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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

June 14, 2011

7:30 PM

Golden Corral, 1808 Gunbarrel Rd.

Come early for dinner.

PROGRAM

Attorney At Law, Sussie Starnes,
will be speaking about Estate Planning for our dogs.
One topic will be the outcome of your pet if you have
not provided instructions for caretaker in your will.
Also bring copies of your sales contracts and
questions for Susie.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2011

Meeting called to order by President, Jerry Davis at 7:30 pm at Golden Corral Restaurant.

Program:

Dr. Karen Knarr spoke to us about alternative medicine for animals. THANK YOU FOR A GREAT PROGRAM.....

Recording Secretary was unable to read the minutes due to leaving them at home. One amendment to March Minutes was as follows. A motion by Marilyn Harban to approve Canine Health Foundation Club Renewal for membership for \$200.00 was approved and passed.

Corresponding Secretary reported that we had nothing new.

Treasurer's Report was passed out by Mary Menozi.

Bulletin Secretary Report Marilyn Harban—Bulletin i is not out yet.

Training Classes will begin the 3rd Tuesday in May at the Tri-State Exhibition Center. Time is from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We have mats. Due to a large class we now have two rings. We need help in teaching.

Membership report: Phil announced we had one guest, Jackie Steele, who has Great Danes. She works in Obedience, rally and confirmation. An additional welcome was made to Jackie's husband who attended as it was his birthday.

Judges Report: David Gilstrap reported the 2011 Judges is complete. 2012 is set, and working on 2013. Suggestions can be e-mailed to David, Bob, Jerry or Sandra. Sandra Weigle, Specialty Coordinator reported that two Specialties will be held for the East TN Boxer Club on Friday, and a Specialty will be held for the South East Bull Mastiffs on Saturday. Entries will be supported by The Dandie Dinmont Club of America, Cumberland Valley Dachshund Club and the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of Greater Atlanta for both Saturday and Sunday. If your National Breed Club would like to do a national / regional specialty, please let Sandra know. For a list of Judges for 2011, go to the AKC website.

Show Committee Report:

Trophies Gale Balaban—we have 25% of the breeds covered. Please get the word out for the Ads.

Old Business: Sandra Weigle reported on our Face book page. Please go and indicate you like us We need at least 100% or more to get dissemination out to the public.

Bob Asztelos reported that the cost of our embroidered shirt will be available soon. Other items can also be embroidered such as cloth shirts, hats, aprons, etc.

New business: David Gilstrap reported that Bill Owens the Manager of Camp Jordan is building a new bath house for the park and perhaps a bathing area for dogs later. A motion was made by Noralee Reece for Club to donate \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of building the bath house at Camp Jordan. M/S/P

Delegate Report: AKC is still working on a new alignment of Groups. The alignment now be considered will be 12 instead of 10 and a 6th place ribbon.

Reminder from Sandra on The Walker County Pet Fair in May the 2nd Saturday Get to know the breed. Also Nikki and Phil are helping with Bark in the Park and we need to be the go to club in our area. We have a new banner from Canine Health. We all know that dog education is important. If you want to chair on any of this just let Sandra know.

Braggs!!! See Bulletin.

At 8:30 pm. a motion to adjourn was made by David Gilstrap M/S/P

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Evans, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday May 04, 2011

Attending: Jerry Davis, Gail Evans, Gail Balaban, Henry Evans, Mary Menozi, Paula Steele, Bob Asztalos, David Gilstrap, Sandra Weigle, Marilyn Harban.

