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What's in your dogs' diets could be a factor in whether they develop heart disease, according to a new FDA report.

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Below is a story of the press release from the FDA published by USA TODAY regarding preliminary conclusions from their investigation as to the possible association of diet and specific dietary ingredients with a form of DCM. It should be noted that DCM is NOT a single disease. It is important to be aware that this form of DCM associated with diet is distinct from the clearly genetic form of DCM identified in a number of breeds including Standard Schnauzers and quite common in other breeds, especially Dobs.

*Harvey Mohrenweiser, AKC Delegate
Member, Delegate Canine Health Committee*

The Food and Drug Administration announced Thursday that it is continuing to investigate a potential connection between certain diets and cases of dilated cardiomyopathy, known as DCM or canine heart disease, which can result in congestive heart failure.

The agency first announced the investigation in July 2018. Thursday's announcement named 16 pet food brands most frequently identified in the more than 500 reported cases. "We know it can be devastating to suddenly learn that your previously healthy pet has a potentially life-threatening disease like DCM," Steven M. Solomon, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine, said in a statement. "That's why the FDA is committed to continuing our collaborative scientific investigation into the possible link between DCM and certain pet foods."

The report says large and giant breed dogs are most typically affected, with cases being most prevalent in golden retrievers, mixed breeds and Labrador retrievers. However, there have been cases of smaller breeds, too, suggesting "a lack of a genetic connection," the report notes.

In most of the cases, the dogs ate dry food formulations. The investigation also looked in to the ingredients or characteristics of the dogs' diets. More than 90% of diets were "grain-free" and 93% had peas and/or lentils as a listed ingredient.

The report notes that the FDA doesn't yet know how certain diets may be associated with the disease. "However, the FDA is first and foremost a public health agency and takes seriously its responsibility to protect human and animal health," the agency said in the statement. "In the case of DCM, the agency has an obligation to be transparent with the pet-owning public regarding the frequency with which certain brands have been reported."

Here are the brands and how many cases were reported to the FDA for each:

Acana: 67

Zignature: 64

Taste of the Wild: 53

4Health: 32



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Nutro: 10

Rachael Ray Nutrish: 10

These brands were associated with ~85% of the reported cases. As they do not have an estimate of the number of dogs in "at-risk" breeds that are consuming these diets, they do not have sufficient data to estimate the incidence or predict the risk of DCM associated with consumption of these diets. (HM)

What's next The FDA is encouraging veterinarians to report cases by using its electronic Safety Reporting Portal or by calling their state's FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator.

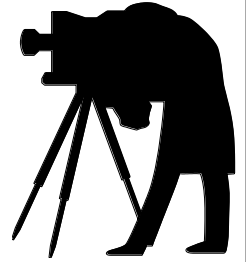
Pet owners are advised to contact their veterinarian as soon as possible if "a dog is showing possible signs of DCM or other heart conditions, including decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing and episodes of collapse," the report said.

Learn more at www.fda.gov.





Picture Of the Month



Breeze
Rich

“THINK COOL”

