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CHATTANOOGA CHEW CHEW NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE CHATTANOOGA KENNEL CLUB

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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
AND BRAGS**

22nd OF EACH MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

February 9, 2010

7:30 PM

Golden Corral, 1808 Gunbarrel Rd.
Come early for dinner!

Program

Unavailable at time of printing

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FINAL NOTICE—YOUR DUES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1. IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR DUES RENEWAL FORM, IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE CKC WEBSITE. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID AT THIS TIME CANNOT VOTE. SEND YOUR DUES TO TREASURER, ASHLEY WATKINS



Board Meeting Minutes

Jan. 6, 2010

Attending: Jane Price, Jerry Davis, Marilyn Harban, Mary Menozi, Paula Steele, Barbara Kreisler, Gail Evans, Carlene Gilstrap, Anna Quarles, Bob Asztalos, Sandra Weigle, Lisa Asbury
Absent: Ashley Watkins

Meeting was called to Order at 7:05 pm by Jane Price at Oliver's.

M/S/P to approve minutes as printed in Bulletin.

Corresponding Secretary report was given by Mary Menozi. We received a Thank You card from the Frances Chappel family and a calendar from the Chattanooga Zoo. Received letter from UT about the endowment fund. We need to have the address changed on this as it is still going to Betty Culbertson.

Bulletin Secretary report was given by Marilyn Harban. Nothing new to report.

Treasurers report was not available.

Legislative Committee report by Jane Price. The Tennessee Federation is doing well. There will be a training meeting in Feb which Jane plans to attend.

Show Committee report: Judges have been hired and confirmed per Bob. There will be several specials at the show: 2 Neapolitan Mastiff specialties, 2 St. Bernard Specialties and supported entries, and 2 Boxer specialties and supported entries. Aletha Plott is handling the Match this year and will be working on finding Judges.

Membership Committee report by Jerry Davis. New forms are in the bulletin to be filled out and turned in with dues. Also check the web site for the form. Committee Chairpersons will need to be able to talk about what their committee does and where they could use assistance. There was discussion about the procedural changes we are proposing and Jane will be discussing these with AKC to make sure we have everything in order and that the language used is acceptable to AKC before presentation to the general membership.

Unfinished Business: Board meeting will remain at Oliver's.

There was a motion to make a donation to Take the Lead Foundation for \$500.00 was made by Sandra and seconded by Gail.

There is a need to find out if the club would like to participate in the Hamilton County Fair.

New Business: Walker County Pet Fair will be having a meeting on Jan 30th. The Walker County Pet Fair is a good opportunity to educate the public regarding purebred dogs.

The National Animal Interest Alliance and their Billboard Program was discussed. There was a motion made by Sandra Weigle that we join this group as a club. The club is checking on cost of dues and the availability of a speaker for one of our regular meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted: Anna Quarles, Recording Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

Jan. 12, 2010

Meeting call to order by President, Jane Price at 7:30 pm at Golden Corral Restaurant. There were 26 members present and 13 guest.

Program was an overview of CKC Committee's with Committee Chairperson explaining what each committee is responsible for and help they need to accomplish the goals of that committee. Members were invited to volunteer for assisting on committees of interest.

Recording Secretary: Board Meeting Minutes were read. There were no additions or corrections

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Menozi read the report on the UT Endowment.

Bulletin Secretary Report: Bulletins are being placed on the website and has information and forms for membership renewal.

Committee for Education and Training: Information on classes can be found in the Bulletin.

Membership Committee: Introduced guest and had first reading of membership applications for Darlene Swafford, Cathy Bradford, Terri Boyston, Lori Stafford, Chris and Marie Harper and second reading for Janet Suber and Kelly Knight. Club voted on new members who had second reading of membership applications and they will be notified of results by Membership Chairman.

Legislative Report: Jane Price reported not a lot going on at present but many things will be coming up in the future.