Absent: Lisa Asbury & Ashley Watkins

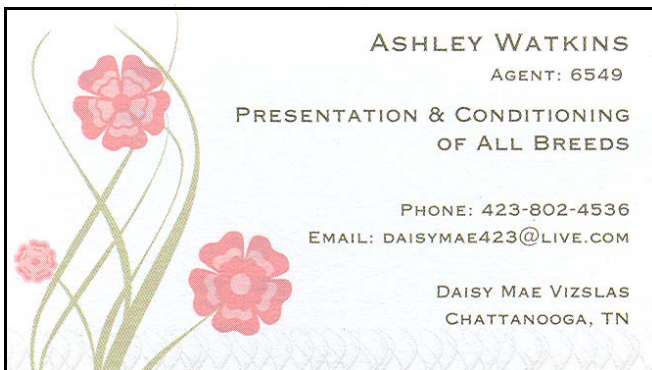
- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jerry Davis at Old Fort Restaurant in Cleveland, TN.
- Corresponding Secretary: Gail Balaban received a thank you card from Bob Bolus for Take the Lead donation. We also received a card from Friends of Wild giving the cost to attend of \$40.00. AKC Health Foundation has sent a video tape that Sandra Weigle will have charge of for any upcoming shows and fairs.
- Recording Secretary: No reports were read.
- Treasurers Report: Mary Menozi, Thank goodness the 2011 Membership Directory is completed. We have earned interest from the CD's. Quick Books is paid for and again the tax cost for our CPA is \$500.00.
- Bulletin Secretary: Marilyn Harban, gave information on the costs of the printer and the number of those getting prints of the newsletter and those that are receiving their newsletter via e-mail.
- Old Business: Sandra Weigle reported on the stats of the Face Book page. We had 18 new likes and 54 Like and 47 users and a total of 13,064 visitors. Reminder also that if you have internet please go check you "LIKE" us on Face Book.

Mary Menozi, also let us know that the Banner form Canine Health has come in and Sandra will also keep it for the club.

New Business: Mary Menozi, suggested some changes that should be made to the clubs By-Laws. Jerry Davis suggested that a committee be formed with Mary Menozi as chairperson with co-chairs Sandra Weigle and Paula Steele. Next Marilyn Harban showed the Board a business card for Olivia Medley that she would like to use for a newsletter ad. A motion was made by David Gilstrap to accept with pending approval of the card. Next, Jerry Davis said we have a conflict with the dates on the Chattanooga Fun Match and with the date of the Club Picnic. It was agreed to move the match and Jerry will check with Olivia for other possible dates for the match. Next David Gilstrap talked about the possibility of our monthly meeting returning to the Country Place Restaurant. David is to check with Owners to see what conditions would be required by the Restaurant for us to return. Next Bob Asztalos spoke about the shirts for the club and other items. He will have a list to pass around at the next general meeting.

M/S/P to adjourn at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted: Gail Evans, Recording Secretary



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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2011

Meeting called to order by President, Jerry Davis at 7:30 pm at Golden Corral Restaurant.

Program: Presented by DVM Sally Poston on male reproduction. THANK YOU for a very informative program.

Recording Secretary, Gail Evans read the April & May board minutes. A correction for May minutes - should read The Spirits in The Wild was a card from Chattanooga Zoo.

Corresponding Secretary Gayle Balaban said she had nothing other than what was reported in the board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report was passed out by Mary Menozi. The Treasurer report was approved and seconded.

Show Committee, Carlene Gilstrap reported we need a few things like match judges and noted that trophies were cut off as of today.

Membership report by Phil Burke - We have two guests, Judy Crim, who has Rottweilers and Doug & Q Paterson, who have a Standard Poodle, Dachshund, Shelties, and Golden Doodle rescue. Tonight we had 28 members and 5 guests.

Bulletin Secretary Report - Marilyn Harban asked that the Spirits' in the Wild be sent to her so she could put it in the bulletin.

New business: Nekolia Burke, reported the date of the picnic as July 21, 2011 at Harrison Bay Park, the same pavilion we used last year. Time is from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have BBQ pork & chicken. Bring your favorite dish or deserts to share. If you have any games ideas to play please let Nekolia know in advance.

Gayle Balaban gave other information that a lot of animals have been displaced in the storms. If you have any donations of food for the dogs or other animals please call 423-236-4547.

Training Classes: Classes begin 7:00 pm Tuesday May 10, 2011.

There will be beginners and intermediate classes. Please go to our website and download the application form and bring your completed form and shot records with you. Take EXIT 20 off 75 and go to the Tri-State Exhibition Center. The cost is \$30.00 per member and \$45.00 for non members.

