

Letter from the President

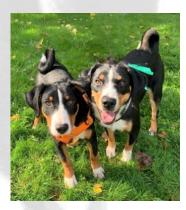
2021 was certainly a challenging year to find activities to do with our Appenzellers to keep them mentally stimulated and physically fit. Activities we used to freely be able to do pre Covid continued to be limited due to ever changing social distancing restrictions. It was nice to see that some of our members were able to dedicate themselves to searching for and finding alternate activities they could do in and around their home with their Appenzeller(s).

I personally found many challenges socializing my puppy as outings and social gatherings have been very limited and severe weather conditions such as wild fires followed by mud slides and then flooding affected our area. Amidst the wild fires, Art and I were lucky enough to be able to attend some outdoor dog shows in August and September where we were able to bring our Appenzeller puppy Buca with us for some socialization time. In the Fall, we were able to take Buca to some puppy training classes and were also lucky enough to get to know a beautiful female Appenzeller puppy named Lexi that lives within driving distance to us. Buca and Lexi had the opportunity to meetup with each other for some much-needed puppy playtime. We are looking forward to more meet ups again in 2022 as weather permits.









Although these activities helped, socialization activities for puppies was still very limited in 2021 and as it appears so far, may continue to be limited throughout 2022. Because socialization is such an integral part of raising well behaved and well-adjusted Appenzellers, it will be our challenge as Appenzeller owners to continue to find different ways of socializing our Appenzeller puppies this year.

We are inviting you to submit an article about a social activity (or activities) you have been doing with your Appenzeller puppy during times of social distancing and isolation. Please send your article along with an accompanying photo(s) of your puppy to Paula Webber via email (pwebber58@gmail.com) any time before March 15th so it can be included in our next newsletter

2022 AMDCA Scheduled Meetings:

- Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm EST AMDCA Annual General Meeting
- Sunday, June 12th at 7:00 pm EST
- Sunday, September 11th at 7:00 pm EST
- Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 pm EST

*Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend as we review, discuss and plan Club business!

Canadian Breed-Recognition Update:

As most of our members are aware, the Appenzeller breed is not recognized with the national kennel club in Canada. Because of this, Appenzellers that are born in Canada are currently being registered with <u>AKC Foundation Stock Services</u>. The AKC has also been addressing their concerns with the CKC about this issue. Appenzellers are unable to participate in CKC (Canadian Kennel Club) sanctioned dog shows. Some of our Canadian members have been able to register their dogs with the CKC for performance events but their dogs are classed as an unrecognized breed.

Our Canadian members have been working towards recognition for a few years now. The requirements to add a 'rare' breed to CKC's listing have been quite daunting. However, in July of 2021, the CKC (Canadian Kennel Club) revised their requirements for adding new breeds to their miscellaneous list which opened up an opportunity for our Canadian membership to apply for breed recognition in Canada.

In October 2021, an application along with the required documentation was submitted to Diane Draper, Registrar of the CKC (Canadian Kennel Club). The application was reviewed and the application fees were paid. Diane reported back that we are well on your way to meeting the criteria as set out by CKC for Appenzellers to be added to the Miscellaneous List for Event Participation and Recognition. Our application was to be presented at a CKC Board meeting in December 2021. We are currently waiting for the CKC to complete their review and to let us know if our breed has been accepted. We hope to provide more information at our AGM in March.

A warm welcome to New AMDCA Members!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Armin & Lynne Dohl

Yours in Appenzellers! Debbie Dales



Exercising Your Dog in Small Spaces

ith COVID, crazy winter weather many of us are experiencing, keeping our pups busy and healthy can be a bit of a challenge.

Many of us are stuck indoors and may not even be able to access the local park, or even our backyards. But fear not, there are lots of things we can do with our dogs when confined to smaller spaces.

Here are some great ideas to eliminate the boredom..for you and your dog!

Our Dogs Don't Need 5 Walks a day!

Wait? What? That title must be a mistake! We have Appenzellers!

Nope. I'm delighted to let you know that the average dog, even ones like ours can cope quite nicely without ever being marched around the city for an hour, or racing up and down the dog park chasing things.

Of course, they enjoy these outings as much as we do. Let's face it, when the weather is grim they like it a whole lot more than we do. But it's not actually a necessity.

This view isn't one that is popular in our usual world of walks.

Lots of people feel that dogs have a right to be popped on the leash, but actually as long as you are keeping their mind or body busy in other ways then they can be totally happy without a more formal outing each day.

And in this new world, where most of us are stuck indoors for the foreseeable, let's run through the ways to keep a dog happy on house arrest!

