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In this edition:
General and Board Minutes
Legislation updates,
AKC announcements,
And more

*** Feb Meeting:**
Tuesday, February 09, 2010

Meeting Place:
CJ's – Old airport
Route 9, Bloomington
Eat: 7:00 PM
Meeting: 8:00 PM

All general meetings
are held the second
Tuesday in the months of
April, June, August,
October and December.
February meetings are as
announced.

General and Board Meetings will
be held at CJ's with the
exception of December.

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

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those of this editor, nor are they
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2009 Eukanuba World Challenge – Winner of the \$10,000 prize



Bracco Italiano, **AXEL**

Axel, now age 4 years, was the #1 dog in Italy in 2008. He is being shown here by his co-owner, Bitte Ahrens (Sobors) of Sobors kennels in Rome. **Axel** was the representative from Italy joining 45 other international champions competing for the high honor of TOP DOG. This glamorous competition is fast-becoming the most coveted award-to-win worldwide.

This dog of ancient Italian origin used for bird hunting has modeled itself and developed over the ages; from the hunting of yesteryear he has adapted himself to the present.

People say that this dog is one of the classic and ancient pointers, selected mainly in the northern regions of the Italian peninsula. The breed has been present since the middle age and became widespread in the Renaissance period. The nobility held it in very high regard. In fact, feathered game hunting was exclusive to the aristocracy. Puppies born in certain kennels were sought out by nobles and royal families.

- The Bracco Italiano has been assigned the Sporting Group designation. Also known as the Italian Pointer, the Bracco Italiano has been recorded in the (AKC) Foundation Stock Service since 2001. The Bracco Italiano is a very ancient breed and appears in paintings and texts since the 4th and 5th centuries BC. They were originally developed by the Italian hunters to drive game into nets, however, with the invention of the gun, the role of the Bracco Italiano developed to that of the modern day hunt, point and retrieve breeds.
- Country of origin is Italy

When hunting game, the Bracco Italiano covers ground in an elongated flowing trot while holding his nose up to the wind scenting for game. The Italians refer to the perfect stance as appearing as though they were "being pulled along by the nose."

The Eukanuba World Challenge representative from the U.S. was 2008 BIS Eukanuba National Championship winner, Pointer, 4 year old **Holly (CH Cookieland Seasyde Holly Berry)**.

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship



BIS, Sadie, Scottish terrier



Best BBE, Vegas, Golden retriever



Revisions to the Obedience Regulations Effective January 1, 2010

See http://www.akc.org/pdfs/events/obedience/pink_insert_2010.pdf

In addition, a decision was made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting which will enhance the [AKC Canine Partners](#) program. This exciting new program allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

Top 10 Resolutions by Dogs include: (per AKC)

10. **Owner** on floor, **Dog** in bed.
9. Stop begging and actually get a seat at the dinner table.
8. Give up the dream of ever catching my tail.
7. Bark like a big dog but still get cuddled on lap like a little dog.
6. Get back at cat for litter box incident.
7. Find every bone I ever buried.
4. No more haircuts! (come fall, I can go as a Komondor for Halloween).
3. Become alpha dog in my house..... well, at least stop letting the cat push me around.
2. Invent goggles that allow me to see the electric fence.
1. Finally pass that DARN AKC Canine Good Citizen test.

Proving that Snoopy is the hippest dog of all, "Joe Cool" himself was named the top dog in pop culture by the AKC and AOL's PawNation.com.



Top 10 Dogs in Pop Culture:

1. Snoopy
2. Texas A & M's Reveille
3. Scooby Doo
4. Eddie from the TV show Frasier
5. Pound Puppy toys
6. Painting "Dogs Playing Poker"
7. Song "How Much is that Doggie in the Window"
8. Georgetown's Jack the Bulldog
9. The song "Who Let the Dogs Out"
10. Brian Griffin from the animated TV show Family Guy



New AKC recognized breed, the **Boykin Spaniel**:



Now a member of the Sporting Group

The official State Dog of South Carolina, the Boykin Spaniel is a medium-sized, all-around hunting dog with a cheerful, energetic personality. Possessing a rich, chocolate-brown coat and charm to spare, the Boykin is a favorite of hunters due to its willingness to work all day as well as its smaller size, which allows the hunter to lift both dog and duck into the boat at the same time!

