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Don't forget to set your clocks!!!



Time Change

**Sunday—March 14th—2 AM
One hour later
2AM becomes 3AM**



Please join us for our Virtual General Membership Meeting on **Friday, March 26th, at 6:30 PM on Zoom**. Our guest speaker this month is

Dr. Dody Tyneway —she will be sharing information on feeding your dog/ cat Holistically and her new Holistic Cookbook

If you wish to join us at 6:30 PM on March 26th, please RSVP to Carole before March 24th to receive the link for the virtual meeting. chills37@aol.com

REMINDER

Remember to check the website <http://www.vhoc.org> for announcements, cancelled classes, upcoming events and other important club information.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Carole Hills, at chills37@aol.com

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Got News?

*Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?
Do you have other dog-related news, photos, articles, humor or upcoming events you'd like to share?*

*Do you have a canine product or service you'd like to promote?
Ads are only \$10.00 a month, or \$50.00 for an entire year.*

Email me for more information, or just send your stuff to:

Debbie Lang at
djang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Happy 100th Birthday

It will be Pam Basso's mom Marian Reiss 's 100th Birthday in May.
To surprise her she is asking for Birthday cards be sent to her home
for her Mom's Birthday.

Pam and a good friend want to collect 100 birthday cards for Marian.
It doesn't matter if she knows the sender, it's just the idea of people
acknowledging the 100 year milestone.

The more cards the better with a goal of at least 100 for her birthday.

Please help make this a special birthday and send Marian a card.

All cards should be sent to:

Pam Basso

4337 Rayes Drive

Tarzana, CA 91356



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Buenaventura DTC Obedience and Rally Trials

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 15, & Sunday May 16, 2021

LOCATION: College View Park 15400 College Park Avenue,
Moorpark, CA 93021

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday - APRIL 23, 2021 - 11:59PM(PDT)



The premium URL is below:

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ob_trial_premium_v5.pdf](http://www.bvdtc.com/uploads/1/3/3/7/13378678/ob_trial_premium_v5.pdf)

Don't forget to cheer on our teams entered in AKC National Agility Championship being held in Tulsa Oklahoma, March 26, 27 and 28.

The AKC is working on television productions for the upcoming National Agility Championships. We are excited to have coverage on AKC.tv and on ESPN this year!

Building on the success from their collaborations "ESPN Dog Day" and "ESPN Puppy Day," the AKC will produce championships and competitions for the leading sports network. Each show will give audiences an insight into the fun and intensely competitive world of dog sports. The slate includes:

AKC Fastest Dogs USA

AKC National Championship

AKC Agility Premier Cup

AKC National Agility Championship

North America Diving Dog Premier Cup

AKC Flyball National Championship

There will be full coverage of the 2021 AKC National Agility Championships across AKC.TV and ESPN.

All rings will be live on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning on AKC.TV. The Challenger round and Preferred finals will also be live on AKC.TV.

Regular finals will move to ESPN. The regular finals can be enjoyed live on the ESPN app and will also be featured on ESPN2 on Wednesday, March 31st at 8pm ET!

Michigan State researchers confirm toxicity of birch oil, warn that nontoxic scents may lead pets to food sources with xylitol.

Canine “scent training,” or “nose work,” in which dogs are coached to locate target-scented objects, may lead to accidental poisoning, researchers say. Faculty at the toxicology laboratory of the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health at the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine say that targets scented with essential oils—specifically birch—create serious concern.

Cheryl Swenson, DVM, PhD, DACVP (clinical pathology), Angie Davison and John Buchweitz, PhD, recently confirmed that a highly toxic concentration of methyl salicylate is present in birch oil. The aromatic compound is reminiscent of wintergreen with a similar structure and toxicity profile to aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid). Clinical signs of possible birch oil toxicosis include a wintergreen smell coming from the pet (hair coat, skin, breath, vomitus), face rubbing, vomiting, diarrhea, gastrointestinal erosions, anemia, acute kidney failure, respiratory depression, lethargy, seizures, coma and death.

