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NEXT MEETING DATE:

August 9

**Fairview Park, Normal
Meeting at 8 PM following the
7 PM picnic**

Meetings are held the second
Tuesday in the months of
February, April, June, August,
October and December

**Deadline for *Sentinel* submissions:
The last week of the month
prior to the Club meeting.**

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Delegate News, June meeting

A new title has been created and is open to all AKC dogs – The **THD** – The AKC Therapy Dog. This suffix title will reward dogs and their owners that have provided on-going community service to help improve the well-being of others. The title will be open to all AKC dogs that have completed a series of criteria. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating organization and must perform a minimum of 50 documented community service visits.

To obtain this title, the owner must complete an application, available on the AKC website. The program will accept documentation of community service visits from January 1, 2000 on.

Earning a THD title also builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizenship programs.

Participation in many (not all) AKC events has increased thus far in 2011. In the first year of the Grand Champion program, the entries in Specialty Shows (May 2010-May 2011) jumped 58,000. Based on an average entry fee of \$30, the Grand Champion program has provided at least \$1.7 Million to the conformation clubs and has intrigued many to continue exhibiting their champions.

The AKC **Gazette** will no longer be in print. Beginning in October 2011, this publication will be available only by e-subscription. Subscriptions and advertising revenues have declined in the last several years, so this digital edition was a financial decision. **AKC Family Dog** will still be in print as well as available for download from the AKC site.

Group 5 and Group 6 placement discussion was eliminated from the June Delegate meeting while the Board waits for more input from the Dog Show Rule Committee.

Reserve Best in show and all the factors pertaining to the award will be voted on at the next Delegate meeting in September.

AKC CAR recently donated \$340,000 to canine search and rescue groups around the country.

AKC Car's Canine Support and Relief Fund has been helping with funds and supplies for areas affected by spring storms/floods.

The AKC Car Canine Support and Relief Fund urges all Clubs to keep them in mind when donating to worthy causes.

**As a service to Clubs, Judges will now have the opportunity to list their
judging fee on the AKC Online Directory.**



Legislation News – Kay Richardson, AKC Legislative liaison

AKC
MA House Bill 1023
July 18, 2011

A Massachusetts legislative committee is considering House Bill 1023. This bill will significantly change the definition of kennel to encompass training facilities **or any dog event with more than 12 dogs**. All those meeting the criteria would now be required to comply with all state and local licensing and other regulations currently reserved for large kennels.

*“This would mean that **any daytime activity** where more than twelve dogs are present (**including dog shows, training facilities, companion events, etc.**) would now be considered a kennel and required to comply with all state and local kennel licensing regulations.”*

AKC will continue to closely monitor this legislation.

AKC
Ohio House Bill 14
Ohio Update: House Passes Bill to Repeal BSL (Breed Specific Language)
June 29, 2011

Representatives passed House Bill 14 which removes the breed-specific language that has been law in Ohio for the last 20 years.

This bill modifies the state’s dangerous dog laws by clarifying the difference between dangerous and vicious dogs, and will add a classification for **“nuisance dog”**.

Ohio is currently the only state to have enacted statewide BSL. The current law states that if a dog “belongs to a breed that is commonly known as a pit bull”, then it is automatically considered vicious.

AKC
RI Restrictive Dog Ownership Bill
House Bill 5690
June 17, 2011

The Rhode Island House Committee is considering a bill that would, among other provisions, make it illegal to allow your dog to **play in a fenced-in backyard** for more than one hour without providing an outdoor shelter. This bill will allow the local SPCA to enter private property without notice or a warrant to examine dogs and enforce the law. *(What the heck is this????!! – kk)*

AKC encourages the humane treatment of animals, but feels that House Bill 5690 violates the rights of responsible owners without protecting the welfare of dogs.

Kay Richardson
CBKC

Thank you, Kay, for your diligence in following these bills and reporting to us. Will these people never stop!???

I’m seeing an 8th Group –The Nuisance Group! Kk

“Look beyond the differences and find a way to walk the path together”



June 14, 2011 – General Meeting

Meeting called to order with 16 members present. Roll taken. One Guest, Linda Larsen was introduced. Minutes from April 12, 2011 read. Kay Richardson moved to approve as read. Bill Fryers seconded, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Huff moved to approve as read. Kathy Karl seconded, motion approved.

