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**Mark Your Calendars**

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
Where: Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Program: TBA (Remember Everyone Brings a Refreshment)

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## President's Message

Volunteers for any project can contact Corrine Dreyfus.

We are still looking for Chair people for the following committees:

Advertising/ publicity (show and club events)

Breed Match (at show)

Rally/obedience Match (at show)

Hospitality (at the show) (2 days Fri and Sat, this time so we need 2 folks)

Eye Clinic (coordinate with Vet)

Raffle

Wine and Cheese

If you would like to be a chair for one of the above committees, please contact me at [fullmoonlabs@charter.net](mailto:fullmoonlabs@charter.net).

I know the November show seems a long way away, but we need to get things in place now as many things need to be turned in soon.

See you at the meeting on the 18th! **Remember we are all responsible for bringing a snack to share this month!**

Thanks!

Kaye

## Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – March 21, 2012 meeting

Meeting called to order: 7:20 by Kaye Stevenson, President

**Secretaries Report:** In the Tailwagger. Motion to except by Amie Perez, seconded by Joan Hackle, and approved.

**Treasures Report:** Presented and filed. Motion to accept by Christina Flack, seconded by Susan Barmby, and approved.

**Welcome** - guest Julia Markam and Life Time Member Kit Montgomery. Happy Birthday to Milly Frakes!

Nice refreshments brought by everyone – enjoyed. We will continue to do refreshments in the way for next month.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Conformation Classes** – Christina Flack - will be held on Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25, May 9, and May 23. March 28 will be at 6:30 and conducted by Brenda Craig. April 11 will be conducted by Marie Lundbom. We need volunteers for the other classes.

**Rally Classes** – Michelle Howard – presented a new Rally book she created- the cost is \$10.00, let her know if you want a copy. The next Rally class will be March 28 at 7:00.

**Trophies** – Dave Howard – looking for suggestion for the back to back shows. We have discussed the normal donations for 1 day and maybe a standard type item for the other day. Example – towel with MKC /logo, or other items. Dave has talked to Judy Fannin about doing embroidery items. Trish Mathews suggested checking with AKD to price compare.

**Show** – reported by Frank Dreyfus – Mike Moore has talked to the coliseum and they will be going up on their price. We do not know what the price will be at this point.

**Suggestions for the show** – Frank - War Dog memorial folks to come in – may help get military involved.

Brenda – parent club breeds to set up table with info. Kaye said we will look at space available and the board will discuss.

Eye Clinic – Frank Dreyfus brought up that Mike Moore will need to contact Dr Castro about change and see if she can come to the Nov show.

**Braggs** – send to Christina Flack. Several dogs have done well and are ranked, received points, titles, etc...

**Bark for Life** – MKC participated in the Bark for Life raising over \$1100.00 for the Am Cancer Society. They have asked that we come back on an annual basis and also do demo's. Corrine and Windy did a K9 nosework demo. Trish Mathews was the spear head for this project. Christina Flack was our biggest fund raiser. Trish presented Christina with a gift from the Bark for Life group given to MKC.

Announcement –

Corrine Dreyfus announced that the proposal to expand the groups from 7 to 11 did not pass with AKC.

Eric Johnson announced about some bills and legislative news. Keep a listen for a call to action. Also sent an email to everyone ... Please read and where is says horse substitute Dog.

Door Prizes: Donated by Brenda Craig and Carolyn Newman - Won by Trish Mathews, Amie Perez and Kaye Stevenson.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 1 AT 2:30 PM

### One Court Dexter Plaza

The Public Safety Standing Committee has held two meetings regarding the Dog Ordinance. They will meet again May 1 at 2:30. They have gotten ordinances from several cities and are going to pull sections from theirs to a new proposed ordinance for Montgomery. They are looking at definition of vicious animals; breeding, licenses for breeding and location; provisions for nuisances such as odor, feces, noise; possibility of giving Animal Control more authority to deal with dangerous animals, requiring them to possibly have APOST training as police officers do; provision against harboring.

