

# MEETING NOTICE

Oct 2, 2005  
5:00 PM

## Pot Luck

*(Call Dawn to plan what to bring)*

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at Arizona Traditions  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
623-556-4712

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## America gripped by deadly dog flu that has left pet-lovers in fear

By Leonard Doyle  
Published 26 September 2005

Norma and Harvey Sheer checked their two pet English springer spaniels into Best Friends kennel before leaving New Jersey to go on holiday two weeks ago.

When they got home their dogs were coughing uncontrollably and showing signs of a new and potentially deadly strain of species-hopping influenza that is terrifying American pet owners.

The dog flu is spreading like wildfire from greyhound tracks to kennels to grooming parlours. Even taking the dog for a walk in the park is a risky activity.

The virus has mutated from a strain of influenza that cripples horses and has killed racing greyhounds in seven states. The illness starts by mimicking the common kennel cough. Many animals develop pneumonia, with sometimes deadly complications.

Cynda Crawford, an immunologist at the University of Florida, says it spreads most easily where dogs are housed together, but it can also be passed on the street, in dog runs or even by a human transferring it from one dog to another. Kennel workers seem to be spreading the virus by carrying it home with them, she said.

Dr Crawford first investigated greyhound deaths at a racetrack in Florida, where eight of the 24 greyhounds who contracted the virus died.

"This is a newly emerging pathogen," she said, "and we have very little information to make predictions about it. But I think the fatality rate is between one and 10 per cent."

The canine flu, for which there is not yet a vaccine, is causing pandemonium among dog owners, who find they can no longer simply drop off the dog with the walker and assume the best.

"I've been telling any client of mine who boards their dog to be very careful," said Russell Katz, a New York vet, who has treated at least five dogs with symptoms of the virus.

Responding to the nerviness of New York pet owners, Dr Katz is telling them that before taking their pets to grooming parlours or dog playgrounds, they should "ask questions of other owners about whether their dogs have been kennelled". But even this level of caution is probably pointless, as dogs do not have any natural immunity to this illness.

"It will be impossible for anyone to have a normal life with a dog and avoid any contact with this virus," Dr Katz told The New York Times, to the dismay of countless dog-owners.

In his own practice, Dr Katz says, any dogs with a cough were made to wait outside the

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## English Setter Club of Phoenix September 12, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Pat Martin at the home of Emily and Dennis Sundie at 4:55 PM. Attending were Dawn Ronyak, Lanore Matter, Karen and Pat Martin, Marianne Waterman, Kay and Don Hume and Emily and Dennis Sundie. Motion was made by Karen to except the May minutes as published in the September Newsletter. Motion was seconded by Emily. Motion passed.

### Officer's reports

**President's report:** Pat hoped everyone had enjoyed the summer but was very glad that the monsoon season appeared to be over. Rescue was their main endeavor over the summer. Pat announced that Marcy Buccanan had moved to New Hampshire and resigned her position as VP. Per the Club's by-laws the board was now required to appoint her replacement. Kay Hume's volunteered to assume the position. The board voted to accept Kay to finish out the 2005 as VP.

**VP's report:** None

**Secretary's report:** Lanore indicated that she had file folders with information on the PAWS (Pet Animal Welfare Statue of 2005) and Katrina Animal Rescue groups. The Katrina literature lists all the different groups that are attempting to

do rescue Katrina work. The PAWS legislation is an effort to revise the Animal Welfare Act governed by the USDA that has been on the books for 30 some years. Objective of the change is to improve the regulations that govern "puppy mill" type organizations. There is a huge debate on going over this legislation. Lanore indicated she was unsure whether the PAWS legislation was beneficial or not. Please review the folders if you want.

**Treasurer's report:** As reported by Karen as of 9/12/05: Balance on the club savings account was \$3157.76 and checking was \$1399.76. The most recent activity on the account was Hunt Test application fees and rescue costs.

**ESAA Report:** Dawn reported results from ESAA officer elections. MA Samuelson was elected as North Pacific VP; all other positions stayed the same.