President's Report – July 25 the Heartland Class (What Breed is Right for You) we are helping with will begin. Potential date for Canine Health Fair is Saturday, September 24. Will look into offering the following types of activities: K-9 Demos, Arson Dogs, Microchipping, Search/Rescue demos, Performance Demos, Meet Breeds, Healthy Diets, ear cleaning, nail clipping, etc. Notify Bruce Peterson if you are interested in this activity. Kay Richardson and Carrie Cowles will work on finding a location. Allison Trainer will work on vendors, Penny Duffee, Micro Chipping with Nancy Petersen. Joel Haefner, Legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Is meeting June 15, 2011 with Cregg Myatt, the Investment Advisor along with Bruce Petersen and Martin Belcke.

Show – Overall, the Shows were a success. Many Thanks to all!

Match Committee – 121 Entries with 49 Breeds represented.

CERF – 107 examinations were conducted (Micro Chip Clinic – Consider adding for next year)

2011 **Judges Selection** – Hiring of Judges for next year and beyond is underway.

Legislative – Updates are in the newsletter. Karan Kilgus is the IL-FDOC Liaison

Trophies – Well received. Gas Card was given for those returning a survey. The results of the survey will be used to make improvements in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Preliminary Show Report Income of \$55,701.75, Expenses of \$49,415.13. Net Income \$6,286.62

We have received an invoice for the annual AKC Canine Health Foundation Membership for \$200.00. Bill Fryers moved to remit payment for membership. Cynthia Huff seconded, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burge, Secretary

Board Report – July, 2011

The Finance Committee presented a report of what has happened with the market the past 2+ years and an analysis of how we could have managed the portfolio more advantageously. Plans are under way to adapt how we react to market changes in the future.

Canine Health Fair – Upon further reflection the liability of this concept of inviting the general public to bring dogs to an event of this nature may put us at great risk. Thus, we will look to add more public service type offerings when space is available at our Shows.

The Board has made the following appointments:

2012 Show Chair – Kay Richardson

Cluster Committee – Penny Duffee and David Lander will continue and have 1 year remaining on their terms. Two other members to be determined shortly.

Judges Selection Committee – Rod Vance will be chair with the following members assisting: Cynthia Huff, Linda Vance, Kay Richardson, Lee Assam, Nancy Petersen.

In 2004, a lab at a Texas university received a \$6 million federal grant
To breed radioactive armadillos for
Possible use in warfare.

HUH??

Limited Registrations:

I recently noted this quotation from an e-list:

*"If you want your breed to be represented by GOOD dogs, **you're** going to have to produce them. OR you're going to have to **make it possible** for your puppy buyers to produce them."*

What we thought was a good practice in the past might not be today. If you use the full litter AKC application and register each puppy in a litter to yourself, at least you know you are fulfilling the registration process that allows AKC to survive. You can check the proper box as to whether or not you'd like each individual puppy to enjoy full or limited registration (limited - registered and counted toward breed number, but not allowed to be bred unless you as the breeder, submit the form to change to unlimited registration).

If you do **not** use the full litter application, then you receive the regular papers showing the *litter* has been registered, but each individual puppy must still be registered by the new buyer. Why should they register a puppy if it has limited registration? Just to be able to choose a fancy name? Most people purchasing a puppy just want to know it is AKC registered.....the litter has been registered by the breeder, so why do anything more? Of course, a puppy registered on an AKC full litter registration, even tho' limited, can still be registered, after transfer to the new owner, in another registry. Breeding rights won't be questioned.

What are your feelings and practices regarding limiting registration of puppies in your litters? Kk



**"Old age means realizing you will never own all the dogs you wanted to."
~Joe Gores**

Sportsmanship Revisited by Gregory Alden Betor

(I have condensed this article due to available space – kk)

After my blurb on sportsmanship recently (**American Cattle Dog Spotlight magazine – April 2011**), I received a couple of e-mails that asked specifically, "What part does the judge play in the sportsmanship in pure bred dogs?"

We all know, and most of us accept, that the judge is the "king" of his ring. He/She is the absolute arbitrator; he/she dictates how the ring is run and how the exhibitors are to perform to permit the evaluation of their exhibits. He/she may excuse any exhibitor from the ring for whatever reason he/she deems necessary. This ranges from disqualifying an exhibit that has a disqualifying fault according to the breed standard to excusing for poor sportsmanship. No other opinion is required, just that of the judge.

