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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES AND BRAGS

22nd OF EACH MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

June 9, 2009

7:30 PM

Golden Corral, 1808 Gunbarrel Rd.

Come early for dinner!

PROGRAM

Karen Walsh of McKamey has agreed to speak at our meeting on June 9. She and Nick Wilson, Director of Animal Services, will be there.

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2009

Attending: Jane Price, Jerry Davis, Marilyn Harban, Mary Menozi, David Gilstrap, Gail Evans, Anna Quarles, Joe Berryman.

Absent: Barbara Kreischer, Carlene Gilstrap, Paula Steel, Aleatha Plott

Meeting was called to Order at 7:30 pm by Jane Price at Oliver's.

Correction to minutes of general meeting for April. The Rescue Breathing Mask Kit is to be supplied to the City of East Ridge Fire Department not the Downtown Chattanooga Fire Department.

Corresponding Secretary report was given by Mary Menozi. Information was received from the Canine Health Foundation about the program scheduled for October 23rd.

Bulletin Secretary report was given by Marilyn Harban. Marilyn is to follow up with Joann McMahan and Lucy Dickson to make sure they are receiving a bulletin.

Treasurers report was omitted at this time.

Legislative Committee report by Jane Price. Jane spoke about the Tennessee Dog Breeders Bill now before legislation.

Show Committee nothing new.

Membership Committee report by Jerry Davis. Jerry is currently working on the new membership list.

Publicity Committee by Mary Menozi. Mary is following up on getting publicity for the Rescue Breathing Mask and our donation. Joe says he has talked with Deputy Chief Flynn and Mary will follow up with him. Marilyn talked about the possibility of talking with Rita Farmer's daughter who has expressed an interest in working with the club on publicity for the show. Our understanding is that she is willing to donate her time to the Club. This will be sent to Carlene and Mary for them to contact her.

Judges Committee: It was brought up that the club has not received a new Judges Directory and Mary will contact AKC about getting a new directory.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The Board discussed the need to change some of the rules for the life membership under advisement due to increasing numbers may put our quorum in jeopardy in the future as we induct new life members.

The Board also discussed the issue of the general meetings running longer. At this time the place we are meeting closes at 9:00 pm and we need to be out or at least on our way out at that time. Ashley will be asked to be sure to convey to speakers that they will have 30 minutes for their presentation and approximately 15 minutes for questions and answers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted: Anna Quarles, Recording Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2009

General Membership Attendance List on File with Membership Chairman – 24 members were in attendance with 4 guests

President, Jane Price at 7:30 PM, at the Golden Corral Restaurant, called meeting to order.

Program: Jim Sardone, Territory Sales Manager of Bil-Jac presented a film of the history of their dog food product and handed out samples to the members present.

M/S/P to accept Minutes for April as printed in Bulletin.

Recording Secretary: Bulletin Secretary read Minutes from the May Board Meeting in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary: A get-well card for Trevor Burke was circulated for signing. Letter from Canine Health Foundation Conference was received advising us of a slot available to attend the 2009 Conference in St. Louis at a cost of \$600.00 plus travel expenses. Please contact Mary Menozi if you would like to attend for CKC.

Old Business: Olivia Medley will make the presentation of Oxygen/Resuscitation masks to the East Ridge Fire Department with her Dalmatian.

Treasurer's Report: April Treasurer report was distributed to membership. Report is on file. M/S/P to accept Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

- Education/Training: Ashley reported classes are winding up. The last classes at Camp Jordan are winding up. New location for classes in the fall will be at Stockdales off Hwy 153.
- Membership: 1st readings of applications for Denny Thompson, husband of Heidi Thompson and Melodi's Daughter, Chelsea and Phillip Freeman. Voting on Melodi Lewis-Carvour's application. Melodi's application was approved for membership.
- Legislation: Jane Price gave update on TN Bill. Gigi reported on Chattanooga Legislation. McKamey has two new unarmed officers. Gigi recommended a press release for Chattanooga KC so we can get News coverage. Suggested that we get someone to write a letter to the Editor to represent our Kennel Club's ideals.
- Show Report: Carlene reported she is waiting for Premium List proof.
- Hospitality: July Picnic sign-up sheet is circulating. Date is July 18 at 4:00 PM at Guy and Nancy Pearl's home. If you plan on attending, be sure and contact Nancy to tell her what you are bringing.

On a personal note: Trevor Burke is improving daily. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Bekki Crippen thanks everyone for donations for her recent Walk to Empower sponsored by the Breast Cancer network of strength. . She was top fundraiser.

Brag!!!!