Birch oil, as well as anise and clove, are often used in canine scent training and are easily obtained from online sources. MSU researchers say that, typically, small amounts of these oils (diluted to 25 percent or less of their original concentration, per label instructions) are used in enclosed containers to reduce the chance of accidental ingestion. However, if dogs come across the bottle of undiluted product they may investigate it extensively, including by mouth, which may lead to oral ingestion as well as dermal absorption. Plus, many manufacturers emphasize the human health benefits of these oils on the label and downplay their toxicity, which may result in dog owners and handlers not taking proper precautions.

In addition to the toxicity of these oils, there is also potential for dogs to target items of a similar scent that are also toxic. Researchers found that birch scent is frequently incorporated into sugar-free chewing gum, which often contains xylitol, a compound that is safe for human consumption but toxic to dogs.

“In fact, all three commonly used training scents have been incorporated into chewing gums and thereby may promote the unanticipated risk of xylitol poisoning,” the researchers state in their report. “Therefore, it is recommended that alternative nontoxic scents be actively sought to ensure safety for people and pets during the enjoyable human-animal bond activity of training dogs to locate odors.”

MSU researchers recommend that pet owners and trainers working with scent training use floral or other scents that don’t encourage dogs to seek food sources with similar odors. They recommend that owners and trainers identify safe scents by making sure the plant form of the scent is not poisonous and that candidate scents are tested to rule out the presence of unanticipated toxins.

For more information on xylitol poisoning, go to dvm360.com/xylitol. For more on essential oil toxicity, visit petpoisonhelpline.com or call (800) 213-6680.

URL is <https://www.dvm360.com/view/veterinary-toxicology-alert-oils-used-scent-training-can-harm-dog>

February 2021 General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the February General Meeting where our own Dr. Tommy Dickey and his colleague, Heather Junqueira gave a great presentation, discussing their work with COVID-19 scent detection dogs.

If you have questions for either of the presenters, you may email Dr. Dickey at ojaipyr@gmail.com or Ms. Junqueira at bioscentk9@gmail.com.

If you missed the presentation this is the YouTube link to the video for review.

We hope to see you all at the next meeting.

<https://youtu.be/M1mjoCsGUo8>

Some of you asked how to make a donation to further this important research. If you wish, you may send a check to:

BioScent K9, 25424 83rd Avenue East, Myakka City, FL 34251



March 2021 General Meeting

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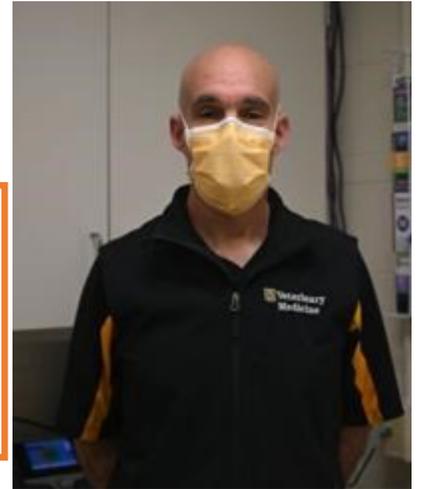


A chemotherapy-free treatment method sees promising success on treating cancer in dogs

MAKALAH HARDY Feb 4, 2021

Dr. Jeffrey Bryan is a professor and researcher in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine in Columbia. Bryan, with a veterinary oncology team, recently completed the first clinical trial of a new immunotherapy treatment for bone cancer in dogs.

ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD/MISSOURIAN



For the past 10 years, a team of MU veterinary researchers has collaborated with a medical biotechnology company in Kansas to design a clinical trial for an immunotherapy cancer treatment for dogs.

In the past year, they have seen promising success.

Osteosarcoma is a common bone cancer that affects about 10,000 dogs a year. This type of cancer affects both humans and dogs similarly, but it is 10 times more common in dogs than in humans, said researcher Jeffrey Bryan, a professor in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine.

The common treatment is chemotherapy, but it is rarely curative in dogs and has proved to mainly delay the recurrence of the cancer, Bryan said. About 90% of the time or more, the dog still ends up dying of the cancer.

Bryan and a veterinary oncology team have been working closely with ELIAS Animal Health to design a trial around a new immunotherapy treatment. Rather than poison the cells with chemotherapy, the experimental treatment prompts the immune system to recognize and kill the cancer cells.

The first clinical trial has just been completed and included 10 dogs that successfully received the entire treatment, Bryan said.