In view of this, sportsmanship on the part of the judge is at least as important as that of the exhibitor both inside and outside the ring.

Sportsmanship relies on actions but it also relies on appearances! The dog show judge must be as Caesar's wife above suspicion. Sportsmanship does not demand that one ignore old friends ... only that the old friends renew or continue the friendships at the appropriate time and place. And the appropriate time and place is not in the ring while one is adjudicating the classes nor at the gate to the ring immediately before the judging is to begin!!!

Good sportsmanship on the part of the judge requires that he/she be aware of what is going on in his/her ring. If someone new to the sport is in the ring and the newness is shown by their actions, the judge should be aware of the situation. No time limit is so inflexible that a few seconds can't be taken to put the person at ease; to explain clearly what is required at that particular time, as well as the best way to perform the required action.

How many time have you been at a show where ringside loudly applauded and cheered for a particular entry ... only to be stone silent for every other entry. Or the cheers move around the ring with each little group cheering and being boisterously impolite to the other exhibits? A notable example on the part of ringside. And what should the judge do about such situations? Good sportsmanship on the part of the judge requires that he/she notify ringside such partisanship is not acceptable. I watched the late Roy Ayers, turn to ringside and announce that judging would continue only when ringside could act as adults! It goes without saying that any judge in the ring should not be influenced by such cheering on the part of an exhibit any more than they should be influenced by the lack of such cheers for an exhibit. The judge's job is to evaluate the exhibit presented to him/her, not evaluate the popularity of the exhibit.

If [the Judge] is courteous, impartial, and knowledgeable, the exhibitors will reflect this. Seldom do you see "dirty tricks" played in a ring where the judge runs a "tight ship" and watches over "his charges" ... and each and every exhibitor is a "charge" of the judge, just as each student in a school is a "charge" of the principal of that school.

Good sportsmanship is contagious. If the judge is infected with good sportsmanship it soon spreads, infecting each and every exhibitor who comes in contact with that judge.

Poor sportsmanship is also contagious ... and judges who permit it to flourish do no service to our sport. The judge who permits an exhibitor to show discourtesy to the judge or other exhibitors; the judge who permits ringside to make loud, rude comments at ringside about either the judging or specific entries; the judge who shows favoritism of any kind; the judge who does not respect his/her ring steward, are all examples of poor sportsmanship. And the judge who exhibits such has not only made a fool of him/herself but has lessened the nobility of our sport and that is an unforgivable sin.

~End



"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves."

New Games to Play with Your Dog By Jodi Bryson (Jodi is a writer in San Francisco who enjoys playing fetch daily with Sadie Lou, her 11-year-old red Doberman/Shepherd mix)

There are myriad reasons to play with your dog, such as weight management or to simply have a good time -- for both of you. "If you play with your dog for five minutes a day, three times a week, you'll have a better behaved and happier dog," says trainer Ellen Poole of **Just Tails**, a pet training site and service in the California Bay Area.

"Dogs are like you -- you feel better when you exercise and when you spend time with people you love," says Poole. "Play time is exercise time for dogs, and being with you is what your pet wants the most. This is true for all breeds, not just natural herders or retrievers who need 'jobs.' Little dogs love to play, and should play, too."

Poole says there are *so* many interesting, different games that you can play with your pet that go beyond fetch or tug of war. Although your dog may be used to those classic games, and it may at first turn its nose up to new games, Poole suggests patience is in order. She advises, "Try a few games to see which ones make your dog happiest."

Treasure Hunt

Different trainers have different names for this game, but the premise of Treasure Hunt is the same: hide treats, and then let your dog find them. "You always want to be a part of the game, and you always want to be in control," says Poole. For Treasure Hunt, command the dog to wait. For some dogs, this is a "down" command, while others will respond to "stay" or "wait." Next, hide three-to-five treats -- you want the dog to be able to keep track of where you've hidden each surprise. Let your dog watch you hide the "prize." Then give the command "GO!" and allow your dog to run and find the treats. Poole says if weight is a concern, you can hide toys instead of treats. Good owner!

Hide and Seek

Hide and Seek is similar to Treasure Hunt, but instead of treats, your dog is going to find *you*! "What your dog wants the most is to be with you," says Poole. "And what your dog likes to do the most is play, so this game is *definitely* bonding." Hide and Seek could also be the easiest game to play with your dog. Simply have your dog sit and stay, and then you hide. Next, call to the dog by using a name, a whistle or a funny animal sound to get your dog revved up! When Doggie finds you, give lots of praise. And try not to think of your dog's "peeking" when you hide as cheating! Smart dog!