M/S/P to adjourn 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Harban, Bulletin Secretary (in the absence of Recording Secretary)

PICK THE RIGHT PUPPY

April 2009 © TheDogPlace / E. Katie Gammill - Selection of the "right" puppy depends upon whether one is looking for a "show" puppy or pet puppy. What is the difference? Since there are so many "opinions" as to what makes a "show" puppy let's start with two testicles or a uterus, and if there is a size disqualification in the standard, a puppy that indicates it will mature within that range.

Prospective owners may choose the puppy that stands back and watches, or they are drawn to the boisterous puppy that attacks, chews, and "rough houses" with them. Both may come with their own set of problems, the first needing extra socialization and the second regarding aggression issues. This is why temperament testing is popular.

Puppy buyers may not realize that a dedicated breeder, breeding for a specific trait to enhance a breeding program, has priority of choice. Isolate the puppy or puppies you want to keep and **DO NOT SHOW ANY PUPPIES THAT ARE NOT FOR SALE!** This eliminates questions such as "What is the difference in that show puppy and this pet puppy?" It is easier for the buyer to concentrate only on the puppies from which they can choose.

Now, in picking your puppy, you must not allow a particular color, sex, or breed characteristic to take precedence over the correct choice. Far better to consider the soundest puppy with breed type that moves good coming and going. Then look for a great attitude and a puppy that is "together" both physically and mentally. Color and sex should be secondary.

If you plan to show, roll a ball down a hall way and watch the puppy chase it. If he or she tends to "cow hock," face reality. Crooked legs do not encourage a judge to reward a blue ribbon. Watch puppy from the side. If the front legs hike up to the chin, there is no shoulder layback and neck.

Having been in dogs (and horses) fifty years, believe me when I say "If it doesn't have it, it won't grow it! " If it does have it, it may go through strange stages as it matures, but it will fall back into what it was initially. It is normal during the teen age years for the shoulder to "go forward" and the front legs to appear as if they are "coming out of the same hole". This is a growth pattern. With maturity, the shoulder should "fall back", the legs will once again widen, and the proper sound front returns. These dogs will normally settle size-wise IF one is willing to wait.

When a no-neck, straight front dog goes oversize, the possibility of settling back is little to none. The compensation for the bad front is an over angulated rear which will not follow through behind. One might see the rear set so far behind itself that the dog appears giraffe-like. Some call this "style" and some judges reward it. This makes it neither right, nor desirable for future breeding stock. I am convinced various breeds of both horses and dogs were created by "enhancing faults" and accepting such under a new name. Designer dogs are an example.

There are crooked legged dogs being shown today. Many breeders, picking on a single nuance, such as eye, foot, ear, coat, color, and muzzle put the entire dog at risk and push a breeding program into a specific direction. Upon removal of the rose colored glasses, the breeder may find they are in a "hole" of immense proportions. What is the saying? "If you are digging a hole for yourself and it doesn't look good, QUIT DIGGING!"

Basically, what we SHOULD search for in a litter is a balance between TYPE and SOUNDNESS. Unfortunately, many of today's choices reflect a "balance" between front and rear. Two wrongs do NOT make a right! That makes as much sense as the statement I coined years ago - "Rather than addressing faults today, breeders tend to just adjust them." Obviously some people have the ability to pick less than stellar puppies, as they appear in the Group Ring with regularity. out of it. Granted, it MAY grow hair to conceal it, but that won't fool a good judge.

People who keep a single specific trait and allow a poor rear or front into their breeding program set precedence for future generations. They will pay for their folly in the brood box. The offspring will be the ruination of the delicate "balance" between type and soundness.

Where is it written one must keep a puppy from every litter? Some of the best breeding plans are a "BUST!" Rather than salvage a blood line you know little or nothing about, call it for what it is (PETS). Move on! Do NOT repeat the breeding of an unknown pedigree until you observe the results of the first litter at maturity. This saves time, money, and heartbreak. What I am saying is this: "IF the horse is dead, GET OFF!"

By chance, one might get that wonderful puppy! Keep it isolated when selling pets. Do not include ANY puppy you are NOT selling in with those being offered for sale. I can assure you if YOUR choice is in the group in the middle of the front room floor with the rest, YOUR pick puppy will “beat feet” right to the child who picks up on the connection and wails “I WANT THIS ONE!”

Walking into a ring with dogs bred to standard is a judge’s dream. It tests their ability to analyze and apply the standard. This entry reflects excellence regarding breed specific traits. Those choices, especially in a big entry, will reflect consistency of type. There is little joy derived from sorting a group of mediocre exhibits.

