

Corn Belt Kennel  
Club

An All-Breed Club  
Since  
1950

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**Officers:**

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Rod Vance

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Karan Kilgus

**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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# the Sentinel

Remember last winter?



Ahh....aren't the seasons wonderful?

## General Meeting – June 8, 2010

Meeting called to order with 17 members present. Roll taken.

**Minutes** of April 13, 2010 meeting read. Bill Fryers moved to approve as read. Cynthia Huff seconded, motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – [the checking account balance was reported as well as information on the portfolio]. Rod Vance moved to approve [as reported]. Linda Vance seconded, motion approved.

**Secretary's Report** – Correspondence passed around.

**President's Report** – Committee Assignments will be reviewed and new assignments made as needed.

Anyone with interest in a particular committee should advise a Board member prior to the July 13, 2010 meeting.

### COMMITTEES

**Show** – We have a Wiggio Site – Please join this on-line group and post your reports, etc. there. All went well overall with the Show. Thanks to everyone who helped.

**Judges' Hospitality** – Karen Lander needs to have email addresses for judges as soon as possible after hire in order to provide timely communications regarding travel arrangements, etc.

**Eye Clinic** – All went well and all 200 appointments were filled at \$30.00 each.

**Cluster** – Next meeting will include allocating the judges hotel charges. Meeting will be in July. Need to determine specifics for 2011 as soon as possible as the Toy Spaniel Club needs information by the end of June in order to proceed with their plans.

General discussion ensued regarding Interstate Center site for 2011. IVKC has asked Exposition Gardens to pencil us in as a 'back up' plan.

**Legislation Committee** – Dr. Tim Anderson had an article in the June 8, 2010 Pantagraph regarding the Humane Society of the United States. Club members were alerted so they could post a comment in the Pantagraph on-line if they desired.

Other legislation updates were noted in the newsletter.

Cynthia Huff manned the IL Federation of Dog Owners booth at our Shows for several hours over the weekend. She noted there was quite a bit of interest and opportunities to educate dog owners.

**Show Site Committee** will begin meeting again now that the rush of activities associated with our Shows is over.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

CERF Eye Clinic – In the past a majority of proceeds has been donated to the Magrane Eye Foundation. Linda Vance moved that Corn Belt Kennel Club match last year's donation of \$2,500.00 with remaining proceeds being retained by the Club. Bill Fryers seconded, motion approved.

AKC Canine Health Foundation is soliciting memberships to support health research. Cost is \$200.00 Club donation for membership. Penny Duffee moved that Corn Belt Kennel Club take a membership in the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Kathy Koehler seconded, motion approved. Penny Duffee will be the liaison.

AKC Humane Fund provided programming/grants to educate adults/children. \$1,000.00 allows for founding member status. No action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burge, Secretary

[This editor removes from print private monetary information. Exact balances of accounts may be obtained at Club meetings.] kk

## Board Report – July, 2010

Show Site Committee – The Committee has found a potential site for future Shows. A meeting has been scheduled for July 21 to view the Avanti's Dome in Pekin, IL. Members of CBKC, IVKC and the Agility Clubs are invited to see if this site would be feasible for our Shows/Trials.

The Board is working on appointments to committees for 2011.

Website has been updated.

(The Show site committee and the Cluster committee continue to investigate future show sites. Even though the Cluster had a contract with the Interstate Center thru 2011, some items had to be re-negotiated due to the purchase of the Center. These negotiations have not been favorable to the HOI Cluster, so a change of venue as of 2011 is being pursued.) – kk

How would you feel about "same day" show entries?  
For ex: You've spent \$50 on entering 2 dogs at a show. You only need a major to finish one of them. The show entry reports the breed is 2 dogs short of a major. Wouldn't it be cool (tho it would have to be more expensive to enter) to call around to find the necessary dogs to travel and enter on the day of the show? You may not win, but someone will gain a major. There are things to work out here, but nothing that couldn't be accomplished.

Would this increase entries?

Congratulations to Am. & Can. CH Lambluv's Gambolon Blue Thunder, "Elvis",  
(number 1 Breed - Winning Old English Sheepdog),

on his recent Grand Championship title!