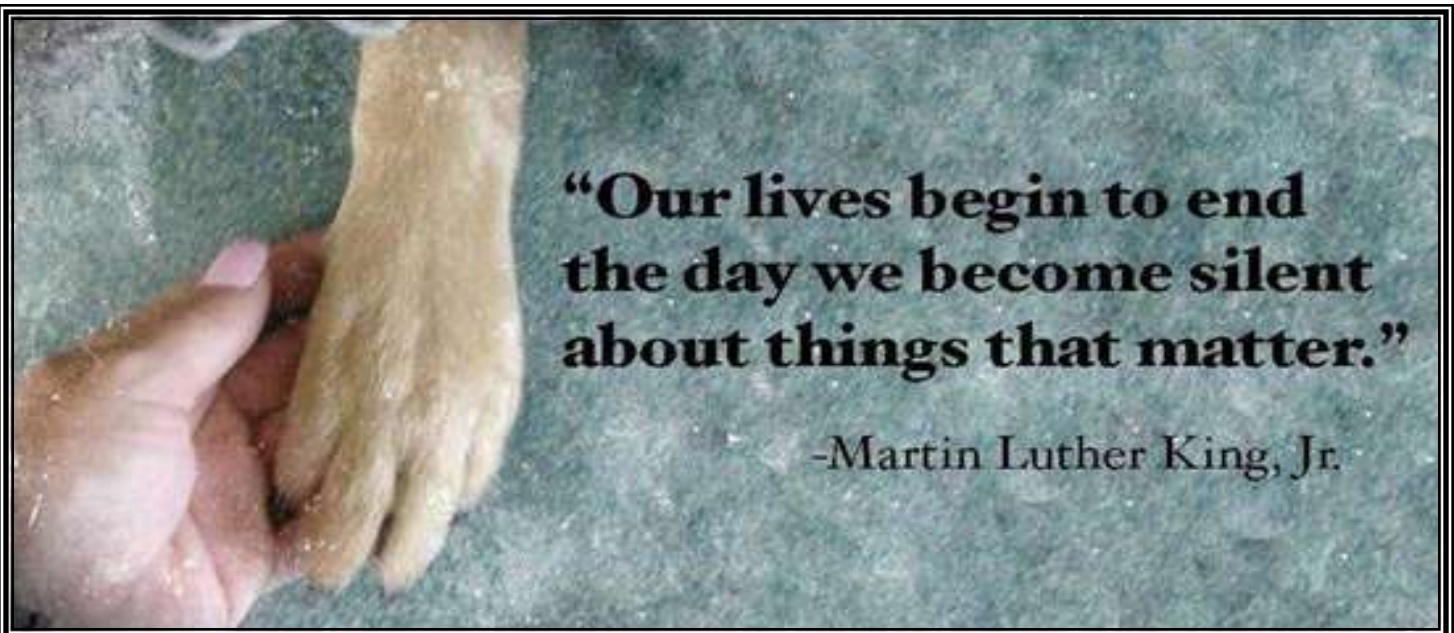
Frosty Paws

Berry Explosion

1 Cup of Berries (can be frozen)

1 Cup of Yogurt

Puree together and pour into 2 oz cups. Freeze. Keep frozen until use. To remove from small cup place in warm water until comes out easily. Makes 7-9 2oz treats.





Mark Your Calendar



To those of you who have thought about doing blood donations with your dog, but not wanting to drive so far, now is your chance! They now have a donation site at Kingdom Animal hospital!

Dogs must be at least 40lb and between ages 1-7yo. Of course they do require you keep up with vaccinations or titers, as well as flea and tick and Heartworm prevention. The benefits are great! You get FREE yearly bloodwork, heartworm, lyme and other testing. Your dog will also have a free exam everytime they donate.....ears checked, heart listened to, and checked for lumps, and of course lots of treats and snuggles too! If you are interested their site is brvbb.com, or email at dogsdonateblood@gmail.com or 540-338-7387.

Cammy has been doing this for a year and a half and loves it! Please tell them I sent you!

For those of you not at the last meeting we have several upcoming club events:

August 31 is the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley demo. Coordinators are Holly Rich and Debbie Vance. Contact at mekrich@earthlink.net and secretarybrdte@yahoo.com.

Tuesday September 10 from 6-9 is a micro chip and tattoo clinic at the training center. You will be given a time slot to come and the cost is \$35 for each. You can do one or the other or both if you choose. Coordinator for the event is Suzy Dodson. Contact her at k9behave@comcast.net.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday September 13/14/15 Agility seminars with Bridget Thomas. Registration forms and information are on the club website. Register NOW to get a spot. Coordinator is Donna Smith. Contact her at brdtccalendar@gmail.com.



Scent Work



Two Seminars with Jessica Miller
 sponsored by
Mid Atlantic Basenji Club of Maryland
Seminars offered Sunday, August 25, 2019.
 Registration closes August 11, 2019.

