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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

January 11, 2011

7:30 PM

Golden Corral, 1808 Gunbarrel Rd.

Come early for dinner!

## Program

The AKC/Eukanuba Experience by Olivia Medley and  
Sandra Weigle

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**Many thanks to Neke Burke for a wonderful  
Christmas and Awards Banquet at Mt. Vernon.**



## BRAGS



Barbara Kreischer's Australian Shepherd, **Nitestar's I Found My Thrill**, took Winner's Dog Thurs. and Fri. at the Decatur/Huntsville shows for his first AKC points, and Reserve on Sat. and Sun.

Melodi Lewis - Carvour's rescue Cairn Terrier, Gir, ...**Gir's Doom Song**...got his first Junior Earthdog leg on Saturday November 27 at the Cumberland Valley Dachshund Club's trial in Sewanee.

## CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES BEGINNING JANUARY

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

Beginner and Intermediate Classes  
January 18 -- March 1, 2011  
(No class on Feb 7)  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Cost for Non-members is \$45 per 6-week session.  
Cost for Members is \$30 per session.

Handling Class Application is available on our website  
Please have application filed out when you arrive



Dreamtimes Legacy of JP, Australian Terrier owned by Sandra Weigle and Marilyn Harban and bred by Marilyn Harban, was shown to both his majors in his first two shows from the 9 to 12 puppy class at Augusta Kennel Club in November, 2010



**GCH CH Marble Arch Lady From Castile**, Australian Terrier bred and owned by Sandra Weigle, successfully competed in the 2010 AKC/ Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach, CA. Ysabella was Best of Opposite Sex as well as Best Bred-By Exhibitor.

## UNDERSTANDING JUDGING CONSISTENCY

E. [Katie Gammill](#), TheDogPlace Exhibition Editor / November 2010

**Judging consistency means to hold to uniformity. Some judges may be consistent but not credible. By consistently selecting overdone heads or too much coat, a judge negates the breed standard.**

Imagine a class of fifteen dogs entering the ring. Twelve are similar. Three are “different”. Those who do not fit in are excused in the cut. The other twelve are again judged. Puzzled, observers question why outstanding individuals walked.

Does being different translate as being incorrect to the standard? Why does a judge choose from the type most prevalent in the ring? Is this the path of least resistance or do they fear sticking their neck out? Picking winners from the most consistent type sends the wrong message. Perhaps judges should give a verbal critique regarding placements. Then exhibitors could follow the judge’s thought process regarding choices and his/her ability to analyze and consistently apply the breed standard.

Consistency and predictability are not prevalent in judging today. Some judges are “reliable in their choices” and some appear to just pass around wins. Consistency reveals a judge’s expertise and understanding of a breed standard. OR DOES IT? Perhaps it only reflects personal preference. It might be soundness, color, eye shape, or coat type, but if dogs are judged in pieces, what encouragement is this for breeders to breed to the standard at all?

When searching for the overall dog, “pieces” should only be given the importance referenced in the standard. The goal is to find the dog that “fills the eye.” When “piece judging” is given more importance than symmetry, a new “type” or trend evolves. The enhancement of a fault that becomes so common place in the ring it eventually is seen as a virtue? This is interpreted by many as “If it wins, it must be correct”.

Consistency is not always a reflection of knowledge and it may not be possible in a small entry. The opportunity to judge a large entry is both challenging and rewarding. It affords the judge an opportunity to be more selective in their choices, IF they have the ability to prioritize and analyze a standard properly. What if they don’t? Some judges make “off the wall selections” reflecting no consistency at all. They may be supported for a time, but eventually, support dwindles.

A judge who appreciates soundness or a good front most likely will look for it in breeds other than his/her own. If one visits this particular judge’s kennel, this virtue may be evident in his/her breeding stock as well. There one should see consistency in body shape, top line, and breed specific movement.

Once a judge sorts on pieces and makes cuts, chosen dogs re-enter the ring for a second evaluation. Do judges ever seem confused? Staring at a dog does not make it better. Judges who seek specific virtues often put the entire breed at risk.

