to the trial. This is a change from fourteen (14) days prior to the trial. **This change will be effective January 1, 2021.**

REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY TRIALS AND AGILITY COURSE TEST (ACT) CHAPTER 1

Section 14. Opening and Closing Dates.

Opening Date: For all trials, clubs shall set a date and time that entries will first be accepted. Entries received prior to the opening date shall be considered invalid entries and shall be returned as soon as possible.

Closing Date: Clubs shall set a date and time that entries will close.

- The closing date for the trial shall not be less than seven (7) days prior to the trial.
- Entries must be received prior to the published closing date and time.
- Entries for any agility trial may be accepted until the official closing date and time even though the advertised limit has been reached.
- The club may contact exhibitors to notify them of their entry status prior to the closing date.
- Following the closing date, the Trial Secretary shall promptly contact all entrants and advise them of their status. Entries not accepted shall be returned within seven (7) days of the closing date.

3. Waiver of Judge Distance and Time Regulation –to extend this accommodation Waiver of 30 days and 100-mile restriction on judges **through December 31, 2021.** This waiver will be re-evaluated prior to December 31, 2021.

Agility –For Exhibition Only Runs & The Fix and Go Option Made Permanent. In July 2019 the Board approved allowing the offering of For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries and the Fix and Go concept in Agility for a one-year trial period that started January 1, 2020. These regulation changes had been made permanent.

Virtual Agility ACT1 and ACT2 classes. Virtual ACT is extended to **December 31, 2021.** It will include the new ACT Jumpers classes that will start on February 1, 2021. The virtual offerings will be reviewed again toward the end of 2021



What You Need to Know about

COVID-19 and Pets

Animals, including pets, can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19

We are still learning about SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, but it appears that it can spread from people to animals in some situations. A small number of pets worldwide have been reported to be infected with SARS-CoV-2, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19. **Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of pets spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.**

There is no vaccine for SARS-CoV-2

There is currently no vaccine to protect pets or people from SARS-CoV-2. There are vaccines for other coronaviruses in animals, but these do not protect against this virus.

Protect your pet from SARS-CoV-2

Because there is a risk that people with COVID-19 could spread the virus to some animals, including pets, CDC recommends that pet owners limit their pet's interaction with people outside their household and people known or suspected to have COVID-19.

Keep cats indoors when possible and do not let them roam freely outside.

Walk dogs on a leash at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from others.

Avoid public places where a large number of people gather.

Do not put masks on pets. Covering a pet's face could harm them.

Do not wipe or bathe your pet with chemical disinfectants, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or other products, such as hand sanitizer, counter-cleaning wipes, or other industrial or surface cleaners.

If you get sick with COVID-19, avoid contact with pets and other animals during your illness.

When possible, have another member of your household care for your pets while you are sick.

Avoid contact with your pet including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, sharing food, and sleeping in the same bed.

If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wear a mask and wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

Symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection in pets

Infected pets might get sick or they might not have any symptoms. Most pets who have gotten sick only had mild illness and fully recovered. Some signs of illness in pets may include fever, coughing, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, lethargy, sneezing, nose or eye discharge, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Testing pets is usually not necessary

At this time, routine testing of pets for SARS-CoV-2 is not recommended. If you're concerned about your pet's health, work with your veterinarian to ensure that your pet receives appropriate care. If you are concerned your pet is sick after being around a person with COVID-19, talk to your veterinarian. Your veterinarian may want to rule out other more common causes of respiratory illnesses in pets first.

