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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
AND BRAGS**

22nd OF EACH MONTH

GENERAL MEETING

June 8, 2010

7:30 PM

Golden Corral, 1808 Gunbarrel Rd.

Come early for dinner!

PROGRAM

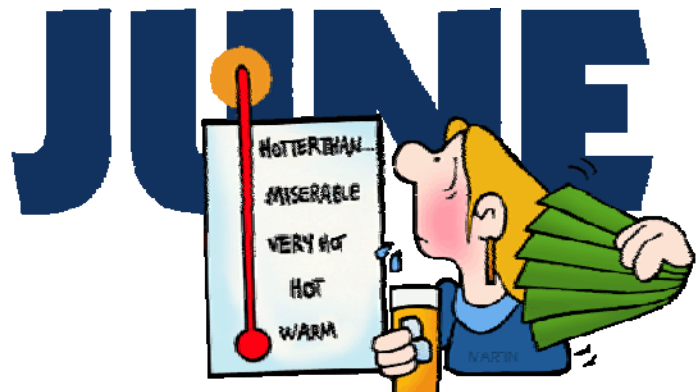
Dr. Laura Williams of the Animal Hospital of Signal Mountain will speak on the topic of vaccinations.

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**CLUB PICNIC IS JULY 3 AT HARRISON BAY STATE PARK.
12:00—3:00 PM**

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ON ATTENDING AND TELL HER WHAT YOU ARE BRING-**



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 03, 2010

Attending: Jane Price, Mary Menozi, Jerry Davis, Paula Steele, Gail Evans, Bob Aztalos, Barbara Kreisher, Ashley Watkins, Sandra Weigle, Carlene Gilstrap, and Marilyn Harban

Absent: Aletha Plott & Anna Quarles

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15PM at Oliver's.

Corresponding Secretary: The club nomination of Jean Fournier for AKC Lifetime Achievement Award – Conformation has been sent to AKC.

Treasurer: We now have a balance of \$445.95 in our account after payment for delegate expenses and back taxes. During this year's show, Jerry Davis, Jane Price and David Gilstrap will assist Ashley with Treasurer duties.

Show Committee: All is proceeding on schedule. The Premium List should be returned shortly for our review.

Old Business: The Fun Match, scheduled for Saturday, May 15th will be publicized in the Dalton, Chattanooga and Cleveland papers.

New Business: It was suggested that the club donate \$100 toward Lisa Asbury's kennel bill while she recovers from her illness. M/S/P.

Sandra Weigle suggested the club join the Canine Health Foundation for \$200 annual fee. M/S/P.

Ashley asked the club to consider having a treasurer's checkcard to be used when it is inconvenient to have the checkbook available. After much discussion, the issue was tabled.

David Gilstrap will present information on the new AKC 'Grand Champion' title at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Menozi, Corresponding Secretary



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2010

Meeting call to order by President, Jane Price at 7:30 pm at Golden Corral Restaurant.

Program was presented by David Gilstrap on the new AKC Grand Champion Title and what would be required for a dog to achieve the title of Grand Champion.

Corresponding Secretary report was given by Mary Menozi who read a thank you card from Gail Evans. Lisa Asbury is staying with family as she recovers from her recent illness and request the club continue to pray for her.

Treasurer's Report was given by Ashley. There were no questions or corrections.

Education & Training Committee Report. Jerry states training classes in Cleveland are going great.

Legislative Report was given by Jane Price with discussion about the new spay/neuter laws that are being presented.

Show Committee report was given by Carlene Gilstrap who states things are going fine. The proof for the premium list has not be received from Onofrio.

Membership Committee: We had the 2nd reading of the membership application for Michael Thompson.

Fun Match Report was given by Jerry Davis. Fun Match to be held on May 15th in Cleveland. There will be food available for donation. Help is needed in setting up for the Match, stewards, and education and training as well as help with concessions, entry table and clean up. Please contact Jerry.

New Business: There was discussion about updating our Code of Ethics and it was decided that we would have a committee of 3 with Carlene Gilstrap as Chairperson to make recommendations for any changes. Our current Code of Ethics was adopted in 1937.