Judging is prioritizing according to a standard. If something isn’t called out in a standard, IT DOES NOT MEAN IT IS ACCEPTABLE! Common sense reveals all dogs have one head, one tail, two ears, two eyes, and four feet, hopefully all pointing in the same direction unless otherwise specified in the standard.

What new judges seek through education is NOT opinion. They are seeking assistance in prioritizing according to the written standard. Breed club members ask what can be done to assure their judges education programs actually address their standard. Changing mentors periodically during an educational period would not be necessary IF educators taught the standard rather than personal preferences.

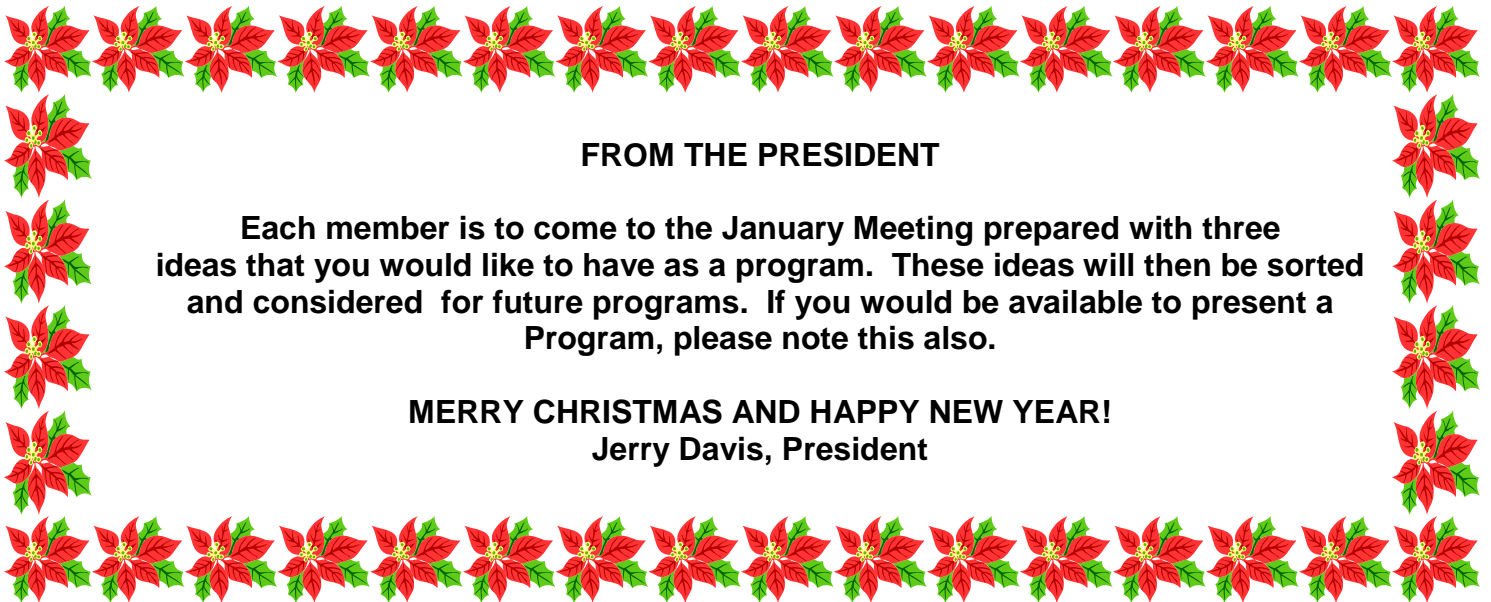
Property Classes confuse judges. “Having one dog represent an eye, another foot, another ear, another a skull, another proper coat and top line is like playing Sudoku with breed characteristics. Can’t these virtues be seen on a single dog or bitch? How is a new judge to find a composite of all virtues combined, when the educators offer a group of dogs and call out each virtue individually on a separate animal? Judges quickly learn breeders differ in opinion as to what they feel is important to them. If the mentoring process is about what a “breeder wants”, why bother to show the new judge the standard at all?

If one sticks to the standard, it takes less dogs, means less confusion, involves less mentors, and is more encouraging to judges new to the breed.

