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Upcoming Events

*Annual Earthdog & Lure  
Course Training Day ,  
Oct. 24, 2009* Potluck Lunch  
at Glencoe Farm, Plainville,  
MA

*Annual Holiday Dinner –  
Dec. 12, 2009* at the Chateau  
Restaurant, Norwood, MA

*Annual Winter Match –  
Feb. 28, 2010* at Silver City  
Training Center, Taunton, MA

*Earthdog Test  
Oct 25, 2009* At the home of  
N. Gauthier, N. Andover, MA



# Talking Terriers

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## *“Dog Flu” is low risk for most canine pets*

Canine Influenza virus (CIV) is a contagious viral disease spread most commonly among dogs with close contact or shared airspace, much like our influenza. Pet dogs at home are low risk. Dogs that board or frequently comingle with other dogs could be at risk.

CIV is generally a mild disease, with typical symptoms of cough, some lethargy, fever and perhaps nasal discharge. As with the human influenza there is risk for secondary bacterial infections, which can be serious. This risk is highest among puppies and elderly dogs, where immunity may not be as good as in healthy adult animals. For most pet dogs, and probably most cases, it causes mild disease. Canine influenza is probably one of many causes of “kennel cough”.

The new vaccine approved in June is a killed virus vaccine and does not actually prevent infection with CIV. Nor does it protect your dog from becoming ill, although it might make the symptoms less severe (or not). And it also doesn’t mean your dog, sick or not, can’t infect other dogs, even after being vaccinated.

The new canine influenza vaccine is not a “core” vaccine that should be given to every dog, but rather a tool that might be helpful in shelters, kennels or other environments where dogs are housed in close quarters and high numbers. Also vaccinated dogs, who can still be infected, could carry the disease home to other dogs.

Of course, influenza viruses are tricky things, and can mutate rapidly and unpredictably, so anything said about CIV today could be wrong Tomorrow. This virus could become nastier, or less nasty, over time; we really don’t know. But for the moment, it’s basically no bigger danger to dogs than kennel cough is, which is to say, in most cases it will cause mild symptoms (or none). Yet in some dogs, particularly the very young, the very old and the immune-compromised, it can cause more severe illness and even death.

The average couch-sitting, yard-playing, park-walking pet probably isn’t going to benefit from this vaccine, and probably isn’t at much risk of severe illness from the virus, either-anymore than humans are from the common cold.



## Braggs and Wags



From Mary Smith

Glencoe's Gone to Ground completed his Senior Earthdog title in Gardner, MA on 8/8/09. He was handled by Scott Smith.

From Lisa Gomes

Ruffton's Double Down Diesel took a Group 1 in Cumberland Me., a 3 point major in Falmouth, MA and 2 Puppy Group 1 in Falmouth.

From Kasie Lopes

AKC/UKC Ch. Posey Canyon Princesattitude, CGC SE earned a Senior Earthdog Title.

From Susan Rodgers

Ch Stirling Cool Hand Luke is #1 Airedale in the US and #4 All Terrier.

AmCan Ch Stirling Tune of Glory is now a Polish Champion, BIS winner and undefeated in Europe. His son Can Ch Regalridge Sound Investment is #1 in Canada and in the Top 10 Terriers.

Ch Stirling Vanity took WB/BW at the ATCNE specialty at Ladies and finished in Springfield.

From Debbie Bradshaw

Honeytree Applejacks Shadow Chaser took WB/BOS/BOW for a 4 pt. Major at So. Shore and WB/BOS/BOW for 3 pt. Major at Cape Cod.

From Dick & Arlene Grant

Castlerock Night Hawk took WD, Best Puppy and Puppy Group 2 at Framingham District KC, and WD at Central Maine KC

Castle Rock Shajas Marshall Dillon took WD/BOW at Taconic Hills KC, 3 pt Major, WD at Wampanoag KC, WD at Naugatuck Valley KC, WD at Central Maine KC, and BOW twice at Mid-Coast KC.

From Carol Ballard

Sandpipers And So It Goes, CD, CDX got his first leg in Rally Novice with a perfect score of 100 at So. Shore KC. He is 14 years old.



## "Just A Dog"

From time to time people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog", or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog." Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog," and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by "Just a dog." In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "Just a dog" provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

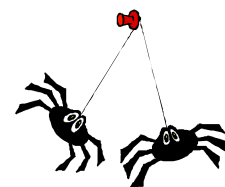
If you think it's "Just a dog," you will probably understand phrases like "Just a friend," "Just a sunrise," or "Just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy." "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "Just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and worries of the day.

I hope someday people can understand it's not "Just a dog." It's the thing that gives us humanity and keeps us from being "Just a man or woman"

So next time you hear the phrase "Just a dog," smile, because they "Just Don't Understand."

- *Author Unknown*





*From the Whelping Box*



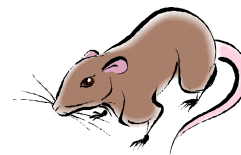
From Anne Pelletier  
 We have 4 female Welsh Terrier pups. DOB 8/29/09, Dam: Bremadog Awakening, Sire: Greenfield Super Treasure. The parents are very proud of their brood.

From Judy Hunter  
 Expecting a litter of Wire Fox pups on 10/3. Dam: Ashgrove Aurora, Sire Int. Ch Starring Briggs.

From Susan Parsons  
 Expecting a litter of Skye Terriers 10/10. Dam: Aus CH Wuruf Enchanted Heart, Sire: Aus CH Wuruf To Be Continued.



*Thank you Lord  
 for all our hard  
 working members!*



*General Meeting and  
 Earthdog Training Day*

The weather was glorious for the special general NETC membership meeting held at Glencoe Farm in Plainville on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, attended by 21 members and five guests. The meeting was convened at 11:30 am after a brief discussion, the ballots were counted for a vote on whether or not to pursue AKC Earthdog licensing. 56 ballots had been mailed in or were turned in at the meeting. The results of the vote were 51 of our members in favor of beginning the process to join AKC for Earthdog, while 5 were opposed. Following the meeting we enjoyed a *wonderful* pot luck lunch. In the afternoon, 16 dogs participated in Earthdog practice. Several of the dogs “met the rats” for the first time. The board will begin the process of obtaining AKC Earthdog licensing, but of course that is not a guarantee that we will be accepted by the AKC.

Mary Smith, President

**Barter or For Sale !!**

This is a new addition to our newsletter. If anyone has anything “DOG” related they wish to sell or to Barter away it can be listed here.

***Puppies are excluded!***

Submissions MUST have a brief description of the item, the price or what you want to trade for, name and phone number. The NETC will not be responsible for these transactions, that is between seller and buyer only!

