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Next Meeting:
Tuesday, August 11, 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

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WHO AM I?

by Judy Johanssen, resigned animal control martial
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Which one lives and which one dies? We ask ourselves each day.
Which ones are cute, which ones are trained? For they will get to stay.
Which one is this, with big brown eyes? His owner had no heart.
And this big guy; where'd he come from? He tore the house apart.

This precious tiger kitty, left outside all day? No food or water anywhere, or
so the neighbor's say.

This cat won't use the litter box, his foots infected, too.
The Vet costs too much money, so I brought him down to you.
They leave them here without a care; they turn and walk away.
They leave them here for me to "kill", that word we should not say.
"Euthanize," the word of choice, which means a painless death.
I guess we could just make a note; we put your dog to rest.

I hold your pet, I pat his head, I feel his heart beat steady.
He's six months old, he has to die, God knows he isn't ready.
He trembles as he looks at me, I have him on the table.
His tail still wags, I look away, to save him, I'm not able.
The look of fear, in your pet's eyes, will haunt me every day.
Yet I inject the fatal drug that takes his life away.

I must be strong, I must not cry, I shouldn't speak my mind.
Which one will live, which one will die, how could they call this kind?
A murderer? You're right, I am. I've been one now for years.
I kill your pets, I draw my pay, and cry a million tears.
I'd like for you to think about the animals; their plight.

Then neuter, spay and keep your pet, so I can sleep tonight.

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General Meeting – June 9, 2009

Meeting called to order at 8:00 - roll call taken with 13 members present.

Minutes of April 14, 2009 meeting [were] read. Bill Fryers moved to approve [as] read. Donna Helmick seconded, motion approved.

Secretary's report – Correspondence passed.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Fryers moved to approve. Kay Richardson seconded, motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Show Committee – Chairman, Bill Fryers recognized all sub-committee heads involved with the Show and extended special thanks to Nancy Petersen and Penny Duffee for their extra assistance in assuring all tasks were completed in a timely manner. Bill will be seeking additional input from all sub-committee chairs. Preliminary Show financials [were given] Not all expenses have been paid yet and Interstate Center bills have not yet been received.

Match Report - Sally Krostal reported 91 entries. Full report is attached separately.

Legislation Committee – As published in newsletter. AKC site is being kept up to date also.

OLD BUSINESS

Rod & Linda Vance plan to help out periodically with Town & Country Kennel Club's 4-H Classes. Any other members interested can help. 4-H Classes are on Monday evenings at the TCKC facility.

Rhea Mays is coordinating a class at TCKC for Heartland Community College in July called **Pet Wise**. Any Corn Belt members interested in assisting should contact Rhea.

The **Reading to Dogs** program is on the back burner for now and may take place in the fall. Those interested in participating should contact Sally Krostal.

NEW BUSINESS

The Awards Committee is currently without a coordinator. Board will pursue reactivating this committee.

The Interstate Center has named the new Manager – Bones Bach will be returning to this position.

During the Shows this year, Illinois Valley Kennel Club member Dan Arterberry was approached by a member of IL PPBA (IL Professional Pet Breeders Association) regarding renting booth space under the guise of a dog food vendor. It is thought that this individual is involved in an Amish based puppy mill. The ILPPBA is having a seminar on June 27 and Mary Sue Altman from Illinois Capitol Kennel Club plans to attend the seminar [and will] provide a recap. CBKC members are asked to remain diligent to this type of activity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burge, Secretary

Board Report – July 2009



The Awards Committee is inactive and the Board has approved for the President to seek termination of the Committee by deleting reference in Standing Rule #3. This will take place at the August meeting.

By Consensus of the Board, CBKC will be opting in on AKC's Registration Pledge Challenge. *

The Board recommends CBKC match last year's donation of \$2,500.00 to Magrane Eye Foundation. Club to vote on at August meeting.

The Board has appointed Penny Duffee (Chair), Kathy Koehler, and Rod Vance to [the] 2010 Judges Selection Committee.



Legislation News - Kay Richardson, Legislative Liaison

American Kennel Club Dennis Sprung, President CEO July 23, 2009

Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of AKC wrote a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, urging continuing indefinite suspension of Michael Vick.

A reinstatement to the NFL sends the message that he is fully exonerated. President Dennis Sprung states despite Mr. Vick's public apologies, it is not clear that he has shown sustained remorse for his crimes, or has developed genuine compassion towards animals. Two years ago the national headlines stated that many of Mr. Vick's 60 fighting dogs were electrocuted, drowned, or hung for underperformance. These images have not, and should not fade from public consciousness.

