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Mark Your Calendars

When: **Wednesday, February 18, 2009**
Where: **Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road**
Time: **7:00 PM**
Program: **Service Dog Training**

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Vice-President's Message

The new show season is here, and I'm looking forward to the MKC show in April. I'm praying for a large turnout for this season. Everyone is trying to get puppies ready for the ring. To do this we need to have volunteers sign up to teach the conformation classes in advance, due to my erratic schedule I am unable to commit to teaching classes. I will have a sign-up sheet available at the next meeting for those who can help. Michaela Starke has been a god-send, she has come to my rescue to teach class and I would like to thank her for her support.

Our first program for the year will be presented by JudyLyn Flanning, her subject will be on the training of service dogs. I believe you will be pleasantly surprised by who trains these dogs. You will not want to miss this program.

Pamala Minor
Vice-President

Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – January 21, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center & called to order by Jane Williams, President, at 7:10 p.m. There were 30 members & four guests in attendance.

President's Report: Jane welcomed our guests, Scot Maushard, 2nd Mtg (Poodle, Am Staff), Mike Frakes (spouse), Jennifer Thompson, 1st Mtg (Standard Poodle) and Deborah Messick, 1st Mtg (Yorkie, Shih Tzu).

(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.)

Jane thanked Milly for the refreshments and asked for volunteers for Feb – David and Ellen Howard will cover Feb and need volunteers for March & April.

Vice-President's Report: Pam will take care of the meeting and conformation scheduling with Goodwyn Center.

Secretary's Report: Membership approved meeting amended minutes from November meeting, The correction was to Frank's award and it is changed to read: "At the Bouvier Specialty our very own Frank Dreyfus received the very distinct honor of being recognized as the AKC and American Bouvier des Flandres Club of America Sportsman of the Year!"

Rea read the names of those members who have not paid membership dues yet. Also read a thank you card to the club from Ox Yoke Restaurant in regards to our Christmas party there.

Treasurer's Report: No Official Report, but did note that we made \$4000 on the Nov show.

Committees:

Show: Just a reminder that our April 2010 show is going to be a four-day show and a week earlier than normal but will immediately follow the Perry show.

Spring Raffle: Genie is heading up another raffle for our April '09 show so we can purchase twenty (20) more pet resuscitators (\$55 each) which will complete the tri-county area. Genie asked that all of us donate items to make baskets – can be most anything, pet items, coffee baskets, wine baskets, spa types, etc.

Conformation/Rally Classes: Rally classes will begin at 6 pm and Conformation classes will follow at 7 pm. Need help with teaching on the 2nd & 4th Wed (Susan is covering the Rally portion). Frank asked if we could do the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wed's and volunteered to help. Final answer pending from Pam.

Tailwagger: Pam needs articles, please send good stuff she can use her way.

Announcements:

Update that Judith's mother is doing much better, Judith is tired but o'k and all the dogs are fine.

Corrine shared that Lloyd Haugland (lifetime member) is in Alex City and fighting bladder cancer. *To send Lloyd & Carol a note, their mailing address is 82210 Tallassee, Hwy, Eclectic, AL 36024.*

Brenda shared that she is talking to the manager at Tractor Supply about a possible 10% discount on dog items for club member and also setting up a Meet the Breed event there.

Jane passed out the remaining Christmas awards to those who could not attend the party.

Santuck Flea Market. Frank brought up how bad it is getting at the Santuck Flea Market with puppies (many purebreds) being sold and given away. He is willing to chair a committee to put together a plan to set up an education booth at Santuck to give out information on questions to ask of a breeder, questions to ask about the puppies, etc. Goal is to educate the public before they end up with a sick, four week old puppy from a disreputable breeder.

PETA is petitioning USA Network to not air the Westminster Dog Show (*note – on line voting on this topic showed overwhelming support for airing Westminster*).

Door Prizes: Door prizes (donated by Frank) won by Christina Flack, Dave Howard, Rea Cord.

