



## 4-PAWS UP ~ for the K9 College!

### The K9 College Cruise Receives Rave Reviews

The **K9 College Cruise** returned from it's 4th annual sailing in April with rave reviews from the K9 cruisers.

The K9 College Cruise is an educational event sponsored by the Lancaster Kennel Club, Lancaster, PA. Throughout the cruise, seminars at sea are conducted by a faculty of experts that look like the "Who's Who of Dogdom!"

It's the only event of it's kind to feature so many world-renowned speakers, all in one place, at one time. And unlike typical seminars, the speakers don't go home when the seminars are over! K9 cruisers have the opportunity to meet and mingle with the faculty and with fellow K9 cruisers from all across the United States, Canada and abroad throughout the 8-day cruise.

Each year, seminars include a broad range of K9 topics that are of particular interest to breeders, exhibitors, judges, handlers, and dog sport enthusiasts. This year's faculty and seminars included:

#### **Dr. Roger Abrantes**

- Understanding K9 Language
- The Brave New World of Dog Training

#### **Kaye Ames**

- Maximize Your Puppy's Potential
- Bach Flower Essences

#### **Dr. Carmen Battaglia**

- Breeding Better Dogs
- Puppies and Development

#### **Myra Savant-Harris**

- Whelping & Neonatal Intensive Care

#### **Pat Hastings**

- The Puppy Puzzle
- Tricks of the Trade

#### **Dr. Robert Van Hutchison**

- K9 Reproduction
- K9 Pediatrics

#### **Dr. Gerald Post**

- Combating K9 Cancer

#### **Michelle Sevigny**

- K9 First Aid

#### **Corky Vroom**

- Beating the Pros!



K9 Cruisers chat with Pat Hastings at the K9 Cocktail Party.

### A Fun-Filled Schedule of K9 Events!

In addition to the seminars, the K9 College Cruise includes a schedule packed full of K9 events:

- The **Breeder's Symposium** is a round-table discussion between breeders and the faculty. It provides a wonderful opportunity for breeders to exchange their experiences with other breeders and get advice from experts on any breeding issues.
- The **Judge/Exhibitor Workshop** is an open dialog and exchange between an international panel of judges and exhibitors. Thought-provoking discussion offers new perspectives on a variety of issues.
- The **K9 Fashion Show** is a delightful event that is presented by Wendy Engel, of B-Unique. K9 cruisers and faculty model exquisite fashions and accessories designed for dog owners and customized for specific breeds.
- The **K9 Cocktail Party** gives everyone a chance to Meet 'n Mingle. K9 cruisers always find someone on-board with the same breed or K9 interest and lasting friendships are "whelped" ..

## Dog Show at Sea!

### The K9 College Donates to "Take the Lead"

The **Dog Show at Sea** is a fundraising event that's conducted each year during the K9 College Cruise. Photos of participants' dogs are on display throughout the week and cruisers cast votes for the most coveted title at sea, **BIS ~ that's Best-in-Ship!**

Voting is done with money; group and BIS winners are determined by the amount of money donated for each dog. The owner of the Best-in-Ship dog has the honor of designating the K9 charity to receive all proceeds from the fundraiser.

On the last night of the cruise, the Dog Show at Sea ceremony is held. K9 cruisers delight as they watch their dogs dance across the giant screen in the ship's big theater. Group Winners and the BIS ribbons and awards are presented by faculty members.

This year's BIS winner was Michelle Tinker, a Great Dane breeder from New Hampshire. The BIS ribbon and handmade Amish Quilt were presented to Michelle by Sue Vroom, AKC Field Representative. Michelle designated "Take the Lead" as the recipient for this year's donations in the amount of \$3,651. "Take the Lead" is a non-profit organization which provides direct services, support and care for people in the sport of purebred dogs who suffer the devastation of life-threatening or terminal illness.



Mrs. Carmen Battaglia presides over voting for the Dog Show at Sea.



AKC Field Rep Sue Vroom (left) presents the 2008 BIS awards to Michelle Tinker.



### K9 College Honors the Senior Class of 2008

The K9 College Senior Class of 2008 was honored during graduation ceremonies.

Twenty-two members of the senior class (including Cypress, a service dog) received graduation hats and ribbon awards for having completed four consecutive years on-board the K9 College Cruise.

And they all say they'll be back again in 2009 for post-graduate studies!

### 2009 K9 College Cruise

Reservations for the 2009 K9 College Cruise are now being accepted. Details for next year's event can be found at:

[www.k9collegecruise.com](http://www.k9collegecruise.com)  
800-979-8687