



Giant Tales

6 Things You Need to Know About Canine Influenza

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Upcoming Events:

- **August 12, 2017**–
GSCA National Specialty,
Harrisburg, PA
- **October 21, 2017**
Midwestern Regional Specialty
- **AKC National Championships**,
December, 2017,
Orlando, FL
- **February 2018**
Westminster Kennel Club

Canine Influenza Virus Notice

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC | May 31, 2017

This notice is being sent out to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy(unexposed) dogs. The information provided is not intended to alarm dog owners and handlers.

There are recently confirmed cases of the Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) that was first brought to and identified in Chicago, Illinois in the spring of 2015. The most recent outbreaks concern the following states: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.

Here is some additional information about Canine Influenza Virus and tips for how to minimize the risk and reduce the spread of the disease:

Canine Influenza Virus

Canine Influenza Virus is spread through:

Close proximity to infected dogs (it is airborne and can travel up to 20 ft.)

Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing, dog runs, etc.)

People moving between infected and uninfected dogs

80% of all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it

The virus lives up to 24 hours on soft surfaces and up to 48 hours on hard surfaces.

Some exposed dogs will be subclinical carriers - meaning some dogs will contract and spread the virus without showing symptoms.

Dogs show clinical signs within 24-48 hours and can shed the virus for up to 28 days from exposure.

Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment.

Dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather are most susceptible to exposure to Canine Influenza Virus.

Symptoms

Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)

Lack of appetite

Lethargy

Discharge from the nose or eyes

Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)



Prevention

The best protection is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination for both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine. Vaccination provides the best chance of immunity within 7-14 days of booster shot.

Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 30 days after symptoms appear.

Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc. Allow items to thoroughly air dry for a minimum of 10 minutes before exposing dogs to them.

Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas

Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.

Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.

Food/water bowls should be made of stainless steel instead of plastic because scratched plastic is hard to fully disinfect.

Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas including show floors, grooming tables, ring gates, in-ring examination tables and ramps, and x-pens. Allow solution to completely dry (at least ten minutes in order to assure virus has been killed). Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas.

When wiping down hard surfaces paper towels are preferred over cloth.

Consider having two exam tables at every ring so that they can be cleaned and allowed to air dry frequently in between classes.

Provide hand sanitizer in each ring and in grooming areas.

Exhibitors should consider grooming dogs at their cars instead of using grooming areas where dogs are in very close proximity.

Treatment

Treatment of Canine Influenza Virus requires veterinary assistance. If you believe your dog may have Canine Influenza Virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other, more serious problems. H3N2 can lead to severe secondary pneumonia which can cause extremely sick dogs with potential fatalities.

Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

Any dog suspected of having Canine Influenza Virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other places dogs gather. Dogs are contagious for up to 30 days once they have started showing symptoms.

Contact your veterinarian to let them know that your dog may be showing symptoms of Canine Influenza Virus. If your dog is going to a veterinary hospital or clinic, call ahead to let them know you have a suspected case of Canine Influenza Virus. They may ask you to follow a specific protocol before entering the clinic to minimize the spread of the disease, including waiting in your car until they are ready to examine your dog.

Keep sick dogs at home and isolated from other dogs and cats until you are certain the illness has run its course (typically 3-4 weeks).

Containment

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Consideration for Event Venues

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Dr. Jerry Klein is a veterinarian in the emergency room at Chicago's largest veterinary emergency and specialty center. He was personally involved in treating hundreds of dogs sickened by the H3N2 virus during its initial outbreak in Chicago in spring of 2015.

GSCA Business

Board Minutes and Financials can be found in the Members Section of the GSCA Website.

Website Update

The GSCA Website has been updated. If you have not already done so, please go to the site and create a NEW username and password. Once you have completed this task, email me (gscawebsite@gmail.com) your username and I can go back in and change you from a user to a member so that you have access to the Member section. I will not be able to see your password, so please don't forget it. There have been a few glitches getting started, but mostly I am hearing that it is working much better than before. Thank you for your help and patience with this not so perfect process for everyone; but almost everyone!