The club would like to thank Sandra Weigle for her work in arranging for Patty Strand to come and speak to the club. Everyone enjoyed hearing Mrs. Strand speak and there was much interest her topic.

Braggs!!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Quarles, Recording Secretary





JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jocie LeShae Johnson was featured in the Official Newsletter of the Chihuahua Club of America in their Junior Spotlight, Spring Issue. Jocie joined Chattanooga KC as a Junior Member with her Grandmother several years ago and has continued showing in both Junior Handling Competitions as well as Conformation Showing.

Jocie started showing dogs when she was eleven years old in Ohio. Chihuahua's were her first breed. Her next dog was Toby, CH Milne's Something To Talk About, 15 inch Beagle and she is now showing Rambling Starz Johnny Be Good, a long coated Chihuahua.

She mentions as mentors her grandmother and from Chattanooga Kennel Club, Robin and Maxi Bowen as strong influences.

When asked about her favorite dog shows, Jocie said, "If I must chose only one, my favorite dog show is our local all breed club's annual two day show at Camp Jordan Arena in East Ridge, TN.

Jocie's advice for upcoming Juniors is "to never get discouraged when you don't win every time. Give your best every time. Your best is all you can do, therefore, it is enough, even if you don't win that day. Winning isn't everything, the joy of the show is everything...being in there with your dog, and showing everyone what you're made of is what it's all about. Have fun. "

These are words we all should remember!
Chattanooga Kennel Club salutes this lovely young woman for all her accomplishments.

WEIMARANER, STOLI, LEAVES PAW PRINTS IN AKC HISTORY BOOKS AS FIRST AKC GRAND CHAMPION

New York, NY-The American Kennel Club's first-ever Grand Champion title earner - a 4-year-old Weimaraner named GCH Monterra's Best Bet, MH, affectionately known as "Stoli" bred and owned by Elizabeth Krupinski and co-owned by Timothy Bintner of Elizabeth, Colorado and handled by Tad Walden, completed the title requirements to earn the newest AKC title at the Coronado Kennel Club all-breed dog show on May 18, 2010.

Stoli completed his title with 25 Grand Championship points, including five majors, which he won at six consecutive shows held in Albuquerque, N.M. on May 14-18, 2010. He won a Best of Breed and also a Best of Opposite Sex at two specialties held on May 14 by the Weimaraner Club of Albuquerque. On May 15-16 Stoli won Best of Breed at the Rio Grande Kennel Club dog shows. Finally, on May 17-18, Stoli won Best of Breed at the Coronado Kennel Club dog shows.

"We are excited to see such an exceptional dog complete the AKC Grand Championship title. This title was created to give breeders and owners a way to showcase their AKC champions and that's just what we're seeing," said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. "Congratulations to Stoli and his breeder, owners and handler who are very deserving of this honor."

May 24 2010

What I Learned at the Dog Show



I spent this weekend at the Myrtle Beach kennel Club's all-breed dog show in Florence, South Carolina. The club invited me down to talk about the threats its members are facing from the Humane Society of the United States and the rest of the animal rights movement. Since I had never been to a dog show, I said yes. (I grew up thinking that "fancy" was an adjective. Silly me.) I'm not a big fan of people who pooh-pooh things they've never tried or seen up-close. If one of my children says she "doesn't like" something on the dinner table before taking even a tiny bite—well, let's just say that doesn't wash in my house. And I've always thought the whole "dog show" community was rather mysterious, a kind of benevolent secret society with its own rules, customs, and vocabulary. Sorta like Deadheads, but with a lot better grooming and a lot *less* fleas. Truth be told, the dog breeders I met this weekend do have their own peculiar ways of saying and doing things. But they're really just ordinary people with a shared hobby. They're *really* into what they do. And they taught me a lot in just a Saturday. Here's some of what I learned.

