

*Ty's Big Weekend!!!!  
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# *K-9 Kapers*

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# SPORTSMEN'S EVENTS



## Rally & Obedience Practice Matches

2016: 8/19, 9/9, 10/14, 11/18, 12/16

## Obedience Trials

October 28, 29, 30, 2016

## Agility Trials

To be announced

Connie Cleveland is saving March 11 & 12, 2017 for a seminar at Sportsmen's.



Building will be closed for rentals:

July 23/24, Aug 6/7, Sept 17/18,  
Sept 24/25, Oct 2, Oct 22/23,  
Nov 12/13

Building will be closed for cleaning:

July 17, Aug 21, Sept 11, Oct 16,  
Nov 6 (Kitchen, meeting room carpets),  
Nov 20, Dec 18



As most already know, both of our compressors burned out and we were without air conditioning for up to 3 weeks as they had to order a part. However, the part came in quickly and on Friday they were at the building working.

WE NOW HAVE AIR AGAIN!!!!!!

The cost for the part alone was close to \$6000.  
Enjoy that air!

# COMPETITION RESULTS

(For publication, please send your results to the Editor 2 weeks before publication. This date will be announced on the email list.)



OWNER/DOG	SPORT/DATE	CLASS	LEG/PL/SCORE	TITLE
Becker/Puck	UKC Rally			Rally Obed 1
May 1				Rally Obed 2
June 12				Rally Adv.
July 10	CKC Rally	Advanced		
				
Kipila/Hank	AKC Rally @ DKC	Advance B	--/1/86	
		Excellent B	--/1/96	
Smith/Holly	AKC Rally @ SDTC	Excellent	1/3/92	
	Feb 26		2/?/93	
	Gr Traverse KC		3/1/97	
	June 18		4/1/86	Rally Ex.
Widdows/Jake	CWAGS Nose Work-6/25/16	Level 4	2	
Widdows/Emily Anne	CWAGS Nose Work-6/25/16	Level 2	4	LEVEL 2
	CWAGS Nose Work-6/25/16	Level 3	1	
				
	AKC Coursing Ability Test			
	July 8 and 10		1 and 2	
Winkles/Ty	AKC Agility/July 8-10			
	Toledo			
		Ty Q'd in 8 out of 10 classes with First Place in every class including earning a Triple Q, a Double Q and a Premier JWW Q.		

At only 3 1/2 yr old Ty has earned a spot in the top 5 Poodles and will go to the AKC Agility Invitational in Dec 2016. During most of the year, Ty was running around 8th place in the standings and most of the top 5 poodles are seasoned dogs who manage to acquire several thousand points for the Invitational year which ends June 30, 2016. Mid April I happened to look at an AKC report and was surprised to find that Ty was only 60 points behind the 5th place dog! That was too close not to try and see if we could earn enough points to get into the top five. So for the next 10 weeks we worked hard to Q and Double Q as much as possible. In the final standings, Ty had added almost 1200 points to the 1717 points he had, giving him a final count of 2910 and passing up the 5th place dog by 500 points! So we will get to go to Orlando in December!

Photo on Cover

Some dogs will test you.  
Some will teach you,  
and some will bring out  
the best in you. Things Dog Handlers Say

CGC PM CLASS  
MAY 23, 2016



Reiko Zada with Teddy (Newfoundland)  
Drew Smith with Skye (Labrador)  
Stacie Bott with Betty White (Terrier Mix)



They need to take classes at Sportsmens!!!



**THE MONEY PIT**

**HOT ASPHALT AWARENESS**

AIR TEMP	ASPHALT TEMP
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

AT 125° F, SKIN DESTRUCTION CAN HAPPEN IN 60 SECONDS.

