



July/August

2014

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Mark Your Calendars

When: Wednesday, August 20, 2014
Where: Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Program: Ice Cream Social (Board is supplying the refreshments)

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Notes from the President

Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Members,

We will have an ice cream social at the August meeting. The Officers and Board will provide the refreshments for this meeting, so plan to be with us and enjoy.

Call to order

President's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Committee Chairs

New Business

Report from Nominating Committee

Announcements/Braggs

Montgomery Kennel Club Minutes – June 18, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwin Community Center and called to order by Jane Williams at 7:05 pm. There were 20 members present. There were no guests present.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the May MKC meeting were approved on a motion by Alan and a second by Kaye.

Treasurer's Report: Christina offered the Treasurer's Report.

INCOME:	\$12,645.93
EXPENSES:	<u>2,910.55</u>
NET INCOME:	\$ 9,735.38

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Frank and a second by Dave Howard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Show: Mike Moore reported:

The Judges Panel has been worked out.

Volunteers are still needed to help with different committees.

Still need someone to train with Baba on the trophies in preparation for next year when Baba steps down.

Raffle donations are needed.

All paperwork must be submitted to Onofrio by July 2.

Trophies: Baba brought samples of the mugs and coolers that will be used for Friday's show. The mugs are \$15.00 each and the coolers are \$8.50 each. Please let Baba know as soon as possible if you are going to donate a trophy. She must have this in by the beginning of July.

Publicity: Jane announced that there is an open position for Chair of the Publicity Committee and asked for volunteers.

Meet the Breed: The next Meet the Breed will be on September 21 at the Bark in the Park at Ft. Toulouse. Alan said that there would be a drawing for a door prize for MKC members participating in the event.

Conformation Class: Christina reported that Donna McLamb was beginning her six-week Beginner Conformation Class.

Other Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Program: Mike Moore introduced our guest speaker, Rea Cord, Director of the Elmore County Humane Society.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gamper
Secretary

Minutes from the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met on June 26th at the Community Center. I was the chair and the other members of the committee were as follows:

Frank Dreyfus, Dave Howard, Millie Frakes, Ray Kunert with Baba Monk and Carol Zienert serving as alternates.

The Nominees are as follows:

President: Jane Williams
Vice President: Mike Moore
Secretary: Linda Gamper
Treasurer: Christina Flack
Board: Trigg Grieshop
Kaye Stevenson

Alan Hackel, Ellen Howard and Corinne Dreyfus are continuing on the board as their terms have not expired.

The committee also nominated Ray Kunert in case either Trigg or Kaye had not agreed to serve as we had not been able to get hold of either of them early in the meeting. Trigg had previously agreed to serve and we did finally get in touch with Kaye.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hackel

Alan Hackel

ATTENDENCE

All – The next page is the membership attendance roster taken from the sign-in sheets in case you have any questions on voting eligibility in Sep. Let me know if you have any questions. And just FYI - Excerpted from our By-Laws:

7. In order to vote at a general election, a member must attend four meetings a year.

12. A member who has attended at least 70 percent of the General Meetings held during the current fiscal year may mail in an absentee ballot for the annual elections. Such ballot must be signed by the absent member and received by the Secretary prior to the annual election.

Thank you,
Christina
cflack12@yahoo.com

MKC ATTENDANCE 2014

Last Name	First Name	Meetings Attended		Last Name	First Name	Meetings Attended
Barmby	Susan	1		Lundbom	Marie	2
Bean	Nancy	5		Markham	Julia	3
Berry	Susan			Masterson	Jane	5
Bowdoin	Kathryn			Monk*	Baba	3
Cook	Theresa			Monk	Jimmy	3
Cox*	Kay			Moore*	Mike	8
Craig	Brenda	4		Newman*	Carolyn	5
Cord	Rea	5		Perez	Amie	
Darby	Jan	3		Plessner*	Janice	
Drake	Janie	3		Sisneros	Geno	
Dreyfus	Corrine	7		Stevenson	Kaye	7
Dreyfus	Frank	8		Williams*	Elizabeth	
Edwards	Claire	1		Williams*	Jane	8
Edwards	Michael	1		Zienert	Carol	1
Flack	Christina	9		Zienert	Ryan	
Frakes	Mike	5				
Frakes	Milly	6				
Gamper	Linda	6				
Grieshop	Sharon					
Grieshop	Trigg	6				
Hackel	Alan	9				
Hackel	Joan	7				
Haugland*	Carol					
Haugland*	Lloyd					
Helus*	June					
Howard	Dave	6				
Howard	Ellen	8				
Howard	Michelle	8				
Huffman*	Karen					
Johnson*	Eric	2				
Keever	Teresa	4				
Kline*	Bob	3				
Kline*	Genie	3				
Kuczmariski*	Judith					
Kunert	Andrea	5				
Kunert	Ray	5				
Lemaster	George	4				
Lemaster	Laura	1				