She gave Pat a copy of ESAA's proposed rescue guidelines and asked him to please review them. ESAA is donating \$1000 from the general fund to "Take The Lead" to help individuals involved in the dog arena needs due to the Katrina disaster. She also mentioned that Lanore and she had been asked to be trophy chairmen for the 2006 Garden Specialty held in February before Westminster.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Lanore motioned that Santry Elmer's application for membership be accepted. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn. Motion passed. Lanore indicated that she had misplaced Santry's email address to remind him of today's meeting. Pat indicated he would forward it. Tracy Wile's application was discussed and due to some discrepant information it was decided to postpone it until Tracy could be present.

**Rescue Report:** Pat reported that the Club would continue to work with ACES in Marcy's absence. He asked if anyone had heard of an organization called "Save Our Setters". No one had. Pat and Karen had recently placed a bench English setter female that was found near South

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Membership applications for the ESCPhx are available from any board member.

## Lucky puppy survives after swallowing 13-inch knife

**Veterinarian overcomes shock and removes blade surgically from voracious Saint Bernard**

By Robert Nolin

Staff Writer

Posted September 24 2005

In a cabinet atop Jane Scarola's fridge, securely wrapped in a towel, lies a 13-inch serrated knife, the kind that cuts metal and concrete in those TV ads, that never needs sharpening.

The blade's current resting place is far preferable to its previous one: The stomach of Scarola's mischievous Saint Bernard puppy, Elsie.

The knife remained undetected in Elsie's gut for about four days until her distraught owner sought the aid of a vet who, once he overcame his disbelief, surgically removed it.

"I'm surprised she's alive," said a relieved Scarola.

The 43-year-old Plantation woman noticed her six-month-old pup seemed depressed Tuesday. That night, Elsie trembled on the kitchen floor. Scarola took herto the Imperial Point Animal Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, where veterinarian Jon-Paul Carew, baffled by Elsie's distress, ordered up some X-rays.

He couldn't believe what he saw. "I was just flabbergasted," Carew said. "I thought it was some kind of joke."

There was the knife, lodged between Elsie's esophagus and stomach. The puppy had swallowed it handle first. The only safe way to remove the blade was to cut open Elsie's belly, which Carew did the next morning in a two-hour operation.

"I've taken other things out of dogs, like shish kebab skewers, toys, small utensils, but never a blade," he said.

After plenty of antibiotics and intravenous feeding, Elsie was ready Thursday morning to go home to Scarola, her four teens and husband. "She was bright and alert, eating well, a goofy little puppy," the vet said.

Scarola said she had used the knife to carve a turkey last Saturday, and placed it on her counter far from the edge. Still, Elsie or one of Scarola's

other dogs — four Saint Bernards, a German shepherd and a Labrador — must have somehow fetched it away.

"She wants to eat everything and anything," said Scarola, who now keeps close watch on the pet's diet. Elsie's only memento is an 8-inch scar. Scarola has a vet bill of nearly \$1,700 — and the culprit knife.

"I'm going to frame it and give it to Dr. Carew," Scarola said. "He should hang it. Everybody should know what puppies are capable of putting down their throats."



## The challenge is on!

All clubs have been challenge by the other English Setter Club to create a basket to be included in the raffle at the National. We have accepted this challenge and are working to create a fun and memorable Arizona basket.

We are looking for non-perishable food items and small souvenirs that represent our Southwestern lifestyle.

We have a large basket (16x21x12) and many good ideas coming from the membership. We will be gather all the items at the meeting and putting the finishing touches on the basket. All proceeds form the raffle of the state baskets will benefit ESAA Rescue and relief efforts from the recent hurricanes.

If you would like to assist, bring your item to the meeting this weekend. If you can not attend, you can still help. We need cash donations to buy additional items and to pay for the shipping of the basket to National. All surplus funds will be donated to aid in Rescue and Hurricane assistance.

If you have an idea for the basket, please send your ideas to Pat Martin (email [azsetters@earthlink.net](mailto:azsetters@earthlink.net) or phone 480-948-103)