Data source: Journal of the American Medical Association

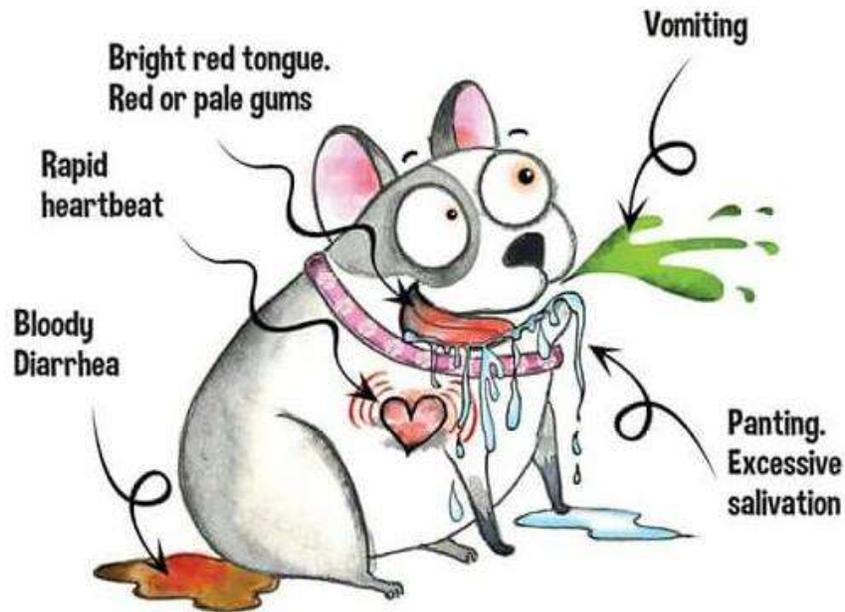
This infographic features a black and white dog sitting on asphalt. To the right of the dog is a table comparing air and asphalt temperatures. A warning box states that skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds at 125°F. A logo for 'THE MONEY PIT' is in the top left corner, and a small text source is at the bottom.

## SOME METHODS OF BREAKING UP DOG FIGHTS

(From a larger article found at <http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2016/03/21/breaking-up-dogfight.aspx>) I would never have thought to ring the doorbell!!!!

Placing a board or other object between them	Spraying the dogs with water
Banging a noisy object near them; blowing an air horn	Using an aversive spray like citronella (brand name Direct Stop™)
Tossing a blanket over one or both dogs	Quickly inviting one of the dogs to go for a walk or a ride in the car
Lightly popping one or both dogs on the top of the head with a newspaper or magazine	Ring the doorbell or opening a door to the outside (if you have a fenced in backyard)

### Heatstroke is Serious. Know the Signs.



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# Should dogs have legal rights?

(Reprinted with permission <http://www.mnn.com/family/pets/stories/should-dogs-have-legal-rights>)

(Submitted by Cheri Berger)

The courts are seeing dogs in a different light these days, but man's best friend is still considered property under the law. [Laura Moss](#)



While you won't find mention of dogs' rights in the Bill of Rights, to some degree, dogs do have rights under American law. (Photo: Barna Tanko/Shutterstock)

In 2011, Bob and Elizabeth Monyak took their dogs, Lola and Callie, to an Atlanta pet kennel. During the dogs' stay, kennel staff mixed up the animals' medications, which landed Lola in the hospital with acute kidney failure. She died nine months later.

The Monyaks sued, but under the law, dogs are considered property, and the kennel claimed that Lola had "no fair market value" because she was a rescue dog that was adopted for free. The Monyaks' case eventually made its way to the state Supreme Court, and this month, in a unanimous decision, the court ruled that a jury can decide the monetary value of a pet — not the market.

Ultimately, Lola was still considered property in the eyes of the law; however, by acknowledging that a treasured pet is worth more than simply what was paid for it, this case joins a host of others that reflect a significant change in how American society regards man's best friend.

## Why should dogs have rights?

While you won't find mention of dogs' rights in the Bill of Rights, to some degree, dogs do have rights under American law. "The last couple of decades, there have been a lot of laws that target cats and dogs specifically and give them what a lot of lawyers would consider rights, whether it's the right to be free of cruelty, the right to be rescued from a natural disaster or the right to have their interests be considered in a courtroom," journalist David Grimm told [National Geographic](#).

Still, according to law, dogs are property, making them no legally different from furniture or other items in your home. However, experts say decisions like that in the Monyak case are changing this. After all, this certainly wasn't the first time [a court weighed a dog's value](#), as well as its right to life. When a Texas dog was wrongfully euthanized in 2012, the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth ruled "the special value of man's best friend should be protected" and effectively gave dogs increased legal status by acknowledging pets are more than simply property.

Rulings like this seem to reflect our sentiment. According to a Harris poll, 95 percent of Americans consider their pets to be members of the family. Nearly half of those polled purchase birthday presents for their pets, and three in 10 frequently cook for the animals that share their homes just like they do for family.