New Business: Sandra Weigle has talked with Patty Strand about a possible speaker to present a program for CKC about the NAIA. Patty is in NY at the AKC meetings every month and said she could add a leg to her trip and therefore it would decrease the cost for us to have her come and speak. We are looking into the possibility of having her come on a Tuesday night in the near future. M/S/P for the CKC to join NAIA with a donation of \$500.00 Walker County Pet Fair is having an Organizational meeting on Jan 30th at Walker Co. Ag Center. Sandra is asking for someone to attend this meeting since she may be out of town at that time.

There will be a FlyBall Tournament at Play Dog Excellence on Sat and Sunday.

Brag!!!

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Quarles, Recording Secretary



Mating, Whelping and Litter Care

Canine reproduction, choosing a vet, tests, effecting the mating - breeder-owner of All-Time top sires and dams shares advice "proven to produce" puppies.

THE STUD NOSE KNOWS

Small animal vets spend more time learning about pharmaceuticals and surgical procedures than canine reproduction. Good vets take extra courses or self-educate if have a breeder clientele. Others treat breeders as though we had the mange!

Barbara J. Andrews / © TheDogPlace January 2010 - Many vets have bought into the animal rights spay/neuter agenda, gleefully slicing into a dog's body to remove vital hormone-producing sex organs but refusing to crop ears or dock tails on the warped theory that that is cruel. Go figure.

Veterinary technology has invented tests to determine when the bitch is ovulating but there is *no substitute* for a working stud dog and an experienced owner who can read the dog. Illogically, many vets refute this, having been taught that ovulation tests are the only reliable ovulation diagnostics. I actually had a vet say it is foolhardy to rely on a dog and miss the optimum breeding dates! If your otherwise good vet can only spout vet school rhetoric, go elsewhere.

If the experienced stud dog says she's not ready, trust him! When you think about it, who knows more about a dog, the dog or the human? Who can sniff out the estrus bitch from a half mile away and go straight to her doorstep? Certainly not the vet.

So for you who want to be successful breeders, here are the common sense basics.

Ovulation Timing: Let the stud court and encourage the bitch to optimize her estrus cycle. No matter what the vet says, day seventeen is not the end of the world. We have frequently mated bitches well past the eighteenth day and they presented litters to disbelieving owners. Had their vet's professor been in control, the bitch would never have conceived.

Here's but one example. Our Akita, Sachmo, was infallible. He was not at public stud but we made an exception for a vet who lived in Canada, had a 6 year old champion bitch that had never conceived, and who was willing to make the long drive because Sachmo was her dream dog. She took smears every day, and mercilessly, she called every day to report them to me! Finally she exclaimed "Freddie is ready!!!" She arrived late the next day but Sachmo said "not yet." The vet insisted Freddie was ready. My husband said it would be at least two more days, probably longer.

The lady Vet had a fit but elected to stay over, no doubt to prove us wrong. She had brought her slides and microscope, with which she continued to harass us ... and poor Freddie. Several days went by during which we decided she was the reason Freddie had never conceived! Her husband was also a vet and he was pressuring her to return. She became increasingly cantankerous and when on the fourth day, she said our stud was a dud, Bill graciously invited her to hit the road.

Stubbornly, she refused muttering about the cells having already cornified. Late the next day, she called from the motel, joyously repeating herself, "Freddie is ready!" Bill told her to come the next morning. Sachmo quickly tied the amorous Freddie. The vet left that very day; no second breeding. Freddie whelped a litter of six and we learned years later that was the only litter she ever had.

Getting the semen: It is best not to ship the bitch. If the stud dog is too far away, you can't make the drive, don't want to leave her, whatever - have the semen shipped to you instead of shipping the bitch to the semen! It's far less costly and stressful for both of you than a round trip flight or a long trip.

