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Mark Your Calendars

When:	Wednesday, June 20, 2012
Where:	Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Program:	Lifetime Members (Remember Everyone Brings a Refreshment)

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President's Message

Hello members,

This month's meeting; we will honor our **Life-time members**. We hope to see many that have not been at a meeting in a while, hear about their experiences, stories of how the dog world, MKC and shows have changed and funny stories and memories of the club and past members.

This fall we will host 2 days of shows back to back. This is different for us, as we have for many years held our shows in spring and fall. For some it will make things easier and for others more difficult and more work. We will need everyone to pitch in and help out. Let Corrine know where you can help in any area of the club.

The trophies offered are always a very big display; we have a very big and lovely trophy table. We have some of the nicest prizes I have ever seen at shows. This year since we are doing the back to back, this means that we have 2 of everything. In an effort to make it easier, for members and the trophy committee, Friday we are going to offer a grey blanket with MKC on it, and Saturday will be the traditional prizes as in the past. The blankets can be sponsored for any breed item or special prize at a fee of \$12.00 each. Our group prizes have been ordered and they will be beautiful pottery as usual. We are in need of several groups to be sponsored, they are \$50.00 each, we still need one BIS and that can be sponsored at \$75.00. You can sponsor part of a group, or donate to a general trophy fund. In obedience we only need the HIT and HC sponsored for Friday, which are to be blankets. Your generosity is so appreciated. Please contact Ellen Howard 334-313-0794 or Ellen.howard@elemore.rr.com to make your donations.

Come join us at the meeting, bring a snack to share!

Kaye

Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – May 16, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center and was called to order by Kaye Stevenson at 7:15 pm. There were 23 members and three guests in attendance.

President. Asked for approval of April meeting minutes. Frank Dreyfus made motion to approve and David Howard 2nd, no objections, April meeting minutes approved. Later Kaye noted that there will be no meeting in July, August is our nominations meeting, September is the club officer elections, October is open, November our two day show and December our Christmas party.

Secretary. No report.

Treasurer. No report.

Committees:

Trophy. Issue from the April meeting that had been tabled was to approve “MKC Throws” as prizes for the Saturday of our two day show in November. For Friday we will have our normal prize table with prizes donated by members. Proposal is that on Saturday to only have the previously approved color of a gray throw with red MKC lettering as prizes. Members would still identify which dogs/classes they wanted to support and pay for the throws at a cost of somewhere between \$10-\$12 each. After discussion of a ~\$500 range to work with for the club, George LeMaster motioned that we approve having these throws as prizes but let the board (meeting on 30 May) make the final decision as to the numbers based on the best price info from Ellen Howard. Frank Dreyfus 2nd the motion and all approved. Members could also purchase these throws for themselves.

Hospitality. Kaye brought up having a picnic or a potluck and the consensus was to have a Pot Luck at the June meeting. The board will discuss having the club provide some of the meat – things like chicken fingers and members to bring all sides and desserts. Board members will also divide up the roster and call many of our longer term members that haven’t been coming to meetings lately and ask them to join in the fun.

Education. September is AKC’s Responsible Dog Ownership month. Kaye asked members if they wanted to participate in the Humane Society of Elmore County’s Bark in the Park (Sunday, 23 September, 1-4 pm, Ft. Toulouse, Wetumpka) with demo’s, meet the breed, etc. Those present wanted to participate and there will be more info forthcoming about activities. Rea noted that the sooner she knows of what type demo’s and such MKC could provide it will help decide the site layout as there are other groups also coming in to demo events like Flyball, Agility, Frisbee Dog, etc.

Training Classes. Corrine Dreyfus will be starting Nosework Classes on 6 June. There will be two classes – one at 5 pm and the 2nd at 6:30 pm. One of these classes will be for beginners and the other for intermediates. Cost is \$80 for the six week course. Class size is not large so any MKC members who are interested need to get in touch with Corrine soon before she opens the training up to non-MKC members. And Corrine is a Certified Nosework Instructor, the 2nd in Alabama.

Announcements. Carol Zienert announced that this meeting is likely Ryan’s last meeting for about four years as he heads off to Case Western Reserve College in Cleveland, Ohio to study engineering this summer. Best of luck Ryan!