Program: Rea shared what legislation in Alabama related to animals is being considered by Alabama Humane Federation for the upcoming session: increasing potential penalties for cruelty to equines to felony level; outlawing animal sexual abuse (bestiality); adding pets to court ordered protective orders. Also, shared that HSUS will be pushing legislation to increase the penalties for cockfighting from the current misdemeanor (\$50 fine) to felony level (similar to the dog fighting laws). HSUS may also work on Bonding and Disposition legislation which would come into play in cruelty or animal fighting cases to force the owner to post money for the care of the animals while they are held pending all the court actions (or they could sign them over to the appropriate law enforcement/sheltering agency). Rea shared that in case anyone has heard different, in her five years with AHF there has been no discussions of any kind in regards to mandatory spay/neuter laws for owned animals.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rea Cord
Secretary

Tailwagger Information

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

Braggs

The Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys have a brag from Franklin, TN the weekend of 23rd thru 25th. Clipper proved to mom that he would stick with her and not leave the ring. He received as his first leg in Novice B obedience. He tried the rally advanced course and did a beautiful jump but the judge walking behind him worried him plus she made him wait and wait to go in the ring. He gave mom a BIG yawn at the sign. Cisco says she had some good runs but no "Q's". Her one judge was from Puerto Rico and he told mom that he was putting an international twist to the courses. **Susan Barmby**

I'm not sure if you ever got my email in Nov. Audra Goss and Beau (Ragtime's Beauregard) earned their novice rally title in November at the MKC show, as well as taking 3rd in the class. Audra is a junior handler who competes with her Rescued Border Collie. **Renee Goss**

This is my new boy and foundation stud, Mojito. He is from Melana's German Shepherds, Villa Ricca, GA, 16 months old, and got his first champion points at Atlanta

show a couple of weeks ago! He took Winner's Dog and Best of Winners! Wee Hee!
We also just went on line today with our Cordell German Shepherds website debut...
www.cordellgermanshepherds.com **Judy Flanning**



Help Needed

We need about 10 people to help steward/run the rally/obedience event. Any one who is interested please let me know so that we can make the appropriate assignments and have everything in place so that the event runs smoothly. my email is glenn_goss@bellsouth.net or you can call me at 334-227-3558. Thanks. Renee Goss

Montgomery Dog Show Spring 2009 – Garrett Coliseum

Anniston Kennel Club, Inc.

Montgomery AL, Friday, April 24, 2009

Montgomery AL Dog Obedience Club, Inc. (1) (Obedience)

Montgomery Kennel Club, Inc. (Obedience) and (Rally)

Montgomery AL, Saturday, April 25, 2009

Cahaba Valley Kennel Club, Inc. (Obedience) and (Rally)

Montgomery, AL, Sunday, April 26, 2009

Announcements

Thanks to our neighbor Dr. Goodwin from Goodwin Animal Hospital for sharing this additional info below...

**Also pass around that saga palms are highly toxic and result in death
Donny Goodwin**

Please tell every dog or cat owner you know. Even if you don't have a pet, please pass this to those who do.

Over the weekend the doting owner of two young lab mixes purchased **Cocoa Mulch** from Target to use in their garden. They loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden. Their dog Calypso decided that the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way. The next day, Mom woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had **NO** warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's website, this product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that 'It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it.'

This Snopes site gives the following

information: <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks. Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

To All Our Many Wonderful Friends and Family, From the Bottom of My Heart

I thank you for the prayers, cards, letters, flowers and LOVE

I lost my best friend of 48 years and the love of my life. He would tell me "be tough" – you can do this! He always wanted me to be independent. Easy to do with him here – very difficult without him.

Through all the years neither of us thought it would end, but it did.

I brought George home. He was not cremated. He is above the ground in the sun he so loved at a beautiful place around the corner from our home on the farm in Pennsylvania, which is also his home town.

I know in my heart George is in the “arms of the angels” – probably putting them in catalogue order and saying “down and back one more time!!!” He always made me happy and made me laugh. He always said I was his straight man with his jokes. He loved the Dog World – the dog shows, the exhibitors, especially the ones he could tease and he was ever so proud of his All Breed Status.

Also, a very big thank you to Deb for all of her help in Chicago. Because of her George received excellent care at the University of Chicago Medical Center and she also helped keep me sane most of the time.

Thank you all – you have all been a great support and thank you for caring so much for and about George.

Love,

Barbara Alderman Heitzman

Bud Skarbek was a very good, highly respected judge of Rally (and Obedience), both competent and compassionate, and I know there are a lot of people who would like the information:

If anyone would like to attend or donate in memory of Bud Skarbek, Rally and Obedience judge--

The funeral will be Tuesday, Feb 17, 11:00 AM at the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 2100 N. Davis Dr. Arlington, TX handled by the Moore Funeral Home-817-275- 2711.