Toy Cleanup

Toy Cleanup is a game that reinforces "return for refund," because your dog will earn a treat for every toy placed successfully in your hands. Give a sit and stay command. Grab your dog's toy basket and scatter the toys around the room. Using verbal and physical cues, like simply pointing at an individual toy, encourage your dog to pick up one toy at a time and place it in your hand. The challenge is for your dog to not drop the toys at your feet. Then encourage your dog to put the toys in a basket, or other storage container, which your pet can access. "Even the oldest dogs can be trained with repetition and positive reinforcement," reminds Poole. Over time, your dog will clean up his own toys at your command. What was once work for you can become play for your pooch.

Go Wild and Freeze!

This is a great game for dogs with a jumping-on-visitors habit and/or canines that get a little over-excited. Take a treat and wiggle it just above your dog's nose so its head moves up toward the treat. This will naturally position your pet's rear to the ground in a "sit." Then command "GO WILD!" and jump around, clap and make sounds like a nine-year-old headed to recess. (This is a great game for children to play with the family dog.) You want your dog to get as excited as you are. Next, give the command, "Stop!" Then you stand tall without moving. Repeat the wiggle-treat-to-sit step. Wait, and resume the entire process as many times as you both desire. Over time, your dog will learn that "stop" means sit and freeze in place, a skill that can come in handy when in-laws drop by.

Nose It

Now it's time to bring toys into the mix. Poole advises that you choose toys that encourage chewing, because it's relaxing for the dog. "I like activities for dogs where they can roll a toy and nose it around," she says. For Nose It, select a toy that can be stuffed with edible treats, such as the Kong. Or, choose one of the new "monkeys in a barrel" type toys that have several little surprises inside a bigger toy. Hide-A-Squirrel and the Iqube II Cagey Cube are two examples. These toys allow your dog to "nose" and pull each of the surprises out while enjoying a good chew on the soft plush "prey." Just stuff the little toys back into the bigger toy for another round. "This keeps the dog busy, and nosing out the treat and chewing is calming for the dog," says Poole.

Three New Breeds Join the American Kennel Club Family, growing AKC's family to 173 breeds. (effective June 1, 2011)

•Comparable to a well-conditioned athlete, the [American English Coonhound](#) is an avid hunter known for its tremendous speed and loud voice. Originally these hounds were used to hunt fox by day and raccoon by night in the American colonies. Today, they still need regular daily exercise to stay in shape. They are affectionate dogs that appear alert and confident and make great companions for active owners. American English Coonhounds are sociable animals that get along well with people and other dogs. They are very trainable and eager to please. The Hound Group.



•The [Finnish Lapphund](#) is an alert and agile dog. The first Finnish Lapphunds were the helper dogs of the Sami – a tribe of semi-nomadic people in the northern region of Finland, Sweden, and part of Russia called Lapland. Because they were originally bred to live and work outside north of the Arctic Circle herding reindeer, Finnish Lapphunds have a thick double coat. They are intelligent, eager to learn, and are calm and friendly with people. They make loving and devoted family pets that do well with children and other dogs. The Herding Group.



•Ranging in size from 10 to 13 inches tall at the shoulder and 16-22 pounds, intelligent and full of energy, the [Cesky Terrier](#) was bred to hunt vermin, fox, and badger, among others. They are active dogs that love to play, and require daily exercise. Cesky Terriers are loyal to their families, patient, gentle, and get along well with people of all ages, making them a wonderful family pet. They are anxious to please and easy to train. Their coat requires daily grooming as puppies and brushing twice a week as adults. The Terrier Group.



"I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren't certain we knew better."
~ George Bird Evans

August 9 meeting – 7:00 Eat....8:00 Meet

August meeting will be a POTLUCK and will take place at Fairview Park – Main Shelter – North Main Street in Normal. The Club will provide a main dish (Italian beef and mostaccioli from Rosati's!!) Members should bring their own beverage (non-alcohol), table service, and a dish to share. So we don't end up with all desserts or all side dishes.... It is suggested those with last name beginning A – K bring a dessert while those with last names beginning L – Z bring a salad or side dish.



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