Owned by Kay Richardson, CBKC member

See Elvis on the cover of the June 25, 2010 *Dog News*

See his article in Purina's publication of *Today's Breeder*

**For Immediate Release**  
**Contact: P&G Consumer Relations - 877-340-8823**

**July 30, 2010**

**P&G Expands Voluntary Limited Recall of Specialized Dry Pet Foods  
Due to Possible Health Risk**

CINCINNATI, July 30, 2010 - The Procter & Gamble Company (P&G) (NYSE:PG) is voluntarily expanding its recall to include veterinary and some specialized dry pet food as a precautionary measure because it has the potential to be contaminated with salmonella. No salmonella-related illnesses have been reported.

The following products are included:

<b><u>Product Name</u></b>	<b><u>Version</u></b>	<b><u>"Best-By" Dates</u></b>	<b><u>UPC Code</u></b>
Iams Veterinary Dry Formulas	All dry sizes and varieties	01Jul10 - 01Dec11	All UPC Codes
Eukanuba Naturally Wild	All dry sizes and varieties	01Jul10 - 01Dec11	All UPC Codes
Eukanuba Pure	All dry sizes and varieties	01Jul10 - 01Dec11	All UPC Codes
Eukanuba Custom Care Sensitive Skin	All dry sizes	01Jul10 - 01Dec11	All UPC Codes

The affected products are sold in veterinary clinics and specialty pet retailers throughout the United States and Canada. No canned food, biscuits/treats or supplements are affected by this announcement. A full listing of UPC codes can be found at [www.iams.com](http://www.iams.com)

These products are made in a single, specialized facility. In cooperation with FDA, P&G determined that some products made at this facility have the potential for salmonella contamination. As a precautionary measure, P&G is recalling all products made at this facility.

Consumers who have purchased the specific dry pet foods listed should discard them. People handling dry pet food can become infected with Salmonella, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with surfaces exposed to this product. Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella infections may have decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. If left untreated, pets may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

For further information or a product refund call P&G toll-free at 877-340-8823 (Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST).

**For a full list of the most recent recalls in Pet Food, go to:**

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm220780.htm> (search dog foods)



### **Canine Health Foundation News Alert**

#### **Investigators Seek Participation in Survey to Obtain Information Relevant to Bloat**

[Wednesday, June 23, 2010]

Bloat is a problem that affects many breeds; it is a condition in which a dog's stomach distends. If this condition involves a twisted stomach, it is called Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV). Drs. Carmen Battaglia and Cynthia Otto of the American Kennel Club and University of Pennsylvania, respectively, are currently seeking participants in a new survey that will provide information on conditions that are relevant to the further study of bloat.

Previous research on GDV has been inconclusive, pointing in many directions, and providing breeders with no useful information about how to prevent their dogs from bloating.

For the survey Drs. Battaglia and Otto are interested in dogs that have bloated. The survey can accommodate information for up to three of your dogs that have bloated. The survey also asks for information on a healthy dog (one that hasn't bloated) that is most like (conformationally) your dogs that did bloat.

To participate in the survey, copy and paste this link - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WS2VKFP>

### **AKC Canine Health Foundation News Alert**

#### **Samples Needed for Canine Melanoma Research!** [Tuesday, August 3, 2010]

**The Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium (CHCC) needs your help!** They are studying canine melanoma and are requesting blood samples from any purebred dog to further their research to identify the underlying genetic lesions and biochemical pathways that contribute to this disease.

Melanoma is a form of cancer in which the pigment-producing cells of the skin, melanocytes, multiply in an uncontrolled manner. Canine melanoma can be malignant or benign; malignant cancer is capable of spreading from the original tumor to lymph nodes and distant organs. Once melanoma is established in an organ, additional tumors grow and often ultimately cause the death of the animal. Canine melanoma is frequently malignant when it occurs in the mouth, toes or behind the eyes. Oral melanoma, for example, is a particularly aggressive subtype of the disease, with a 5-year survival rate of 10 - 25%.

The CHCC will provide sample collection kits and pay for shipping. Requested samples include whole blood (5 mls in an EDTA "purple top" tube) and/or fresh tumor samples. Dogs in remission are eligible to participate in this study, as are dogs who have already had tumors removed.

For further information, collection kits and shipping information, please contact [Dr. Roe Froman](#) at the Van Andel Research Institute (office: 616.234.5569 cell: 616.914.0934).