The committee is going to review the information from other cities, pick out what they like and at the next meeting discuss what to include in a new proposed ordinance. (Thank you Marie!)

### PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CITY COUNCILMAN!

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## Volunteers

Please let Corrine at [corrine.dreyfus.ctr@csd.disa.mil](mailto:corrine.dreyfus.ctr@csd.disa.mil) know if you can volunteer for anything. There are numerous things we need volunteers for. For example, meet the breed, education, and dog shows. Signing up for various things does not mean you are obligated. You will just be contacted when needed and if you are not available at the time, you can just say no. Please consider being a volunteer.

## Conformation Classes

I need volunteers for the following dates and times:

April 25 at 6:30 pm

May 9 at 6:30 pm

May 23 at 6:30 pm

Please email me at [cflack12@yahoo.com](mailto:cflack12@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer for any of these nights. Thanks, Christina

## Braggs

My Chinese Crested boy, Ch. ReeCreat'n GreatXpectations or "Special" went BOB last Friday and Saturday in the Birmingham/Tuscaloosa shows for his first 3 GCH points!! Yea and he did show very well, especially Friday!! **Marie Lundbom**

Murphy is reporting in for the Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys. She says a lot has happened since Marietta NADAC trial. She got home on Sunday and then Monday she traveled to Florida and picked up a puppy. His name is Piper [Himark's Just Imagine]. Piper is a little sheltie boy. Then whole crew went to the MADOC agility trial. Cisco earned two "Q"s in her Excellent Jumper with weaves and a third place. She even did her teeter every time. Cisco fussed at mom because she ran her out of the weaves. Clipper was trying to do his weaves but mother didn't give him enough room. She was so busy flapping her wings that she hit him in the weaves. If a new puppy isn't enough in the house, Joey [smooth coated collie] came for a visit/training. He is supposed to

work for his mom as a service dog but he needs more training. So if you see double, check for the white stripe, it may be Joey and not Clipper.

Murphy is reporting in from the Laughing Dog NADAC agility trial. She had a good time. She did Tunnelers twice; making it through several Tunnelers with spinning; also she didn't trip mom. Cisco had some nice runs. She "Q"ed twice in regular agility; "Q"ed in chances; and she "Q"ed in weaves which resulted in her O-WV-O certificate [Outstanding Weaves Open Certificate]. But Clipper was really smoking. He "Q"ed in jumpers twice. Then he "Q"ed twice in Tunnelers and left with his S-TN-N certificate [Superior Tunnelers Novice Certificate].

Footnote: Cisco is our tri-shelties. In order for her to receive her O-WV-O, she had to run on a course called weaves and had a qualifying score 10 times in Novice (beginner's level) then at the next level she would have to qualify 6 times for her O-WV-O certificate. Weaves is a course with weaves, jumps, tunnels and hoops. In Clipper's case, he had to run a course made entirely of tunnels and qualify 10 times. Clipper is a smooth tri-collie. **Susan Barmby & Rosemary Coyle**

**Please email me your brags at cflack12@yahoo.com! When you do send me your brag, please include the dogs registered name and the breed. Also put brag in the subject line.**

## Article

### **"10 Tips for Attending a City Council Meeting or Public Hearing Where Discriminatory Dog Laws are Being Discussed"**

**(1) Stay for the entire meeting.** I recently attended a public hearing in Middletown, New York, where a new dog ordinance was first on the agenda for discussion. After the dog discussion ended, the dozens of advocates in attendance left the hearing; I was one of two people who stayed put. Several of the council members voiced disgust over this. One said, "These dog lovers claim to care about the community, but they leave after their issue is finished. How can they say they care about the community?"

**(2) Dress to impress.** There's a time and a place for our doggie t-shirts and sweatshirts; a formal political meeting is not it. We'll be taken more seriously if our attire conveys professionalism and respect. And if you're like me, your dog/advocacy paraphernalia is ragged from wear and tear. Politicians are not impressed by this. They wear formal "work" clothes to these things, and so should we.