Indoor Games

There are some traditionally fun games that most dogs love which can be fairly easily transferred to an indoor setting.

Scatter Feeding/Scent Games

Get a handful of their usual kibble. Make sure to take it away from the amount you give them for dinner. We don't want to introduce extra food when the opportunities for fitness are limited!

Pop your pup into a different room and close the door. Scatter the treats around the other room, or rooms; under a chair, in corners, have to use their senses to find the treats. I've kept my dogs busy for up to 15 minutes with this game!

Treat Burrito

Take your blanket or beach towel again and put it on the floor in front of you. Distribute treats on it. Now take one end and roll up the blanket, just like a yoga mat. When you have it all rolled up, present it to your dog. Now it is her turn to figure out how to get all the treats

inside the treat burrito. Again, unrolling it usually does not come to the dog's mind right away, so the puzzle fun will keep her entertained for quite a while.

Build an indoor obstacle course!

1. Tunnel

All it takes is a few dining chairs and a large blanket. Line up two rows of chairs back-toback. Leave enough space in the middle of the rows for your dog to safely run between. Use your imagination!



2. Hurdles

Grab a small foot stool for your dog to leap.
Bigger dogs should be capable of clearing the foot stool no problem, but smaller breeds should be more cautious. Teach them to jump onto the stool and then down the other side.



3. Army crawl

Teaching your dog to crawl is a great exercise. You'll need a low table, like a coffee table, that your dog can comfortably fit under. Encourage your dog to crawl on his belly under the table (or chair depending on the size of the dog) from one end to the other.



4. Zig zag

The zig zag obstacle is an excellent training exercise for dogs. Set up a row of small obstacles on the ground, like boxes, chairs, or even shoes. The goal is to get your dog to zig zag through the obstacles all the way down the line. This one is best taught using the "follow the leader" technique. Encourage your dog to follow you through the zig zag. Incentivize with some tasty snacks if he doesn't seem interested.



5. Stairs

Stairs are a built-in obstacle for your dog. Having him run the stairs a few times will get his blood pumping and intensify the obstacle course. This works best on carpeted stairs. Smooth materials can be slippery, and you want to make sure that your dog doesn't get injured while playing



Putting it all together!

Now that you have a few basic obstacle ideas, it's time to put it all together into a full indoor dog obstacle course. The possibilities are endless, so get creative! Remember to change up the obstacle course occasionally to keep your dog from getting bored of it

Perchwork

This exercise takes paws up on an object a step further to work on your dog's proprioception, which is basically his awareness of his own rear end to help him balance



Just about any household item can be used for "perchwork". Try using different items as your dog gets more comfortable.

In the video below, Susan Garrett walks you through all the steps you need to teach your dog both paws up on an object and perchwork, which she refers to as pivots and spins. The video is a little longer (18 minutes), but it's chock full of great training information. Make sure you subsbribe to Susan's Youtube channel for lots of training tips!

https://youtu.be/O6sj6fTJnFc



Doggie Gourmet Paula Webber

Homemade Salmon Treats (aka Salmon Crack)

Ingredients

- 1 (14.75 oz) can pink salmon
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Open a can of pink salmon. Don't drain. Put salmon and its juices into a large mixing bowl.
- Crack and add two eggs. Dispose of shells. Flake salmon and mix it with the eggs.
- 3. Take the flour and mix it into the salmon/egg mixture. You don't have to be precise with the flour and may add more or less than recommended. You will want a consistency similar to the photo below.
- 4. Spray a baking sheet with no-stick cooking spray and dump the dough mixture onto the sheet. Sprinkle some flour on top of the dough and flour your hands to keep the dough from sticking to your hands as you press it flat.
- 5. Press the dough out flat until it is about 1/4 inch thick. If you want it more moist, you can make it thicker. If you want it crunchier, you can make it thinner. You don't need to make perfect corners as this will later be broken into small treats. Just flatten it out into any old shape.

- 6. Place the cookie sheet in the center of the oven. Let it cook for 25-35 minutes, depending on whether you prefer moister treats or crunchier treats.
- Remove from the oven. Use a spatula to lift off
 of the cookie sheet before cooling, otherwise it
 may stick to your cookie sheet. You can let it
 cool on a rack or in the cookie sheet.
- 8. Once cooled, divide the Salmon Crack into desired portions, bag it, and then freeze it.
 - *This basic recipe can be changed to fit your dog's tastes.
- If your dog doesn't like salmon or you don't
 have salmon on hand, no problem. Tuna is a
 great substitute for salmon. In fact, you can
 substitute any meat for the salmon as long as it
 can ground up and mixed easily with the flour.
 The simple concept of flour with the egg binder
 and added meat for flavor can be used to make
 any variety of different treats.
- One word of caution: I don't recommend
 "seasoning" the treats. Your dog will get
 enough flavor just from the delicious salmon.
 Adding in salt only increases unhealthy sodium
 levels.





