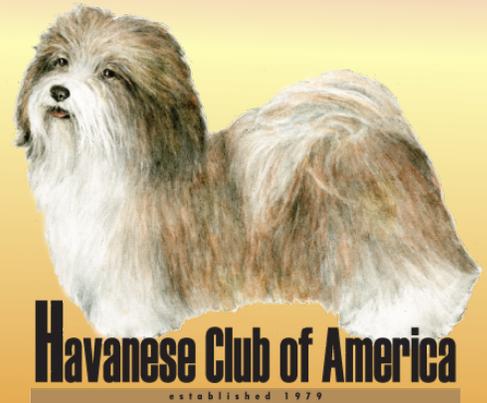


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FEATURE ARTICLE

Come Join Us in California!



Submitted by Cindy Lisai

Each year the Havanese Club of America hosts a National Specialty Show. This year we will be in the wonderful state of California, at the lovely San Mateo Marriott San Francisco Airport. The San Mateo Marriott is just ten minutes from San Francisco International Airport, with an hourly complimentary shuttle service. It is less than 30 minutes from the Golden Gate Bridge and centrally located near San Jose and San Francisco! (This is starting to sound like a great little vacation isn't it?)

The National Specialty is a wonderful experience for both exhibitor and spectator alike, and it can be especially educational to those new to the breed or to those simply considering the breed.

The National always proves to be one of the most exciting shows and largest Havanese gatherings of the year. This year, we are very excited to have a full schedule of events and we invite one and all to join us.

We have big plans for this specialty. Every year we try to bring something new to this event. This year we are planning our first Agility Trial, to be held on Wednesday of specialty week.

Havanese Club of America
2010 Havanese National Specialty,
San Mateo CA,
August 3-8, 2010

San Mateo Marriott® San Francisco Airport
1770 South Amphlett Blvd
San Mateo, California 94402 USA
phone 1-650-653-6000

Our schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday August 5
8:00 AM - Parades - Ring 1
8:00 AM - National Specialty Rally
followed by Obedience - Ring 2
10:00 AM - Regional Specialty - Ring 1

Friday August 6
8:00 AM - National Specialty Sweepstakes
12:30 PM - National Specialty Class Dogs

Saturday August 7
8:00 AM - National Specialty Parades
10:00 AM - National Specialty Class Bitches
National Specialty Veteran Dog and
Veteran Bitch Competition,
National Specialty Best of Breed
National Specialty Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Brace

For more information on the HCA National Specialty please visit us at <http://www.havanese2010.com/> or visit us at <http://www.havanese.org/>

We will look forward to meeting you there. We're going to HAV a blast!

FEATURE ARTICLE

Come and join the AKC across America!

A Public Invitation From the AKC as posted on AKC.org

2010 AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days

Submitted by Cindy Lisai

Dear Dog Lover:

While September seems far away, it's never too early for us to start helping you plan for an exciting "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days". In 2010, the program marks its eighth year and we encourage all AKC-affiliated clubs and dog-related organizations to hold a community event publicly promoting responsible dog ownership anytime during the month of September.

The AKC will be hosting its own flagship event in Raleigh, NC on Saturday, September 25, 2010. This event will highlight AKC programs and services that support responsible dog ownership and publicize to news media and the dog loving community that events are being held across the country by organizations such as yours. Last year, more than 550 dog clubs and organizations participated, reaching millions of dog lovers and potential pet owners through extensive media coverage.

Your participation will help this worthwhile program continue to gain momentum each year, benefiting dogs and dog owners everywhere!

More Information from the AKC as posted on AKC.org

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events are designed to be fun for the whole family. While each event is unique, all are entertaining and educational and may include demonstrations of many of the AKC activities that owners can engage in with their dogs, such as agility, obedience and rally. Attendees can speak one-on-one with experienced dog breeders and trainers, as well as veterinarians and technicians. Microchipping clinics are often offered at low cost to ensure that owners have the opportunity to permanently identify their dogs. The AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program sponsored by K9 Advantix allows well-behaved dogs to take a 10-step test and demonstrate the skills they have acquired.

Please visit the AKC official web site for further information on this nation wide event. To date the event location directory has 46 local and regional events listed from all over the country!

<http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/events/>



Photos Submitted by Laura Kane

HAVANESE ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable Question and Answer
Submitted by Patt McRae

Question: I hear Havanese are non-allergic. Given all the other positive things about the breed I am thinking about getting one for my family. Will they really affect my child's allergies?