If you think your pet has SARS-CoV-2

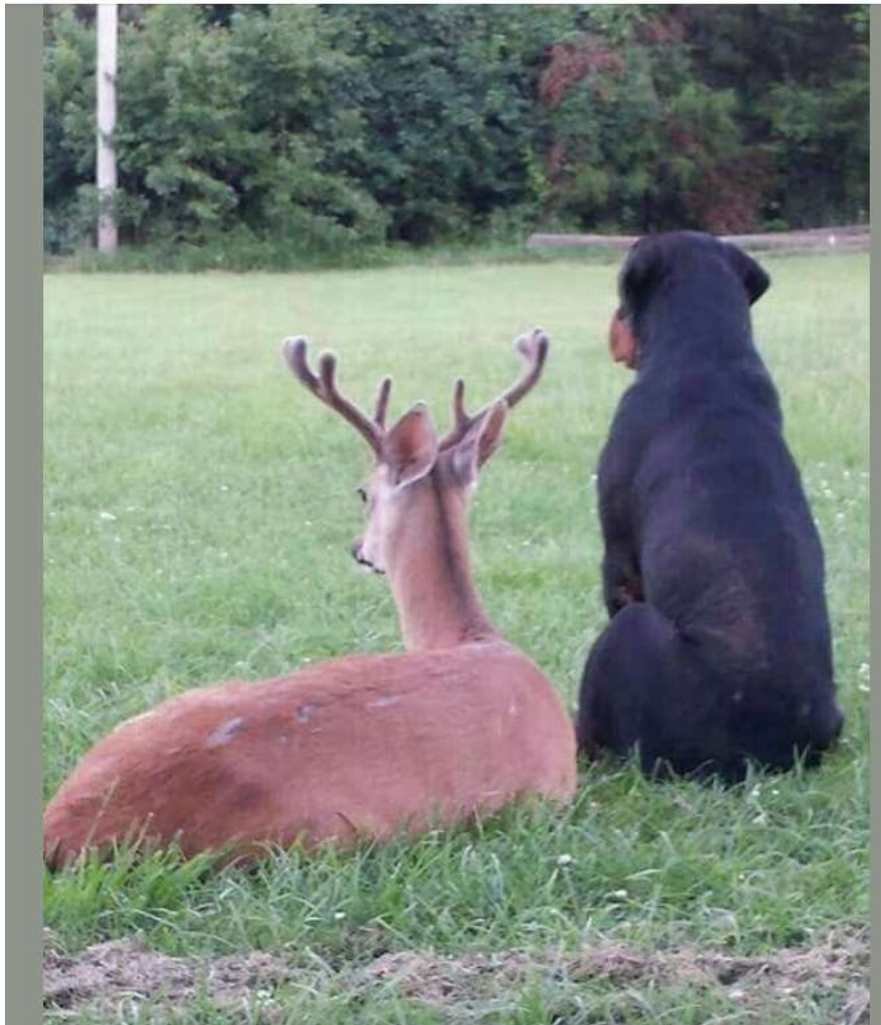
If your pet gets sick after contact with a person with COVID-19, call your veterinarian first and let them know the pet was around a person with COVID-19. Some veterinarians may offer telemedicine consultations or other plans for seeing sick pets. Your veterinarian can evaluate your pet and determine the next steps for your pet's treatment and care.

Do not surrender, euthanize, or abandon pets because of SARS-CoV-2

At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading SARS-CoV-2 to people. COVID-19 is mainly spreading from person to person through close contact. **There is no reason to give up or euthanize pets because of SARS-CoV-2.**

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pets-other-animals.html>

Hunters beware: deer are hiring body guards!



Top 5 Holiday Dangers to Pets

Preventive Measures Can Save Pets

The holidays are a festive time for us and our pets. However, due to ongoing activities and constant distractions, we can easily overlook potential dangers to our four-legged family members.

Take preventive measures to protect your pets this holiday season. Being aware of these top five dangers could save you a trip to the veterinary emergency room.



1. Holiday Tinsel and Ornaments

Tinsel, while not toxic, is very attractive to pets, particularly cats. The shiny, dangling decoration reflects light and can move in the slightest draft — appearing to come alive to watchful critters.

The problem with tinsel is that once it's consumed, it can cause serious injury to your pet. If not caught in time, this foreign body ingestion could actually be fatal as it twists and bunches inside your pet's intestines. Immediate veterinary care is required.

In addition, bright and colorful tree ornaments can attract your pet's curiosity. Place glass, aluminum and paper ornaments higher up on the tree. Pets can chew and swallow these fragile objects and not only can broken pieces form sharp edges that may lacerate your pet's mouth, throat and intestines, they could also create a choking hazard.



2. Holiday Lighting and Candles

Twinkling, shiny and dangling holiday lights — such as the icicle, netting, garland, curtain, rope and candle varietal — may be another source of danger to your curious pets.

Got a pet that likes to chew? Electrical shock may occur when a pet chomps down on an electrical cord, causing tongue lacerations and possible death. Check your holiday lights for signs of fraying or chewing and use a grounded three-prong extension cord as a safety precaution.

If you have candles on display, place them in a hard-to-reach spot so that your pets can not access them. Not only can pets seriously burn themselves, but knocking over candles creates a fire hazard and may leave a trail of hot wax that will easily burn the pads of paws and more.

3. Gift Wrap Ribbon

You may be tempted to fashion your pet with a decorative ribbon “collar” but beware that this could become a choking hazard.

