



The Bullshooter

Austin Bulldog Club

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AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companionship. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition

and the effort of competitors.

- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

The Bulldog Club of America also has a code of ethics as well and can be found at <http://www.thebca.org/> for those who want to review it. AKC's is incredibly similar to ours. Both are designed to be a guide to behavior for human beings and while there will always be those who do and those who don't adhere to these ethics I am happy to be a part of a club who does.

Responsible Pet Ownership Day

The Austin Bulldog Club will be participating in AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day September 16, 2006. The location will be the PetsMart at 12901 N. IH 35 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Educational materials will be handed out to the public. Further plans will be discussed and finalized at our August meeting.

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Editors Notes:

I want to apologize for missing a couple of months of newsletters. My life was so hectic with my preparations for both our show and my trip to Montana I had no time for anything else. Please enjoy Julie Patin's story about her trip to Montana.

I thought this month I would focus on the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. Not because I think that our club has any issues with sportsmanship but because there is so much dissention out in the show world, over the Internet and, I am sure, other places I don't see or know about. Our club, from my experience, just may be the exception.

Tom and I showed our first dog in 1980. A tri collie bitch that took reserve winners her first show. We
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had attended handling classes but going in the ring for the first time was different. Our judge, Council Parker, actually took Angel and showed Tom how to gait her. I have never seen a judge do that since. In 1990 we began with Rottweilers and attended more shows than we could count each year. In 1996 we got our first bulldog. This happened during our move from New Mexico to Texas, with me starting a new job, and Tom commuting over 2 states with his own company we did not have much time to show. Ace was different than other dogs in the ring. Back then short backed dogs were rare and I did not do well with his ears. He turned out to have wonderful collie ears.

I wish I had know about or been savvy enough to find the Austin Bulldog Club when we first moved here. Maybe Ace could have ended up with great bulldog ears instead. The Austin Bulldog Club has a wealth of experience available to all of us for the asking. Mentoring is one of the most important things any of us can do. We all started somewhere and we all have something to offer. It helps to have the guidance, experience and support of others as we travel this exciting, sometimes unsettling path.

**A VACATION TO REMEMBER
By Julie Patin**

Finishing a beloved bulldog is a joy that cannot be described. Combine that with two wonderful grandchildren and some of the most beautiful country on earth and that is how I spent the last two weeks of June 2006.

On June 17th at 6:00 a.m. I began my trip

to Montana with grandchildren Kayla and Devin and bulldogs Hudson and Blossom with the goal of getting a major win for Hudson, my beloved bulldog, so he could proudly have the coveted CH before his name. He would have eight chances to achieve this fete, three shows in Billings, two in Great Falls and the last three in Missoula, all strong five-point majors. We traveled to Canyon, Texas the first day where we camped out in a tent at Palo Duro Canyon, attended the play TEXAS and toured the beautiful canyon.

I had never been through Colorado and just the sight of the mountains to our left was a thrill. Going through Denver and seeing Mile High stadium, home of the Broncos, was exciting for my little grandson. We stopped for the night in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The next morning it was 50 degrees, wow what a change.

The first show was Tuesday morning in Billings with Don Rogers judging. As luck would have it Mister Man Hudson won Winners Dog and Best of Winners completing his championship at the first show! The pressure was off and the sight seeing begins.

Our first stop was Pictograph Cave State Park six miles south of Billings. It consists of three caves with pictographs dating over 2200 years on the ceiling and walls. Two of three caves contain evidence of habitation dating back over 4500 years ago.

Off to Little Big Horn Battlefield where we saw a live Calvary with General Custer riding across the open plain. Heard the story of the famous battle told so vividly by a young park ranger that you could feel the presence of the solders, Indians and their poor horses on the very ground where you were standing. Our next stop was Pompey's Pillar east of Billings. This is where the only physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition exists along this famous route. William Clark carved his name on the wall of this pillar along the Yellowstone River on the return trip. He named the sight after the young son of Sacagawea, his Indian guide. We climbed to where the signature is and the sight of the surrounding county and river was just beautiful.