WHEN: 8:30 AM– 12:30 PM

- Intro to Scent Work

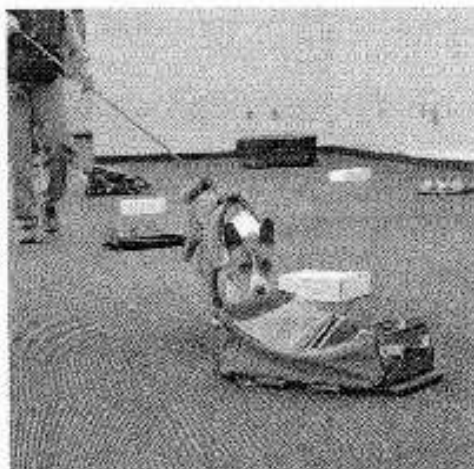
1:30-5:30 PM— Continuing Scent Work

(sign-in begins 30 minutes prior to workshop)

WHERE: Frederick County Fairgrounds 155 Fairground Road Clearbrook, VA 22624

WHAT: INTRO TO SCENT WORK

A half day working session for dogs that have never participated in scent work sports. We'll introduce the venues, concepts, tilling systems, & rules and the training process for getting started in competitive scent work. Working spots will focus on developing independent hunting in the dog, handler observation skills, how to build enthusiasm and stamina for searching and a brief discussion of the properties of odor and how it moves. Handlers should bring a high value reward they know the dog loves, a long line (8-12ft) and a body harness or thicker flat or martingale collar (no choke/prong collars, slip leads or no-pull harnesses for the training portions).



CONTINUING SCENT WORK

A half day working session for dogs that have already begun working in Scent Work and have been previously introduced to Birch odor. Targeted at teams working toward Novice/Advanced or NWI levels, we'll explore how to build your dog's odor obedience, working both Interior and Exterior searches. A more in depth discussion of odor movement and properties will be provided. An emphasis will be placed on enthusiasm for the search, goal setting and strategies for optimizing at home practice. Handlers should bring a high value reward they know the dog loves, a long line (8-12ft) and a body harness or thicker flat or martingale collar (no choke, prong collars, slip leads or no-pull harnesses for the training portions).

COST: Working Spots — A.M. (Limited to 8) — \$50 (MABC Members — \$40)
 Auditing spots (unlimited) — \$20 (MABC Members — \$10)

Working Spots — P.M. (Limited to 8) — \$50 (MABC Members — \$40)
 Auditing spots — unlimited — \$20 (MABC Members — \$10)

Questions? Email Scotti Slonaker — scotti2467@yahoo.com

SEE BACK FOR MORE DETAILS



Mid-Atlantic Basenji Club
of Maryland

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About the Instructor Jessica Miller

Jess Miller is a certified trainer from Clear Spring, MD. She began training dogs in 2010 while working at Briggs Animal Adoption Center.

In 2011 she completed course- work with Pat Miller to become a PMCT. In 2014 she completed a year long program to become a Certified Nose Work Instructor- CNWI.

She is the first person in MD to become an AKC Scent Work judge.



CLIP AND MAIL FORM BELOW:

Mail registration and payment to: MABC of MD 2019 Jessica Miller Seminar • 115 Potomac Pl • Winchester, VA 22602

Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Age _____ Breed: _____

E-mail: _____ Address: _____

Sunday Morning Seminar:

(Max 8 Working)

Auditor — \$20

Working — \$50

MABC of MD Auditor — \$10

MABC of MD Working — \$40

Sunday Afternoon Seminar:

(Max 8 Working)

Auditor — \$20

Working — \$50

MABC of MD Auditor — \$10

MABC of MD Working — \$40

Make checks payable to "MABC of MD".

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Release of Liability: In joining this group for the purpose of receiving instruction in dog training, I hereby assume all risks of and responsibility for accidents and damage, or either, to myself or to my property, or to others resulting from the actions of me and/or my dog, and expressly agree that no other member or instructor of said group or any person or persons of the group, shall be held liable personally or collectively under any circumstances, for injury and damage or either, to my person or for loss or injury to my property whether due to uncontrolled dogs or negligence of any member or instructor of said group or any other cause or causes.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



"WAGS & BRAGS"



We played today at the firecracker wildcard event at Maggie Malick wine cave. Satchmo pulled on and 17'11 with 3rd place in senior which puts him in really good position to make contender finals on Sunday and hopefully a legend invite. Phobe pulled out an 8.8 and a 1st place in novice and a 10.7 a junior jump. Could average result in an invite? **Joy Pritcher**



So why am I diving off the dock with Pheeb's? Because she pulled out all personal bests yesterday at Westwind diving dogs with her best jump of each splash 12.1 then 12.9!!!! I think she is getting it. Thanks Tara Santagelo for the pictures. **Joy Pritcher**



“More Brags!”

