



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS OF MARYLAND, INC.

Vol 2, Issue 2 – July 2020



The Maryland 442nd session of General Assembly
will convene in Annapolis, Maryland
January 13, 2021

On behalf of the RDO-MD Board of Directors we hope all our membership is staying safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic.

COME ZOOM WITH US!



**RDO-MD will be holding our Annual Meeting via Zoom on
Monday, July 20th, 8:00-9:00 p.m.**

AKC Government Relations is assisting setting up and inviting all of you to a Zoom meeting. If you do not already have ZOOM on your computer, please take a minute, and download it. If you cannot connect via a computer, laptop, iPad or any similar device, you can always call in to participate.

IMPORTANT! - You will receive a separate email inviting you to attend as well as providing additional Zoom instructions.

Plan to attend? - Please RSVP no later than Monday, July 13, 2020

Bekki Pina RDOOFMD@gmail.com (813)210-5133

Meet Charley Hall

Charley Hall is the newest member of the AKC Government Relations staff. As a Legislative Analyst/Community Outreach Coordinator, he will be based in Pennsylvania and serve five mid-Atlantic States: Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia. Charley will be responsible for monitoring legislation and regulations in the Mid-Atlantic and responding appropriately by supporting, opposing, or offering recommended changes to proposals to support the health, safety and welfare of all dogs. Additionally, he will be working with clubs and state federations in coordinating events that promote increased involvement at the grassroots level and encourage responsible dog ownership and humane treatment of all dogs.

Charley has 25 years of experience working for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and has been doing community outreach for over 30 years. For the past 14 months, Charley has had the joy of taking care of his daughter's Boston Terrier, Sam, until she was able to get completely settled in Arlington, Virginia.

Charley Hall

charles.hall@akc.org

919-816-3348

919-816-3971

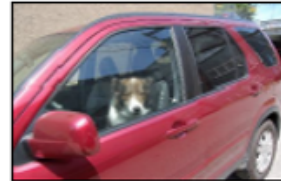


Charley Hall will join us on ZOOM, Monday, July 20th



Dogs in Hot Cars!

We have all heard the warning, “*NEVER leave a dog alone in a parked car in warm weather,*” but every Spring and Summer dogs suffer and die in vehicles that become ovens in a matter of minutes. If it’s warm or hot, *leave your dog at home!*



It is scary to see just how fast our dogs, or in fact, any animal, child or person, could suffer in a hot car, even with the **WINDOW OPEN!** To answer how fast, take a look at the table below. Your vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that will put your pet at risk of serious illness or even death on a day that doesn’t seem so terribly hot and cracking windows does nothing to make a difference.

Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature vs. Elapsed Time:

<i>Elapsed Time</i>	<i>Outside Air Temperature (F)</i>					
0 Minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 Minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 Minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 Minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 Minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 Minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 Minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138
>1 Hour	115	120	125	130	136	140

Source: Department of Geosciences, San Francisco State University

From AKC Government Relations

COVID-19 Related Items of Interest: AKC GR has been continuously providing updates to the status of state legislatures and reopening plans for states, and legislation regarding liability protections for individuals and enterprises as they re-open. All of this resides on the COVID-19 Key Issues page on the AKC GR Legislative Action Center, www.akcgr.org. (Note: this is a different address than AKC.org)

- [Overview of Current COVID-19 Liability Legislation Daily Report](#)
- [State Reopening and Status of Pet Care Services, Updated Daily](#)
- [Status of Legislatures Impacted by COVID-19, Updated Daily](#)

AKC GR has been working with members of congress, state legislators, and allied organizations to advocate for temporary, targeted liability protections for enterprises, including clubs, that seek to get back into operation as quickly as possible. As with small businesses, if somebody claimed they caught COVID-19 as a result of an interaction at an AKC event, the cost of defending against even a frivolous lawsuit could be disastrous for a club.