1. When you go to a dog show, bring your own chair. But don't be surprised if someone offers to lend you theirs. (I'm typing this in someone else's customized, embroidered lawn chair.)
2. Dog shows are competitive, but the people involved are remarkably supportive of their human opponents. I heard a steady stream of "congratulations!" offered to blue-ribbon holders from handlers who were trotting away empty-handed.
3. If you're a first-timer who asks "what kind of dog is that?" too loudly, somebody might look at you funny.
4. These people treat their dogs like royalty. It was 90 degrees in the shade on Saturday, and the dogs had shade, electric fans, and cold water—even if their owners didn't.
5. Judging from this weekend, the typical show-dog handler isn't a stuffy Brit wearing Saville Row tweed. She—yes, *she*—is an energetic 40-year-old married mom whose husband packs up the kids and brings them along on the trip.
6. Sometimes the *kids* strut the dogs around the ring. The under-18 handlers even have their own judging category in which *their* skills are being judged, not the qualities of their dogs.
7. The name of the game is "conformation" (not "confirmation," as I used to think). Dog show breeders are trying to breed animals that "conform" to a set ideal of how a breed can look, "gait," and behave if they do everything right. (I read an article in *Wired* this week about how Cheetos in the factory are checked every 30 minutes against a "reference sample" from Frito-Lay headquarters, just to make sure the ideal color, texture, and crispiness is being matched. It's kinda like that, but it takes years for these folks to make a single Cheeto. And Cheetos don't pee on you.)
8. Watch where you step in the parking lot.

If this particular dog show is any indication of what's typical, the "dog fancy" is a lot of fun for a lot of people who contribute a lot of money to the economy—and aren't hurting anyone. "If we're not having fun here," one judge told me, very much off-the-cuff, "we shouldn't be doing this."

For the life of me, I can't figure out why the Humane Society of the United States has such a visceral hatred of everything they stand for. I think what's going on is that HSUS, PETA, and other animal rights groups are conflating breeders whose main goal is to *sell* puppies with those who just happen to really love Pomeranians, Pinschers, or Poodles. This latter clique of people (far larger than the former) shows their favorite animals because they're proud of them, not because they believe it will make their next litter worth more money. It's not hard to understand HSUS's stated motivation for attacking people who breed dogs. The group wants everyone to believe that rampant pet overpopulation in America is all their fault. But personally, I just don't see it.

I didn't meet "puppy millers" this weekend. I met hobbyists, just like if I were at a model railroad convention, an antique fair, or a swim meet. They ask after each others' kids. They visit each other in the hospital. They have knitting circles where the dogs watch approvingly. They're 50 percent garden club, 50 percent church pot-luck. Zero percent animal abusers.

I asked one breeder how much money she had spent raising her champion dog, a mammoth Anatolian shepherd. "Who knows?" she answered. "I never really added it up. If you're pinching pennies you probably aren't treating the dog right." In addition to the two purebred dogs she was showing, she had "two rescue mutts at home, and they have the same food, supplements, and everything else my show dogs get." And when I asked one of the veteran breeders how many of her peers raise dogs so they can sell the litters commercially, she looked at me like I was from Mars. "We all sell dogs, son," she told me. "But none of us make a cent doing it. And I know where all my dogs live. If anyone can't provide for them, we take 'em back." And then, almost as an afterthought: "I sure don't want any of mine going to the pound or a rescue." Everyone I asked about this had the same kind of answer. If they found out that any of *their* puppies wound up in a shelter, they'd sure do something about it.

So why all the hostility from the Humane Society of the United States? Why did I hear from North and South Carolinians who had beaten back attempt after attempt from HSUS to have them taxed, registered, regulated, raided, and otherwise priced out of their hobby? What is it about these men, women, and children, so passionate about running up and down a concrete floor with their pets, that demands intervention from activists who think they know better?

Maybe it's that HSUS thinks the only way to shut down "puppy mills" is to paint every dog breeder with the same broad brush. Maybe. I haven't yet really wrapped my mind around *why* HSUS is opposed to everything I saw this weekend. I just know that it is.