"As pets have become family in our homes," writes Grimm in his book, "Citizen Canine: Our Evolving Relationship with Cats and Dogs," "they've also become family in the eyes of the law."

But it's not just our affection for man's best friend that's led to companion animals' growing legal recognition. In recent years, research has revealed dogs aren't that different from us. They not only have the capacity for emotion, but they also have the ability to [read our emotions](#).

“Science has demonstrated that the mind of a dog is roughly equivalent to that of a human child two to three years of age,” writes dog expert and neuropsychological researcher Stanley Coren. “Like a toddler, the dog has all of the basic emotions: fear, anger, joy, disgust, surprise and love.”

And in 2013, after two years of studying MRI scans of dogs, Emory scientist Gregory Berns concluded, “dogs are people too.”

Even Pope Francis has weighed in on the sentience of animals like dogs, noting “every act of cruelty towards any creature is contrary to human dignity” and that one day we will see animals in heaven because “paradise is open to all of God’s creatures.”

This growing body of scientific evidence, combined with a compassionate understanding of the bond between human and companion animal, has led to changes in how our legal system operates. For example, it’s becoming more common for pet owners to sue for mental suffering and loss of companionship when a dog or cat is killed, and judges have even started taking the best interests of pets into account during custody cases.

## **What if man’s best friend had the same rights as man?**

In 2014, French parliament reclassified animals as “living beings” instead of simply property. Last year, New Zealand passed the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill, acknowledging that animals are sentient beings just like humans. And in December, Quebec granted animals the same rights as children under its laws.

With so many countries recognizing a new legal status for animals, especially pets, it seems only natural others would follow suit. But not everyone wants the law to look upon man’s best friend differently, and one of the biggest opponents to it here in the U.S. is the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

It’s understandably beneficial to veterinarians that [we treat our pets like children](#). After all, if you think of your dog as a member of the family, you’re likely willing to spend a great deal of money to keep that family member healthy.

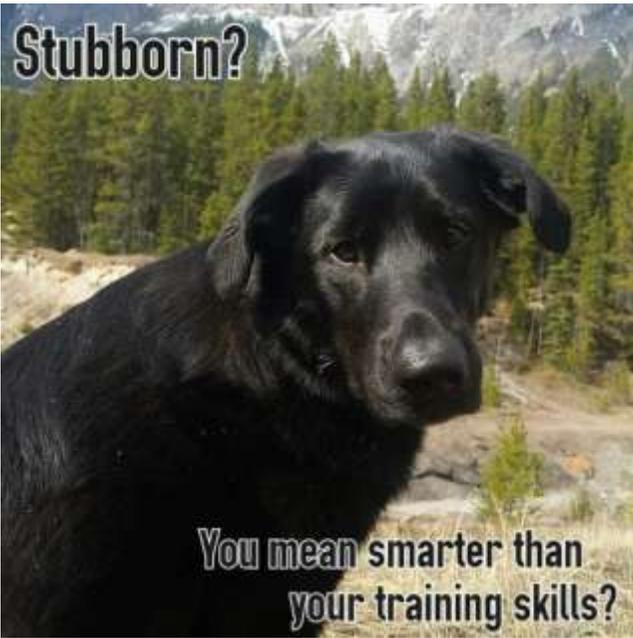
However, organizations like the AVMA are concerned that if the law recognizes pets as family members, then veterinarians could easily be sued for malpractice. In other words, a dog that’s legally worth only its adoption costs is much less risky to operate on.

“The veterinarians are in a very tricky situation,” Grimm said. “They benefit when we consider our pets members of the family, but they are also starting to see the other side of that, too. When we view our pets like children, we sue like they are children when things go wrong.”

There are also concerns that by recognizing pets as humans under the law, pet owners themselves could lose rights. Critics say granting animals such legal status could lead to arguments that dogs can’t be spayed or neutered against their will, for example. Other say that taking such a step could spawn a great deal of frivolous and expensive litigation, as well as a slippery slope that could lead to the end of hunting and breeding.

“As farfetched as some of this stuff may sound, we’re on this dramatic trajectory, and it’s really unclear where we’re going,” Grimm said. “There are a lot of unintended consequences to treating pets as people.”

(Items in blue have links which you will find on the webpage cited above)



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