After the treatment, five of the 10 dogs survived for more than two years. The average survival rate from the study was 415 days.

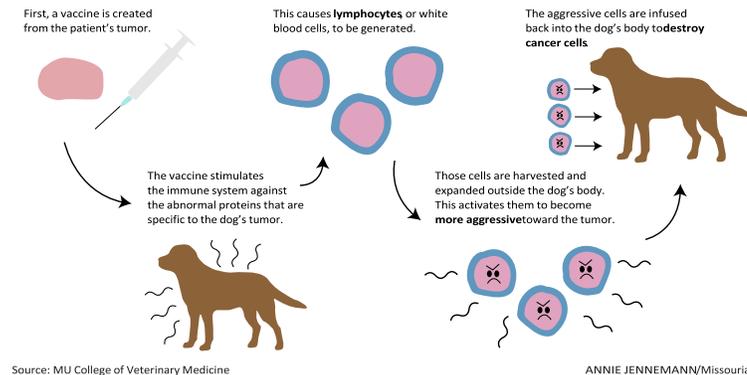
Dogs in the study received an amputation, and tumor cells were immediately collected from the removed limb and sent to the ELIAS laboratory, Bryan said. The cells became part of the vaccine development.

The dogs were given the vaccine, typically three doses, with the purpose of presenting the abnormal proteins of the cancer cells to the immune system, Bryan said.

“If those are presented to the immune system in the proper way, then the immune system can recognize them as not being proteins that ought to be present in the body, kind of like a viral protein shouldn’t be present in the body,” he said.

MU's College of Veterinary Medicine finds success in study of chemotherapy-free cancer treatment

MU Professor Jeffrey Bryan collaborated with ELIAS Animal Health for the study, which found an alternate way to treat osteosarcoma, a common bone cancer in dogs. Dogs that received the new treatment had **more than 400 days of cancer survival**s compared with 270 for dogs with chemotherapy. The FDA granted 'fast-track' designation for this approach to be used in human trials for people with brain cancer.



The immune system can recognize these proteins as abnormal, prompting the system to make white blood cells, called lymphocytes, that are designated to target the abnormal proteins.

After the vaccine was administered, the lymphocytes were sent off to an ELIAS lab where researchers expanded their number and activated them to become targeted killers of the cancer. The white blood cells were then infused back into the dog's body to destroy the cancer cells.

"This is one of a small handful of studies of dogs treated for this bone cancer without chemotherapy that did well," Bryan said. "It's promising in that way."

ELIAS is only offering this treatment on an experimental, commercial basis, but owners can pay to have the treatment on a dog at an ELIAS lab. They are also conducting a larger follow-up clinical trial.

The next step is to set up clinical trials of this immunotherapy treatment in humans, Bryan said.

The Food and Drug Administration has already granted another biotechnology company in Kansas, called TVAX Biomedical, the authority to begin human trials to treat glioblastoma multiforme, a type of brain cancer.

Meanwhile, Bryan is developing plans to discover why some dogs in the initial study did not survive in order to plan an even more successful outcome.

He also wants to expand the study to determine how immunotherapy could help treat other cancers in dogs, as well as cancer in other animals, such as horses and cats.

"It has been a long time coming, and it is exciting to see it reach a point where it is helping animals," he said. "I look forward to seeing the outcomes of human trials down the road to see if we can use the same approach to help people too."

URL: https://www.columbiamissourian.com/innovations/health/a-chemotherapy-free-treatment-method-sees-promising-success-on-treating-cancer-in-dogs/article_7f64a406-3e41-11eb-9bbb-573ec895325e.html?fbclid=IwAR3Xn6rdTgzP6OJwMtT7GMb1A__sjzIRqfjdzJVSk0E2rcsZx4Nle-N-0YE



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

March 8, 2021

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-ask-assembly-committee-oppose-ab-702/>

Please forward to California dog breeders and owners:

As mentioned in a previous alert, a bill has been introduced in the California Assembly that would regulate all breeders in the state.

The bill has now been assigned to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. No hearing has been scheduled; however, it is important that the committee members hear from Californians who will be impacted by this bill. In particular, if you are a constituent of a committee member, we encourage you to use this form provided to directly contact the member and let them know you reside in their district and how the bill will impact you.