As with pretty much every group of ranchers, dairymen, biomedical research scientists, and chicken farmers I've met, the breeders I spoke with this weekend had varying levels of awareness about the looming political threat from HSUS. Some of them can't be bothered to be bothered. Others are fired up at the mere mention of Wayne Pacelle's name.

"Somebody has to take that guy on," one 50-ish man barked when I brought up the name of HSUS's CEO. "That whole movement is nuts. After I showed up to lobby against HSUS's last North Carolina breeder tax, I started getting calls in the middle of the night, untraceable phone calls, from these people saying they were going to come on my property, take my dogs, and burn my house down. I told 'em my new rifle has an awesome night scope. That pretty much ended it."

I spoke to the crowd after the Best In Show was awarded, in this case to a fluffy Pekingese named "Noelle." I told them that their problem is the same as the one faced by pork producers, egg farmers, dairymen, and even cancer researchers. But it was up to them to reach beyond their circle of friends—outside their comfort zone—if their kids and grandkids were going to keep being Junior Handlers and continue to raise the dog breeds they've come to love.

At the end of the day, I have to be skeptical of HSUS's blanket condemnation of pet breeders. I'm confident that there *are* some horrible ones out there, as there are with any group of people (including animal activists...), but any legislative or cultural movement that lumps the people I met this weekend in with the bad actors is just plain wrong-headed.

Because the dogs I met in South Carolina were among the best-cared-for animals I've ever seen. Anyone who's truly interested in animal welfare would want to make sure more dogs—not fewer—are treated this way. So how 'bout it, Wayne? Why aren't you promoting dog shows? Probably because you've never been to one.

Reprint from HumaneWatch.org

Keeping a watchful eye on the Humane Society of the United States

CHATTANOOGA KENNEL CLUB'S 2010 FUN MATCH

Our First Fun Match for Mixed and Pure Bred Dogs was held May 15. We had a great entry for this first time event. The weather was great! And most importantly, it was lots of fun for everyone. Hopefully this will be a yearly function.

Thanks go to:

Ann Raines for the great job she did of judging. . .

Anna and Kenneth Quarles for the great food they prepared. It was a big hit. Not only did it taste great but the smell was incredible. . .

Donna, Nancy, Marilyn, Jane Gail and Henry for the great cookies and brownies as well as other desserts.

Marilyn, Sandra, Jo Beth, Chris and Marie, Henry and Gail, David, Eletha and Jane for all the help to make it such a great event.

And Nancy for providing a kid with a great dog to handle.

All in all, we had a great time. Let's do it again next year.

PS, I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

Jerry



TROPHIES

Anna Quarles, the Trophy Chair, wants to thank all of those who have supported trophies for our fall shows. If you haven't paid for your trophies, please send your check made out to Chattanooga Kennel Club to Anna at P.O. Box 91, Tunnel Hill, GA 30755 or bring your check to the Kennel Club meeting. For questions on what you owe call Anna at 706-673-4567 or e-mail jeannieq@windstream.net.

BRAGS



Stephanie Dickert's Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, **SUMA-SHADETREE AIN'T MISBEHAVIN, "Riddick"**, finished in Perry GA in April. He also took Best in Sweeps and received an Award of Merit in the Swissy Regional Specialty the same weekend. He was handled by Ashley Watkins.

Australian Terrier, **TERHIERIN READ MY LIPS, "Annie"**, owned by Rita Farmer, Marilyn Harban and Sandra Weigle went WB for a 3 pt major at the Raritan Valley Australian Terrier Club regional specialty held in conjunction with Bucks County KC Show, May 8. The following day she went BW for 2 pt at Trenton KC.

Australian Terrier, **CH DREAMTIME'S LATIN LOVER, "Ricky"**, owned by Rita Farmer and Marilyn Harban went Best of Breed at Garden State All Terrier, May 7. He was handled by his owner, Rita Farmer.

Sandra Weigle's Australian Terrier, **CH MARBLE ARCH LADY FROM CASTILE, "Ysabella"**, went Best Opposite Sex at the Raritan Valley Australian Terrier Club Regional Specialty held in conjunction with Bucks county KC Show, May 8. Kennel Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!