AKC believes that the NFL should take a clear stand and refuse to reinstate him. They want to allow him time to demonstrate his understanding of his actions and allow the public time to trust their sports heroes again.

American Kennel Club North Carolina-Senate Bill 460 July 23, 2009

This bill seeks to unnecessarily regulate the operations of dog breeders in North Carolina. In this bill a commercial breeder is defined as someone who owns fifteen or more intact females and thirty or more puppies. It is unclear, in this bill, if these numbers refer to the number of dogs on the property at one time, or if this is cumulative over the course of one year. There are exceptions for some kennels that operate for the purpose of boarding or training. It is unclear if breeders who also train and sell puppies are exempt from licensing requirements.

Because of continued opposition to this bill the Senate delayed voting on this bill July 8th.

American Sporting Dog Alliance Lessons from Dallas Spay/Neuter Mandate John Yates July 7, 2009

Last year the Dallas, Texas City Council voted a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for dogs. Now in California the Legislature is close to passing a state-wide law. Municipal ordinances are pending still in Chicago and communities in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida.

-In 2007-08 the actual expense for animal control was \$6.4 million. The 2008-09 budget increased to \$7.8 million. (22 % increase)

-While expenses are escalating the license sale revenues have decreased in Dallas. The fiscal year loss of pet license sales will be over \$400,000. License sales dropped because people can't comply with the spay/neuter mandate. You can not obtain a license without proof of sterilization.

-With current economic conditions many people have been forced to give up their pets, putting them in shelters, or abandoning them.

This inevitable result is a rapid increase in euthanasia at animal shelters.

For more information on this article go to: www.americansportingdogalliance.org.

American Kennel Club Support of 2009 Resolution 4, as submitted by the Utah Veterinary Medical Association July 6, 2009

AKC believes that all dog owners bear a special responsibility to provide proper care and humane treatment, at all times and that responsible dog owners, in consultation with their veterinarian, have the right to make decisions regarding appropriate care and treatment of their pets.

AKC recognizes that ear cropping and tail docking, as prescribed in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character, enhancing good health, and preventing injuries; and that appropriate veterinary care should be provided.

AKC believes that mislabeling these a procedure as "cosmetic" is a severe mischaracterization. AKC believes that the change to the AVMA's policy on ear cropping and tail docking of dogs, as proposed by the Utah AMVA in **Resolution 4**, is a vital first step towards bridging the gap between AKC's traditional policy and the AVMA's recently adopted hard line policy.

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AKC believes the adoption of **Resolution 4** will protect the health and welfare of dogs. AKC encourages the member of the AVMA House of Delegates to adopt the resolution.

Resolution 4

The issue for the AVMA is not to decide what surgery pet owners want or do not want for their pets, but rather to be sure all surgical procedures performed by licensed veterinarians are with proper protocol and proper post operative care. The Association seems to want pets to be "owned" but then we want to restrict what owners can or cannot do. Veterinarians are not forced to perform the procedures and as with any surgery can elect not to do it or condone its practice.

By allowing veterinarians and dog owners the freedom to choose the most appropriate medical course of action for dogs, the adoption of **Resolution 4** will ensure that cropping and docking will remain a safe and acceptable practice.



From Your Delegate

The AKC Registration Challenge *

**“As a responsible owner of purebred dogs, I pledge:
I will encourage, assist and follow up with my puppy buyers to ensure that 100% of the puppies I produce are AKC registered.”**

(For more information on this pledge, go to the AKC site, Delegates Quarterly meeting, June 2009, pages 7-8)

Keeping Track.....

AKC says it's easy to find out if a puppy has been registered through the AKC web site (*Gazette* August 2009):

- Go to www.akc.org and in the right side bar to “My AKC”. You can log in if you already have an account, or create an account by following the prompts.
- When your page comes up, click on “Breeder Records” and then “My Dogs and Litters”.
- Click on the dam’s name and then “Registered Puppies”. On that page you will find the AKC number, name, sex, and registration type for each registered puppy. If any puppy is missing, it might be time to call the new owners and give them a friendly reminder.

Many times our new puppy buyers don't realize the importance of individual registration. They may think the registration application given them when they picked up their puppy was the actual registration.

