

Corn Belt Kennel
Club

An All-Breed Club
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NEXT MEETING DATE:

April 12, 2011

Meeting Place:

Denny's Restaurant

1615 N. Main, Normal, IL

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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the Sentinel

Tale of a Brood Bitch

You buy a bitch, a winning thing
And make her a champion in the ring.
She's sound, she's lovely, dysplasia free,
You want to breed her carefully.

Taking lots of time, you look around,
The stud must be both typey and sound.
You study the pedigree 'till blind,
Building the litter in your mind.

Several possibilities appear.
You write back "My dog's the best"
Although the stud fee's out of sight,
You breed the bitch, the die is cast.
The next nine weeks don't go fast.

Of course, she whelps in the middle of the night.
With luck and care it turns out right.
The next eight weeks you fret and strain,
Feed and scoop in driving rain.

You take care with the homes they get.
This one is a show dog, this one a pet.
New owners call with problems dear,
You're on the phone for half a year.

AT LAST, the moment you've longed to know,
Your pups have come to their first show.
They all look fine, not one's a dud.
Then from behind you comes....

"WOW - WHO'S THE STUD ????"

~Author Unknown ~





General Meeting – February 8, 2011

Meeting called to order with 13 members and 2 guests (Simone Demirjian Beazly and Cheri Rankin) present. Roll call taken.

Minutes of December 14 meeting read. Linda Vance moved to approve as read. Martin Belcke seconded, motion approved. Correspondence was passed.

Treasurer's Report – Penny Duffee moved to approve as read. Nancy Petersen seconded, motion approved. A Reimbursement form is available on the web-site for those needing reimbursement of expenses.

COMMITTEES:

Judges Selection – All set for 2011.

Cluster – Premium Proofing for CBKC is about done. Interstate Center plans on track. 2 Rooms in West Expo will be available for our use.

Legislation – HB1080 is pending and contains breed specific verbiage. Members should contact their Representatives and Senators to encourage NO votes. AKC Web-site has additional information.

Website – Send any information you have for Show to Lee Assam for inclusion on the Website.

Show – Proofing of our premium is about final then it goes to Steve Melgreen for final review by IVKC. All else is on track.

Vet – Eye Clinic will be performed by a different Vet this year. Dr. Hamerin is not available and has recommended Dr. Rob Swinger from the Aurora area.

Match – Terri Trainer will be the Assistant Chair for the Match.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Applications – Second Readings for Simone Demirjian Beazly and Cheri Rankin. Ballots were distributed for vote. Both applicants were unanimously approved and welcomed as new members.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Burge, Secretary

Board Report

Bill Fryers provided an overview of investment opportunities and the Committee will be meeting with the Investment Advisor, Craig Miyatt in the near future.

Building our Brand... Board discussed a couple options to facilitate us getting our name out in the community:

1 – Partnering with Red Cross (Rhea Mays, Town & Country Kennel Club President) is asking if we'd be interested in assisting with a Heartland College (Community Education Program) class (What Breed is best for me) by providing expertise in breed overviews, etc. Bruce will take the lead on this effort.

2 – Develop (possibly partner with Town & Country Kennel Club) a Canine Health Fair providing information, health screenings, micro-chipping, etc. Bruce will put an announcement in the newsletter seeking members who would be interested in taking a lead role in this activity.



Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership in the Community

Rhea Mays of the local Red Cross Chapter, has been coordinating dog-related classes with Heartland Community College. This year she has requested **CBKC** participation in a two-night program with 90 minutes classes addressing the subjects *“So You Think You Want A Dog”* and *“What Breed Is Best For Me.”*

Using AKC materials, Rhea is leading the first class. **CBKC** members will join her on the second evening facilitating discussions on breed characteristics, energy levels training challenges, responsible dog ownership and the advantages of working with a reputable breeder. A few dogs representing the different breed groups will be presented during the class. I will be taking the lead on this project and will contact some club members to assist. The two classes will likely take place during Heartland's summer session.

Your Board members feel this is great way to promote responsible dog ownership and boost the awareness of our club with a minimal amount of work.

Many of you may have seen the “Canine Health Day” flyer being circulated by the Dog Training of Champaign-Urbana and Champaign Illinois Kennel Club. The clubs promoted a one-day event where a dog owner could get several health certifications. Your Board proposes we pursue something similar for this Fall, but on a bigger scale -- a **“Dog Fair.”**

In addition to offering health certifications and micro-chipping, we would provide the general public with information on responsible dog ownership, nutrition, dog-related legislative issues and more. It would be a great opportunity to provide a venue to “meet the breeds” up close and personal and invite TCKC members to offer training demonstrations.

A big project for sure, but also a big opportunity to promote our leadership of responsible dog ownership in the community. Many club members are excited about the idea and have already volunteered to work on this event. We will discuss the **CBKC Dog Fair** at the April club meeting. I'm looking forward to your input and *participation* in a project that will put CBKC on the map in McLean County.

Bruce



Legislation News – Kay Richardson, AKC Legislative liaison

March 14, 2011

AKC

West Virginia Victory: HB 2883 Does Not Advance

AKC is thanking local AKC clubs, breeders, and concerned citizens who sent numerous emails, and placed phone calls to their legislature representatives. The WV Legislature has adjourned without taking any further action on this bill. This bill would have limited dog ownership and restricted breeding. Under this bill a breeder would not be allowed to have **11** or more unsterilized dogs. Also, a breeder would not be allowed to sell or exchange more than **15 dogs in a calendar year**, without becoming a commercial breeder.

