



# Herd the News?

Newsletter of the North Star Herding Group Club

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## HERDING CLINIC AUDIT OPPORTUNITY JULY 11-15, 2007

You have probably noticed the flurry of activity around herding on the part of the NSHGC these last few months. Hopefully you have been able to participate in some of the club activities. Here's a great opportunity for those wanting to learn more about herding. Kent and Lori Herbel, XP Ranch, will be south of the metro area for a 5 day herding clinic. Although all working spots are taken, auditors are welcome at \$15/day, which includes lunch.

Kent has worked with a number of herding breeds since the mid-70's. His herding career began in earnest when he managed a stock yard in his home state of Oklahoma. He has competed successfully in AKC to the Herding Championship level and has trained successful Open level dogs in USBCA. He and wife Lori travel approximately 60,000 miles annually, competing, training, trialing, judging and instinct testing across the US. He understands the realities of a working situation as well as all the nuances of trialing. Kent works with a public address system so everyone can learn from one-another at all times. He communicates clearly, in a manner both handler and dog understand. He trains with the "big picture" in mind. Novice and beginners build a strong foundation; advanced handlers get some of their tough problems solved. Visit Herbels' web site at [www.xpranch.com](http://www.xpranch.com).

The clinic runs from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm all 5 days. Wednesday, July 11 and Thursday July 12 the clinic will be at Deb Conroy's farm south of Farmington, MN; Friday, July 13 through Sunday July 15 at Jim and Louanne Brooks' near Lake City, MN (see driving directions and contact information below). **Please call in advance so that enough lunch will be provided.**

**Directions and Contact Information:** see page 5

### Beverly Capstick's "little" Brag:

Bev will be judging 11 working breeds at the  
**2008 Westminster Dog Show in New York!**

Beverly Capstick  
Lutzyn Originals, LLC

#### Special points of interest:

- **Membership meeting-  
July 19, 2007  
7:30 p.m.**
- *Calendar see p 7*

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## Press Release

### AKC PRESENTS

**Date:** June 19, 2007  
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New York, NY – In February and March of 2007, the American Kennel Club conducted a survey of purebred dog fanciers on the topic of possibly creating a mixed breed listing service and allowing them to compete in certain AKC events. The purpose of the survey was to gather input from the core constituency regarding this concept and to pinpoint areas requiring additional research.

AKC presented the results of the survey at the quarterly Delegate meeting on June 11, 2007. Following is a summary of key results.

### Respondent Demographic Information

AKC sought survey feedback from AKC Delegates, AKC Club Presidents and Secretaries, and other fanciers who were notified by their Club President, Secretary or via [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). In total over 21,000 people completed the survey.

#### General Demographics:

- 84% Purebred Dog Owners
- 70% Exhibitors
- 50% Club Member
- 76% now own, or have owned, a mixed breed dog

#### Sport Participation:

- Over 50% have been involved in the sport for 16 or more years
- Over 60% currently compete in Conformation or have in the past
- Over 50% currently compete in Agility or have in the past
- Nearly 70% currently compete in Obedience or have in the past
- Approximately 63% have competed in events sponsored by other organizations (reasons included enjoyment of atmosphere, obtaining additional titles, convenient location and competing with mixed breeds)

#### Club Affiliation:

- 51% belong to Specialty Clubs
- 34% belong to All-Breed Clubs
- 33% belong to Obedience Clubs
- 31% belonged to Agility Clubs
- 64% belonged to clubs already offering at least some training classes for mixed breed dogs

### Likely Program Parameters

Based on survey results and general comments that we have received, we have developed a list of likely parameters that an AKC Mixed Breed program would have:

#### Listing Service:

- Mixed breed dogs would be **listed or enrolled**, not registered
- Within AKC systems, mixed breed dogs would be **identified as “mixed breed,”** not a specific hybrid combination
- Mixed breed dogs would **only be eligible for Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking**

#### Competition:

- Clubs would have the **option to offer mixed breed** classes. They would **not be required** to offer mixed breed classes
- Mixed breed dogs **must be spayed or neutered** to compete
- Mixed breed dogs would **not be eligible to compete at the Agility/Obedience National Championships or at the Agility/Obedience Invitational**
- Mixed breed dogs must compete in **separate classes\***

\*When introducing the concept of this program, AKC staff assumed there would only be support for mixed breed dogs competing in separate classes, however survey results show that a majority support combined classes. Therefore, we are continuing to consider both options.

