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CHATTANOOGA CHEW CHEW NEWS

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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
AND BRAGS**

22nd OF EACH MONTH

CKC Board Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each Month at the Golden Corral in Cleveland TN, 7:00 pm. Meetings are always open to any member.

**Our February General Meeting will be held at the
Country Place Restaurant
7320 Shallowford Rd.**

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

**Meeting 7:00 PM
Come early for dinner!**

**There will be no program so we can get home early to
watch Westminster.**

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2011

Held at the Christmas Party

The Secretary meeting was called to order by Jerry Davis at 7:00 pm. In attendance were 35 members and 1 guest.

Jerry announced that our Club member Jean Fournier is the recipient of the 2012 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award in the conformation category. Well done, Jean! Congratulations!

Our end of year donations were discussed. It was moved, seconded and passed that CKC donate \$500.00 to the Pet Placement Center and \$1500.00 to the Goodwill Dog Assistance Academy.

David Gilstrap moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weigle
Recording

CKC BOARD MEETING

January 4, 2012

Golden Coral in Cleveland

Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Davis at 7:00 pm. Present were Catherine Fuller, David Gilstrap, Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban, Mary Menozi, Paula Steele, Henry Evans, Neke Burke, Nancy Pearl and Sandra Weigle. Marge White was absent.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Nancy Pearl read Thank You notes from the Pet Placement Center and from the Goodwill Dog Assistance Academy thanking CKC for our donations. A report was received from UT updating the status of CKC's Veterinarian Scholarship Fund.

Treasurer Report: Mary Menozi distributed the current Treasurer's Report. Reminders have been sent to those members who have not yet renewed their dues as of this date.

Bulletin Secretary Report: Marilyn Harban requested that a business classified ad be approved for Nancy Pearl. Board voted to approve.

Training Classes: Begin January 24 at Tri-State in Cleveland. Donna Burchi will instruct.

Delegate Report: David Gilstrap reported that a new group alignment was introduced. It consists of 11 groups. The AKC Board can change the placement of any breed in any group at will. It will be voted on at the March 2012 Delegate Meeting.

New shows can be approved now, but they must be 300 miles away from any pre-approved shows.

Entry growth was discussed. The important points were: 1. Don't change your date unless absolutely necessary; 2. Treat exhibitors well; 3. Encourage specialties.

The new points system will now be based on the previous year instead of the 3-year average.

A new Owner/Handler Series was introduced. This is a non-titling competition that will showcase owner handled dogs at designated shows across the country.

Old Business: Committee chairs and members are needed for Program, Publicity, Membership and Historian.

New Business: Board voted to award certificates for new Grand Championship titles beginning at the December 2012 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. The member CH plaques will continue as it is currently.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate the Crippen Family as Lifetime Members. This motion will be presented to the membership at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Weigle
Recording Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Held at the Country Place Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Davis at 7:00 pm. In attendance were 21 members and 2 guests.

Program was given by Nancy Pearl on the Companion Animal Management Emergency Trailer (CAMET) Nancy stressed the need for this area to have at least one trailer and hopefully many more than one. At this time there are none in the state. Nancy has been working with the Tennessee Disaster Animal Response Team. A CAMET would mean so much to us in the case of tornados, flood, fire and other emergency situations where people face loss of home and their animals are displaced. Each of these trailers is fully stocked and is maintained permanently at a cost of \$17,500. Future plans are for an account to be set up to receive money from fund raising.

Recording Secretary: Absent

Bulletin Secretary read Minutes from December Party Meeting and the January Board Meeting with corrections to the date Training classes begin. Date changed from January 17 to January 24. Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer Report: January report was distributed. No corrections or questions

Program: We need a Program Chair. President had members write down suggestions and turn them in for program ideas.

