



Absecon Veterinary Hospital Client Newsletter

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GRATITUDE & GRACE – COURAGEOUS GOODWILL

JOIN OUR AVH FAMILY ON FACEBOOK

MEET OUR PAWS OF HONOR DOGS

The goal of Paws of Honor (POH) is to provide veterinary care and products at no charge* for retired military and law enforcement K-9's across America that have served our country, locally or globally.

Absecon Veterinary Hospital was chosen by Paws of Honor to provide the much-needed medical treatment to these retired military heroes in our area. AVH is one of only a few identified treatment facilities partnering with the POH non-profit organization. You can learn more about the POH organization or make a tax-deductible donation at www.pawsofhonor.org.

Currently, AVH has the honor of serving three Paws of Honor Heroes, and we anticipate the opportunity to include many more of these dogs in our AVH family. Pictured are the dogs in order of acceptance into the program:



Rika



Dozer



Ciko

Featured Breed:

German Shepherd Dog



CONFIDENT, COURAGEOUS, & SMART

The German Shepherd is a breed of medium to large-sized working dog that originated in Germany. In the English language, the breed's officially recognized name is German Shepherd Dog.

Life expectancy: 9 – 13 years

Origin: Germany

Weight: Male: 66–88 lbs (30–40 kg),
Female: 49–71 lbs (22–32 kg)

Temperament: Obedient, Intelligent, Curious, Loyal, Alert, Confident, Watchful, Courageous

Colors: Black, Black & Tan, Sable, Red & Black, Grey, Black & Silver

Height: Male: 24–26 inches (60–65 cm),
Female: 22–24 inches (55–60 cm)

Happy
Thanksgiving

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE PATIENT WITH US DURING CURBSIDE SERVICE, NEW PROGRAMS, AND OUR MANY CHANGES!



Check out our new Resource Library, How To Videos, and Community Partnerships pages on our website:
<https://abseconvet.com>
Click the Resource Tab



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET AND YOURSELF ON OUR GROUNDS AND IN OUR PARKING LOT INCLUDING PET WASTE, CIGARETTE BUTTS AND TRASH.



FEATURED FOR ADOPTION!



Meet Thor! Thor is a very gentle, easy-going Pyrenees. NYS Registered Rescue # RR102. View full listing, fee and online application at www.nationalpyr.org/rescue-dogs (For more information you can call 877-739-3582 or email renpyrgroup@yahoo.com). Thor is currently being fostered in Brigantine.



Upcoming Contests & Discounts

PHOTO CONTEST

ANNOUNCING OUR HOLIDAY PET PHOTO CONTEST!

Get your cameras ready and start snapping those Pet Photos! One pet from each AVH client household is eligible to enter in three categories:

- “WHATCH YOU LOOKIN AT?”
- “YOU LOOKIN AT ME?”
- “WHAT DID YOU DO?”

Three winners from each category will win a Canvas Photo of your pet and an additional Canvas Photo of winning pets will be featured in each

of our newly renovated Treatment Rooms.

The Contest begins on Friday, November 26th and runs through noon on December 24th. Photos will be judged by Elaina Maze from Paws of Honor. Photos need to be uploaded to **PETS AT AVH** on Facebook.



**BLOOD BANK
IS YOUR DOG...**

- ✓ **Between 55 and 150 pounds?**
- ✓ **In excellent health?**
- ✓ **Between the ages of 1 and 6 years old?**

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ALL OF THESE THEN SIGN UP TO DONATE BLOOD!

Each unit of donated blood helps to save a life of one, two, or three critically ill dogs. Many dogs require a blood transfusion to survive during surgery, following trauma, or when they are suffering from anemia or bleed disorders such as hemophilia.

Visit :

**abseconvet.com/blood-bank/
to learn more and sign-up!**

CALL FOR PICTURES

If you would like to have pictures of your pets included in future newsletters and on social media, please email them to hospital@abseconvet.com and include the pets name, owner's name, pets age, and a few lines of information about the pet.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BOARDING SERVICES FOR EXTENDED STAY AND DAY CARE!



**AVH STAFF
HARD AT WORK!**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!**CANINE GOOD CITIZEN
CERTIFICATION**

by PetMed

Do you have a dog that excels at all forms of training? Do you want something to show for your dog's abilities? Are you interested in showing off your dog's talents? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may be interested in getting your dog certified as a Canine Good Citizen (CGC).

Once it passes the CGC test, your dog is certified as a well-behaved animal in the community and in-home environments. Many training schools offer CGC training, and a good number of specialty dog clubs offer the certificate. But before you sign up, you should first learn a bit about this certification.

The CGC is a program developed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) to recognize and reward "responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs." In addition to receiving a from the AKC, the dog is automatically recorded in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen archive.

To receive a CGC certificate, your dog must pass a 10-part test.

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger. This test demonstrates that the dog can be still and not break position when a friendly stranger approaches the handler. The dog must then speak with the handler and shakes his or her hand, all while the handler gives the dog minimal attention.

Test 2: Sitting politely for a petting. This test demonstrates that the dog will stand in place, without fear or resentment, and allow a friendly stranger to touch and pet it while it is out with its handler.

Test 3: Appearance and grooming. There are two aspects of this test. First, the evaluator checks the dog to see whether it is well groomed and healthy. Second, the dog is tested on its compliance during physical examinations or grooming.

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead). This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog, and that the dog is attentive to all of the handler's moves, even when walking on a loose lead.

Test 5: Walking through a crowd. This test demonstrates that the dog is under control and can be walked on a leash, or in a public place with humans close by, without getting over-excited or straining at its lead.

Test 6: Sit and down on command and staying in place. This test demonstrates that the dog has been trained and will respond to the handler's commands: "sit" or "down." The dog must then remain in place until the handler releases it by command.

Test 7: Coming when called. As the name suggests, this test demonstrates that the dog will come to the handler when he calls.

Test 8: Reaction to another dog. This test demonstrates that the dog can behave appropriately when it is around other dogs, maintaining a neutral stance.

Test 9: Reaction to distraction. This test demonstrates that the dog does not panic or get aggressive when faced with common distractions, such as items being dropped or people running.

Test 10: Supervised separation. This test demonstrates that the dog can be left with a trusted person while its handler is away, without getting overly anxious.

If your dog passes these tests, it is eligible to receive a Canine Good

Citizen certificate from the American Kennel Club. The cost of entering this program is minimal, though you should check on the current rates before you decide.

There are two well-known CGC training and testing centers in NJ:

Wonder Dogs, W. Berlin, NJ 856-767-6464 www.wonderdogs.com

On Command Dog Training, Woolwich Twp, NJ 856-912-3531 www.oncommanddog.com

PETS FROM OUR PARKING LOT**Lucas****Max**