New Members!



Sharon Kania

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Donations for the National



The 2017 National Specialty is going to be great; but we do need your help! Please consider donating auction items and sponsoring a trophy. Contact Janine Poyfair, Doug Hill or Luke Norton

2016 GSCA Awards

CONGRATULATIONS !!!! YOU AND YOUR DOG[S] HAVE EARNED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AWARDS FOR 2016. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL THE INFORMATION IS SPELLED CORRECTLY. REMEMBER THAT TITLES LISTED ARE ONLY THROUGH THE END OF 2016...IF YOU HAVE ANY CORRECTIONS TO MAKE PLEASE EMAIL LINDA HURST

2016 Top 10 Breed

Gch Skansen's Kalifornia- A Stromberg and B Faranzoso - Dog
 Gch Ingebar's Tynan Dances With Wildflowers- S Nordstrom/ C Mann/ M Bisceglia – Dog
 Gch Ingebar's I Live For The Applause- C and H Reed/ M Reese/ M Bisceglia --- -Bitch
 Gch Skansen's Jackpot- R and J Galarneau -Dog
 Gch Nightline Viking A Tanglewood- J and C Erath/ Ed Fojtik / C and J Watterson – Dog
 Gch Skansen's Look at Me II- C and S Sansone Bitch
 Gch Skansen's Miss Me- Cornelia King - Bitch
 Gch Lowdown Remys Girl V Ardenhout - J Starnik /L Hawes/ L Low -Bitch
 Gch Cadbury's Wanna Go Fast? CAA- C and R Schafer / M Davis -Dog
 Gch Doc's Life Is Good - D Izmirlian/ K Davis- Dog

Brood Bitch 2016

Risenrad's Overdrive NA
 NAJ
 Breeder Tarja Ahlgren

Stud Dog 2016

Risenrad's Real Player
 Breeder Tarja Ahlgren

2016 All Bred Top 10

Gch Ingebar's Tynan Dances With Wildflowers- S Nordstrom/C Mann/ M Biscgelia – Dog
 Gch Nightline Viking A Tanglewood- J and C Erath/ Ed Fojtik/ C and J Watterson- Dog
 Gch Skansen's Jackpot- Rand J Galarneau -Dog
 Gch Skansen's Kalifornia- A Stromberg/ B Franzoso -Dog
 Gch Ingebar's I Live For The Applause- C and H Reed -Bitch
 Gch Lowdown Remys Girl V Ardenhout - J Starnik /L Hawes/ L Low- Bitch
 Gch Skansen's Miss Me- Cornelia King - Bitch
 Gch Skansen's Look at Me II- C and S Sanson - Bitch
 Gch Cadbury's Wanna Go Fast? CAA- C and R Schaffer/ M Davis -Dog
 10 . Gch Highstyle's Gabby Girl of Twilight- M Lande/ P Poole - Bitch

GSCA 2016 Awards

Obedience Giant Schnauzer of the Year

CH Magna's Can'T Take My Eyes Off Of You CD (B)
Owners: Mary Dick & Pat Malan

Obedience Giant Schnauzer of the Year Opposite Sex

Riesenrad's I'll Have Another CD BN RN TDX (D)
Owners: Laura Feldt & Tarja Ahlgren

Agility Giant Schnauzer of the Year

PACH Riesenrad's Midnight Angel CD BN RN MXP4 MXPB MJP5
MJPS PAX CGC (B)
Owners: Wendy Sheffler & Tarja Ahlgren

Agility Giant Schnauzer of the Year Opposite Sex

MACH Benjamin Hezekiah Newland MXC MJC (D)
Owners: Victoria & Lloyd Newland

Rally Giant Schnauzer of the Year

Skansen's Made You Look CDX RE (B)
Owner: Laura Ray

Rally Giant Schnauzer of the Year Opposite Sex

GCH CH Ramahills Aeolus Of Rocky Willow BN RAE3 CA CGCA
CGCU (D)
Owners: Syndi Wilhelm & Debbie Dayton