BRAGS



I am proud to announce that Jingle Lee passed his TDI (Therapy Dog International) test in June with flying colors. We just received his package and he is officially Hollytree Jingle Lee CD GN CGC & TDI. **Michelle Howard**

Icon's I'll Have Another With Melkev "Izzy" the bullmastiff got her first 2 points by going WB/BOS at the Kennar, LA show. **Christina Flack**

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Please let Corrine at corrine.k.dreyfus.civ@mail.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.

RAFFLE

We are doing a raffle again this year to benefit our club and our local shelters! Please consider making a donation. You can email Corrine at corrine.k.dreyfus.civ@mail.mil to let her know.

Thanks!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
MEET THE BREED
SEPTEMBER 21, 2014
FT. TOULOUSE, WETUMPKA
1pm-5pm**



Please email Alan and Joan Hackel at ahackel@elmore.rr.com.

POSSIBLE MONTGOMERY ORDINANCE

The Montgomery City Council held over the vote for the new animal ordinance, this is probably due to the letters, calls, etc... of concern. Eric Johnson wrote a letter to the editor in the Montgomery Advertiser.

They will have a meeting "Public Hearing" Aug. 19 for discussion. I encourage you to go, call your councilman, right letters and get others to do the same. This is a Call to Action.

I will attach the proposed ordinance and also my letter I sent to the mayor and council. In my letter you will see the points that I think are of concern.

We do not need more laws to achieve what they have said they want to achieve. Those are on the books now and just need to be enforced.

The permit is renewable each year for \$20.

Yes this effect everyone, not just breeders, but rescue and pet owners.

Your Dogs, your Rights, Your Fight!
Kaye Stevenson

To the Mayor and Council members,

July 28, 2014

RE: Amending Dog Ordinances

I would like to voice a few concerns about the changes to the code of ordinances amending Chapter 4.

I will start by saying that I am a Montgomery resident living in District 4. I have followed this issue for several years, through 3 different Chairs for the PSC. I have attended several meetings and had separate meetings with Glen Pruitt and Richard Bollinger in that time period. Also in this time the committee and city attorney have been provided with research from all over the country as compiled by NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) and the AKC (American Kennel Club) Legislative Dept., on what is working and what has not worked for dog ordinances across the country.

My specific concerns:

1. The definition of Owner – Article 1 Section 4.1 – Owner, Custodian or person in charge are not co-equal. A boarding kennel operator, a groomer, or a veterinarian who has an animal in their care should not be defined as “owner”.
2. Keeping large numbers of animals: special permits – Section 2.1 – “five or more dogs or cats” Arbitrary pet limits and the issuance of permits do not address nuisance issues. A single pet can create noise and odors that impact other citizens. Multi pets kept in numbers that exceed your arbitrary limit, when properly maintained, do not create or contribute to problems. Enforcement of existing nuisance laws will benefit the general welfare of the citizens, regardless of the number maintained. Further, as written, this special permit would be required of anyone who has a litter or is keeping a friend’s pets when that number exceeds the arbitrary limit.
3. Section 2.4.b – This gives unilateral power to the Chief of Police to suspend permits at his or her sole discretion, even if the owner is not charged with a violation. Appeal of the Chief’s suspension would be made to the City Council, not a court. Only when a violation is alleged would it be heard by the Municipal Court Judge.
4. The definition of Abandon – Article 1 Section 4.1 – the use of the word “unattended” is problematic. As written, an owner at an event held at a public venue would have to be in constant attendance of the animal, even if it is securely confined in a pen, crate, cage, etc. This would adversely affect those coming to Montgomery for events such as dog, cattle and horse shows.
5. How will this to be enforced, and what is the cost to the City.