## Legislation – Kay Richardson, AKC Legislative Liaison

### Review of Legislation

AKC

#### NC Victory: Senate Bill 460 Dead after Two-Year Run in Legislature - July 6, 2010

Good news! AKC is announcing that Senate Bill 460 is finally dead. Supporter of this bill did not have the votes to pass the measure in the North Carolina House.

#### AKC's position on Senate Bill 460

Vague definition of "commercial breeder" This bill defined anyone who owned 15 or more intact female dogs of breeding age, and 30 or more puppies, as a commercial breeder. **It is not clear if this is a cumulative number owned over a lifetime, or the number on a property** at one time.

North Carolina already has effective laws criminalizing animal negligence and cruelty. SB 460 as currently written would do nothing to protect the health or welfare of dogs in North Carolina, according to AKC. (Creation of a new, unfunded mandate for counties.) SB 460 gives the state authority to initiate investigations on complaints against commercial breeders, but it makes county authorities responsible for conducting the investigations and follow-up work from the state's motion. In this difficult economic climate, it is unnecessary and unwise to create a costly new program that requires counties and their taxpayers to find the funding to properly implement it.

(False and misleading legislative findings) The bill's legislative findings are based on unsubstantiated claims and state that the bill does not interfere with a person's right to participate in hunting and working activities with their dogs. But, the bill only exempts those who board or train-not those who breed-dogs for show, hunting, working, etc.

AKC wishes to thank concerned dog owners and breeders in North Carolina who **worked to defeat this unfair bill.**

#### AKC

#### Federal PUPS Legislation Information Update - July 22, 2010

AKC and the Washington, D.C. based advocacy team continue to closely monitor S.3424/H.R. 5434, the federal Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety (PUPS) Act. There has been no official action on the bill since late May. This bill seeks to expand federal regulation of dog breeders who breed and sell more than 50 puppies a year directly to consumers.

AKC has a number of serious concerns with the bill as introduced. Some of these include:

#### Definition of "breeding female" as an intact female dog aged 4 months or older.

Definition of "high volume retail breeder" that is overly broad and **does not take into account co-and joint ownerships.** Exercise language should be clarified to ensure that the daily exercise requirements do not preclude training that involves other types of activities as well. AKC will continue to monitor this legislation.



### Signs of the Times.....

On a Fence: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive."

Door of a Chicago Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

At the Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment, however, if you don't, you will be."

At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."



**More than 1,000 Dogs and Cats are set to take over NYC at this Year's Second Annual Meet the Breeds.**

AKC states that it will be raining cats and dogs once again in October at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Pet Partners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare provider, **Meet the Breeds** is the world's largest showcase of cats and dogs and offers pet lovers a unique opportunity to play with some of the country's rarest dog and cat breeds while educating themselves about responsible pet ownership.

The event will showcase more than 200 dog and cat breed booths that allow a person to interact with the dogs and cats, and learn about their history and unique attributes. There will be top experts in every pet-related field including breeding, training, grooming, nutrition and first aid. More than 100 vendors will be selling unique dog and cat items.

There will be games and giveaways at vendor booths and free samples.

This is a great place to see different breeds. AKC recommends that everyone come and have a great time.



Effective – June 30, 2010 - The Cane Corso

Welcome to the Working Group



Lyme Disease Symptoms:

In dogs, Lyme disease produces symptoms characterized by arthritis, though it can sometimes involve heart, nervous system and the kidneys. The arthritic joints may become swollen and hot, and there may be a fever (102 to 105 degrees) and poor appetite. Dogs may also become lame because of the disease. This painful lameness often appears suddenly and may shift from one leg to another. If untreated, it may eventually disappear, only to recur weeks or months later. The glands (lymph nodes) of the dog may also be swollen.

Many dogs suffering from Lyme Disease are taken to a veterinarian because they seem to be experiencing generalized pain and have stopped eating. Often these dogs have high fevers.

Some dogs are affected with the Lyme Disease organism for over a year before they finally show symptoms. By this time, the disease may be quite widespread in the dog's body.

Lyme Disease Diagnosis:

Diagnosis of Lyme disease in dogs is based on risk of exposure, clinical symptoms and blood testing. Only a veterinarian can make the diagnosis.

Lyme Disease Treatment:

The Lyme spirochete is a bacterium, so it can be controlled by antibiotics. However, a lengthy course of treatment may be necessary to completely eradicate the organism. With early detection, dogs may experience relief of symptoms within 24 hours of treatment. Chronic cases require longer periods of treatment.

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