Show Chair: Carlene reported on the first Show Committee Meeting held December 4 at their home. Entry fee will remain the same for the 2012 shows. Trophies will be limited to Best in Show and Group 1's only this year, including the Saturday Bred-By Group. Lisa Asbury will be Vendor Chair and will look for an additional food vendor. Other Committee Chairs will be Neke Burke and Jane Price, hospitality; Mike Mathews, RV Parking; Donna Burchi, Catalog sales; Robin Adkins, assist catalog sales with Catalog advertising sales; Marilyn Harban, Specialty and Supported Coordinator; Marilyn Harban, trophies; and Rita Farmer, Match.

The 2012 Show has been approved. Show dates are September 15 and 16 and will close August 29, 2012.

Judges panel has been approved; however, Bill Bergum phoned and said he is limiting his judging to 125 dogs and will lower his fee to \$200.

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We have contracts with Camp Jordan, Onofrio, Kathy Wilcox, photographer, and Dixie Stewards.

The next Show Committee meeting will be in April.

Bulletin: There will be a new feature called "Getting To Know You". Questionnaire has been sent out to the membership. Each month a member will be featured in the Bulletin.

Training Director: Classes will begin January 24th with Donna Burchi as instructor.

Delegate: David reported the moratorium on new shows has now been lifted and a 300 mile limit is now in place for new shows. There will also be a new Owner/Handler ranking/tracking system to begin January 2012. Details will be published in the February bulletin.

Judges Committee: Report was made by Show Chair. Please send any Judges request for future shows to David Gilstrap.

Old Business: None

New Business: President reported on receiving a note from Karen Crippen requesting life membership status be given to David, Karen and Bekki for their years of Club service. Motion made and seconded. Vote was taken and request was approved.

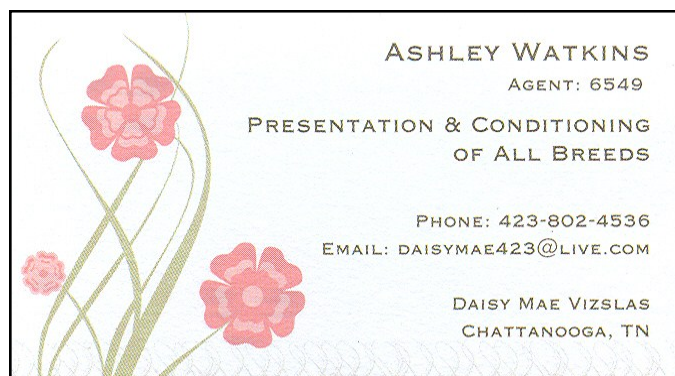
Neke Burke was thanked for a job well done this past year as Hospitality. Jerry also acknowledged the winners of the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award, Neke Burke and Member of the Year, Marilyn Harban.

Braggs: None

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Seconded. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Harban
Bulletin Secretary



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CONFORMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN AT TRI-STATE EXHIBITION CENTER

CLEVELAND, TN

EXIT 20 OFF I-75 (THEN TURN WEST TO EXHIBITION CENTER ON RIGHT)

TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM

COMBINED BEGINNING /INTERMEDIATE CLASS

JANUARY 31

FEBRUARY 7, 21, & 28

MARCH 6

Non-members is \$45 per 6-week session.

Cost for Members is \$30 per session

PLEASE PRINT OFF CLASS APPLICATION FORM
(AVAILABLE AT WWW.CHATTANOOGAKENNELCLUB.ORG)
AND BRING TO CLASS

MARILYN HARBAN

DREAMTIMEAUSSIES@COMCAST.NET FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

DUES REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RENEWED

**Gayle Balaban
Craig Crawley
Carole Crews
Jean Fournier
Chris & Marie Harper
Kelly Knight
Melodi & Chelsea Lewis-Carvour
Ramona Means
Olivia Medley
Aleatha Plott
David & Laura Solyom
Darlene Swafford
Janet Suber**

**Dues are now over-due. We want to get the roster out so
please send in your dues as soon as possible.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Kathryn E Phillips, THE GIN-TAI TIBETAN SPANIELS & THE GIN-CHOWS