March 14, 2011

AKC

Ohio Update: Hearing to Repeal BSL (Breed specific legislation)

AKC is strongly supporting House Bill 14, which seeks to remove the term “pit bull” from the state’s definition of “vicious dog”. Ohio is currently the only state to have enacted statewide breed-specific legislation. The breed specific language in state law has enabled local Ohio municipalities to enact strict ordinances regarding ownership of “pit bulls” and has led to the ban and euthanasia of numerous dogs in communities throughout the state. AKC is asking Ohio breeders and dog owners to contact their state representatives to help pass Bill 14.

March 3, 2011

AKC

Vermont Committee to Consider Licensing and Inspections for Dog Owners

The Vermont House Agriculture Committee is considering HB 303. This bill will change numerous licensing and tax requirements for those who sell dogs, including:

1: Requiring inspections prior to granting “pet merchant” licenses. A “pet merchant” is someone who: Acts as a dealer-defined as anyone who sells, exchanges, donates, or offers to sell more than 1 litter or 2 animals over 6 months of age in a year.

Engages in the sale of more than 1 litter per year, or

Engages in the sale of 2 or more animals over six months of age

The purpose of this legislation is for the purpose of collecting sales and use taxes. This would require additional registration. Also, anyone who **owns 2 or more intact “domestic pets”** will have to obtain a \$25 annual license, which must be displayed on the owner’s premises.



It was a long winter, but now it’s Spring and our show weekend is quickly approaching. In fact, this Tuesday’s meeting is our last Club meeting before the shows. Please plan to attend and offer your assistance where ever it may be needed. *Speak up Volunteer....*

Showchair, Kay Richardson, and all the committees can use your help.....kk

Responses from the February *Sentinel* inquiry:

- Matching Your Puppies With the Best Prospective Homes -

This might be one of the most challenging aspects of being a breeder.

Let us know your tactics and what questions you ask...

What are some of the first things you say or ask when someone inquires about a puppy?

Do you have prospective owners respond to a questionnaire?

What are some of the most important criteria in determining if this will be the right home for one of your puppies?

What things do you consider in matching specific puppies with individual homes?

What are some of the ways that you assess puppy personality?

Do you visit the homes of prospective buyers?

Is your placement permanent or tentative...if tentative, how long is your grace period?

Do you routinely limit registrations of your pups?

Do you utilize the AKC Full Litter Registration?

How do you answer that sensitive (often irritating) question: "HOW MUCH do you sell your puppies for?"

Thank you, Club members, for your responses: (Kelley Ensminger was my only responder - shame on the rest of you ~ kk)

I ask if they have researched my breed and how long they have wanted this breed. Have they owned my breed before and (most importantly) do they have any other dogs now?

Yes, I have a questionnaire but don't always use it because most people contact me online and so I just ask the questions online and "save" their emails back to me along with the purchase contract. Also, I believe I am nonchalant when asking ... This puppy was raised with children ... do you have children? This puppy was raised with a fenced yard ... do you have a fenced yard? This puppy is crate trained and/or paper trained ... who will be home to continue house training the puppy? This puppy was raised with two other dogs and a cat ... do you have other pets?

Is someone home with the puppy during the day so it can become potty trained and get the proper attention and training?

I spay all my females before placing them into homes unless the buyer has purchased a puppy from me previously or from someone I know. You can't be too careful. Puppy mills will buy a female with a limited registration and register her under another registration system.

I have only had one incident where a puppy of mine was not compatible with a home. With puppies that are kid crazy, I try to find kid homes for them. Of course the perfect home is the one where the puppy will be a couple's one and only kid :) Although they are also the most high maintenance homes as far as questions and concerns and calls in the middle of the night go, it is worth dealing with to know that my puppy is spoiled rotten and sleeping in a bed nicer than mine!

Visiting homes is more of an exception than a rule. I have before, but not really because I was worried about the puppy's home or placement.

I will always take a puppy of mine back. That's in my contract. I will say that I have had a very limited number of litters and so my lifetime guarantee and return policy wouldn't be as hard to fulfill than if I had a breed that had 12 puppies in a litter or if I bred more often.

I do limited registration on all pet puppies. I spay or neuter any puppy that I considered to be a show puppy but didn't "turn out."

I have not used the full litter registration. Naming a puppy is really, really important to pet people. I don't feel like I should take that away from them.

When I have a litter, I ask around about what pets are selling for and that is what I ask as a pet price.

Lament of a stud.

My job is making puppies, and I get two tries at that.
They pat me on the head and say "good boy" - and that's that.
It's half my job to give 'em teeth and toplines, fronts and other.
Remember, it's only half my job. They also have a mother.

It's not my job to carry pups and make 'em grow and nurse 'em,
And feed and clean and make 'em strong, that's for Mother and a person.
It's not my job to wean and feed the calcium and food.
And stack and gait and housebreak and make 'em a showing brood.

It's not my job to plan the breeding and learn what produces well.
To study pedigrees, learn what's there and pick out what to sell.
It's not my job to guarantee champs, the breeder picks the pair.
To mate and whelp and feed and show and HOPE the champ is there.

It's not my job to be on hand when points are given out,
The breeder, owner, Dam and friends take credit with a shout.
It's not my job to deliver a winner, it's only genes I sell.....
But let the puppies turn out BAD and guess who catches HELL!

~Author Unknown ~

2010 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.	2009 Ranking
1. Labrador Retriever	1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog	2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Yorkshire Terrier	3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Beagle	4. Golden Retriever
5. Golden Retriever	5. Beagle
6. Bulldog	6. Boxer
7. Boxer	7. Bulldog
8. Dachshund	8. Dachshund
9. Poodle	9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu	10. Shih Tzu



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