Old Business: Olivia Medley is still trying to get a date for the Tri-State match.

Sandra Weigle reported that The Walker County Pet Fair in Georgia has been canceled due to recent storm damage and the facility being used by relief agencies.

Further discussion was held on holding our monthly meetings back at the Country Place Restaurant. There would be no charge for the room. One point to consider would be starting our meetings at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm as the Restaurant closes at 8:30 pm. It was suggested that someone check out the cost of the menu items. Country Place is located right off Exit 5 - I-75. Advantage of move is the availability of Audio/Video equipment already in the restaurant for use. We will get more information on Country Place by next meeting.

Delegate Report - there is nothing additional since the last report in the Bulletin regarding AKC Gazette going digital.

Bragg!!!

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Norlee Reece.

M/S/P

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Evans, Recording Secretary

DIAL UP YOUR PERFORMANCE
Weekend Workshop
June 18-19, 2011

Whether your interest is in merely sharpening your dog's skills, participating in Rally, Conformation or Competitive Obedience, this workshop is for you!

This 2-day workshop is hosted by **Cold Nose College** and will be taught by expert Hannah Branigan of Wonderpups Training.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS GREAT WEEKEND CLINIC, CONTACT:
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CKC Notice: This is to inform the membership that I will be going to Canada in July for 2 weeks. Anyone interested in sending a dog to Canada for a Canadian championship is asked to call me for details on how to go about getting it done. You need to be applying for your ERN (Event registration number) NOW!! Entries will be sent in June so it is imperative to get this done ASAP. If you need more information on handling rates and fees please call me and I will discuss everything that is involved. My home number is 423-894-1782 and leave a message and I will call you back when I get home from work.

Thank you,
 Ann Berryman, Agent



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SANDRA WEIGLE AND GAYLE BALABAN, FACEBOOK MONITORS

HANDLING CLASSES

We have three more handling classes at Tri-State Exhibition Center for this session. The are June 7, 21 and 28. Classes are for Beginner and Intermediate Handlers and dogs. Please refer to the Chattanooga Kennel Club website for the Registration Form and additional information.

It is not too late to tune up your dog and you for the upcoming summer shows. Our facility is air-conditioned and matted.

BRAGS

Our Cairn Terrier, **Cairnhowse Corryvreckan** (CH. Cairnhowse Privateer x CH. Traho's Jura of Cairnhowse) finished his CH. this past weekend (May 28) with a 3 point major under judge Mrs. Robert D. Smith at the New Castle Kennel Club Show. Laddie went Best of Winners to win the bitch major. Laddie is our 9th homebred champion, and the 16th CH. to reside at Cairnhowse since 1980. Laddie is also the sire of 3 champions. Breeder/Owners: Jerry and Sharon Howse.

Jerry Davis has 3 new additions to his Lowchen family. Champion Boondocks Lil Miss Suga Beets Musicbox and Champion Boondocks Thunder Road would like to announce the birth of their triplets... 2 boys and 1 girl.... all healthy and of course all perfect.. "smiles"

Mary Menozi, Dandie Dinmont Terrier, **GCH Redclay Dreamboat Lieutenant Disher** went BB and Group 1 at Greater Kingsport K.C. May 22, under Judge Elaine Mathis.



GCH Dreamtime's Latin Lover took a Group 2 at Genesee County K. C. Sunday 05/22, under Judge, Col. Joe B. Purkiser, a Group 3 at Grand Rapids K. C. Saturday 5/28, under Judge Joseph Gregory and a Group 4 at Kalamazoo K.C. Sunday 05/29, under Judge Peter Green. Ricky is owned by Rita Farmer and co-owned and bred by Marilyn Harban. He is handled by Angela Smith-Humpert.

SAYING FAREWELL TO MY DOG

May 2011 / E. Katie Gammill, TheDogPlace Exhibition Editor

Dynamics change within the human and canine pack when a pet passes away. Bringing a pet into your home is a life time responsibility. Eventually we must say goodbye. This decision is a final courtesy. A dog's life being shorter than ours requires we make tough choices. Your vet can suggest options and help with burial decisions.

