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**June Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, June 09, 2009**

**Meeting Place:**  
**CJ's – Old airport terminal**

Route 9, Bloomington  
Eat: 7:00 PM  
Meeting: 8:00 PM

\*All meetings **except Feb.**  
are held the second  
Tuesday in the months of  
April, June, August,  
October and December

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

**Disclaimer:**

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necessarily  
supported by this editor, nor are  
they always backed by  
CBKC or the AKC



**Show Results:**

**Saturday, May 23, 2009**

**BIS** – Pulik – CH Cordmaker Field of Dreams – Owned by Susan Huebner & Jackie Beaudoin

**Best Jr. Handler** - Open Intermediate exhibitor **Alyssa Weber**, winner of the CBKC Junior Handler \$500 scholarship, showing English Cocker CH Telltale Hot Damm

**High in Trial** – Open B CH Brackenhill Vixon at Wildfire CDX – **Score 197.5**  
Border Collie owned by Maureen Tobias and Pat Schulz.

**Monday, May 25, 2009**

**BIS** - Pulik - CH Cordmaker Field of Dreams

**Best Jr. Handler** – Open Senior exhibitor **Dylan Kipp**, winner of the CBKC Junior Handler \$500 scholarship, showing Doberman Pinscher Baystar's Get Smart

**High in Trial** – Open B OTCH Shoreland's Rev'Er Up UDX9NA – **Score 198.0**  
Golden Retriever owned by James Comunale.

**Entries:**

Sat, CBKC 1284 dogs entered

Mon, CBKC 1014 dogs entered

## General Meeting – April 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m. Roll call taken with 15 members present.

Minutes of February 17, 2009 meeting read. Bill Fryers moved to approve as read. Karen Lander seconded, motion approved.

Secretary's Report – Correspondence passed.

Treasurer's Report – Checking balance [given]. Portfolio balance [given]. \$1,000.00 sent to Illinois Capitol Kennel Club to help pay for lobbyist. Bill Fryers moved to approve. Kay Richardson seconded, motion approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation – As published in newsletter. Kay Richardson and Penny Duffee recapped recent meetings in Springfield. Joel Haefner suggested a couple Club Members may want to visit with Representatives.

Show – Premium Lists are now available. All sub-committees have been contacted and all is under control.

Working on getting an Announcer for Groups. Also may try to get a Senator or Representative to present BIS Trophy on Saturday.

Web-Site – Lee Assam presented a Powerpoint (copy attached) of the new web-site and explained new capabilities. Will finish up with fine tuning and communicate completion via email.

### OLD BUSINESS

Linda Vance moved that Corn Belt Kennel Club support the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award by nominating Dawn Vick Hansen for Conformation and Harlowe Jahelka for Performance awards. Kathy Karl seconded, motion approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Petersen has notified members of 4 opportunities that Corn Belt Kennel Club may want to explore for fulfilling AKC requirements for Show giving Clubs:

1. Puppy Star Program – Town & Country (TCKC) is now offering its second puppy class and we could continue support of the Star Award program.
2. 4-H Training – TCKC is now conducting classes for kids participating in 4-H. May be opportunities for CBKC to offer 'guest' instructors.
3. Rhea Mays (TCKC) is once again participating in classes with Heartland Community College. Opportunity may exist here.
4. TCKC is participating in Reading to Dogs with local Libraries. Opportunity may exist here also.

These suggestions will be covered at the next Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burge, Secretary

*Live every day as if it is your LAST chance to make someone happy!*



### Board Report – May 12, 2009

Taxes for past fiscal year have been filed.

The Board has approved to once again fund the fees for those students who successfully complete Town & Country Kennel Club's Star Puppy Program. (AKC requires \$10.00 per student to participate. This provides each student with a certificate, medal, handbook, discounted enrollment in micro-chipping, and monthly email newsletter).

The Board has approved the formation of an Investment Committee.

Purpose - The Corn Belt Kennel Club Investment Committee (CBKC-IC) oversees the day-to-day investment activities of Corn Belt Kennel Club (CBKC).

Structure - CBKC-IC is comprised of the three CBKC board members who are not officers. Their term on the committee runs concurrently with their board positions.

Duties - CBKC-IC will create an annual investment management plan. This plan will be authorized by the treasurer and approved by the board. This plan provides investment guidance to the committee.

**Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass,  
It's about learning to dance in the rain.**



CBKC will be using the new web-site in the future as a tool to communicate with members. Those with internet access are encouraged to **register** by going to the site (<http://cornbeltkennelclub.org/>) and clicking on the bottom of the page at the **Member's Area**.

This newsletter will be linked on the site, so if you have difficulty opening/printing the *Sentinel* by email, you should be able to view it without difficulty on the CBKC website.

**"Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened"**



Legislation News - Kay Richardson, Legislative Liaison

American Kennel Club

May 28, 2009

### **Denver Breed Ban**

The American Kennel Club announced that U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has ruled in favor of plaintiffs Sonya Dias, Hillary Engel, and Sheryl White in their appeal challenging the constitutionality of the Denver Breed ban. This ruling reverses the U.S. District court of Colorado's 2007 dismissal of the suit.

The Denver ordinance banned ownership or possession of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Bull Terrier and the American Pit Bull. Since 2005, as a result of this ordinance, more than 1000 dogs within the city limits have been euthanized.

AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners. They have serious concerns about AKC breed standards being used by law enforcement to identify dangerous dogs. Breed standards are intended to serve as a written ideal of a dog which breeders can aspire to, not a benchmark for defining dangerous dogs.

American Kennel Club

May 8, 2009

### **Indiana House Bill 1468**

House Bill 1468 had passed the Indiana General Assembly and signed by Governor Mitch Daniels. This bill contained limits on dog ownership, restrictive breeding ages, stringent care and conditions, and consumer protection provisions that provided no recourse for the dog breeder.

Under the leadership of Representative Ralph Foley and Senator Brent Steele, this bill was significantly amended to remove these provisions. The result is a bill that does not punish responsible breeders.

The American Kennel club worked closely with many Indiana fanciers, dog clubs, and breeders. The result was a victory for dog owners and breeders.

### **AKC Launches New Canine Legislation Tracking System**

May 7, 2009

This new service enables you to check that status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

To use this service, go to the AKC Government Relations web page, [www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation) and click on the large AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking icon. This service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

### **Taking Command**

A Publication of the AKC Government Relations Department

The AKC Government Relations Department addressed approximately 750 state and local level issues, from January 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009.

AKC is unable to track every single city and town in the country, so if you hear about an issue in your community, contact AKC at 919-816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org). They have a number of resources available to help your effort to protect your rights as a dog owner in your community.

**Just announced:** From HSUS: “Illinois Legislators Form Puppy Mill and Pet Store Task Force (June 2, 2009) - The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals(r) (ASPCA(r)) applaud Illinois legislators for creating a task force that will help draft a new law to ensure that pet stores and puppy producers provide humane care for dogs. The task force is sponsored by Rep. John A. Fritchey (D-Chicago) and Sen. Daniel Kotowski (D-Mt. Prospect).”

*Caution:* Legislature (SJR 00056) which establishes a task force to study breeder facilities in IL. has the potential to be overwhelmingly one-sided in favor of the animal rights activists. The task force will be comprised of members appointed by the House and Senate, members of the Department of Agriculture, dog breeders, pet store owners and several appointed members of the animal welfare community.

This Task Force has the potential to set Illinois right back where it was in January - so IL folks - keep hounding your legislators. From the Norwegian Elkhound parent club legislative liaison.



**From the AKC:**

“The AKC's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to proceed with a program for mixed breed dogs which will allow it to act even more broadly and effectively as the dog's champion.

As of October 1, 2009 owners can begin enrolling their pets and receive an AKC ID number. Then beginning April 1, 2010 enrolled dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events. Soon after they will have access to benefits such as discounted AKC Companion Animal Recovery Lost and Found service, a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, a free initial veterinary visit, a trial offer of pet health insurance and discounted coupons for dog supplies.”

For more information about the AKC's mixed breeds program, visit [www.akc.org/mixedbreeds](http://www.akc.org/mixedbreeds).



The Russell Terrier will become eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class, effective January 1, 2010.



The AKC Board approved the new suffix title, **Certificate of Merit (CM)** for dogs competing in the Miscellaneous Class, effective January 1, 2010. Winners of BOB and BOS in each of the individual miscellaneous breeds will be awarded points toward a CM title. The CM requires 15 points. The CM title will be superseded by the **CH** title when earned.