Reply: First we need to clear up the issue of being non-allergenic. There is no such animal. Some breeds are hypo-allergenic meaning they create fewer problems for allergy sufferers because they 'blow coat' instead of leaving a thousand short hairs on your sofa, bed, etc. Blowing coat is much like we humans when we run the comb/brush thru our hair and leave a bunch in the comb/brush. The Havanese is one of these breeds but before you run out to find a breeder here are some things you should know that will require a commitment on your part.

First visit your allergist and discuss the levels of 'triggers' for the allergy sufferers in your home. If they are seasonal and environmental, then with some care you can probably have a Havanese in your home without too much problem. Here are some things you need to think about.

First, pick a 'safe' room for your allergy sufferers. I recommend that Fido/Fluffy not be permitted in the bedroom. Yes, I know the kids will howl and pup will sneak in there if given half a chance but it's not so enjoyable if puppy becomes one more 'trigger'. I strongly recommend crate training puppy so that it will become accustomed to the notion that some areas are just off limits.

Second, keep your puppy in a puppy cut and be prepared to bath puppy weekly. The rowdy family life means puppy and kiddoes will roll and play and that's great! But it also means all those environmental sources of allergies will be on pup's coat trailing thru the house. An addition or alternative is the product Dermapet D. Get a pair of cotton gloves and as the day winds down, spritz puppy and rub it over the coat. Do test it on a portion of puppy to see if there is any skin reaction.

Third, use an allergen free laundry detergent if you are not doing it already. Use this detergent to wash sheets, clothes and dog toys. I use All Allergen Free and that has served us well over the years.

What if my child has multiple allergies? I would suggest that you wait till your child is in mid teens before getting a dog so that you have a clearer idea of what triggers are and how the allergy situation has stabilized out over the years.

Can I come visit your house to see how my child reacts? No. First there is the issue of liability according to my lawyer since I'd be knowingly and deliberately placing a child with problems in a potentially threatening environment. Then there is the very human issue of the health of the child. I, like many folks with dogs, live in the country and do not keep epi-pens or anything of that nature around and emergency care is all volunteer.

A person with some level of allergies and mild triggers can keep a Havanese providing you are willing to put in the bit of extra work and approach I've described. For the serious allergy sufferer with severed and multiple 'trigger's, your allergist is probably right that a dog in the house should be considered when the sufferer is older.



Photo Submitted by Cindy Lisai

FEATURE ARTICLE

Swimming Pool Safety

(Source: Khuly, Patty: **Fully Vetted**, June 2007,

<http://www.petmd.com/blogs/fullyvetted/2007/june/swimming-pool-safety-sweet-summertime>)

Submitted by Paula Perlmutter

Photo Submitted by Lu Wyland



If you or someone you know has a swimming pool or lives or nearby watering hole, your dog is likely to take an interest too. Swimming, while a healthy and entertaining exercise for canines is not without its hazards. As responsible parents we need to remember that not all dogs take gracefully to the water. There are some dogs like geriatrics and epileptics who need special attention while poolside.

Pools can be as dangerous as they are fun. Many of us know someone who has experienced the tragedy of losing a dear family pet through drowning. My dogs seem to know pool rules instinctively, but it only takes a second for a dog to slip or fall into the pool, a tragedy that could have been prevented.

I spend time, each year, teaching my dogs to swim to a designated area where they can safely climb out of the pool. Aside from that, this column will discuss several products that are currently available and marketed for home-pool safety.

Safety fences: There are many versions of this child-safety product on the market. My vet says above ground fences are the ideal solution when the owner

can't be completely vigilant and are your safest bet. They run you \$400 to \$4000 depending on your pool's size and choice of materials. It will obstruct the view of your pool but it's proven and effective.

Underground fencing: This has worked well for some dog owners. The dog wears a collar that will emit a mild electric shock should they approach the pool's perimeter. However they can be expensive and stressful for your pet.