Herding Giant Schnauzer of the Year

HC Classic Pearl Handled Revolver V Easentaigh UD RA TDX
HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd HXBd CAA BCAT (B)
Owners: Janett Willis & Mary Falls & Susan Hart

Herding Giant Schnauzer of the Year Opposite Sex

None in 2016

2016 GSCA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CH & CDX-None earned in 2016

CH & UD-None earned in 2016

CH & VPG3-None earned in 2016

2016 GSCA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (continued)

OTCH-None earned in 2016

CT-None earned in 2016

HC

HC Classic Pearl Handled Revolver V Easentaigh UD RA TDX
HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd HXBd CAA BCAT (B)
Owners: Janett Willis & Mary Falls & Susan Hart

MACH-None earned in 2016

PACH

PACH Riesenrad's Midnight Angel CD BN RN MXP4 MXPB MJP5
MJPS PAX CGC (B)
Owners: Wendy Sheffler & Tarja Ahlgren

High in Trial--All-Breed (Obedience)

None earned in 2016

High in Trial--All-Breed (Herding)

HC Classic Pearl Handled Revolver V Easentaigh UD RA TDX
HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd HXBd CAA BCAT (B)
Owners: Janett Willis & Mary Falls & Susan Hart

2016 GSCA VERSATILITY AWARDS

Versatility Award (14-21 points)

Riesenrad's I'll Have Another CD BN RN TDX (D) 14 points
Owners: Laura Feldt & Tarja Ahlgren

Riesenrad's Moving Violation CD BN RN AXP OJP CGC (B) 14 points

Owners: Ingrid & Hermann Hamburger & Tarja Ahlgren

Versatility Excellent Award (22-29 points)

Riesenrad's Kaari Another Turn UD GN RE MXP AJP CGC (B) 22 points

Owners: Ingrid & Hermann Hamburger & Tarja Ahlgren

Master Versatility Award (30 or more points)

HC Classic Pearl Handled Revolver V Easentaigh UD RA TDX
HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd HXBd CAA BCAT (B) 35 points
Owners: Janett Willis & Mary Falls & Susan Hart

2016 GSCA TOP TEN AWARDS

Top 10 Obedience

1. CH Magna's Can'T Take My Eyes Off Of You CD (B)
Owners: Mary Dick & Pat Malan

2. Skansen's Made You Look CDX RE (B)
Owner: Laura Ray

3. CH Firezone's Special Blend CDX RN CA RATO DS CGC (B)
Owner: Marina Raukhverger

4. Wildwoods Big Show Of Heart V Moose CD PCD BN (B)
Owner: Jean Lundholm

5. HC Classic Pearl Handled Revolver V Easentaigh UD RA TDX
HSAds HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd HXBd CAA BCAT (B)
Owners: Janett Willis & Mary Falls & Susan Hart