## From your Delegate

There's a new amendment for the rules, policies and guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges limiting a judge's use of a handler or agent for at least 4 months after that agent has exhibited to him/her.

Further Delegate discussion will be held as to the possibility of adding new titles in performance, companion and conformation events. Creating a competition for AKC Grand Champion has been mentioned.

The Delegates at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be read the new rule as to dog show classifications, proposing the adoption of the new group realignment. The actual vote will take place at the September Delegate meeting, but the June proposal must pass with a 2/3 majority. Basically this proposal, if passed, is telling the AKC Board that the Delegates approve new groups...splitting the Sporting and Hound groups, replacing the Non-sporting Group with the Companion Group, and creating a new Northern Group.

The Groups being proposed are:

- 1) Sporting – Pointers and Setters
- 2) Sporting – Retrievers and Spaniels
- 3) Scent Hounds
- 4) Sight Hounds
- 5) Working
- 6) Terriers
- 7) Toys
- 8) Companion
- 9) Herding
- 10) Northern

The AKC Board and staff will still make the decision as to where breeds will be assigned. That will be for the Delegates to vote on in September.

One main reason for group realignment was to decrease the growing number of breeds in each group. However, the Terrier group will remain untouched, and although the Working group will give up 3 breeds, it will still be a 30 breed group with the new breeds coming in.

There are many concerns:

- Longer show days for show-giving clubs?
  - To avoid long shows, should groups run simultaneously?
  - How will handlers service their clientele if groups are run simultaneously?
- Higher costs for show-giving clubs?
  - Extra trophy expense
  - Extra judges?
  - How will judges be transitioned?

Overall, the Group Realignment Committee has made a great effort by contacting the parent clubs for support, and the new proposal has put form and function into the group make-up, making judging the groups, as well as viewing the process, more logical.

If I Didn't Have a Dog..... 

**I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.  
My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.  
All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.**

**When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.**

**I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.**

**I would have money and no guilt to go on a real vacation.**

**I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.**

**The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.**

**My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.**

**I would not talk 'baby talk'. 'Eat your din din'. 'Yummy yummy for the tummy'.**

**My house would not look like a day care center with toys everywhere.**

**My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.**

**I would no longer have to spell the words**

***B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E***

**I would not have as many leaves (or pine needles) INSIDE my house as outside.**

**I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog ties them down too much.**

**I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.**

**I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.**

**How EMPTY my life would be!!!**



**Words to live by: Dogs always have good advice**

To: Corn Belt Kennel Club Members  
From: Year 2010 & 2011 Judges Selection Committee  
Re: Input from CBKC Membership  
Date: June 1, 2009

Time draws near to finalize judges for 2010 and begin 2011 selection. Based on club member feedback from the 2009/2010 Judge Preference Forms, the following judges are currently under contract for 2010: Edd Bivin, Kent Delaney, David Kirkland, Karan McFarlane, James Reynolds, and Jerry Watson. Your feedback below will impact additional 2010 judge hires and breed assignments for all, as well as 2011 invitations.

Your input is important as we strive to assemble an outstanding panel of competent, fair judges who will draw a record number of entries. Attempts will be made to create opportunities for provisional judges where possible. The Judges Selection Committee appreciates your feedback and will work diligently to assemble a top rated panel. Thanks in advance for your timely input.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed you own/breed/show (if more than one AKC group is represented, **please duplicate this form and complete a SEPARATE form for each AKC group**): \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** below those judges you feel are knowledgeable, competent, fair and would draw a high number of entries. Please refrain from listing only those judges under whom you have won. **Indicate Provisional Judges with an \*** (asterisk)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ 10) \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** below those judges you feel are NOT knowledgeable, competent, fair and would NOT draw a high number of entries. Please refrain from listing only those judges under whom you have lost. **Indicate Provisional Judges with an \*** (asterisk)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ 10) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO INSURE CONSIDERATION: Postmark not later than Tuesday, June 30, 2009**

**To: Penny Duffee, 8 Chrisman Lane, Bloomington, IL 61704  
OR  
Submit to Penny during the Tuesday, June 9, 2009 CBKC Meeting**

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Deadline for the next edition: August 1, 2009



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