A Look Back

In the early 1900s, a small dog was found wandering near a church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and one of the people attending services there, Mr. Alexander L. White, took the dog home as a pet. Mr. White sent the dog to his hunting partner Mr. L. Whitaker Boykin of the Boykin community just outside Camden, South Carolina, and the little stray developed into a superb turkey dog and waterfowl retriever.

Right Breed for You?

The Boykin has the stamina to stay by its owner's side during a full day of work, so it fits in best with an active family. The breed also thrives on companionship, enjoying the company of children and other dogs. Its coat requires only minimal maintenance beyond a weekly brushing and occasional bathing.



IN THE NEWS

In Ohio, a 2-year old Cane Corso called Sweetpea, whelped 20 puppies last month. 17 survive. Labor lasted 7 hours.



Otto, presumed to be World's Oldest Dog, died one month shy of his 21st birthday this coming Valentines' Day. That's 146 in dog years. Otto was a dachshund-terrier mix.



DID YOU KNOW?

Two dog breeds sailed on the Mayflower with the pilgrims. The Mastiff and the English springer spaniel also made the transatlantic voyage from Southampton, England to Plymouth, MA in 1620.



The Montgomery County Humane Society in Rockville, MD accepts automobile donations. So call around before donating that unwanted vehicle. It could be a tax deduction for you as well as a way to help homeless animals.

QUOTES:

Of all God's creatures there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the leash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat ~ Mark Twain

The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy ~ Helen Hayes (at age 73)

Just distributed by Robin Stansell to all delegates, show secretaries and superintendants (Jan. 27, 2010):

This memo is to address anticipated exhibitor questions and to clarify the Grand Champion judging procedure.

Who is Eligible for Grand Champion competition?

The following categories of dogs are entered in this competition:

1. Dogs that are Champions of Record competing in Best of Breed or Best of Variety class.
2. Dogs transferred to Best of Breed/Variety which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed. (*The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records.*)
3. Champions that win Non-Regular Classes and become eligible for Best of Breed competition. (*Altered or spayed CH veteran class winners at independent specialties are eligible.*)
4. Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are not eligible for Grand Champion competition.

At the judge's discretion, Grand Championship points may be awarded to:

1. Best of Breed or Variety
2. Best of Opposite
3. Select Dog
4. Select Bitch

Grand Champion competition will not continue beyond Best of Breed competition and in breeds that are divided into varieties, Grand Champion Competition will not continue beyond Best of Variety competition.

What are the requirements to earn the Grand Champion Title?

1. 25 Grand Champion points.
2. A minimum of 9 points won at 3 shows with ratings of 3 or more points (Major wins) under three different judges, and one or more of the balance of points won under a 4th judge.
3. At least one Champion of Record was defeated at three of these shows.

How are Grand Champion points computed?

1. Grand Champion points are only to be awarded to dogs the judge considers deserving.
2. Grand Champions points awarded to the Best of Breed/Variety shall count all dogs of both sexes competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.
3. Grand Champion points awarded to Best of Opposite Sex shall count all dogs of their sex competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.
4. Grand Champion points awarded to Select Dog/Bitch shall count all dogs of their sex defeated in the Best of Breed/Variety competition as well as the dogs of their sex in the regular classes. (i.e. one less than the total entry in that sex)
5. The entry of non-regular classes are not counted for computation of Grand Champion points to be awarded.

