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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Meeting Place:

CJ's – Old airport
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

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I am a breeder. My food receipts for a family of 7 and my dog food bills match.

My water bill has doubled.

My electric has tripled.

It is **I, a breeder**, who when my fridge quit, saved the dog meds and let the food go bad.
My feet find the way to the kennel before I have even grabbed a cup of coffee in the morning and
the kennel is my last stop before bed.

While my friends are on a cruise to the Bahamas and my family meets for Christmas I am home
delivering puppies.

I haven't had a real vacation in 7 years, but maybe soon. All plans are made around heat dates,
whelp dates and vet dates.

I shower and 10 minutes later my grand kids say I smell like a dog
My clothes are all stained with fecal matter, urine, afterbirth or bleach.

I have to remember to clean my shoes before church

Most of my friends breed dogs. Who else can you call at 3 am for support?

Who else has the experience I sometimes need, the meds I sometimes need, or just an uplifting
word I sometimes need? Who else would understand how it feels to have invested hours and hours
and hours in a weak puppy to lose it?

Or the joy in investing hours in one that lives?

I have slept on the floor beside a litter until the crucial 2 weeks have passed. I have bottle fed a
litter of 12..feeding every 2 hours, taking 90 minutes to do so, for weeks at a time.
I have learned to be proficient at micro-chipping, vaccinations, sub q fluids, bottle feeding and tube
feeding.

My vet knows me by my first name.

My vet knows my children.

My vet now knows my grand children.

My vet knows it was I who added on the wing to the vet clinic.

I am a breeder. It is to I that "63 days" takes on a new meaning and am still excited by every new
life.

It is I that delivers all my pups, towels and heat lamps on the ready, happiness and sadness
sometimes intermingled.

Even though it increases my work load, I look forward to the 10 day stage when eyes open and
puppies begin to emerge from the helplessness of newborns, puppy breath, a first bark, and a heart
of exploration.

I am not uneducated, unemployable, illiterate or lazy as some Animal Rights folks would imply of
breeders.

I am a conscientious lover of animals and I have found my niche.

I am a breeder. And although I feel no shame, there is a part of me that feels the
need to hide from powers that could come to invade my home and take
my dogs ...maybe for finding a mild infraction: a leaf in the water dish? A kennel not yet cleaned
for the day? A rash I am home treating? I tell my children and grand children to hush, do not tell
others we are dog breeders, and I wonder when did breeding puppies go into the same secret place
as criminal activity?

I am a breeder and I am not cruel, dumb, uncaring or criminal. I am not raking in money while
sitting on my butt. Every penny I make I earn through blood, sweat and tears. My greatest joy is a
healthy puppy and a wonderful home.

The cards of thanks and the pictures of my puppy with its new family is the fringe benefits of my
efforts.

I am an animal lover, nurse, midwife, heavy laborer, customer service representative, and
marketer.

AND I am a breeder. 

Lori Hallfrisch of SouthernstyleKennel



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

Puppy Uniform Protection (PUP) Legislation Introduced in US Congress, 9/25/08

The Puppy Uniform Protection Legislation was introduced in Congress as H.R.6949 and in the US Senate as S.3519. This legislation will require that any breeder who sells more than 50 dogs/per year direct to the public be inspected and licensed by the US Dept. of Agriculture. This legislation further mandates that licensed dealers provide each dog 12 weeks or older, with a minimum of 2 exercise periods each day for a total of not less than 60 minutes. (Each dog must be removed from its primary enclosure for this exercise.)

AKC encourages Congress to recognize that the responsibility of a breeder can not be judged by the number of dogs sold or owned. AKC Government Relations staff is monitoring this legislation.

Massachusetts HB5092 Bad News for All Dog Owners, 9/11/08

This bill includes:

- Imposing mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs over 12 months of age. Alternative owners will have to qualify for and annually purchase an intact animal permit costing up to \$500 per year.
- Limiting the number of reproductive events to 1 a year.
- Eliminating the practice of humane tethering (no exceptions for sled or hunting dogs)
- Allow towns and cities to impose breed-specific ordinances
- Instituting state-mandated vaccination schedules
- Establishing nuisance laws that can result in the forced sterilization, banishment, or euthanization of dogs.

AKC is opposed to this bill. The Massachusetts Scheduling Committee will send 5092 to the full house for its consideration at anytime. AKC is asking Massachusetts dog owners to oppose this bill.

9/4/08

Michigan House Bill 6395 proposed to strictly regulate virtually all responsible dog breeders.

-This bill would define anyone who sold or offers for sale more than 2 dogs per year, or more than one litter of dogs per year as a pet seller.

-Pet sellers must acquire a \$200/year license.