Judging on type with little knowledge of structure leaves winners “all over the board.” This causes “fleeting fads” and generic show dogs. A selection of the best of the best requires a judge to analyze and select the dog that is a balance between “type and soundness”, NOT front and rear.

Most judges seek continuous education. Good judges carry a “template” of a breed in their head. They simply select the dog that fits into the template. These are the judges who reflect consistency. They understand that a “different” dog may be the only correct dog in the ring. A confident judge with expertise, knowledge and courage will reward accordingly. Then ringside will see a picture of the true breed standard and perhaps be better able to identify differences in the future.

[http://www.thedogplace.org/Judges/Education/Good-Judges-Speak-10094\\_Gammill.asp](http://www.thedogplace.org/Judges/Education/Good-Judges-Speak-10094_Gammill.asp)



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Each member is to come to the January Meeting prepared with three ideas that you would like to have as a program. These ideas will then be sorted and considered for future programs. If you would be available to present a Program, please note this also.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Jerry Davis, President**

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Membership has two renewal forms: one is for life time members the other for Dues renewal...Each member will be mailed electronically or postal mailed one of the above. Life time renewal is for contact information up dates. Dues renewal is also to up date our roster records.. this helps the Treasurer keep the records current as to who has paid and who hasn't and any changes in contact information. Please fill out form completely and return. Thanks so much for your cooperation. Also needed is for you to indicate on your renewal form what committees you would like to work on. Thank you for your cooperation. Jerry Davis - Membership Chair

**Below is a list of committees along with a brief description of what kind of work those committees involve. These are listed on your Membership Dues Renewal Form. Please circle the ones you are interested in and return the form with your check to Treasurer.**

**CLUB CONTACT AND BREED REFERRAL:** answer club e-mail and voice mail; refer to club members, regional breed clubs, national breed clubs; educate public about how to find a reputable breeder and why it is important; update voice mail and breeders page.

**WEBSITE:** maintain and update website regularly. Work with bulletin secretary to put monthly newsletter on the site.

**MEMBERSHIP-** greet prospective members at meetings, provide membership applications, introduce guests; preside over election of new members, publish new members information in bulletin. Keep attendance records.

**PROGRAM** – schedule programs for general meetings and notify bulletin secretary of upcoming programs.

**TRAINING CLASSES**– schedule conformation training classes, arrange locations and instructors, notify members via newsletter of upcoming classes, collect fees and appropriate paperwork from trainees

**AWARDS BANQUET PLAQUES-** gather member's championship certificates; deliver to plaque maker, present to members at banquet

**HOSPITALITY** – Plan Christmas banquet and July picnic, put notifications in bulletin for sign up. May include planning judges' luncheon at show.

**LEGISLATION** – follow state and local legislation that affects dog owners to report at meetings. Serve as legislative liaison with AKC.

**PUBLICITY/OUTREACH** – initiate contact with media regarding club activities; coordinate public events such as pet fairs, etc. May include providing publicity for the show.

**HISTORIAN/LIBRARIAN** – maintain records archive. Write yearly summary of club activities, contributions, accomplishments, etc.

**SHOW** – the show chair is responsible for appointing chairs for the various sub-committees



### 2011 DUES NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR. NO MEMBER MAY VOTE WHOSE DUES ARE NOT PAID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CKC.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION.  
FILL OUT THIS FORM AND  
RETURN IT WITH YOUR DUES PAYMENT TO:

Chattanooga Kennel Club % Mary Menozi, 584 Samples Chapel Rd SE, Cleveland, TN 37323

#### Type of Membership (check one)

- Individual (\$15 annually)     
  Household (\$20 annually)     
  Junior (\$2 annually)

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Name(s)		Phone			
Street		Email			
City		State	Zip		
Occupation					
Dog Breed(s)					

#### Interests

Are you willing to work on Club committees?     Yes                       No

Please circle your committee interest:

*Publicity    Historian    Hospitality    Membership    Awards Banquet Plaques    Show/Match    Website*

*Fundraising    Training Classes    Legislative    Program    Breed Referral/Club Contact    Judges Committee*

Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have special skills that you can offer the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

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