**(3) Avoid the "isms."** It's tempting to compare discriminatory dog laws to racism, the holocaust, fascism, and other social atrocities. Don't. It especially insults people who have experienced those "isms" firsthand, and your legislators could be one of them. A [Washington Post column](#) noted, "Nazi comparisons are the most extreme form of political speech; once one ties his political opponents to the most deplorable chapter in human history, all reasoned argument ceases." In an Ohio hearing to discuss the repeal of state-wide breed specific legislation (BSL), one committee member was so offended by a comparison of BSL to racism that she walked out of the room. You want/need them to stay in the room.

**(4) Don't come empty handed.** When you speak, it's important to present the facts, studies, and research to demonstrate that discriminatory dog laws have never resulted in increased public safety. But don't expect the legislators to remember everything you said. Instead, present them each with hard copies of what you cited. Having one printed copy per legislator shows respect and makes it easier for them to digest everything. They probably received countless emails on the topic, so delivering these materials in person increases the chances they'll really read it. It might not save the trees, but it could save the dogs.

**(5) Propose a solution.** There's a good chance you'll convince legislators that discriminatory dog laws are not effective, but don't forget the most important part: the solution. A small town Mayor once told a room full of dog advocates, "You all say that our proposed ordinance is not the answer, but none of you has proposed an alternative plan." Once an elected official proposes legislation, it's hard to go back on the promise to take action; even though their opinions may change, they still feel the need to "do something." Propose that something. It can be as simple (and effective!) as enforcing existing leash laws, fining owners who don't license their dogs, or partnering with community groups to offer low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics. If the legislator can claim this as his own idea/solution, even better! But spell this out for them, so they can take action.

**(6) Focus on public safety for people.** Legislators are interested, first and foremost, in ensuring public safety for their voting constituents. So frame your arguments in ways that appeal to their goal. They may or may not care how much you love your dog, and sadly, they may or may not care about the plight of dogs in your community. But they will *always* care about public safety to people. Fortunately, effective dog laws also enhance public safety for people. These are the points you want to stress. Help legislators understand that this is not a zero-sum game; the existence of your dog does not come at the expense of humans' well being.

**(7) Share your stories strategically.** Telling legislators how much you love your dog doesn't always change minds, especially if they mistakenly believe your dogs exist at the expense of public safety. Instead, tell stories of how your dogs have benefited the community. Is your dog a therapy dog? Describe how he's enhanced the lives of vulnerable people in your community (e.g., isolated seniors, children with special needs). Do you spend money on your dog? State the dollar amount you pay annually to local business owners (e.g., veterinarians, pet food stores, dogwalkers, trainers) because of your dog.

**(8) Practice your poker face.** This is a tough one, especially when emotions run high. But the dogs are counting on you to be polite and in control of your words. There's a good possibility that a legislator (or another audience member) will say something hurtful and offensive about you and/or your dogs. Don't let this catch you off guard; get a friend to practice insulting you (for real!) and test out your poker face. If you can't stay collected after hearing these insults, better to find out now rather than in public and on record. Also, don't moan-and-groan, roll your eyes, whisper to the person next to you, or tsk-tsk when someone says something offensive. Reacting that way will hurt, not help, your case.

**(9) Introduce yourself to legislators after the meeting.** When the meeting is over (and you've stayed to the end, of course!), kindly introduce yourself to the legislators - even the ones on the other team. Shake their hand. Look them in the eye. All of this puts a human face on the issue, and those simple interactions can go a long way in humanizing the issue. And it's a good business practice.

**(10) Say thank you.** When you're shaking hands, thank the legislators for being concerned about public safety. In doing so, you can reiterate that you share this goal.

For more information on challenging discriminatory dog laws, visit [Stop BSL](#), [Bless the Bullies](#), the [American Kennel Club](#), the [United Kennel Club](#), or the [National Canine Research Council](#).

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