After the dog show Thursday we left for Great Falls. Hudson moved up to Best of Breed competition after finishing. The competition was stiff but he did win Best of Opposite one of the two shows in Great Falls. I showed Blossom here and she received a reserve and a third.

We became tourist again each afternoon after the shows. Just so happens that the 200th anniversary of the Great Expedition of Lewis & Clark was going on in Montana while we were there. The Missouri River runs through Great Falls where Lewis & Clark had to go around the five falls on their journey. Kayla and Devin attended a day camp
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at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center where they learned about the expedition and put into practice some of the ways Lewis & Clark recorded their findings along the trail. We went on an exciting river raft ride down the Missouri past the Giant Springs, which is the largest spring in the world. Even went over a few rapids. Great fun!

The car ride to Missoula was very exciting. Around every curve and over every mountain there was another breath taking sight. We were in the Rocky Mountains. Crisp cool air, fragrant scents, and majestic trees in every shade of green. We pulled over at the Continental Divide just to take it all in. Went on a short hike on a trail we found going up, up, up. After climbing for about thirty minutes I decided we had gone far enough, didn't want to encounter a grizzly bear or something.

In Missoula we visited the Elk Museum where there was an exhibit of items, some original, taken on the Lewis & Clark expedition. It is a private collection and the owner and other volunteers dressed in period attire explained how life was on the trip and how the items were used. Lewis & Clark kept detailed records of every flower, bird, animal, soil, tree, everything they saw, and heard on their journey writing with a quill pen. Also, at this museum was an extensive display of Montana wildlife.

Our last stop in Missoula was Fort Missoula. This Fort was established in 1877 for protection in the event of a conflict with Indian tribes. It is best known for it's use during World War II as an alien detention center for

Italian men who were merchant seamen and World's Fair workers and Japanese- American men after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. There is a working sawmill, Steam Engine, Old Fire Tower, Military Museum, a barn, cabin, schoolhouse and church from the late 1800's. The main museum had many hands-on things the grandkids could do. Very nice place.

There were three dog shows in Missoula. Blossom placed second at the last two shows, losing to CH Appian Ways Fannie Mae in one of the largest classes in the show.

Our stay in Montana was over and we headed to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Our first stop in the park was the Grizzly Discovery Center where we learned about the cutthroat trout and saw live grizzly bears and wolves. We saw bison, coyote and elk on the drive to our cabin on the lake. We spent two days at Yellowstone and saw the canyon and giant waterfall, Old Faithful and the other geysers, mud pots and hot springs of many colors. I could write a book of what we experienced and we didn't get to see half of what is there. On our last night we went to a campfire and ranger talk on the eco system of Yellowstone.

All good things must end and so we began our trip home. We passed by the Grand Tetons and went through Jackson Hole which were both exciting to see. I will always remember my summer of 2006 and look forward to another dog show next summer. Let's see, where should I go? God Bless America, what a place!

Here are some useful and interesting websites.

Want to visit our website?
<http://austinbulldogclub.com/index.htm>

Want to visit the AKC?
<http://www.akc.org/>

Need to go to the BCA website?
<http://www.thebca.org/>

Need to make some fat balls:
<http://lowchensaustralia.com/sitemenu.htm>

Want to read about and see a lot of bulldogs?
<http://www.bulldogsworld.com/>

Want even more information?
<http://www.bulldoginformation.com/>

Shopping for Bulldog items:
<http://www.mostlybulldogstuff.com/>

Want to visit the dog show superintendents websites?

<http://www.onofrio.com/>

<http://www.jbradshaw.com/index.htm>

<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/showMain.htm>

Want to read the Canine Chronicle?
<http://www.caninechronicle.com/>

Want to research a pedigree?
<http://www.reliabull.com/html/pedigreesearch.html>

Do you know of more interesting websites? Let me know so we can share them.