I ask that you do not pass these amendments as written. I ask that you take some time and review the information presented by individual members of the Alabama Canine Coalition and of the Montgomery Kennel Club from NAIA and AKC Legislation Dept.

Sincerely,

Kaye Stevenson

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL AND ADOPTING NEW LICENSE PROCEDURES**

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4 of the CODE of ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, that Article 1, Section 4-1; Article III, and Article IV, Section 4-123 of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Montgomery, Alabama be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-1. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandon means to place upon public property or within a public building unattended or uncared for; and/or upon private property without prior permission of the owner, tenant or custodian of the property; and/or upon private property unattended or uncared for.

Animal means Dogs and all members of the canine family, including dog hybrids, cats, goats, horses, mules, cattle, fowl, livestock, and any other domesticated mammals, fish, reptiles or birds.

Animal control officer means employees of the animal control unit duly and legally authorized by the city to enforce this chapter and carry out all other duties expressed or implied in any city ordinance relating to animals or animal control; provided, however, that such officers shall not have the power of custodial arrest, and they shall function under the supervision of the police chief. Every animal control officer shall have the same powers as police officers for animal control purposes and the enforcement of this chapter, and shall function under the supervision of the city police chief and his assistants in the City police department.

Animal control unit means the unit within the city police department responsible for enforcement of this chapter.

Animal shelter means the company, partnership, association, organization or corporation with whom the city contracts for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals held under authority of this chapter.

At Large means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or his agent either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

Attack means to charge in a menacing and threatening fashion growling, barking or uttering other noises which places the citizen in imminent fear of injury.

Bite means to seize with the teeth so the skin of the person or animal seized has been wounded or pierced with a break or abrasion.

Collar means any band, chain, harness or suitable device worn around the neck of a dog to which a license may be affixed.

Feral cat ; Feral dog means any cat or dog that exists in a wild or untamed state, either due to birth or reversion to a wild state from domestication. The usual and consistent temperament of a feral cat or dog is extreme fear and resistance to contact or handling with or by humans. Feral cats and dogs are completely or substantially unsocialized to humans.

Feral cat colony means a group of cats that congregates, more or less, together as a unit. Although not every cat in a colony may be feral, any nonferal cats that congregate with a colony shall be deemed to be a part of it.

Impound means the act of taking physical possession and control of an animal by an animal control officer or other officer empowered by city law, and transporting it to the animal shelter.

Livestock means domestic animals, such as horses, mares, mules, jacks, chickens, emus, pigeons, jennies, colts, cows, calves, yearlings, bulls, oxen, goats, pigs, hogs, sheep, or lambs, raised or kept for home use or for profit.

Owner, custodian or person in charge means any person having a right of property in the animal, or who keeps or harbors the animal, or who has it in his care, or acts as its custodian of the animal, or who permits the animal to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

Premises means any real property titled in the name of, held in fee by, rented or leased to an individual, company or corporation.

Provoke means to incite, anger, irritate, exasperate, assault, abuse, or excite.

Severe injury means any injury which results in a broken bone, internal bodily injury or the death of any person.

Wild animal means any animal that is not cultivated, tamed or adjusted to live in a human environment.

Wound means a physical injury which results in puncture, muscle tear, broken bone, laceration, or permanent disfigurement.

ARTICLE IV. VICIOUS ANIMALS

Sec. 4-123. - Vicious animal investigation and findings

(a) When any person claims that an animal is vicious, he shall make a sworn statement before a magistrate in the city setting forth the name of the animal's owner or custodian, the location where the animal is being kept in the city, and the reason he believes the animal to be vicious. The sworn statement may be completed by any person having contact with the animal. The sworn statement will be delivered to the animal control unit and an animal control officer will complete a vicious animal investigation.

(b) Animal control officers are authorized to initiate a vicious animal investigation in cases where a bite or serious injury to any person has been reported.

(c) In the event the vicious animal investigation leads the animal control officer to believe the allegation is founded:

(1) The animal control officer will file a summons for the owner of the animal with the municipal court;

(2) The animal in question will be impounded at the animal shelter;

(3) A hearing date will be held in municipal court within 14 days of the date of service;

(d) In the event the vicious animal investigation leads the animal control officer to believe the allegation is unfounded, the animal control officer will advise the complainant of his findings and submit the results of the investigation to the animal control supervisor.