Judging Procedure

1. Choose BOB, BOW and BOS
2. If quality warrants, choose a Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) from the remaining Champions in the BOB ring (Do not consider BOW, WD or WB)
3. Annotate the judge's book certification as to the eligibility and quality of the Grand Champion points being awarded or withheld.
4. Award BOB, BOW, SD and SB ribbons if determined to be of eligible and deserving of the Grand Champion title. See: http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges_sheet_conformation.pdf for example of the revised judge's book form.

Administration

1. On May 12, 2010 Grand Champion competition will be included in all shows offering BOB or BOV competition.
2. Premium lists – Other than prize listings, there is no requirement to address Grand Champion competition in the premium list since it is included in all shows that offer BOB or BOV. However, there is no restriction should superintendents and secretaries want to bring attention to the new competition.
3. Judging Schedule – No additional information is required.
4. Ribbons – BOB and BOS do not require an additional ribbon. Light blue & white ribbons for SD & SB. Flat ribbons or rosettes are equally acceptable. "Select" is acceptable wording however "Grand Champion Select" is acceptable and more descriptive.
5. Ring Markers – Just as with BOB, BOW and BOS, there is no AKC requirement to have SD and SB placement markers. These markers are provided as a service by the club or superintendent.



Dear Illinois Constituent,

At the request of our newest AKC Federation, the Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners, we are distributing the attached message on their behalf. (see below)

Sincerely,
AKC Government Relations

The **Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners** (IFDCO) invites you and your club to join us in standing for responsible dog ownership in Illinois.

Out of the grassroots efforts this past year in our state, it became apparent that a more permanent organization needed to be formed to provide continuous efforts to watch-dog and fight bad dog-related legislation. There was and continues to be a need to educate the general public. Kennel Clubs can only do so much, and what we need is every dog owner in the state to assist us and become involved to protect our rights to own and enjoy "man's best friend". The IFDCO has been recognized as an official AKC Federation and a voice for Illinois dog owners. This type of organization takes at least \$30,000+ a year to pay for lobbyist services, and all state registration fees just to operate. We currently are starting a new organization in a new year with no funds. We need you to join as an individual member, and we need every dog club in Illinois to join. Showing the legislature that dog clubs and owners are united can be one of the best tools in working to stop bad legislation. Illinois Capitol Kennel Club is the first all-breed club to join and Land of Lincoln Chihuahua Club is the first breed-specific club to join. Illinois Capitol has agreed to pay for their club members' individual membership dues for the first year if they want to join. Perhaps your club will do the same. We are also taking donations above the membership fees so we can get this organization jump-started to handle the newly filed legislation for 2010. Please go to our new web site at: www.ifdco.org and complete an application form.

If you or the clubs you represent have any questions, please contact the IFDCO secretary at ifdcosec@yahoo.com.

Steve Hayden, President ,IFDCO, ICKC, LLCCI



The following is a condensed version of a letter recently received from AKC's Nina Schaefer (kk):

Our right to own and breed dogs is under attack. Throughout the country last year we experienced an unprecedented increase in legislation that infringes on the rights of responsible owners and breeders.

Already, many similar bills have been introduced for 2010.

The need for a united, resolute dog fancy committed to protecting our dogs and our rights has never been greater. This election year, through contributions to the **AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC)**, we have the opportunity to support lawmakers and candidates who will fight for our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs. **Please ask all club members to consider a donation to the AKC PAC.** One hundred percent of these donations will go directly to support the campaigns of candidates who will help protect our rights.

Although the AKC PAC **can only accept donations from individuals**, Clubs can help by conducting fundraisers and encourage their members to donate to the PAC.

Please join me in taking a stand and making the voice of the dog fancy heard in Congress and in our state legislatures.

Together we can ensure that the right to own, breed and exhibit dogs is protected for generations to come.

For more information, and to contribute online, visit www.akc.org/pac.

Sincerely,
Nina Schaefer



Legislation News - Kay Richardson, our Legislative Liaison to the A.K.C.