Even if you are not a constituent, it is important for the committee to hear from you as a California resident. Respectfully ask them to oppose AB 702 and let them know how it would impact you as a breeder in California. View AKC's previous alert for recommended talking points. The contact information is listed below.

AKC thanks the club members and breeders across the state who have joined the AKC in communicating the many concerns and problems in Assembly Bill 702. It is essential that the members hear from Californians and understand how this bill will impact responsible breeders in the state.

Contact information for the Assembly Business and Professions Committee:

All contact information can be found on the AKC Communication—<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-ask-assembly-committee-oppose-ab-702/>

AKC continues to work with the Assembly and other stakeholders to address concerns and will provide updates as they are available. For questions, contact AKC Government Relations at www.akcgr.org.

Take Action Now!

AKC, NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) and concerned dog fanciers are asking everyone who loves dogs to get involved.

They are asking that the assembly committee members be contacted and let them know how you stand on this California Assembly Bill, These organizations are opposing AB 702

Carole Raschella provided us with the information from NAIA:

It doesn't matter if our members breed or not, anyone who intends to buy their next dog from a breeder will be affected by this. It's one of the worst bills to come down the pike in a long time.. Everyone needs to write or call their reps and let them know they're opposed and why. I've attached a list of questions put forth by CFODC as talking points. Carole



Dear Friends of NAIA and NAIA Trust,

As many of you have heard, Assembly Member Miguel Santiago of Los Angeles has introduced AB 702, one of the most harmful and overreaching pieces of anti-dog and -cat breeder legislation that we have ever encountered. If passed, this bill will undermine the ability of even the most scrupulous of breeders to preserve their breeds. The bill mandates an unprecedented level of government involvement and intrusion into the private lives and breeding decisions of California dog and cat owners. Although the marketing materials and language of AB 702 focuses on dogs, the bill also applies to cats. In the spirit of noting that "dogs will be dogs but cats won't," It's worth noting that preventing cats from having kittens until they are two years old is a dangerous recipe for pyometra.

At a time when epidemiologists warn that Americans no longer produce enough dogs to meet the US demand, it is difficult to imagine the alleged need for this bill. AB 702 offers the proverbial solution to a problem that does not exist.

Please read the bill [here](#)

Among its numerous provisions, this bill mandates that any Californian with an intact dog must obtain a breeders permit if they plan to breed their dog, a feat requiring them to present a business license, and a tax ID number in order to qualify as well as meeting numerous other mandates. If the permit seeker is successful, they are qualified to have ONE litter per household per year.

NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) - Article Continued

Take action now!

NAIA is taking on an active role in opposing this bill, but to be as effective as possible, we need your help. Over the course of the next several months, we will need to quickly contact our team with time-sensitive information. Our fastest method is to reach out to people in our database, people who've signed up to receive our messages. If you received this information directly from us, you are already in our database. What we ask is that you pass on this link to at least 5 of your friends and club members and urge them to sign up immediately. This little action is one that will pay big dividends.

Contact Assembly Member Miguel Santiago and urge him to withdraw AB 702. Let him know how over-reaching, unnecessary, and counterproductive this bill is. He needs to hear from hundreds of people who oppose this bill right away.

Capitol Office phone: 916 319-2053 Fax: 916 319-2153

District Office phone: 213 620-4646 Fax: 213 620-6319

In the meantime, thank you for getting involved. Stand ready for a long-term fight if Assembly Member Santiago does not withdraw AB 702.

Thank you, Patti Strand, NAIA President/NAIA Trust Chairman

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NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) - Article Continued

Take action now!

NAIA has provided several area of concern—outlined below:

AB 702 (Santiago) attempts to follow the HSUS and PETA goals of stopping low volume, conscientious breeding of cats and dogs through a series of onerous and sometimes impossible requirements, such as:

(g) “Proper shelter” means an enclosure with four walls, a roof and a raised floor that adequately protects from exposure to cold, heat, and water, and that gives access to an enclosed yard or other open outdoor space.

And then

(B) Proper shelter shall be provided for all cats, dogs, and litters.

Question - since cats and kittens are at higher risk of injury when outdoors versus kept indoors, why should they be mandated to be put outdoors?