Dogs need to receive special training beforehand, and dogs will become shy of the "barrier line" at all times (although my friend's Jack Russell completely ignores the shock to chase ducks in the backyard lake). Invisible fences cost over \$1000. www.invisiblefence.com

PoolEye Invisible Pool Fence: It's like an invisible fence without the zap. It works to detect motion between four above-ground poles wired with LED technology and rings at a base station when a line of light is broken. The cost is \$699. www.pooleye.comswimming-pool-safety-sweet-summertime)

FEATURE ARTICLE

Swimming Pool Safety (continued)

Safety Turtle: This product is super cute and easy to use. It's effective and relatively expensive at \$99, and worth every penny. First marketed for children, this collar-attached device links to a base-station, that sets off an alarm when it hits the water. It works! It even rings when dogs drink sloppily. But this one requires that you be at home and in hearing distance to respond immediately. www.safetyturtle.com



Pool Patrol and Pool Guard Pool Alarm: Retailing at \$199 and \$179, respectively, these two water-displacement sensors will sound the alarm when something bigger than 15 pounds hits the water. But I'm not sure I'd trust it for any dog less than thirty pounds. (www.poolpatrol.com and www.poolguard.com)

Skamper-Ramp: This product is great for poolside fun when everyone's around and when your experienced swimmer starts to age. Dogs must be trained to use it so don't expect to throw it in and walk away. It's also no match for blindness or bulldog legs but for \$49 it's a great safety add-on for strong swimmers who may be losing their edge. (skamper-ramp.com)

PoolPup Dog Pool Steps: A competitor to the Skamper-Ramp but priced way above—at \$270. (poolpup.com)

Life vests: "Doesn't she look cute in it!" She'll be the hit of the party while guests mill around the pool at your weekend barbecue. This is the ideal time for a vest. Sure, everyone's there but no one's necessarily paying attention to her every move. And that's how it

happens. A vest does double-duty in dressing her up and allowing you to pay more attention to your guests. But never rely on it in unsupervised situations and always try it out in the water—does she float "head up" or does it dunk her head right in the drink?



These run about \$20 to \$50.

Pool nets and covers: Just say no—unless they can entirely support your dog's weight above the water line and won't leave him lingering in the sun until you get home.

Swimming school: Training to swim is a necessary adjunct for a lot of dogs. My Havanese have benefited from these treat-spiked sessions. If nothing else, it teaches them to stay even further away from the water-line (should they despise the experience). Talk to a trainer for tips and private lessons.



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Photos Submitted by Laura Kane

BOOK REVIEW

A PEDIGREE TO DIE FOR

by Laurien Berenson

Submitted by Jan Smith

In this, her first book in the series, we meet Melanie, a single mother tight on cash who helps her Aunt Peg find a missing champion poodle stud, Beau. Her uncle was found dead of an apparent heart attack in the kennel area, and when he was found, Beau was gone. Melanie's aunt is convinced that someone took the dog to use as a stud dog, and Melanie goes undercover at several dog shows to get information on the dog's whereabouts.

Through Laurien's books we understand the need to health test even what appears to be a healthy dog and the immense value of the testing to the offspring and breed. Without beating us over the head, Laurien gets a very valuable point across to her readers.

Laurien also gives you a hilarious account of what can go on behind the scenes of dog shows.

Laurien Berenson spent 15 years working on the Melanie Travis series that takes us through mystery, dog shows, romance, among other features. The books are a light and easy read starting with *A Pedigree To Die For* and culminating (sadly for those of us who love the series) with *Doggie Day Care Murder*.



NOW WE'RE COOKIN'

Chicken Stir Fry

Canine Cooking with Deb Dempsey

The American Dog Magazine

Summer 2010 Issue

Submitted by Cindy Lisai

2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breast meat, thinly sliced (diced for small dogs)

1 red bell pepper, sliced (diced for small dogs)

1 orange bell pepper, thinly sliced (diced for small dogs)

1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced (diced for small dogs)

2 small zucchini, thinly sliced (diced for small dogs)

1 cup green beans, roughly chopped (diced for small dogs)

1 cup mushrooms, sliced

1 Tbsp coconut oil

Heat coconut oil in skillet over medium/high heat. Stir fry chicken until cooked through. Add remainder of vegetables and stir fry until gently cooked yet still slightly crisp. Cool slightly before serving over the top of a high-quality kibble. Leftovers should be used within 3 - 4 days.

OH!

YOU DIRTY, DIRTY DOG!

Photos Submitted by Mary Ann Hopkins

FUN FOTOS FEATURE

Dirty Dogs of Summer!

Photos Submitted by Tim Meyer

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Photos Submitted by Anja van Haarlem