Bärli von Deroche Appenzellers makes Appenzeller History

Barli von Deroche is the first North American Appenzeller Sennenhunde to be titled in IGP (formerly known as Schutzhund). Why does this matter? Because IGP is a sport generally pursued with German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois, who are currently bred for traits that allow them to excel specifically in this sport. It is less common to see an "off-breed" performing well in this sport. IGP tests a dog's abilities to perform tracking, protection, and obedience through progressively more challenging titles, the IGP1, IGP2, and IGP3. However, before one can compete for these titles, the dog must pass the Begleithund, or BH, meaning Traffic Companion Dog. The BH tests a dog's overall temperament, obedience, and capacity to operate in a high traffic setting. The dog is judged on its ability to maintain focus, perform sharp obedience, and reliably execute the required commands. The dog must also hold an approximately 7 minute long-distance down-stay with the handler's back turned, while a different dog performs the routine. Additionally, there is a traffic portion in which the dog must operate calmly within a group of dogs, bike-riders, cars driving past, and people stopping to talk to the handler. As many Appenzeller owners know, this setting can be a unique challenge to our very boisterous and vocal dogs.

Bärli's BH was a particularly proud moment for us because Bärli has a tendency towards overexcitability in the presence of other dogs, and we worked extremely hard to prepare him for this trial. Bärli and his handler/co-owner, Ben, excelled at the trial under exceptional circumstances. Not only were there the standard distractions as intended for the trial, but also heavy winds with 30 mph wind gusts causing a borderline dust storm (we rubbed a lot of dirt out of our eyes that day). There were horses surrounding one end of the trial field that were overexcited and fighting with each other. There was also a set of train tracks nearby with multiple trains passing by at full speed, blowing their horns. Did I mention the sheets of metal blowing and knocking into metal fences, scaring all the horses and causing some chaos in the background? At one point when Bärli was on deck, the spectator tents nearly all sailed away in the wind, and we had to quickly tackle them down. Through all of this, Bärli worked at his best and made a name for Appenzellers that day!

The Appenzeller is an incredible working dog breed. We believe it is important to test a breeding dog's drives, temperament, trainability, and health, or that working ability will be lost. We hope to go on to at least achieve an IGP 1 title with Bärli but have also recently started herding, which he loves just as much. Bärli is one of the most phenomenal dogs we have ever owned. He loves to work, and we love his high-spirited, silly, and affectionate personality. -Ben, Liz and Bärli



Bärli von Deroche Appenzellers



What our Appenzellers are up to!



Maverick! Should we move our breed into the Sporting Group? He's so proud!!!!

AMDCA member Sylvan Popovici sent us this photo of Maverick from a recent outing. Says Sylvan, "I started taking Maverick pheasant hunting, just because it's one of the few places where he can walk alongside me off leash. After a few outings he has picked up flushing out birds and he even retrieves them. So, if anyone asks, they can definitely be used for hunting:"

We've always known Appenzellers are versatile, but who knew they'd be hunters as well!!!! Well done, Maverick!



Highleigh Vinca is really getting serious about scentwork!

Keith Hermiz has really helped out the club in setting up and monitoring the new members FB page, and in between has been competing in AKC and NACSW scent work with his girl Vinca. She really loves it and already has lots of ribbons to show for her efforts! Way to go Team Vinca! Hoping to see lots more in 2022!



Wow! That rosette is bigger than me, says Bri!

While 2021 still presented challenges for many of us that compete in performance and conformation events, it didn't stop Paula Webber from doing things virtually." Keeping my dogs busy was key the last 18 mos, and I took every advantage of trialing virtually as much we could, "says Paula. "Hektor and Bri continued to earn numerous titles in Rally, agility, scent work and even Conformation on the Virtual platform. We are ever hopeful that 2022 will present more opportunities to participate in live events." Virtual trialing and showing has been so successful that many venues continue to offer these opportunities in 2022.



Koda of Alpine Appenzellers, SAR dog in training!

Koda's owner Ken from Tacoma, WA has big plans for this little man and plans to train him in Search and Rescue. "So, I've taken Koda out this weekend for some introductory ski touring at our local golf course at Chambers Bay, says Ken. He had a great time!" Can't wait to see more from Ken and Koda in 2022! That would be another first for our breed in North America. Keep up the great work Team Koda!