Some heartbroken owners will swear to never own another dog. Others rush out and buy a pet too soon. That dog will never live up to the owner's expectations. Pets, like people, are irreplaceable.

Here is my story of Bunny. Initially sold, the buyer never came for her. My husband, knowing I was attached, said "May as well keep her. She won't eat much". Bunny became family. Some people considered her a runt, but her smallness did not affect her capacity to love. She left us far too soon.

I return home from a trip. Bunny does not meet me at the door. Her routine is to sit by my suitcase as I pack and greet me with enthusiasm when I return. She isn't there! I am stunned. Years later I still miss her. Bunny was 16 years old, blind and deaf. We didn't love her less for her infirmities although she had a little trouble with her surroundings. The unfortunate decision to let her go was made when I was gone, I never said good-bye to Bunny. However, she died with dignity on her home turf, comfortable in familiar surroundings. Wrapped in a special blanket, Bunny rests under the oak tree with her furry friends. Memories and pictures help fill the void in my heart.

Old dogs require special considerations. This I know. Country folks live with life and death on a daily basis. It's common to see wounded wild animals struggle to exist. There is a balance in nature and a time for all seasons. We understand life's cycle. We accept death and know all God's living creatures have a shelf life. Comfort is as important as time. If an animal is in distress, the suffering must end. This release from pain is not an easy decision.

I still see Bunny lying in the window watching for me. As her eyes grew dim, she would bark at my chair, attracted by my reading light. Many times I would be elsewhere in the house. Quite pudgy, we attempted to put Bunny on a diet. One day she carried her tiny food bowl to me demanding to be fed. This "doggy protest" worked and from then on, she ate what she wanted. Bunny knew when I moved room to room and would painfully rise to her feet and shuffle along behind. Easy to find in the dark due to her snoring, her deafness required we shake her awake each morning. She would potty upon command and a flicking porch light triggered her to return to the door.

Bunny monitored my writing. Many times she shut down my computer by sitting on the surge protector. Despite age, she strutted and threatened kennel mates three times her size. Toothless, she demanded pack order and ruled all with an iron paw.

Years later I still seek closure. Bunny seems irreplaceable. Although small, she had value beyond compare. She went on family vacations and mannered both children and puppies. As I write about Bunny, there is a lump in my throat. This is how important a pet becomes to an owner.

My life as a dog breeder soon will end. Other activities will replace the thrill of a new litter. As buyers seek another puppy, I see pictures of their past pets and hear their stories. My suggestion to them is to buy a different color or sex in a new puppy. They can never fill the paw prints of a pet so cherished. I listen to them with compassion and repeat again my story of Bunny.

Eventually a small male puppy enters our lives. Pushed away by his littermates, he becomes a "bottle baby". His determination to live touches my heart. Once again, my husband says "He won't eat much. Let's keep him"... I am becoming attached to a new buddy. He softens my grieving for Bunny and brightens our days.

Heat cycles break my life into increments. Today we don't count the litters, we make each litter count. People wait patiently until a puppy is available. Each puppy is precious and it's harder to let them go. Numbers are decreasing. Adults find new loving homes and assume "couch mouse" status. Those left surround us vying for our laps as we watch TV. Their warmth and companionship complete our lives as nothing else can.

Each dog is an individual and is unique in character. As humans, we must be as generous with our love as our pets are with their love toward us. If we can do this, eventually we will become as special as our pets think we are. A dog's life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely. Most pets skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly barking "WOW, what a ride!"

Owning a pet completes our lives as nothing else can. Store those precious memories in your heart and know your pet will wait patiently for you at the Rainbow Bridge.

~ E Katie Gammill

We all must find a way to deal with the loss of a pet. Some people spend exorbitant funds to buy a few extra months, but who benefits, the owner or the dog? We must have the courage to know when enough is enough. Quality of life is important. The saying "Any day above ground is a good day" doesn't always hold true, not when pleading eyes beg for relief from suffering

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BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!**