1/22/10

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Ed Block Courage Award Foundation

AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung has written a letter asking that *Michael Vick*, be withdraw as the Philadelphia Eagles' recipient, of the Ed Block Courage Award. *Michael Vick* was selected for the award by his Philadelphia teammates. AKC feels that a man, who has been convicted of atrocities of animal abuse, should not be held up as a role model of sportsmanship and courage.

Ed Block, the awards' namesake, dedicated his life to ending child abuse. AKC feels that it is unconscionable that a man who tortured and abused helpless animals be honored by an organization dedicated to ending abuse. This letter was sent to the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation on January 22nd.

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Memphis City Council to Require all Pit Bulls be Sterilized

At their January 26th meeting the Memphis City Council will consider an ordinance to require all Pit Bulls, over 8 weeks of age, be sterilized.

There are medical exemptions, but AKC is not sure what this means. Also a person who operates a commercial kennel or has a recognized show dog are exempt.

Pit bulls are defined as:

American Pit Bull Terriers

American Staffordshire Terriers

Staffordshire Bull Terriers

and any dog displaying physical characteristics of the Pit Bull breed.

AKC is unclear as to what qualifies as a show dog; it is not exactly clear what paperwork would be necessary or acceptable. If an owner is unsure as to whether his/her dog is a Pit Bull, an animal service staff member (not sure who would qualify) would make a determination.

AKC is opposed to this proposed ordinance.

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New Hampshire Committee to Consider Unreasonable Breeder Bill 1624

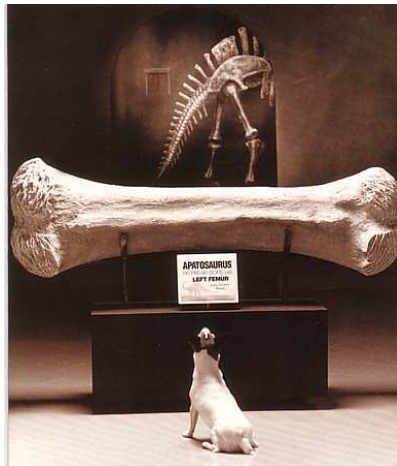
AKC is opposing several provisions in this current bill

-Limiting any person from owning more than 50 intact dogs over 4 months of age

-Requiring any person having more than **10** intact dogs, over 4 months of age, to provide specific care and condition requirements, and **abide by existing state operation standards for pet shops and animal shelters**

-Mandating that all debarking, tail docking and surgical births be done by a licensed veterinarian under anesthesia

-Authorizing all duly appointed agents of any humane society, SPCA, Animal Control Officer, etc. to investigate possible violations.





January, 2010 Board Report

Board Members Lee Assam, Joel Haefner and Rod Vance will serve as the 2010 Finance Committee with Lee Assam as Chair.

Corn Belt Kennel Club ~ 8 December 2009 General Membership Meeting

Pinky Edwards called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm with twelve hardworking, dedicated members in attendance. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Penny Duffee, Kathy Koehler, Kay Richardson, Lee Assam, Carrie Cowles, Rod Vance, Linda Vance, Pinky Edwards, Bill Fryers, Bruce Petersen, David Lander, and Kathy Karl.

A secretary's report was not offered since Karen Burge was unable to attend. Correspondence was passed, and the surrogate secretary, Linda Vance, reminded the members present that the minutes of the last club meeting on 13 October 2009 were published in the Sentinel. Bill Fryers moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Kathy Koehler seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Penny Duffee offered a brief report, noting [the current account balance]. Penny also reminded all members present that dues must be paid prior to any votes taken. Linda Vance moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. David Lander seconded. Motion passed.

Pinky suspended traditional committee reports at this time for the holiday.

Nominating Committee: Bruce Petersen, chairman of the 2009 Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate for CBKC Officers and Board 2010:

Pinky Edwards, president ~ Bill Fryers, vice-president ~ Bruce Petersen, treasurer ~ Karen Burge, secretary ~ Board Positions, Lee Assam, Joel Haefner and Rod Vance.