Be aware though, chilled or frozen semen comes with its own package of potential problems. First and foremost, you lose the advantage of the stud dog's assessment. Just as cattle ranchers use a teaser bull to mark ovulating cows, if you opt for shipped semen, you should find a working stud in your area and arrange to make use of his indisputable talent. The opportunity to use his keen senses and to evaluate the stay-at-home bitch's reaction with him is more reliable than any ovulation test. The experienced stud dog owner can "read" the dogs and tell you when to have the semen shipped. Expect to pay the local stud owner for time and trouble. The stud dog will work for free!

Semen insemination: Most professionals prefer to inseminate the bitch by uterine implant which requires nearly the same degree of invasive surgery as performing a c-section, and costs as much. My friend, a nationally known theriogenologist prefers a process whereby the semen is placed in the uterus through an endoscopic vaginal procedure which eliminates surgical risk but conversely, could result in damage to the uterine wall.

Talk it over in advance with a recommended reproductive veterinarian. Do not assume proficiency because your vet is conscientious and capable on routine stuff. Ask around and locate a vet or university that deals with canine reproduction on a regular basis. Research and decide whether to use endoscopic or open uterine implantation well in advance of estrus. And by the way, a vet who is skilled in canine reproduction will also know of a dependable stud dog. If the Veterinarian doesn't know, it's a safe bet he or she is NOT a "reproductive expert." Find someone else.

Prepping the bitch. Whether breeding naturally or by frozen semen, your bitch should be in optimum weight, not a bit of fat on her. Internal fat can reduce chances of proper fertilization. She should be in good muscle tone. Her coat should glisten with health. She should be happy and in a good mental state. She should be free of parasites, inside and out. Do *not* bathe her just before she meets the stud. He won't appreciate it.

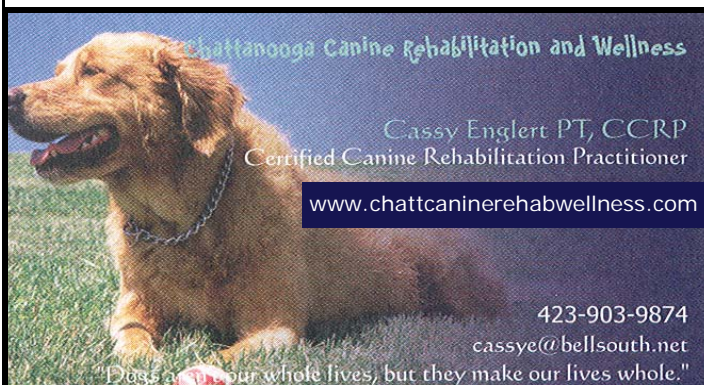
Vets usually suggest booster shots. Personally, I advise against it but then I have no financial stake in the matter. If she is being driven to the stud, she may need a current rabies certificate. If his semen is being shipped, it matters not. If you are sure that she hasn't been exposed, you might skip the brucellosis test but if she is being taken to a stud dog, they will wisely insist on a certificate and so should you! It is a sensible precaution for both parties.

Good luck and remember, the nose knows!

Portions from ShowSight Magazine July 2009

http://www.thedogplace.org/Breeder-Exhibitor/Mating&Whelping/Stud-Nose-Knows-1001_Andrews.asp

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BRAGS

CH MOUNTAIN CREST U DON'T OWN ME
Owned & bred by David & Carlene Gilstrap



GROUP 1

Ms. Elizabeth Muthard

&

BEST IN SHOW

Mr. Charles L. Olvis

AKRON, OH
JANUARY 8, 2010

GROUP 1

Dr. Lee Anthony Reasin

JANUARY 9

AND

GROUP 1

Mr. Jon R. Cole

JANUARY 10

FINISHED #2 POMERANIAN ALL-BREED 2009
And #3 BREED (MISSING 2ND BY 1 POINT)

Nina Fetter, Agent

We will be cheering for you at Westminster

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

CLUB SHIRT ORDER
Final Notice

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A CLUB SHIRT, I WILL BE PLACING AN ORDER AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. PERHAPS YOU NEED AN ADDITIONAL SHIRT OR REPLACE A WORN OUT ONE.

