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Mark Your Calendars

When: **Wednesday, January 21, 2009**
Where: **Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road**
Time: **7:00 PM**
Program:

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Vice-President's Message

Everyone had such a wonderful time at the MKC Christmas dinner this year. I believe that we had more members at this dinner than in the past few years. There were faces there that weren't familiar to me as well as old friends. As always, Frank Dreyfus kept everyone entertained with his usual antics. Our club is very fortunate to have someone like Frank as a member and friend.

We start the New Year off with some new officers and board members. May God be kind and give us the wisdom and patience to do a good job. I'm working on setting up a program for the February meeting and will announce it in the next newsletter.

Conformation/Rally classes will be starting up very soon. A schedule will be enclosed in this newsletter with dates and times. As always, we could not offer these classes without volunteers. Please volunteer your time to ensure the continuation of these classes. Susan will be leading the Rally classes again this year. Last year was a huge success and we are looking forward to having another one.

Here is looking forward to a wonderful, productive year to all.

Pamala Minor
Vice-President

Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – November 19, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center and called to order by Jane Williams, President, at 7:15 pm. There were 29 members and 1 guest in attendance.

President's Report: Jane welcomed our guests, Scot Maushard, 1st Mtg (Poodle, Am Staff) and Melinda Norris, 2nd Mtg (Great Danes, Brussels Griffon) (*Note – those guests having attended two or more meetings after receipt of membership application are eligible for membership upon a vote by the board – comments on any prospective member should be addressed to a board member as soon as possible*).

See below for Show Report.

Vice-President's Report: See Show Report

Secretary's Report: Membership approved meeting minutes from October meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Report covering 21 Aug – 17 Nov '08

Beginning Balance:	\$13,906.92
Deposits:	626.05
Expenses:	<u>686.78</u>
Ending Balance:	\$13,846.19
 Money Market Account:	 \$16,304.00

Committees:

Show:

Jane – our show day is Sunday; all hands needed to help. Match judges good and have 15 – 18 pre-entries already. Need stewards for the six rings – get with Jane.

Frank – RV’s started arriving today. Informed everyone they cannot set up grooming areas until noon on Thursday.

Mike – we have 1168 entries which is great! Also our four-day April 2010 show is a go with Southeast Kennel Club joining us on Thursday. This will put us the week following Perry so should draw a huge entry.

Milly – Everything is good to go on the Judge’s lunch.

Trigg – Prizes all good to go. Need spring prize pledges now.

Rosemary – OB Match is on Saturday night and she had to turn away about 2 ½ hours worth of entries.

Kaye – Vendors are booked and do have some new ones. And only two (Bloodhounds) signed up for the semen clinic so they will go to the Prattville Vet Clinic.

Announcement – If an MKC member wins at our show (Sunday) they can receive a complimentary photo.

Hospitality: Milly said she has 46 RSVP’s thus far for our Christmas Dinner and deadline is Dec 5th. Actual dinner is December 10th at the Ox Yoke in Wetumpka. You can order off the menu and don’t forget to bring a doggy gift for Dirty Santa (\$15 limit).

Conformation Classes: Pam updated that there have been about 18 dogs at each class. She will let everyone know in January when Conformation and Rally classes will re-start. Thinking of starting Rally at 6 pm and need help to make it work. All acknowledged that Pam did a great job with conformation and also thanked everyone who helped each week.

Significant Brag: At the Bouvier Specialty our very own Frank Dreyfus received the very distinct honor of being recognized as the AKC and Purina Sportsman of the Year! Go Frank!!! Pam reminded everyone to send brags to her.

Announcements: (*Note – Rea forgot to read this at the meeting*): Mike Moore sent the following note to all of MKC: “Please express my thanks to Montgomery Kennel Club members for their kind words, cards and contributions at my low point in my life. With Love, Mike”

Door Prizes: Won by Frank Dreyfus, Rosemary Coyle and Faye Finney.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Program: No program

Respectfully submitted,

Rea Cord
Secretary

Message from the Show Chairman

The fall show is behind us and everything went off very well, I received many complements from judges, and exhibitors on our well run show. It was said by more than one that Montgomery is one of their favorite shows. This could not have been possible if it wasn't for some hard working members of our kennel club.

I would like to personally thank our officers at this show. Susan Barmby, our out going president and Frank Dreyfus our out going vice-president, Rea Cord and Corrine Dreyfus, Our secretary and treasurer, who are always there to do whatever is needed.

Sharon and Trigg Grieshop had a wonderful trophy table set up and had many nice prizes for the winners.

Kay Stevenson had the booths all worked out and the vendors were all happy.

Bob Kline and Jane Williams manned the microphone and did a great job. Jane also did the catalog sales and had the B-match well under control. Jane gets it done.