Bruce called for any further nominations. None were offered. Bill Fryers moved that nominations be closed and the slate be approved through acclamation. Kathy Karl seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Membership Review: The second reading for CBKC applicant Martin Belcke was completed with the member present. Ballots were passed, marked, collected, and tallied. Martin was unanimously approved and is now a new member of Corn Belt Kennel Club. Please welcome him at your earliest opportunity.

Kathy Koehler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kathy Karl seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Vance



The Big Game Means More Than Football This Year

Tune in to Animal Planet on February 7 starting at 3 p.m. (Eastern and Pacific time) to learn more about AAHA-accreditation and what it means to your pet!

Visit www.healthypet.com for more information. Check your local listings for details

An adoption poem seen on a vet's office door...

One by one they pass my cage,
Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.
Way past his prime he can't run and play,
Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way.
A little old man, arthritic and sore,
It seems I am not wanted anymore.
I once had a home, I once had a bed,
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.
Now my muzzle is grey, and my eyes slowly fail,
Who wants a dog so old and so frail?
My family decided I didn't belong,
I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.
Whatever excuse they made in their head
Can't justify how they left me for dead.
Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,
The younger dogs get adopted away.
When I had almost come to the end of my rope,
You saw my face and I finally had hope.
You saw through the grey, and the legs bent with age,
And felt I still had life beyond the cage.
You took me home, gave me food and a bed,
And shared your own pillow with my poor tired head.
We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,
You love me so dearly and want me to know.
I may have lived most of my life with another,
But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.
I promise to return all the love I can give,
To You, my dear person, as long as I live.
I may be with you for a week or for years,
We will share many smiles, you will no doubt shed tears.
And when the time comes that God deems I must leave,
I know you will cry and your heart will grieve.
And when I arrive at the Bridge, all brand new,
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.
And I will brag to all who will hear,
Of the person who made my last days so dear.

~ Author Unknown

WHO IS YOUR REAL FRIEND?



This really works...!

If you don't believe it, just try this experiment.

Put your dog and your spouse in the trunk of the car for an hour.

When you open the trunk, which one is really happy to see you?

A New British study says your dog's breed reveals your economic class – Pugs, Gordon Setters and Afghans are preferred by the “posh”, while the Working class folk are associated with Rottweilers, Dobermans, German Shepherds and Staffordshire Bull Terriers. The Middle class favors the Golden Retriever, the Old English Sheepdog and the Collie.
Of course, the study involved only 5,000 people and they are British, after all.



F.Y.I.

Teva Animal Health, Inc. is expanding a nationwide voluntary recall of **Ketamine Hydrochloride Injection**. Ketamine is the most widely-used veterinary anesthetic. The FDA approves its use for cats and primates (including humans). It is used for dogs, rabbits, rodents, ferrets other small mammals, cattle, swine, sheep, reptiles, goats and even birds. This product had previously been recalled to the distributor level and is now being expanded as a result of an increased trend in serious adverse events associated with this product. Veterinarians have been instructed to cease using the product immediately and return it to their distributor.



The **Rabies Challenge Fund** has been successful in changing laws in several states. See the following for current changes:

<http://forum.dog.com/forums/t/102357.aspx>



Upon inquiring about puppy “shots” including **Leptospirosis**, it was mentioned that Leptospirosis is on the upswing again. There is concern, since Lepto is transmitted in infected urine, that the popularity of doggy daycare might be leading to more exposure. However, Lepto is one of the fractions often responsible for vaccine reaction, so before inoculation including Leptospirosis, ask your vet for his/her opinion.



Due to the disastrous earthquake (s) in Haiti, there may be an increased number of pets coming into the US from Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The USDA-VS has waived the requirements for health certificates for dogs, however inspections should include a check for possible **screwworm**. Dogs with open wounds should also be referred for additional exams and veterinary treatment as needed to prevent the possible introduction of an infestation of screwworms into the U.S. Screwworms have been eradicated in the U. S. since 1982, with only 2 cases in Texas being caught and reported by private veterinary practitioners.

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