Memorial donations can be made to The Zeke Cancer Research Fund.

Information about the fund can be found at the following web site:

<<http://goldenretrieverfoundation.org>>goldenretrieverfoundation.org.

Yes this is an off-topic post but its being done as a special notice, not a topic for further discussion.

Lyn Kalinoski

Fireside Tervuren, Toledo, Oh

AKC Rally obedience judge #42594

UKC Rally obedience judge #6813

"Well-behaved women seldom make history."

Tuesday, Feb 17th, the Columbus Kennel Club is having a special guest speaker, Jerry Hope, Author of, “How to Raise Superstar Dogs”, Macon Road Library, in Columbus, GA at 7 pm. Jerry will have copies of his book available for sale and will do book signing.

This event is FREE. It is going to be an overview of the superstar program and will also serve as an intro to events we will be hosting in June.

In June, our club will be hosting a weekend event (Temperament Test and Seminar). The Temperament Test will be through the American Temperament Test Society and the

Seminar will be an approved event for Continuing Education Units (CEU's). The details are just about finalized for the June event.

Anita
Columbus Kennel Club

Birmingham, Alabama
All-Breed Conformation, Obedience & Rally
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Saturday, February 21, 2009
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(Pre-Entries for Conformation, Obedience, Rally \$7.00, CGC Pre-Entries - \$8.00)

DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES 9 AM TO 10 AM SHARP — Judging Begins at 10:30 AM

(Conformation, Obedience, Rally - \$10.00, CGC Testing - \$10.00, CGC Patches - \$5.00

SEND PRE-ENTRIES TO:

Sharon Rogers (Make checks payable to BOTC)

862 Wood Dale Drive

Mount Olive, AL 35117

For more information contact:

Sharon Rogers

(205)631-1632 after 5:00

lakeshrdal@aol.com

ENTRY FORM

BREED _____ SEX _____ BIR
THDATE _____

CLASS(ES) _____

DOG NAME:

OWNER'S NAME/ADDRESS/EMAIL:

*I (We) agree to hold this club, its members, officers, and agents harmless for any claim
for loss or injury which may be
alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds*

SIGNED _____ DATE

My kind of dog!



The K9 above is Brutus, a military K9 at McChord. He's huge - part Boxer and part British Bull Mastiff and tops the scales at 200 lbs. His handler took the picture. Brutus is running toward me because he knows I have some Milk Bone treats, so he's slobbering away! I had to duck around a tree just before he got to me in case he couldn't stop, but he did. Brutus won the Congressional Medal of Honor last year from his tour in Iraq . His handler and four

other soldiers were taken hostage by insurgents. Brutus and his handler communicate by sign language and he gave Brutus the signal that meant 'go away but come back and find me'. The Iraqis paid no attention to Brutus. He came back later and quietly tore the throat out of one guard at one door and another guard at another door. He then jumped against one of the doors repeatedly (the guys were being held in an old warehouse) until it opened. He went in and untied his handler and they all escaped. He's the first K9 to receive this honor. If he knows you're ok, he's a big old lug and wants to sit in your lap. Enjoys the company of cats.

K-9 Congressional Medal of Honor Winner

***Thought you'd find this interesting.
Talk about animal intelligence and bonding with humans!***

Remember that they can't do a lot of things for themselves and that they depend on you to make their life a quality life!

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.....

- 1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.**
- 2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.**
- 3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.**
- 4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your**

entertainment, but I have only you.

5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.

7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.

8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.

9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.

10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

~Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them.

Life would be a much duller, less joyful experience without God's critters.

~Now please pass this on to other pet owners. We do not have to wait for Heaven, to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness. It is here on earth and has four legs!

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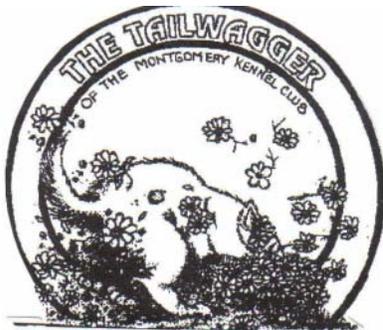
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