-Must submit fingerprints and be subject to a FBI background check, etc. etc. etc.

9-10/-08

Update on Michigan Breeders Bill (6395)

This bill will not move forward as written. AKC congratulates all concerned Michigan fanciers and dog owners for their successful concerted effort in opposition to this bill. Many Michigan residents, dog owners, dog clubs, helped to defeat this bill.

(There has been no further printed update on the Chicago mandatory spay/neuter ordinance...KR & KK)



General Meeting – August 12, 2008

Meeting called to order. Roll call was taken with 16 members and 1 guest (Hollie Buhl) present.

Minutes of June 10, 2008 meeting read. Beth Verner noted a correction to the minutes. Under New Business:

(June, 10, 2008 minutes) Regarding donation of the Eye Clinic profit to the organization to which we usually donate – Bill Fryers moved to table this discussion until a committee member was present. David Lander offered a second to the motion and the motion passed. The topic will be introduced at the next regular meeting.

(correction) Per Beth Verner, an Eye Clinic committee member (Kay Richardson) was present. Discussion was tabled awaiting final Show results.

Penny Duffee moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Beth Verner seconded, motion approved.

President's Report – Norman Herble – A Judge from this year's Friday show (IVKC) has passed away.

Secretary's Report – Correspondence passed.

Treasurer's Report was given. Bill Fryers moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Nancy Petersen seconded, motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Web Page – Bill Fryers working to upgrade to Web20.

Show Recap (treasury) – Repeated as presented last month. Copy on file. New net profit (not final yet) including final Onofrio check is \$9,675.19.

Match – 99 Entries. Net Profit was \$17. Full report on file.

Cluster – Main topic covered at Cluster dealt with Onofrio regarding late premium list mailings and missing pages in premiums. Cluster will continue to use Onofrio who is freezing rates charged to us for 2009 and 2010. Recent Gazette contained information that AKC fined Onofrio \$1,600 for 2 Cluster events. We don't know if this was related to our cluster or not.

Eye Clinic – Report on file. All available times were filled for a total of 202 dogs examined. Net Profit was \$3,072.00. Eye Clinic Committee recommends that \$2,500.00 be donated to Magrane Eye Foundation.

Education Committee – Town & Country Kennel Club will hold a Canine Wellness Day on Sunday, September 7, 2008. Corn Belt has been invited to hold conformation demos, microchip clinic and have information on Responsible Dog Owners available. There will be a variety of other vendors and demos taking place throughout the day.

AKC Delegate – As reported in the newsletter.

Legislation – The Chicago Mandatory Spay/Neuter proposal is getting lots of publicity and support. Any dog/cat over 6 months is to be spayed/neutered. There is a \$100.00 Exception Fee per animal for Show Dogs.

Kay Richardson will draft a letter opposing this legislation for Rudy Kilgus to send as President on Club's behalf. Karan Kilgus will email copies of finished letter to CBKC membership. All Club members are encouraged to forward copies to their parent clubs and write an opposing letter as an individual to Chicago Aldermen.

OLD BUSINESS

Eye Clinic – Beth Verner as Chairman moves that CBKC donate \$2,500.00 to Magrane Eye Foundation. Motion approved.

AKC Delegate Judges – These individuals are not permitted to charge a judging fee. Some of these judges ask that a donation be made in their name to a favorite charity. Nancy Petersen moved that for AKC Delegate judges who request a charitable contribution, that CBKC make a donation to said charity not to exceed \$300.00 for these judges if they have a full assignment. Kathy Karl seconded, motion approved.

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NEW BUSINESS :

Sally Krostal moved that CBKC participate in Town & Country Kennel Club's Canine Wellness Day on September 7, 2008. Kathy Koehler seconded, motion approved.

To count toward AKC Responsible Dog Owners, AKC requires a form to be completed. Karan Kilgus will complete the AKC Form.

Our existing supply of microchips is not sufficient to handle the volume expected at this wellness event. AKC has a package deal available for CAR (companion animal recovery) at this time. For \$1,249.00 we can purchase 80 chips. The offer includes pre-paid enrollment, a universal scanner and CAR will donate (in our name) a universal scanner to a local shelter or humane society.

Betty Chapman moved we purchase an 80 Chip package for \$1,249.00. Bill Fryers seconded, motion approved.

Karan Kilgus as Delegate will work with her contacts at AKC to coordinate this purchase.

Nancy Petersen moved we charge \$25.00 for micro-chipping at the Canine Wellness Days event. Bill Fryers seconded. Motion defeated.

Beth Verner moved that the Education Committee be granted authority to set fees for the micro chip clinic that will take place on September 7, 2008 in conjunction with Canine Wellness Day event. Kathy Karl seconded, motion approved.