Legislation. Eric Johnson explained a new announcement by the USDA about reworking the current AWA regulations that could have a huge impact on hobby breeders. Proposal has been put out on the internet for comment for 60 days so everyone needs to read and write the USDA with their comments. See Eric’s attached report.

Program. Theresa Moreno Cook and Kelly Garner Exley gave presentation on feeding “raw” and their new business opening hopefully in June or July – “For Healthy Pets.” The store will carry raw and non-grain based kibble foods. It is located at 5165 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery (Village East Shopping Center). For info or to buy now contact them at sales@forhealthypetsonline.com or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rea Cord
For: Linda Gamper, Secretary

Volunteers

Please let Corrine at 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.

Trophies

MKC members,

Please send me an email or call and let me know if you will be sponsoring trophy/trophies for the November show. Remember that we are doing a two-day show therefore we will need trophies for both days. One day we will have the “traditional” trophy table with whatever items you wish to donate. The other day we will have throw blankets which will be gray fleece with the MKC logo embroidered in red on them. The cost of the blankets will be \$12.00 per blanket.

For each trophy, please let me know the following:

Your name and the name of your kennel (if applicable)

Breed

Prize (ex. Winners Dog; Best of Opposites etc)

Item description and approx. value of the item- If you're not sure yet what you will be sending, just put the approx. value of the item (AKC requires this)

If you would like to sponsor a blanket for the other show day, please send the following:

Your name and the name of your kennel (if applicable)

Breed

Prize (Winners Bitch; Best of Winners etc)

I will fill in the description and value.

(The trophies for obedience and rally have already been provided.)

We will have forms for you to fill out at the June meeting if you want to let us know at that time. If you are not coming to the meeting, please get this information to me by phone or (preferably) by email.

WE NEED TO KNOW BY THE END OF JUNE

Also we need sponsors for the Group Trophies and one Best In Show Trophy for the upcoming November Shows. Remember that we are doing our two shows this year back-to-back. We have already got the following:

One Best In Show Trophy has been sponsored; still need a sponsor for the other \$75.00

Terrier Group is already sponsored for both days

Herding is sponsored for one day; still need a sponsor for the other day.

Still need all the other groups for both days.

All Group Trophies are 50.00 each per day.

Please let me know if you would like to sponsor, or partially sponsor (ex. You may wish to donate 25.00 to be a co-sponsor) any of the remaining trophies for Groups or BIS.

Thanks so much!! Please feel free to call or email if you have questions.

ellen.howard@elmore.rr.com

Ellen Howard 334-313-0794- Please leave a message if necessary and I will return your call.

Brag

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.

Letter from AKC

Join us in supporting responsible breeders and giving the American public access to acquiring happy, healthy puppies. The American Kennel Club has created the [Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders](#) petition in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) new proposed regulations which would create harsh and unintended consequences for responsible small and hobby breeders in this country.

Under the proposed regulations, breeders or others who sell a puppy sight unseen, by any means including online, by mail or by telephone, would now be regulated in accordance with USDA standards, if you own more than four "breeding females" of any of the listed species, including dogs and cats. The effect of these proposed regulations would be to take away the public's opportunity to obtain puppies from those breeders, who in many cases have dedicated their lives to breeding for health, breed type and temperament.

Please join us by signing the [Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders](#) petition before July 16 when the public comment period to the Animal Care Division of the USDA's Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service ends. The petition, along with AKC's comments on the proposed rule change, will be sent to the USDA.

How to Sign:

1. Visit www.akc.org/petition and click "Sign Here Now!"
2. Read through *Join With the AKC to Protect Responsible Small Breeders* and click the blue box titled "Sign the Petition."
3. Complete the required fields — name, email, city and state. You can also leave a comment if you wish. We recommend you check the "Signature Display" box so that your name is displayed rather than an anonymous signature.
4. After filling out those fields, click the blue "Sign" button.
5. Once you are finished you'll have the option to share the petition via email, Facebook, Twitter and your blog. Please take a moment to share it with your fellow fanciers, club members, and friends who support responsible breeders.

Thank you for your support.

Please forward this email to your fellow fanciers, club members and friends who support responsible breeders.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the petition or the proposed rule change, please contact our Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org

Sincerely,



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