Milly Frakes had a very tasty lunch for the judges and it was presented very nicely. This is always an important thing as it really represents Montgomery's good taste.

Geno Sisneros was our judges hospitality chairman and did a splendid job, the judges all commented on his help with everything from getting them to an from the shows each day to making sure they got to the airport. He also had nice welcome gift bags for each judge.

Frank Dreyfus, Millie Frakes, Jane Williams and Carol Zienert did a good job on the Judges Selection Committee, the entries were up and people come for the judges.

John Plessner did a fine job with the RV parking, this is a big money maker for us and John and his help were there for a few days before the shows to make sure the RV's were in order.

Janice Plessner and Genie Kline did their usual good job with the devotional service and the ones that are able to attend it are very appreciative for this little extra that Montgomery Kennel Club provides for our exhibitors and judges.

Genie also did a wonderful job with the decorations and flowers.

I would also like to say thank you to every one that helped with serving the lunch, catalog sales and any other thing that the club needed.

I would also like to say thank you for allowing me to be your show chairman, this show completed my 18th year as Montgomery Kennel Club's show chairman. **Mike Moore**

Activity Schedule

Date	Activity	In Charge
Wed, Jan 14	Rally/Conformation	Susan Barmby/Pam Minor
Wed, Jan 21	Club Meeting	Jane Williams
Wed, Jan 28	Rally/Conformation	Susan Barmby/To Be Announced

Tailwagger Information

Information for the Tailwagger must be in to me NTL the 25th of each month.

Brag

I have a brag on Savannah, my German Shepherd Dog. She passed her Canine Good Citizen test with flying colors at the Columbus Match in November.

Canine Companions for Independence graduated and placed six of the puppies we trained at the Maxwell Federal Prison Camp with children and adults with disabilities!! Tail Waggin' Miracles! **JudyLyn Fanning**

Aynsworth Cisco's Cool Breeze, better known as Cisco, wants everyone to know that she flew through the Excellent Jumpers with Weave course on Saturday, December 6. She was clean and fast. She qualified with a first place ribbon and a leg toward her title. Mom said she had a lot of almost "Q"s. **Susan Barmby**

News Flash

Pet Supply Plus may offer you a discount on non-food items. At least the cash register person asks me if I was a kennel club member and I received a discount on my chew toys and simple solution. You may want tell the cashier that you are a kennel club member and see if you get a discount. **Susan Barmby**

AVMA Policy Revision

AVMA revises policy on ear cropping and tail docking

Schaumburg, Ill.

— The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Executive Board voted to strengthen association policy on two practices common in certain breeds of dogs—ear cropping and tail docking.

The revised AVMA policy states: "The AVMA opposes ear cropping and tail docking of dogs when done solely for cosmetic purposes. The AVMA encourages the elimination of ear cropping and tail docking from breed standards."

"For many years the AVMA has acknowledged that ear cropping and tail docking of dogs for cosmetic purposes are not medically indicated nor of benefit to our canine patients," explains Dr. Ron DeHaven, chief executive officer of the AVMA. "Our latest policy revision doesn't represent a change in perspective, but, rather, makes that perspective clear with a stronger statement."

The AVMA decided to adjust its policy on tail docking and ear cropping after a scheduled review of an existing policy. The review included an analysis of scientific literature and available data, an assessment of the practical experience of veterinarians, and deliberations by the AVMA Animal Welfare Committee.

"Why we perform certain procedures is one of the first questions we ask. Once that question is answered, committee members look at any associated welfare concerns," explains Dr. Gail Golab, director of the AVMA Animal Welfare Division. "'Cosmetic' implies the basis for these procedures is to alter the dog's appearance. Welfare risks identified included those associated with surgical procedures, i.e., anesthetic complications, pain, blood loss and infection. In the committee's opinion, the risk-benefit analysis supports professional opposition to performing these procedures for purely cosmetic reasons."

In recommending policy revisions, the committee was careful to distinguish ear cropping and tail docking performed for cosmetic reasons from procedures performed for therapeutic or preventive purposes. "If it can be responsibly demonstrated that the purpose of performing the procedure is to protect the health and welfare of the dog, then of course the Association would support the appropriate surgery," said Dr. DeHaven.

For more information on this or other AVMA policies, please visit www.avma.org.

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The AVMA and its more than 76,000 member veterinarians are engaged in a wide variety of activities

dedicated to advancing the science and art of animal, human and public health. Visit the AVMA Web site at www.avma.org for more information.

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- * Registered name and registration number**
- * Tattoo, microchip, or other permanent ID number**
- * Date of last ACVO exam**

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house.) You should see a white Coachman RV in our driveway. If you get lost, call 770-983-7389.

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