Join me in doing more with your dogs in 2022! Paula Webber

ave you ever thought you might want to get your dog more involved in Conformation or Performance sports? Many of you already have your dogs registered with AKC. 2022 is a brand new year, and now is a great time to think about getting your talented Appenzellers more involved. AKC is not just about "showing" your dog. Although, AMDCA would really love to see more of our breed in the show ring. It will get us that much closer to full recognition with more Appenzellers being seen by AKC judges.

Conformation can seem intimidating, but I can attest by experience, it really isn't. I'd never stepped into, or even thought about showing a dog until I acquired by male, Hektor. I had no clue, but with some help from several friends with experience, we ventured into our first show when Hek was a puppy. It was a UKC event in my home town, and it was great fun. The best part, was that Hektor was the very first Appenzeller any of the judges had ever seen. That was seven years ago, and the beginning of something quite remarkable for our breed.

From that point on, we began showing in other venues; IABCA, and AKC Open shows. It had become my mission to get our breed seen and more widely known. With a lot of effort and travel, it was not long before Hektor earned his first Conformation Championship title with UKC. Not only that, Hektor, being the versatile dog he is, began earning titles in Rally Obedience and agility. UKC has a wonderful titling program for dogs that not only look good in a show ring, but compete in Performance events as well. It's called "Total Dog". Hektor is one of those Total Dogs!

It took several years, but eventually Hektor earned his Certificate of Merit with AKC; the first Appenzeller to do this.

Then COVID happened, and all our travel stopped, but it's a new year, and I am ever hopeful that we can get back into the show ring. I'm most hopeful that some of you will join the party. Even if Conformation is not for you, AKC, and UKC have lots of other companion and performance events. The list is quite extensive! There's agility, scent work, Trick dog, Dock Diving, Rally Obedience, Obedience, Fast Cat, and on and on.

There is sure to be something of interest for every Appenzeller owner, and with most of you being in the US, there's sure to be something in your area.

In the meantime, Audrey Lyke, a long time AMDCA member has put together a schedule of AKC Open shows across the US for 2022. Many of them also have Rally trials in conjunction with the Open shows. If you are keen, take a look! They are fun, and relaxed events! Be sure and check out other venues as well. UKC events are plentiful across the US, and IABCA shows as well. Most are one-time fees to register your dogs.

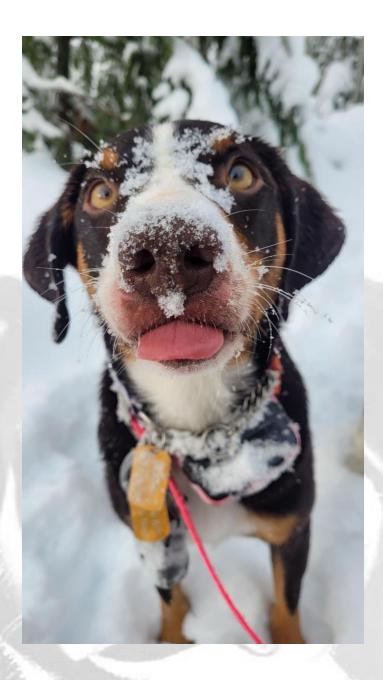
I hope to see some of you at one of these events in the near future!



Selected upcoming AKC shows where FSS breeds can compete are listed below. Check Host Kennel Clubs and AKC Event Search (https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search) for updates, as some shows may be cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns.

	Closing Date for		
Show Dates	Receipt of		
Spring 2022	Entries	Location	Host Kennel Club(s)
2/25-2/27	2/9	Del Mar, California	Silver Bay Kennel Club (KC) of San Diego
3/17-3/20	3/2	Anderson, California	Shasta KC
3/25-3/27	3/9	Doswell, Virginia	Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fanciers Association, Langley KC, Virginia Beach KC
4/13-4/17	3/30	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Harrisburg KC, Lebanon County KC, Mason and Dixon KC
4/15-4/17	3/30	Moses Lake, Washington	Ephrata-Moses Lake KC
4/16-4/17	3/30	Lodi, California	Sacramento KC
4/23-4/24	unknown	Tacoma, Washington	Tacoma KC
5/1	4/13	Chesaning, Michigan	Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County
5/14-5/15	4/27	Yuba City, California	Two Cities KC
5/27-5/30	5/11	Bloomington, Illinois	Illinois Valley KC of Peoria, Corn Belt KC





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