AKC suggests the breeder go the extra few steps it takes to guarantee the puppy will be registered:

- Fill out the forms with the buyer; give them a stamped envelope; have them write out the check in your presence.
- Register each puppy yourself – the Full litter application is a little tedious since it can't be done online, but it will save money in the long run. This form allows you to name each puppy, especially valuable if you have a registered kennel name. Or you can use the regular registration online which you will be mailed an individual registration for each puppy in the litter that you can then complete yourself. New buyers could be informed of the puppy's individual registration number (or given a copy) and that they will be sent the “transfer” papers after a trial period (adaptation time to make sure this purchase is a perfect match) so they can change ownership to their own name. They can also change the puppy's name with your permission.
- Microchip each puppy and help the new buyer fill out the CAR form or inform them how to transfer the CAR membership to their name if already in yours.

These steps will confirm your dedication to your breed, your commitment to the AKC, and encourage responsible ownership.

To drive new participants to the sport of purebred dogs and promote responsible dog ownership through mentoring and training, the All Breeds Club Committee of AKC has developed a special tool to allow clubs to "opt-in" to having information about their club shared with new dog registrants in their area. The primary goals of this program are to give clubs a communication channel to potential new members as well as alerting new puppy owners to club and training resources in their area.

CBKC has "opted in", however a large number of participating clubs is needed to extend to the national reach of AKC registrants. When a sufficient number of clubs have signed up, AKC will notify us when the first email will be sent.

"We are excited about this new opportunity to promote your club to new dog registrants in your community. This is a great way to raise your club's profile, as well as that of the American Kennel Club." – AKC July 21, 2009

The topic on the concept of an advanced conformation title, Grand Champion, will be further discussed at the August AKC Board Meeting. The title is meant to encourage entry of those finished champions shown by breeder/handlers that feel the professional handlers have an advantage in the Group venue.

The August Board Meeting will also address a request from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend Chapter 3, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. Suggestion will be that the handler of a BBE entry be required to handle the dog through the Winners Class. -*Will this promote additional entries? Ed.*-



***If you look like your passport picture...
you probably need the trip.***



Excellent reading:

How Dogs Think: Understanding the Canine Mind.....scent hound owners will enjoy the chapter "I Sniff, Therefore I am".



12 THINGS DOGS WOULD SAY IF THEY COULD TALK

Unknown Author

- 12 But it SMELLS like food.
- 11 The cat did it.
- 10 What say we all drive down to Dairy Queen?
- 9 Explain this 'heat' thing again.
- 8 Mind if I sit there?
- 7 You gonna eat ALL of that?
- 6 I don't smell anything.
- 5 Could I see the menu?
- 4 FETCH THIS!
- 3 Next time, I pick the bitch!
- 2 This isn't a mess, it's ambiance!

And the number one thing your dog would say:

1 You are going to cut off my WHAT??!!



LIFE MAY NOT BE THE PARTY WE HOPED FOR, BUT WHILE WE'RE HERE WE MIGHT AS WELL DANCE

“I spoke to that dog all the time. I think this is how dogs first seduce us. They are the rare good listeners in a world of talkers.....and I’ve yet to meet one that could not keep a secret.”

-Robert Olmstead, about his childhood German Shepherd Dog



Comment of the month:

Keep in mind, no matter who's judging, good dogs win most of the time, mediocre dogs win some of the time, and poor examples supply us with points to finish.

-Virginia Antia, AKC Gazette columnist for the Manchester terrier



- BE PREPARED -

Proper emergency planning can help save the life of your pet. The American Kennel Club has prepared the following checklist to help pet owners pack a portable pet first-aid kit.

Portable First Aid Kit for Pets

- Water-proof storage container for kit
- Antiseptic/anti-bacterial cleansing wipes/Alcohol prep pads
- Eye wash
- Eye and skin wash in one
- A sock (foot wrapper)
- Latex surgical gloves
- Electrolyte powder (add to water on hot days)
- Emergency space blanket
- Small flashlight
- Bottled water
- Medicated balm
- Leash and collar
- Soft muzzle
- Speak to your vet about what to pack in case your dog has a sudden allergic reaction
- Flexible bandage
- Gauze roll
- Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip hair around wounds
- Wood splint
- Paper towels
- Plastic baggies
- Small cold pack and hot pack (self activating)
- Cotton swabs
- Antibiotic ointment/packets
- Tweezers
- Space for copy of dog's papers & vet records (sealed in plastic bag)

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