1. HOW AND WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN YOUR BREED?

I became interested in The Chow Chow in the early 1980's, finished my first AKC Chow, and put major-points on several more. Sometimes they were handled by me and sometimes by more-experienced friends or professional handlers. I was working full-time and couldn't always show them myself. I did attend Conformation Training Classes and learned how to show. I whelped a few litters, always Champion-Sired, and worked with my friends and professional handlers "running their client-dogs to ringside", visiting experienced breeder's kennels and show "set-ups", and learning their "tricks" of grooming, whelping, and training along the way. I also subscribed to "Dog World", "Dog Fancy", and "CHOW LIFE" and purchased and read many books on the breed. I joined "The Chattanooga Kennel Club", "The Chow Chow Club, Inc.", and affiliated with "The Chow Chow Fanciers of Atlanta" and "The Middle Tennessee Chow Fanciers", regional breed clubs. I attended area AKC Dog Shows, The National Specialty, and as many Regional Specialties, Banquets, and other breed activities as possible. My friends were my Mentors, and I owe everything I know about showing, breeding, and grooming to them.

Around 1993, after a major accident in which I broke my right leg and spent a year in recovery; gradually moving from the wheel-chair to the walker, and finally to the cane; I realized that I could no longer do the necessary hours of grooming and lifting needed to continue as a Breeder/Owner/Handler of the Chow Chow. So, through the generosity of an AKC Judge and his wife, I was chosen to carry on their outstanding imported lines of, my "second-breed", The Tibetan Spaniel. As sometimes happens, my need to change to a smaller, so-called... "wash-and-wear-breed", proved a "blessing in disguise"! I am currently an AKC Tibetan Spaniel Breeder of Merit.

2. ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY OTHER DOG ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CHATTANOOGA KENNEL CLUB?

THE CHOW CHOW CLUB, INC. and THE TIBETAN SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA

3. ARE YOU AN EXHIBITOR/ BREEDER/ PET OWNER? Yes

4. ARE YOU NOW SHOWING A DOG? Yes

5. WHAT OTHER INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE OTHER THAN DOG RELATED?

I am a musician. I play and teach piano, organ, and singing. I also sing in the choir at my church. I am a hobby competitor in International Website Competitions, and do volunteer web-site design and computer graphics for my local church and community and for my family and friends.

6. WHAT ARE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE JUDGES EXPERIENCES?

All of them are unique and one never knows what to expect. Just always understand that their Show Ring "belongs to each individual judge" and try to follow their directions exactly, no matter how unusual their requests!

7. ARE YOU OWNER HANDLED / PROFESSIONAL HANDLED ?

Both from time to time.

8. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO LEARN FROM BEING A MEMBER OF THE CHATTANOOGA KENNEL CLUB?

There's always something new to learn from "Dog People" , since showing dogs is a Life-Long-Learning Experience.

9. WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS IN THE FUTURE?

I no longer whelp litters in my own home due to my age and health, but I do offer my Champion and Grand-Champion males at stud by treaty to approved females. I hope to complete more titles in areas such as Therapy Dog and Rally Obedience on my current dogs. I have put The Canine Good Citizenship(CGC) title on one of my Tibetan Spaniels, and have earned Certificates of Completion from The Obedience Training Club of Chattanooga, as well.

10. PLEASE SHARE WITH US THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE HAD IN THIS SPORT OF OWNING A PURE BRED ANIMAL...

After over thirty years in dogs, I can't choose only one such experience. They're all such wonderful companions and best-friends; always full of unconditional love, loyalty, and fun; that I could never live without at least three! Tibetan Spaniels are like "potato chips"; one is never enough.

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If you haven't sent me your questionnaire, please send it to me with a photo of yourself. We want to get to know you.

Editor

-- AKC Owner-Handler Series Kicks Off This Month --

New York, NY - This month, we're pleased to launch a new event that will take place at select dog shows around the country - the AKC Owner-Handler Series.

Owner-handlers are the core of the conformation dog sport, making up the majority of show entries. We're pleased to put the spotlight on all of our owner-handlers and acknowledge the time and dedication they put into their dogs.