SHIRTS ARE GREEN WITH EMBROIDERED TRAIN AND CHATTANOOGA KENNEL CLUB

MENS SHIRTS CAN BE ORDERED WITH EITHER A POCKET OR PLAIN. PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH YOUR ORDER INDICATING YOUR NAME AND SIZE OF SHIRT. PRICING HAS BEEN AROUND \$30 FOR SHIRTS WITH MENS SHIRT WITH POCKET SLIGHTLY MORE. PAYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED UPON RECEIPT OF SHIRT WITH YOUR CHECK MADE TO "SEW MUCH STUFF" .

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CHATTANOOGA LOCATION

**Stockdales, 5450 Hwy 153, Hixson, TN
Phone 423-876-0152**

Session I -- Tuesday, January 26 to March 16
(No class on Feb 9 and Mar 9)
Beginner Class 6 - 7 pm
Intermediate/Advanced Class 7 - 8 pm

Each Class limited to 10 participants

Please arrive early for registration or
pre-register by sending your request to daisymae423@live.com

A copy of your dog's current vaccines is needed to attend class.
For further information, contact Ashley Watkins, daisymae423@live.com or
phone 423-802-4536

**Class Application is on web at:
www.chattanoogaclub.org**

Cost: Members \$30; Non-members \$45

CLEVELAND LOCATION

**Tri-State Exhibition Center, Cleveland, TN
423-476-9310**

1/2 mile off Interstate 75 at Exit 20

Building is located at the back of the property on the top of the hill behind the arena.

Tuesday, Feb 16 to Mar 30
(No class on Mar 9)
Beginner Class 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Intermediate/Advanced Class 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Each Class limited to 10 participants
Pre-registration is required.

Send completed class application along with your check made out to "CKC"
to Marilyn Harban, 6675 Sawtooth Dr, Ooltewah, TN 37363
A copy of your dog's current vaccines is needed to attend class.

For additional information, contact Jerry Davis, boondock1@charter.net
or Marilyn Harban, DreamtimeAussies@comcast.net
Phone: 423-326-1859

Tips for handling the Conformation dog:

If you don't really enjoy this sport, it will show in your performance.

Practice moving in a straight line without weaving. When in the ring focus on something straight ahead, like a post on the ring gate, or the judge on the way back towards them. Practice moving in a circle. The dog will always go in a circle around the ring. Know where your dog is at all times and stay out of its way. A sense of rhythm is important in handling. Moving in the ring with a sense of grace and style is like dancing with your dog. When one watches a dog and handler working together as if they are in a "dance," it is truly a wonderful sight. How to reach that point is not simple.

Posture is important. Stand up, don't overshadow the dog by hovering over the top line. If on the ground, be behind the dog when the judge is looking. Remember the dog is the center of attention. Keep the proper pace. This may include walking briskly or running. The pace and the stride of your movement should match the dog.

Don't over use cues. Too much squeaky toys, talking, baiting, etc., can not only be distracting to the judge and other exhibitors. Nothing is more annoying to a judge than trying to look at a mouth when the dog is busy chewing bait. Get out of the way of the judge, when they are at the front, you be at the back.

Free stacking a dog is a goal to attain. This is when the dog stands on its own without the handler holding the head or the tail or any part of the body. One can teach this by using cues such as toys, food, praise, commands to get attention and move away, a step at a time, until you are in front of the dog and can make it move into a stance. It takes time and patience but most dogs can learn it.

Choose colors that compliment the dogs color. Don't wear black with a black dog. Remember you are the back drop to the portrait. Wear comfortable shoes, you may have long hours of standing at a show, often on hard floors indoors.

There can be no mats in the coat, and your dog should be as clean as possible. Don't hesitate to ask for help. Go to handling class, pick a mentor who is willing to teach you and give you assistance to attain your goal.

Last but not least, be a good sport. If you don't win be gracious and congratulate the winners. You don't want to later regret your actions. You don't want a reputation as a poor sport. Remember to enjoy the time you spend with your dog.