On Friday July 5 Rocky, Mighty and Gibbs placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in 8 inch master standard preferred. **Sandy Golden**



Lacey got her PACH 2 at our agility trial on Friday July 5. I'm so proud of my 10 year old crazy girlie. **Sandy**



Russell was a STAR over the weekend at the BRDTC agility trials! He had to think REALLY hard, especially about his contacts, but he did a great job! He had a PERFECT weekend! In here days he earned THREE DOUBLE Q'S and nice bunch of MACH points!!! What a good boy!
Margaret Bissell



“Some More Brags!”

On July 13th and 14th, Carmine and I competed in a canine musical freestyle event at Canine Training Association in Beltsville, MD.

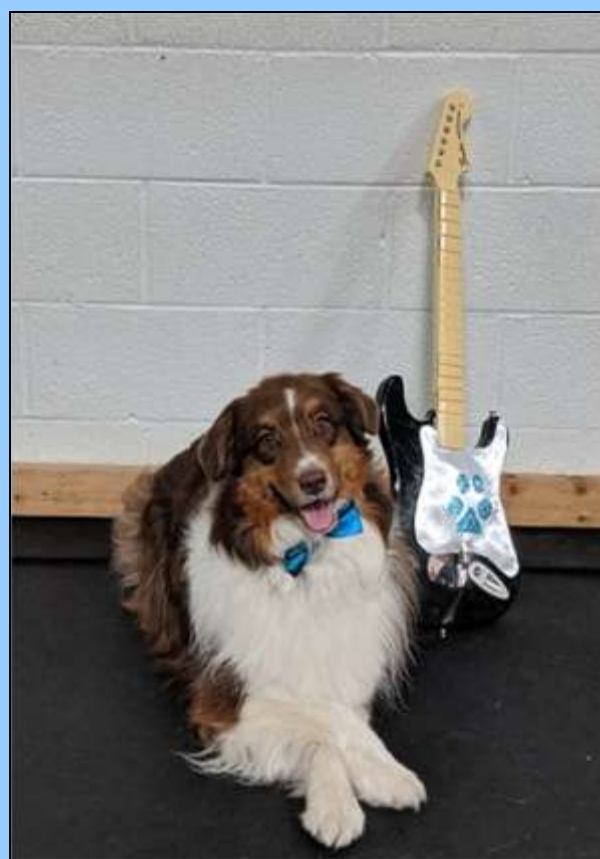
We were entered in Novice Musical Freestyle (Level 2 for this venue).

Camine and I performed to "Roll Over Beethoven" by Electric Light Orchestra. We took 1st place both days with very nice scores and completed his Novice title. We also won judges' awards each day.

One award was for most memorable and the other was for the routine that made folks laugh the most!

Here's a picture of Carmine at the event and one with his winnings.

Susan Brogan





“Some More Brags!”

Kitty bowman I got my boy. Can't thank Robin Carberry and Pam Shiffleger for help getting Joker to me. Let the fun begin.



Kismet all around NATCH thank you artful dodgers and judge Marcy Mattie's

**Kitty Bow-
man**





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Aug 2-4 akc rally & obedience
Sept 10 Micro chip/tattoo clinic
Sept 12 general meeting
Sept 13,14,15 Agility Seminars
Nov 13 general meeting
Nov 15-17 akc rally & obedience trial
Nov 29,30,dec 1 akc agility trial
Dec 7 dinner & auction

month a visit to the nursing homes

Envoy 2nd & 4th Monday 11am
Spring Arbor 2nd & 4th Tuesday
1 pm
Hill Top 2nd & 4th Friday 10:45 am



**Sept. 10
Micro Chip and Tattoo Clinic
BRDTC Training Center
6-9 p.m.**

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**Sept 13, 14, 15
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