Trending Legislation: *Prohibiting Breeders from Involvement with Rescue.* AKC GR has been following and educating about a troublesome new type of bill that prohibits breeders from having a relationship with rescue organizations. In some states, the shortage of purpose-bred pets, and laws requiring pet shops to participate only in the sale of rescue dogs has meant that pet shops do not have puppies to showcase or sell. As a result, some irresponsible breeders have selling puppies they bred to pet shops or retail rescues operating out of pet shops as “rescue dogs.” This has resulted in the introduction of laws prohibiting breeders from having any relationship with rescues. This could create significant problems for AKC clubs who have a long history of breed rescue and provide breed specific resources and assistance to responsible rescues. It also undermines the reputation and value of parent club breed rescues who have long been leaders in responsible breed rescue. AKC is working to educate legislators about the value of AKC club breed rescue and differentiate between AKC breed rescue and irresponsible retail rescues.



Maryland outlaws several different ways of mistreating animals, including neglect, cruelty, abandonment, and not providing needed vet treatment. Here are two of them.

Abandoning Animals Animal owners or custodians may be guilty of a misdemeanor for abandoning their animals by leaving them on a road, in any other public place, or on private property. (Md. Code, Crim. Law, § 10-612.)

Dog owners in Maryland could be guilty of a misdemeanor for leaving their animals tethered or chained outside under certain conditions.

Tethering Dogs Outdoors

Dog owners in Maryland could be guilty of a misdemeanor for leaving their animals tethered or chained outside if:

- the dog’s movement is unreasonably limited
- the dog cannot get to enough clean water or appropriate shelter
- the conditions are unsafe or unsanitary
- the collar is too small or mostly made of metal, or
- the dog is injured because of the restraint.

Know a MD Legislator that is supporting our mission?

RDO-MD wats to know about them. Send to Bekki Pina, kaije1127@yahoo.com

A law may be good on the surface. But how will those enforcing a law or regulation be interpreting it? This is how overreach happens.

Do you know the signs of heatstroke in Dogs?

Heavy panting is the first sign of heatstroke in dogs followed by huffing and puffing, a staring expression, warm dry skin, failure to respond to his/her name, rapid heartbeat, profuse salivation, vomiting, or collapse.



If left untreated your dog will become unconscious and die. If your dog should become overheated, you must take measures to cool him or her and lower his or her body temperature immediately. Here are some things you should do!

Move your dog to a cool place.

Move your dog out of the sun

Give your dog water

Immerse your overheated dog in cool, not cold water

Gently pour water on your dog.

Place ice packs on your dog's head and neck.

Place a fan in front of your dog to aid evaporation.

See a veterinarian, but only after you cool your dog.

Important! During a heat wave never walk a dog mid-day. Also skip long walks altogether or limit walks and outdoor exercise to late evening for any dog, young or old.

What about swimming?

While it is true that most dogs can swim, some dogs are initially afraid of water and some dogs will never like swimming and water activities. If your dog doesn't jump right in or seem afraid of the water at first, let him or her get used to it gradually. Never throw a nervous, inexperienced swimmer in the water. With gentle encouragement most dogs will soon realize that they can "do the doggie paddle" quite well.



"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole"

Roger Caras



ATTENTION RDO-MD MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUE - July 1, 2020

Please go to the RDO-MD website to renew:

<http://responsibledogownersofmaryland.org/product/rdom-renewal/>

Any questions, or if you do not want to renew online, please contact membership chair: Bekki Pina, RDOOFMD@gmail.com (813)210-5133

2020-2021 RDO-MD Officers & Directors

President	Mary Lou Olszewski
Vice President	Hal Happersett
Treasurer	Martin Del Prince
Recording Secretary	Kelly Edwards
Corresponding Secretary	Bekki Pina
Director	Corissa Fanning
Director	Alisa Matricciani



RDOOFMD@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RDOofMD/>

www.responsibledogownersofmaryland.org