(1) The owner demonstrates, by providing a copy of their business license and federal and state tax number, or by other proof, as required by the local jurisdiction or its authorized local animal control agency, that the owner is doing business as a cat or dog breeder at a location for which the local jurisdiction or its authorized local animal control agency has issued the business license.

Question - has any elected legislator ever succeeded in acquiring a business license to sell one product one time? Even a state seller’s permit requires a monthly projected revenue. This requirement may be unattainable.

(E) Cats’ and dogs’ living quarters and yards shall be properly maintained at all times, including, but not limited to, removal of feces and urine to prevent odors from entering surrounding areas.

Question - how is urine removed from yards?

(G) No offspring shall be sold or otherwise transferred, whether for compensation or otherwise, until it has reached the eight weeks of age, has been immunized against common diseases, and has been issued a certificate of health.

Question - what are the “common diseases” and who will determine that? Several vaccines are not recommended for very young puppies.

(H) All offspring shall have a microchip device that identifies the breeder implanted before the eight weeks of age. The identity of the breeder shall remain on the microchip device along with the identity of the new owner upon the sale or transfer of the animal.

Question - there is a lot of anecdotal evidence that genetic dilutes should not be microchipped, which is why those breeders often tattoo as a permanent identification. Why is this not an option?

122339. (a) A local animal control agency shall be responsible for enforcing and administering this chapter.

Question - have the costs to local animal control agencies been evaluated? They will be required to develop an application, create a system to accept and verify the applications, and then police the applicants. This will include verifying pedigrees, that no more than one litter per year is born in an applicant’s household, that births are reported within ten days, and many more conditions. That is an onerous and expensive set of tasks to place upon local agencies at any time and especially now during the pandemic.

In order for a dog to be stubborn he must first understand completely what is asked of him and then choose to disobey.

There are very few stubborn dogs in the world.

There are, however, many dogs who are untrained.

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'It's okay, my dog is friendly...'

No it's NOT okay! Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean all dogs are - please remember:

Never let your dog run up to a dog on leash- they could be scared or become reactive.

Try to respect other owners and their need for space.

Not all dogs want the added attention or intrusion.

If you have no voice control over your dog off leash then keep them on.



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BRAGS

Cynthia Casby and MacGyver

So MacGyver earned his first Novice Jumpers leg today 2/19/21!

1st place, 95, Mark Upshaw, ATFT show at Stone Pony



Jennifer Voogt and Calisto

Calisto achieved her Elite Regular title in NADAC!

NEW TITLE

And a **New Baby** for the family.

We've added baby Wicket to our family.



BRAGS

Debbie Lang and Panda

AKC Agility Trials at Stone Pony—Action Dog Sports, Moorpark, CA:

American Toy Fox Terrier Club

NEW TITLE

Feb 18th—Double Q #20

Feb 19th—Double Q #21 and 4th place in Standard—Triple Q (STD, JWW and FAST) #9

Also Master FAST Q #50 for her **Master FAST Silver Title**

GSD Club of San Gabriel Valley

Feb 27th— Double Q #22, 3rd place in STD, 4th place in JWW

Just 17 more points for her MACH, getting there slow but sure.



Laurie Burnam and Scusi

We did it, we will be headed to AKC National Agility Championships in Tulsa, OK.

Scusi had to earn from December 1, 2019 through January 3, 2021 , * 150 points, 4 double-Qs (3 may come from Premier STD/JWW sets) AKC revised the qualifying period and requirement due to Covid-19. You will be able to view the Agility Championships on AKC TV, and ESPN.

AKC 2021 National Agility Championship

Tulsa Expo Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 26-28, 2021



BRAGS



Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca earned her Fenzi NW1 Nosework title

NEW TITLE



Robin Zeldon and Chaos

Chaos earned his CGCU on March 6th

NEW TITLE

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

VHOC Rally and Obedience Sept 18/19 2021

Mark those calendars -

As Trophy Committee Chairperson I will be contacting our members on sponsoring the Obedience and Rally Class Ribbons. For this year class sponsorship will be \$15.00

We will not be having the Special Group Awards this year.

Thank You in advance for your support—
Debbie Lang



Kelly Stover's beautiful Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Pack:

Sophie, Emmie, Mia and Samson