Membership Applications – First reading for Hollie Buhl. Second reading for Donna Helmick. Ballots were distributed and Donna Helmick was elected as a new member.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burge, Secretary

Board Report

The Board approved the minutes as read from the July 8, 2008 Board Meeting. The following Board actions were taken:

The Treasurer's report was approved as read and approval was given for the Treasurer to consult with the Investment Advisor to move the cash portion of our investment portfolio into a better-earning, yet still-liquid investment.

Committee Reports:

The next Cluster meeting will be 9/29/08 at 6:30 p.m. at the Interstate Center

Bill Fryers is working on making updates to the Web-Site and among other changes will migrate to Web 2.0 allowing for greater ease and flexibility of maintaining the data.

The Legislation Liaison worked with the President to draft a letter from CBKC opposing the Chicago mandatory spay/neuter legislation. The letters have been sent out.

The following Committee appointments were made:

Cluster – David Lander and Penny Duffee back on with 2 year terms. Rudy Kilgus and Nancy Petersen will finish out their remaining 1 year terms.

Nominating Committee – Bill Fryers – Chair, Lois Kistner, Karen Lander

Judges Selection – Beth Verner, Penny Duffee, Kathy Koehler

Potential candidates for positions of Show Chair and Match Chair were discussed. The President will contact selected individuals to fill these positions. There was a discussion as to whether the Club might be interested in providing bullet proof vests or a similar support for Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County K-9 Units. The initial Board reaction was that we would be interested in sponsoring such an effort. Penny Duffee will research and provide additional information at the next Board meeting.



If I Didn't Have a Dog

I could walk around the yard barefoot safely.
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, the house wouldn't sound like a kennel, and I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies that 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 moneyand 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.

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 INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat 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!

Author Unknown



"A true friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg even though he knows you are slightly cracked."

NEW YORK - Move over "Fido," **the American Kennel Club® (AKC) ® today** announced that "Lady" and "Bear" top the list of most popular male/female dog names in the U.S.

A survey of 2007 AKC registration statistics showed that, in addition to Lady, Belle/Bell/Bella, Princess, Mae/May, Bear, Blue, Max/Maximus/Maxwell, Rose, Daisy, and Duke round out the top ten dog names.

"Traditionally names based on a puppy's physical appearance or personality, such as 'Spot' or 'Sassy,' have been popular with dog owners," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Today we are seeing human names, such as 'Jack' and 'Molly,' and names that reflect a pet's stature in the home, such as 'King' and 'Princess,' gain in popularity as more people consider their dog a valued member of the family."

The AKC offers the following rules to consider when naming your pooch:

- * Names often reflect the character of your pet. Observe your dog for a few days and see if his personality suggests a name. Is he regal? Does she always want to be the center of attention? If so, how about "King" or "Star"?
- * Short, sweet and easily recognizable names work best in getting your dog to be responsive. Use a name that is one or two syllables, ending with a vowel, such as "Sadie" or "Rocky."
 - * Don't choose a name that is too long or difficult to say. A name such as "Sir Barks A Lot" will only confuse your dog.
 - * Avoid names that sound like commands. Names like "Joe" sound like "no" when called.
- * Pick a name that will fit your dog regardless of his age. For example, a puppy named "Fuzzy" may not be a good fit after he grows into adulthood.
- * Don't name your dog after a friend or family member without getting their prior permission. You never know who could be offended.
- * Test out the name you would like to give your dog for a day or two. Remember any name you give your dog will be a 10-to-15-year commitment for the life of the dog.
 - * After you chose a name for your dog make sure you use it often so he can learn it more quickly.
- * Don't raise your voice every time you call him, and try to use his name in positive, playful settings, such as when you feed him, play with him or pet him.



Holiday Food Dangers

Make sure your pet has no access to any food left on the counters or tables when no one is around. After you're done cleaning up the kitchen, make sure you take the garbage out, and dispose of it in a secure place where no pets can get into it. Even the best behaved, well trained pet may be tempted to share your holiday feast, including the string that tied the turkey legs together and what little was left of Mom's stuffing.

Besides table scraps being dangerous to your pets because of the high-fat in some of them, cooked turkey, duck, geese and other bird bones are dangerous to your pet. They are hollow and break and splinter easily. Also, because they are so easily breakable, dogs usually won't chew them thoroughly. The results are sharp pieces that can choke the dog or block and tear the intestines. A pet that has a bone or fragment of one lodged in his intestine may not even show symptoms for a few days. When they do occur they may include loss of appetite, depression, vomiting, or diarrhea. Sometimes the bone will pass by itself; other times it may need to be surgically removed. So make sure all leftovers are thrown away and out of your pets' reach.

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