The AKC Owner-Handler Series will take place after Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. This competition will be open to all non-professional owner-handlers, whether experienced or novice. All dogs' eligibility must be indicated by checking the Owner-Handler box on the entry form at the time of entry and will be marked as Owner-Handler eligible with an asterisk (*) in the steward's book and catalog.

Owner-Handler Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handler eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handler Best of Breed/Variety. If BOB is ineligible and Best of Opposite Sex is eligible, BOS will compete against the eligible Best of Breed dogs of the other sex. If the BOB and BOS winners are both ineligible, the judge will choose Owner-Handler Best of Breed from the eligible Selects and eligible WD or WB. If one of the Selects is eligible, the judge will excuse dogs of the same sex as the Select and judge the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible WD or WB. If the BOB, BOS and Selects are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring.

Based on points from Breed, Group and Best in Show wins accrued throughout the year, we'll rank the dogs and invite our top owner-handled exhibits to a special year-end event to compete for a Best Owner-Handler Award.

AKC Owner-Handler Series Point Scale:

(Note: Owner-Handler Series points do not contribute to championship points)

Best in Show 100

Group 1 30

Group 2 20

Group 3 15

Group 4 10

Best of Breed 5

I hope that many of you will take part and we look forward to your feedback about the new Series. We plan to add shows featuring this new event throughout the year, so stay tuned for updates on www.akc.org.

The first events in the AKC Owner-Handler Series will take place at: Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon - January 21st Oakland County Kennel Club - January 21st Sahuaro State Kennel Club - February 4th Colorado Kennel Club - February 19th International Kennel Club of Chicago - February 26th Ft. Worth Kennel Club - March 24th Atlanta Kennel Club - April 14th Greenwich Kennel Club - June 9th

If you have any questions or feedback to share about the AKC Owner-Handler Series, we encourage you to contact Bri Tesarz at glt@akc.org or 919-816-3514.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the ABC Television Network broadcast of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on February 4th. Check your local listings for airtimes. The national exposure this broadcast brings helps us share all the good things AKC does for dogs with the pet-loving public.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker
Chairman

EARTHDOG TRIALS

Have you got the winter doggy doldrums??? We have a solution!

Time for you to pack up your favorite earthdog(s) to head south towards HOTlanta for the Atlanta Terrier Club Earthdog Trial..... held February 11+12 near Rome Georgia at the beautiful Canine Ranch, an 11 acre fenced canine facility boasting a heated indoor building with space for you and your crates....heated indoor toilet facilities.....chauffered golf cart transport to dens and lots of southern hospitality!

Brand spanking new JE tunnel, a brand spanking new ME walk -up and the all important escape proof IQ test site. TWO tests on Saturday, one on Sunday. Entries for ME, SE close January 27, 2012 "Day of" entry available for IQ and JE.

We plan to make a BIG DEAL about any EE qualifier at our test. Frankly, we'll make a big deal about any qualifier, as we should, but the EE's get something special this year!

Judges for the weekend are: Glenn Cockburn; Linda Cockburn; Mike Mossey and Norma Mullins. Premium available on the club website:

<http://www.atlantaterrier.org>

Got doggy stuff you need to get rid of or acquire? We will have a silent auction on Saturday evening after our covered dish dinner and just prior to our awards ceremonybring your favorite covered

dish, some doggy items to donate and join us for some fun! Sign up at:

www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/ATCEarthdogSupper Catered lunch available for purchase Saturday. Marta Force of ThreeBordersarewee will be on hand with earthdog items for sale.

Host Hotel is the Microtel Inn & Suites: 114 River Pointe Parkway, Canton, GA 30114 (770-345-8700) and others in the area, see premium. There is space for RV's and tent campers, no hook ups, contact Canine Ranch for arrangements. See the host facility: www.thecanineranch.com

Ya'll come on down for some serious earthdogging, a little warmer climate, some great food, fellowship, sweet tea and a "mess" of southern hospitality!





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