Also, it’s best to quickly discard ribbons and bows wrapped around holiday gifts so that your curious companions won’t be enticed to chew or swallow them. Ingested ribbon can cause a choking hazard and ultimately twist throughout the intestines, leading to emergency surgery and even death.

4. Food Hazards

Festive events often mean edible treats — and lots of them. Unfortunately, some of the most popular holiday goodies, such as chocolate, bones and nuts, can be extremely toxic or fatal to pets.

- Different types of **chocolate** contain various levels of fat, caffeine and the substance methylxanthine. In general, the darker and richer the chocolate (i.e., baker’s chocolate), the higher the risk of toxicity.

Depending on the type and amount of chocolate ingested, dogs might experience vomiting, diarrhea, urination, hyperactivity, heart arrhythmias, tremors and seizures.

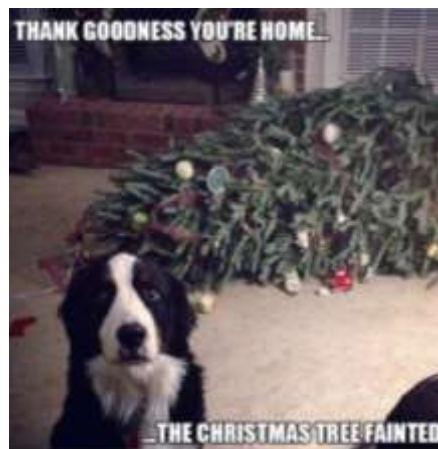
- **Fat trimmings and bones** are dangerous for pets. Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, may cause pancreatitis. And, although it seems natural to give a dog a bone, a dog can choke on it. Bones can also splinter and cause an obstruction or lacerations of your dog's digestive system.
- Abundant in many cookies and candies, **certain nuts** should not be given to pets. Almonds, non-moldy walnuts and pistachios can cause an upset stomach or an obstruction of your dog's throat and/or intestinal tract. Macadamia nuts and moldy walnuts can be toxic, causing seizures or neurological signs. Lethargy, vomiting and loss of muscle control are among the effects of nut ingestion. Keep your pet on her regular diet and caution visitors against giving your pet special treats or table scraps. For a full list of toxic foods, visit our [toxic food guide for pets](#) or check out our comprehensive, printable infographic for [toxic and hazardous food for pets](#).

5. Toxic Holiday Plants

They may be pretty, but some holiday plants are poisonous—even deadly. As little as a single leaf from any lily variety is lethal to cats. Others to avoid:

- Christmas tree **pine needles** can produce oral irritation, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, trembling and posterior weakness.
- **Holly**, commonly found during the Christmas season, can cause intense vomiting, diarrhea and depression.
- **Mistletoe**, another Christmas plant, can cause significant vomiting and diarrhea, difficulty breathing, collapse, erratic behavior, hallucinations and death when ingested.
- **Poinsettia**, contrary to popular belief, is not deadly; however, it can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach and sometimes vomiting if a large quantity has been consumed.

Taking precautions with pets during these festive times can help ensure that you and your family—holiday season!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
MAZEL TOV
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
HAPPY HANUKKAH
SEASON'S
GREETINGS
HAPPY KWANZAA
PEACE
ON EARTH
AND GOODWILL
TOWARDS ALL



From My House to Yours!!

Upcoming Shows
Surrounding 5 States
(Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North & South Dakota)

Onofrio – Land O’Lakes – January 8-10 closes December 23

BaRay - None

Foy Trent – None

Executive – None

- Dog Shows by Design – [German Shorthair Pointer Club of Minnesota AKC All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials](#) [January 15, 16 & 17, 2021](#)
- [Northstar Working Group ASSN Obedience and Rally Trials](#)
- [January 31, 2021](#) **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.**
- [Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club Kennel Club AKC All-Breed Obedience & Rally Trials](#) [February 19, 20 & 21, 2021](#)
- [Minneapolis Kennel Club AKC All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials](#) [February 27 & 28, 2021](#) **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.**
- **NEW TRIALS!!** [Twin Ports Dog Training Club All Breed Obedience & Rally Trials](#) [March 20 & 21, 2021](#)
- [Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club AKC All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials](#) [March 27 & 28, 2021](#)
- [Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club Kennel Club AKC All Breed Obedience Trials](#) [April 10 & 11, 2021](#)
- [St Paul Dog Training Club AKC All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials](#) [April 30, May 1 & 2, 2021](#)
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The above shows are mostly conformation. Some offer obedience & rally. Below are websites to find all types of events

www.infodog.com – you can search shows by state

www.onofrio.com

www.barayevents.com

www.foytrentdogshows.com

executivedogshows.com