Is this why people breed for “differences” rather than conforming to the standard? Do they choose to offer a judge a reason to pick one dog over another, right or wrong? If so, this “personal preference” of deliberate manipulation destroys the intent of any breed standard. If a ring is flooded with poor examples of a breed, the judge’s job is to reward those with the most positive virtues.

The bottom line is that we should breed to standard. There is far too much “breeding to win” today and who can hit a moving target? When dogs do win at the expense of the standard, how does a concerned breeder argue with success, however fleeting it may be? The “Next Big Thing” soon comes down the pike and today’s big winner is pushed to the sidelines.

Rather than solving problems today, society twists challenges to fit current desires. Standards changed to “fit” the dog rarely have a positive affect on a breed. If we don’t accept responsibility for our breeding choices, skating on thin ice will land us all in hot water. A papoose doesn’t need an explanation when he burns his tiny finger in the fire. When it comes to breeding correct dogs to standard, “our hair is on fire”.

Perhaps this is the place to share a story as told to be by my mentor in the early 70’s regarding “How to Pick the Right Puppy.” I was born after the Depression to parents over the age of 40. I understand the desperate measures taken in this era. Stock dogs, war dogs, service dogs, and guard dogs were a necessity to society. As little commercial dog food was available, many breeders made their own dog’s diet of whatever they could scrounge up. There were larger kennels and how they survived, I do not know. Some killed livestock for food and let the dogs fend for themselves. It would be of interest to know how those kennels sustained themselves during the depression.

This mentor of long ago remains the most informed and intelligent person I ever met. She dedicated herself toward breed excellence. Through her teachings, I learned to pick a puppy during the whelping process. She taught me to choose the heftiest puppy with the tightest knit body before the puppy was dry. We looked for specifics The rest of the litter, during her time, was of little consequence.

We never spoke of the great dogs that “might have been”. In that era, only the “fittest survived” and breeders chose wisely. Pet sales were “nil”. Lines preserved through limited breeding and quick, early decisions allowed breeders to concentrate on “the best of the best”. They quickly became expert at selecting puppies.

Do not judge harshly. Faced with such troubling times, none of us know how we would react if we “walked in their moccasins.” Were these breeders playing God? I cannot answer that. The breeders did that which was necessary to preserve my breed. In time, puppy sales increased and once again, the market for companion animals increased.

The fact is, breeding dogs is not for the “faint of heart.” In today’s world people often exist in a future offering little quality of life. I do not know the answers and as age appears, I rarely understand the questions. I do know these breeders understood “dedication to a standard.”

My selections today are made during whelping and directly after birth. My initial impressions prove to be the choices I keep. Fortunately I am not forced to make life and death decisions. People deserve a “breed of choice” to fit their life style. Those before us accepted the challenge of breeding to a standard under the toughest of times.

We should not treat the words in a standard as simply a peg to hang a personal preference on. Imitating another person’s success by breeding to the current fad is an example of quick gratification. It will be short lived and long paid for. It is all about prioritizing. **KNOW IN YOUR HEART YOU ARE PICKING THE RIGHT PUPPY FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.**

http://www.thedogplace.org/Articles/Breeder/09043-PickPup_Gammill.htm

Permission was granted to reprint this article from Barbara Andrews of the Dog Place.



BRAGS

Rita Farmer's Australian Terrier, Dreamtime's Latin Lover, went WD/BOB for a 3 pt major and took a Group 4 at the Oconee KC Premier Show held May 2. He then took WD at the National Specialty held in conjunction with the Langley KC in Hampton, VA for a 5 pt. Major to finish his Championship.

Mary Menozi's Dandie Dinmont, Redclay Dreamboat Lieutenant Disher, went BW/BOB for 2 points and Dandie Acres Sofia Loren, went WB for 2 points on Saturday, May 4 at the Greater Kingsport Kennel Club Shows.

On Sunday, May 5, Mary's Redclay Dreamboat Mr. Adrian Monk, went BW/BOB for 2 points.

Olivia Medley's Dalmatian, Starwood's Be My Valentine took 2 points the weekend of April 4-5.

Marilyn Harban's CH Dreamtime's Frontiersman, went Best Veteran in Specialty and Best Stud Dog at the National Specialty in Hampton VA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

2009 CHATTANOOGA HANDLING CLASS

Due to rain-out, one more classes will be held
Tuesday Evening at 6:30 pm, June 2nd at Camp Jordan,
East Ridge in Arena parking lot.

You are welcome to come down and work your dog as a drop in
cost is \$5.00 .

A copy of your dog's current vaccines is needed to attend class.

For further information, contact

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CLUB PICNIC

July 18 at 4:00 PM

Home of Guy and Nancy Pearl

If you plan on attending, be sure and contact Nancy to tell her what you are bringing.

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