(e) A copy of all investigations made pursuant to this section will be kept on file in the animal control office.

(f) If the Municipal Court determines the animal is a vicious animal:

- (1) The animal will be held in impound until the owner complies with all orders of the court; however, the animal will be humanely destroyed if the owner fails to comply with all orders of the court within 20 days of the court's order.
- (2) The vicious animal shall be microchipped.
- (3) The vicious animal shall be spayed/neutered.
- (4) The owner shall be required to pay all expenses involved with the pickup and impoundment of the animal at a rate of \$35.00 to the animal shelter for the pickup of the animal, one half of which will be returned by the animal shelter to the city general fund, and a fee of \$20.00 per day, per animal for each day the animal was housed at the animal shelter. The total amount of the daily housing fee is to be retained by the animal shelter.
- (5) The owner shall be required to pay an annual \$10.00 registration of animals deemed vicious by municipal court or penalty of \$100.00 for non-registration within two weeks. The owner must provide proof of liability insurance as required by Section 4-123(f)(6) each time the annual registration fee is paid.
- (6) The owner shall be required to obtain liability insurance coverage of at least \$100,000 and provide proof of insurance to the municipal court or animal control office. The insurance must provide coverage for animal bites, injuries or death caused by an animal.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING.

WHEREAS, limiting the number of dogs per residence is substantially related to controlling the problems of dog noise and odor, and controlling such problems benefits the general welfare and health of the citizens of Montgomery,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, that the following is adopted:

1. Keeping large numbers of animals; special permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor, own, keep custody or take care of five or more dogs or cats over six months of age or older, or one litter of pups or one litter of kittens, or engage in the business of breeding, buying, selling, trading, training or boarding, without having obtained a special permit from the City of Montgomery. There shall be only one special permit issued per residence. The special permit shall be issued by the Chief of Police for the City of Montgomery, or his designee. The fee for such special permit, or any renewal thereof, shall be \$20.00.

2. Exemption from fees. The City shall issue a license upon application and without payment of a license fee required under this section for:

- (a) trained guide dog owned or kept by a visually impaired person or such a dog awaiting training;
- (b) A trained hearing dog owned or kept by a hearing-impaired person or such a dog awaiting training;
- (c) A trained service dog owned or kept by a physically impaired person or such a dog awaiting training;

- (d) A trained search and rescue dog recognized by the Central Alabama Search and Rescue or by another search and rescue association or organization that cooperates with and is recognized by state and local law enforcement; and
- (e) A dog certified by the State and used for law enforcement purposes.
- (f) Dogs or Cats being cared for or fostered by a duly incorporated animal rescue organization possessing IRS 501 (c) 3 status.

3. Misrepresentation of Service Dog

- (a) A person who fits a dog with a harness, collar, vest or sign of the type commonly used by blind person in order to represent that the dog is a service dog or commonly used by persons with disabilities to represent that the dog is a service dog when training of the type that guide dogs normally receive has not been provided or when the dog does not meet the definition of “service animal” as defined by *Alabama Code* §21-8-4 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 and incarceration of no more than six (6) months may be adjudged.

4. Suspension or Revocation of Special Permit

- (a) The special permit may be suspended or revoked by the Municipal Court Judge of the City of Montgomery upon an individual’s adjudication of guilt of any ordinance under Chapter 4 of the City of Montgomery Code of Ordinances. This penalty is in addition to all other criminal penalties authorized by law.
- (b) The special permit may be suspended or revoked by the Chief of Police for the City of Montgomery. However, such suspension or revocation may be appealed to the City Council by giving written notice to the City Clerk within 30 days of the date of the suspension or revocation. However, if the basis of the suspension or revocation is an alleged violation of an ordinance within Chapter 4 of the City of Montgomery Code of Ordinances, the alleged violation shall be prosecuted and suspension or revocation shall be determined by the Municipal Court Judge
- (c) Any person whose application for a permit is denied, or whose permit is revoked, shall have the right to have said denial or revocation reviewed by the city council. The city council's determination shall be binding and conclusive of the issue.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective _____, 2014.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2014.

TODD STRANGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA GALE BLALOCK, CITY CLERK



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TO: