

July 2010



Newsletter

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What's going on....

All events held at clubhouse
unless otherwise indicated.

**Meeting:
Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting at 7:00 p.m

**Therapy dog talk July 14th
(at the meeting)**

**OKC AKC Obed./Rally Trials
July 17 & 18, 2010**

**August 11th
Club picnic**

**OKC AKC
Obedience/Rally Trials
October 30-31**

Message from the President:

Greetings OKC members!

I would like to take a moment to welcome our membership, and soon-to-be members to a new year. I am excited to work with the new officers and returning board members. We are working to verify and appoint committee chairs. An updated list will be published in next months newsletter. If there are any changes the Committee chairs would like to make, including event date changes, please present them to the OKC Board.

I would also like to remind everyone how important it is to be involved! Many of our members work very hard, helping with events. I encourage everyone to help out whenever possible. It is only thru the continued efforts of our generous members that our club can continue to offer as many activities as we do.

I encourage you to attend the July meeting, as we will have a presentation on Therapy Dogs. Also, don't forget the OKC picnic in August. The old teeter will be auctioned off at the picnic.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Mueller



CANINE GOOD CITIZEN A SUCCESS

Fun was had by all at the May 24, 2010, Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC). Held at the Oshkosh Kennel Club (OKC) clubhouse, the event allowed OKC students, club members, and the public to try the first level of American Kennel Club (AKC) obedience with their dogs. Successful dog/person teams earn a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Eleven dog/handler teams tried the CGC. Seven of the teams earned certificates, and that group included six purebreds and one mixed breed.

The event could not have happened without the enthusiastic volunteers Jody Andresen, Connie Bachhuber, Jody Baur, Helen Briwa, Gail Donaldson, Shari Krause, Stephanie Mueller, Cheryl Polliak, and Cindy Vienola. Each of the volunteers helped make the candidates feel at home while testing the obedience of their dogs. Please join me in thanking them when you see them.

At this test, we gathered a bit more information about our CGC candidates. We missed talking to one candidate, but what follows is a summary of information about the others.

Are you an OKC member? Yes = 2 No = 8
Have you taken a class at Yes = 6 No = 4
OKC?

How did you hear about the CGC?

OKC = 2 On-line = 1 Class = 4 Friend = 2 AKC
Website = 1

The poll results show that we offer a service to the public as well as our club when we offer the CGC. It also shows that we get a good turn-out from students in our classes. Thank you all of the OKC volunteer/teachers who encourage their students to try the CGC!

The next CGC will be held at OKC in the fall of 2010 and will be open to all, including the public. Watch the newsletter for the announcements. Bring a dog and try your hand (and paw) at each of the exercises. We'd love to have you join us as a volunteer.

Please help us spread the word and tell a friend about the CGC. If you have any questions or comments or want more information, please contact Barb Stanek at 233-0273 or stanek@fvtc.com. Hope to see you there! It will be a good time!

Looking for Dogs to photo for calendars

I am looking for sporting dogs to photograph this summer. I am pro photographer. Most of the photographs will be used for 2011 and 2012 national calendars. We have contracts for four daily calendars and need dogs to fill them. The 2010 Calendars, "Just Labs" and "Just Golden's" are my photograph. There is no cost. For the time I will give the dog handler - owner - copies of the photos. I am spending the summer north of Shawano and can meet owners here or somewhere agreed upon. Trained dogs only please, should be able to sit and or stay. Mostly labs and golden's are needed but pointers, setters, springers, weims etc are needed also

I would appreciate you forwarding this to any one in NE Wis that you may think know of contacts or would like pictures of their dogs.

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Building rental

There are no reported building rentals at this time. Please contact Cindy for building rental requests.

For all your Building Rental needs, please contact our corresponding secretary: Cindy Bohnert at **920-213-8436** or email: specialqtrs@gmail.com
Cindy will seek board approval and send rental agreements.

Member notes and quotes

By: Brenda Cirricione

Von Roth's Blockbuster CD, RN standard schnauzer finished his rally novice title taking first place in Rally Novice B at the Corn Belt Kennel Club Show in Bloomington IL, he also took High Scoring Standard Schnauzer in Rally Novice at the Standard Schnauzer National Specialty not too bad for an 11 year old

By: Lynn Budzak

Bindy (Skeldale Didgeridoo RN/Border Terrier) finished her RA title recently at the Alaska Herding Group shows. She earned nice scores of 97 (1st), 97 (2nd) and 98 (1st) for her three legs. This was a challenge as summer obedience/rally trials are outdoors up here in Alaska, in a dog park where there are dogs running free all week over the ring area. Bindy is still training for rally excellent but will not show until fall as the next show weekend her mom of off at a fly fishing workshop. Bindy is also enjoying the hiking trails of the Palmer/Wasilla region and has seen her first black bear in the wild.

By: Karen Combs

U-GrCh, U-RO1, ToThePoint's Made To Order, CD, RA, JH, CGC (aka Charlie Tuna), owned/bred by Karen Combs

June 11, 2010: GSPC of MN Specialty. Charlie earned High In Trial with a 191.5 from the Novice B class!

U-BIS, U-GrCh, U-CD, AM/CAN CH, Can-CD, White River's Title Paige, CDX, RA, JH, CGC owned by Karen Combs

June 11, 2010: GSPC of MN Specialty. Paige won the Veteran Sweeps and Regular Veteran Bitch class!!

U-RBIS, U-GrCh, CH ToThePoint's Taylor Made, RN, CGC owned/bred by Karen Combs

June 11, 12, 13, 2010 was awarded Select Bitch at the GSPC of MN Specialty and Lake Minnetonka shows.

Taylor and Nicole Peters won Open Intermediate at the specialty and took 4th out of 9 on Saturday of the Lake Minnetonka shows!

[Papillon_Club] Article on dog shows at Humane Watch

Submitted for inclusion in the newsletter by Karen Combs:

http://humanewatch.org/index.php/site/post/what_i_learned_at_the_dog_show/

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What I Learned at the Dog Show

I spent this weekend at the Myrtle Beach kennel Club's all-breed dog show in Florence, South Carolina. The club invited me down to talk about the threats its members are facing from the Humane Society of the United States and the rest of the animal rights movement. Since I had never been to a dog show, I said yes. (I grew up thinking that "fancy" was an adjective. Silly me.)

I'm not a big fan of people who pooh-pooh things they've never tried or seen up-close. If one of my children says she "doesn't like" something on the dinner table before taking even a tiny bite—well, let's just say that doesn't wash in my house.

And I've always thought the whole "dog show" community was rather mysterious, a kind of benevolent secret society with its own rules, customs, and vocabulary. Sorta like Deadheads, but with a lot better grooming and a lot less fleas.

Truth be told, the dog breeders I met this weekend do have their own peculiar ways of saying and doing things. But they're really just ordinary people with a shared hobby. They're really into what they do. And they taught me a lot in just a Saturday. Here's some of what I learned.

When you go to a dog show, bring your own chair. But don't be surprised if someone offers to lend you theirs. (I'm typing this in someone else's customized, embroidered lawn chair.)

Dog shows are competitive, but the people involved are remarkably supportive of their human opponents. I heard a steady stream of "congratulations!" offered to blue-ribbon holders from handlers who were trotting away empty-handed.

If you're a first-timer who asks "what kind of dog is that?" too loudly, somebody might look at you funny.

These people treat their dogs like royalty. It was 90 degrees in the shade on Saturday, and the dogs had shade, electric fans, and cold water—even if their owners didn't.

Judging from this weekend, the typical show-dog handler isn't a stuffy Brit wearing Saville Row tweed. She—yes, she—is an energetic 40-year-old married mom whose husband packs up the kids and brings them along on the trip.

Sometimes the kids strut the dogs around the ring. The under-18 handlers even have their own judging category in which their skills are being judged, not the qualities of their dogs.

The name of the game is "conformation" (not "confirmation," as I used to think). Dog show breeders are trying to breed animals that "conform" to a set ideal of how a breed can look, "gait," and behave if they do everything right. (I read an article in Wired this week about how Cheetos in the factory are checked every 30 minutes against a "reference sample" from Frito-Lay headquarters, just to make sure the ideal color, texture, and crispiness is being matched. It's kinda like that, but it takes years for these folks to make a single Cheeto. And Cheetos don't pee on you.)

Watch where you step in the parking lot.

If this particular dog show is any indication of what's typical, the "dog fancy" is a lot of fun for a lot of people who contribute a lot of

money to the economy—and aren't hurting anyone. "If we're not having fun here," one judge told me, very much off-the-cuff, "we shouldn't be doing this."

For the life of me, I can't figure out why the Humane Society of the United States has such a visceral hatred of everything they stand for.

I think what's going on is that HSUS, PETA, and other animal rights groups are conflating breeders whose main goal is to sell puppies with those who just happen to really love Pomeranians, Pinschers, or Poodles. This latter clique of people (far larger than the former) shows their favorite animals because they're proud of them, not because they believe it will make their next litter worth more money.

It's not hard to understand HSUS's stated motivation for attacking people who breed dogs. The group wants everyone to believe that rampant pet overpopulation in America is all their fault. But personally, I just don't see it.

I didn't meet "puppy millers" this weekend. I met hobbyists, just like if I were at a model railroad convention, an antique fair, or a swim meet. They ask after each others' kids. They visit each other in the hospital. They have knitting circles where the dogs watch approvingly. They're 50 percent garden club, 50 percent church pot-luck. Zero percent animal abusers.

I asked one breeder how much money she had spent raising her champion dog, a mammoth Anatolian shepherd. "Who knows?" she answered. "I never really added it up. If you're pinching pennies you probably aren't treating the dog right." In addition to the two purebred dogs she was showing, she had "two rescue mutts at home, and they have the same food, supplements, and everything else my show dogs get."

And when I asked one of the veteran breeders how many of her peers raise dogs so they can sell the litters commercially, she looked at me like I was from Mars. "We all sell dogs, son," she told me. "But none of us make a cent doing it. And I know where all my dogs live. If anyone can't provide for them, we take 'em back." And then, almost as an afterthought: "I sure don't want any of mine going to the pound or a rescue."

Everyone I asked about this had the same kind of answer. If they found out that any of their puppies wound up in a shelter, they'd sure do something about it.

So why all the hostility from the Humane Society of the United States? Why did I hear from North and South Carolinians who had beaten back attempt after attempt from HSUS to have them taxed, registered, regulated, raided, and otherwise priced out of their hobby? What is it about these men, women, and children, so passionate about running up and down a concrete floor with their pets, that demands intervention from activists who think they know better?

Maybe it's that HSUS thinks the only way to shut down "puppy mills" is to paint every dog breeder with the same broad brush. Maybe. I haven't yet really wrapped my mind around why HSUS is opposed to everything I saw this weekend.

As with pretty much every group of ranchers, dairymen, biomedical research scientists, and chicken farmers I've met, the breeders I spoke with this weekend had varying levels of awareness about the looming political threat from HSUS. Some of them can't be bothered to be bothered. Others are fired up at the mere mention of Wayne Pacelle's name.

"Somebody has to take that guy on," one 50-ish man barked when I brought up the name of HSUS's CEO. "That whole movement is nuts. After I showed up to lobby against HSUS's last North Carolina breeder tax, I started getting calls in the middle of the night, untraceable phone calls, from these people saying they were going to come on my property, take my dogs, and burn my house down. I told 'em my new rifle has an awesome night scope. That pretty much ended it."

I spoke to the crowd after the Best In Show was awarded, in this case to a fluffy pekingese named "Noelle." I told them that their problem is the same as the one faced by pork producers, egg farmers, dairymen, and even cancer researchers. But it was up to them to reach beyond their circle of friends—outside their comfort zone—if their kids and grandkids were going to keep being Junior Handlers and continue to raise the dog breeds they've come to love.

At the end of the day, I have to be skeptical of HSUS's blanket condemnation of pet breeders. I'm confident that there are some horrible ones out there, as there are with any group of people (including animal activists...), but any legislative or cultural movement that lumps the people I met this weekend in with the bad actors is just plain wrong-headed.

Because the dogs I met in South Carolina were among the best-cared-for animals I've ever seen. Anyone who's truly interested in animal welfare would want to make sure more dogs—not fewer—are treated this way. So how 'bout it, Wayne? Why aren't you promoting dog shows?

Probably because you've never been to one.

Remember Club picnic is in August.
RSVP to Ken
For numbers attending



Membership Renewal Form 2010/2011

Please fill out & return with your membership fees to Marian Fenlon, 1121 Mt Vernon St, Oshkosh, WI 54901
\$20.00 Single Membership - \$25.00 Family Membership § OKC Membership Year Ends June 30th

Please complete this form and return with your membership dues Thank you!!

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone (_____) _____

e-mail _____ need for newsletter receipt*

Breed(s) of Interest _____

I am involved in:

Conformation Obedience Agility Tracking

Field Work Other _____

I am an:

Exhibitor Handler Other _____

Breeder with: Puppies frequently Puppies occasionally

Stud Services Adult Dogs

Kennel Name _____

Other _____

Committee Interests:

- Auditing of books (in July)
- Building (inside / outside)
- Canine Good Citizen (3 or 4 tests per year)
- Equipment Upkeep (year 'round)
- Fun Match (held in March)
- Fund Raising (year 'round)
- Goblets (Member Awards given in Dec)
- Hall of Fame (year 'round)
- Historian (year 'round)
- Hospitality (at meetings & general)
- Keys (year 'round)
- Library (year 'round)
- Membership (year 'round)
- Newsletter (monthly)
- Picnic (held in August)
- Public Education (year 'round)
- Publicity (year 'round)
- Show Committee (Obed&Rally /Agility/Conf)
- Training Committee (Obed/Rally/Agility/Conf)
- Webmaster

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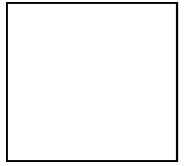
Oshkosh Kennel Club Newsletter/Event Notification Policy

For various reasons, one being the cost of printing and postage for “snail-mail” – the internet will be used for club business whenever possible. Many times throughout the year various Committee Chairs desire to contact the membership with requests for things such as trophy donations or help for events or notices such as upcoming seminars. E-mail provides them a quick and efficient mode of making those contacts. Unfortunately, members not on the internet may not receive these contacts. While we do regret this loss of communication, the club is not requiring Committee Chairs to take the extra time and expense to send such requests via regular mail to the members that are not on the internet. Rest assured that any business done in regards to club policy or meeting notices will be handled in such a way that all members receive notice.

REMEMBER –

Memberships expire at the end of June. Please be sure that I receive your dues before June 30th. **If you are a new member and have paid dues January 2010 or later – you are already paid in full for the 2010-2011 membership year.**

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