6. CH Momentum Fade To Black UD GO RAE (B)
Owners: Howard & Bonnie Postovit, Christine Lietzau

7. Fanta C Xili CD BN RE CGCA (B)
Owner: Eric Riley

8. Riesenrad's Kaari Another Turn UD GN RE MXP AJP CGC (B)
Owners: Ingrid & Hermann Hamburger & Tarja Ahlgren

9. Riesenrad's I'll Have Another CD BN RN TDX (D)
Owners: Laura Feldt & Tarja Ahlgren

10. CH Magna's Special Rhea-Quest of Mmt CDX GN (D)
Owners: P. Malan & Mary Dick & Marne Martin



2016 Awards

Top 10 Rally

1. Skansen's Made You Look CDX RE (B)
Owner: Laura Ray
2. GCH CH Ramahills Aeolus Of Rocky Willow BN RAE3 CA
CGCA CGCU (D)
Owners: Syndi Welhlem & Debbie Dayton
3. Fanta C Xili CD BN RE CGCA (B)
Owner: Eric Riley
4. Hemi Vom Engelskotten CD PCD BN GN RAE MX MXB MXJ
MJB OAP AJP MXF OFP T2B CGC (B)
Owner: Rebecca Letson
5. Ain'T She A Duesy Von Furstenhaus RN AX AXJ OAP NJP XF
OFP T2B CA (B)
Owners: Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom
6. CH Zarina's Design Something Special CD RA CGC (B)
Owner: Marina Raukhverger
7. CH Firezone's Special Blend CDX RN CA RATO DS CGC (B)
Owner: Marina Raukhverger
8. Ingebar's Amelia Air Heart CD RA DM (B)
Owners: Carol & Mark Becker & Maryann Bisceglia
9. Grande Mojo At Cherokee RN (B)
Owners: Peg Watson & Cynthia Wallace
10. (tie) Momentum Full Volume CDX RN PT OA OAJ NAP NJP
NF (B)
Owners: Kathi Seaman & Christine Lietzau
10. (tie) Riesenrad's Guns N' Roses CGC (D)
Owners: Howard & Bonnie Postovit & Tarja Ahlgren

Top 10 Tracking

1. Riesenrad's I'll Have Another CD BN RN TDX (D)
Owners: Laura Feldt & Tarja Ahlgren
2. Grande Incendiary Drive TD (D)
Owner: Edwin Ely

Top 10 Herding

1. HC Classic Pearl Handled Revolver V Easentaigh UD RA TDX
HSAdS HSBd HIAd HIBd HXAd HXBd CAA BCAT (B)
Owners: Janett Willis & Mary Falls & Susan Hart

Top 10 Agility

1. PACH Riesenrad's Midnight Angel CD BN RN MXP4 MXPB
MJP5 MJPS PAX CGC (B)
Owners: Wendy Sheffler & Tarja Ahlgren
2. Petra Rose Newland MX MXB MXJ MJB (B)
Owners: Victoria & Lloyd Newland
3. Riesenrad's Ima Coming In Hot MX MXJ XF (B)
Owner: Amy Reynolds
4. MACH Benjamin Hezekiah Newland MXC MJC (D)
Owners: Victoria & Lloyd Newland
5. A Bach Elberfelds Aeris Heinrich AX AXJ AXP MJP MXF MFP
T2BP CGC (D)
Owners: Beth Unser & Rae Anne Schoenbacher
6. Magna's We Build Excitement RE MX MXJ MXP2 MJP2 MXF
CGC (D)
Owner: Lauri Jenkins
7. Hemi Vom Engelskotten CD PCD BN GN RAE MX MXB MXJ
MJB OAP AJP MXF OFP T2B CGC (B)
Owner: Rebecca Letson
8. Grande Jazz It Up AXP AJP XFP (B)
Owner: Rick Penn
9. Ain'T She A Duesy Von Furstenhaus RN AX AXJ OAP NJP XF
OFP T2B CA (B)
Owners: Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom
10. Ike's Flying Purple People Eater Von Furstenhaus OA OAJ
NF CA (B)
Owners: Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom

Dog Title	Dog Name	Sex	Owners Name
Champion	CH Cadbury Ingebar Ruster's Dita Von Teese	B	Melisa Davis & Robert Fox & Maryann Bisceglia
Champion	CH Grande No Rest For The Wicked	B	Cynthia Wallace & Harry Wallace
Champion	CH Happy Trails On A Magical Knight	B	Robin M Clifton
Champion	CH Lagniappe's Endless Story	B	Linda A Waltman & Holly Reed & Chris Reed
Champion	CH Skansen's Mr Smith	D	Stacey O'Rourke & Megan O'Rourke
Grand Champion	GCH CH Clear Days Crystal Blue Persuasion RATN	B	Sharon Kania & Pam McCleary & Robert McCleary
Utility Dog	Skansen's Made You Look UD RE	B	Laura Ray
Graduate Novice	CH Zarina's Design Something Special CD GN RA CA CGC	B	Marina Raukhverger
Rally Novice	Riesenrad's Guns N' Roses RN CGC	D	Howard & Bonnie Postovit & Tarja Ahlgren
Rally Advanced Excellent 2	Fanta C Xili CD BN RAE2 CA CGCA	B	ERIC RILEY
Tracking Dog Excellent	RiesenradS Jambalaya RN TDX NAP NJP NFP"	B	Teresa Higgins & Tarja Ahlgren
Variable Surface Tracker	Riesenrad's I'll Have Another CD BN RN VST	D	Laura Feldt & Tarja Ahlgren
Champion Tracker	CT Riesenrad's I'll Have Another CD BN RN	D	Laura Feldt & Tarja Ahlgren
Open Agility	Apffel Bach's California Cruzin OA OAJ OF	B	Jennifer Mangelos
Open Agility	Tanglewood's Adios Amigos OA NAJ NF	D	Claudia U. Hemphill & Jean Erath
Open Agility Preferred	Skansen's Luna Lovegood OAP NJP CGCA	B	Lucy Edling & Eric Edling
Master Agility Excellent Preferred	Grande Jazz It Up MXP AJP MFP	B	Ricky Ray Penn
Novice Agility Jumper Preferred	Skansen's Luna Lovegood NAP NJP CGCA	B	Lucy Edling & Eric Edling
Excellent Agility Jumper	Ike's Flying Purple People Eater Von Furstenhaus OA AXJ NF CAA	D	Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom
Master Bronze Jumper	Riesenrad's Ima Coming In Hot MX MXJ MJB XF	B	Amy Reynolds
Master Silver Jumper	MACH Petra Rose Newland MXB MJS	B	Victoria Newland & Lloyd Newland
Agility FAST Novice	Tanglewood's Adios Amigos OA NAJ NF	D	Claudia U. Hemphill & Jean Erath
Master Agility Champion	MACH Petra Rose Newland MXB MJB	B	Victoria Newland & Lloyd Newland
BCAT	D'Mystics Recycled Love W. Nevar CAX3 BCAT	B	Linda Hurst & Ron Hurst
BCAT	CH Kenro's You Got Some Splanin To Do BCAT	B	Mrs. Meg McNamara McGee
Coursing Ability	CH Cadbury's Ray Of Sunshine CA	B	Melisa Davis
Coursing Ability	Cadbury's Sunny Life In The Fast Lane CA BCAT	B	Cheryl & Robert Schaffer & Melisa Davis
Coursing Ability	Fanta C Xili CD BN RAE CA CGCA	B	ERIC RILEY
Coursing Ability Advanced	Ain'T She A Duesy Von Furstenhaus RA AX AXJ OAP NJP XF OFF T2B CAA	B	Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom
Coursing Ability Advanced	Ike's Flying Purple People Eater Von Furstenhaus OA OAJ NF CAA	D	Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom
Coursing Ability Excellent 4	D'Mystics Recycled Love W. Nevar CAX4 BCAT	B	Linda Hurst & Ron Hurst
Canine Good Citizen	MACH PACH Classic Ike V Easentaigh VCD1 RAE2 MXS MJB MXP6 MXPS MJP4 MJPB PAX MXF XFP	D	Michelle Kiernan & Steve Winterbottom
Canine Good Citizen	CH Delarive Re Cher Che Rhapsody CGC	B	Marnell Lowe & Shelly Cunningham
Canine Good Citizen	Happy Trails Heaven's Missin' An Angel CGC	B	Susan Lustig
Canine Good Citizen	Skyline's Promise Kept Finn CGC	D	Mrs. Bonnie Prince Sawyer
Canine Good Citizen	Tanglewood's Chosen Assignment CGC	D	Patricia Cabrera & Jean Erath & Axel Cabrera
Canine Good Citizen Urban	GCH CH Skansen's Mistress Of Mayhem FDC CGCU	B	James Elliott & Julie Elliott
Therapy Dog Advanced	Jessee James Radinie THDA CGCA	D	Amanda Kost
Dock Master Advanced	Kenro's Lady Chatterley RN DE DMA CGC	B	Charles Lafferty & Loretta Lafferty & Robin J Greenslade



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Happy Father's Day