### Interest in Offering Mixed Breed Program

Percent agreeing with the statement: “AKC clubs should have the option to offer classes for mixed breeds at their Obedience, Rally, Tracking and Agility trials.”

- 65% of current AKC constituents (including 65% of Delegates,
- 67% of exhibitors, 58% of judges, 65% of club members and 60% of officers).
- Over 50% of those currently or formerly participating in all event categories (including participants in non-mixed-breed-eligible events such as Conformation, Coonhound and Field Trials).

### Overall Opinions About Potential Mixed Breed Program

Following are the percent agreeing with the subsequent opinion statements about a mixed breed program:

- 84%: clubs may gain revenue by adding mixed breed classes to their events
- 78%: mixed breed dog owners would be a potential source of new members
- 75%: mixed breed competition increases opportunities for fanciers who now own mixed and purebred dogs
- 74%: mixed breed competition would not negatively impact public opinion of purebred vs. mixed breed dogs
- 69%: a mixed breed listing service would help AKC expand its message to a larger audience
- 69%: kennel clubs should serve all dog owners
- 69%: representing all dogs would improve AKC’s legislative influence
- 63%: mixed breed program will lead to people without breeding/exhibiting experience joining clubs and influencing policy making
- 61%: education/competition may encourage mixed breed owners to make their next dog a purebred
- 60%: program would improve AKC’s overall image
- 52% felt that initiating a mixed breed program would be a change in AKC tradition
- 47% mixed breed program will lead to animal rights activists joining clubs and influencing policy making

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# Mixed Breed Survey cont.

## Opinions About Mixed Breed Program Specifics

### Title Eligibility:

Of those agreeing clubs should have the option to offer mixed breed classes, which titles should AKC allow mixed breeds to earn in Companion Events?

- 35%: mixed breeds should earn title equivalents but with different (mixed breed) designations (such as M-CD vs. CD)
- 31%: titles should be exactly the same
- 17%: mixed breeds should have equivalent titles with different (mixed breed) designations, excluding OTCH, MACH and CT.
- 14%: same titles as purebreds, excluding OTCH, MACH and CT

### Held in Conjunction with What Events:

Of those agreeing clubs should have the option to offer mixed breed classes, the classes should be offered with Companion Events held in conjunction with:

- 92%: standalone obedience and/or rally trials
- 92%: standalone agility trials
- 86%: standalone tracking tests
- 39%: all-breed conformation shows\*
- 31%: regional and local specialties

- 23%: national specialties (when All-Breed Companion Events are held)

\*Approximately 20% of agility events and 70% of Obedience/Rally events are held in conjunction with a conformation event. Excluding mixed breed events from conformation events would significantly limit possible venues.

### Class Eligibility:

Of those agreeing that clubs should have the option to offer mixed breed classes:

- 70%: mixed breeds and purebreds should compete in the same classes
- 55%: mixed breeds and purebreds should compete separately  
Note that total exceeds 100% due to the fact that each of these statements was presented separately.

**The AKC will continue to keep Delegates and the fancy appraised on the progress of this program. Questions and additional feedback can be submitted at any time to [mixedbreed\\_survey@akc.org](mailto:mixedbreed_survey@akc.org) .**

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## Press Release

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### ***AKC INTRODUCES ONLINE RECORD KEEPING***

***-- Free, Web-based Service Helps Breeders Manage Dog and Litter Records --***

**New York, NY** – The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that Online Record Keeping, a new service for breeders of AKC® registered litters and dogs, is now available. Any breeder with a *My AKC* account now has access to this free service, which provides a centralized area to manage and maintain dog and litter records online.

"We are pleased to offer breeders of AKC dogs this new complimentary online feature to help them manage their dog and litter information," said David Roberts, Assistant Vice President of Registration and Customer Service. "Breeders can access their personalized breeding, ownership, and registration records from any computer with internet access at any time. This service is only the beginning of a variety of online features planned for the future."

With the new Online Record Keeping service, breeders can record mating and birth information for litters and view official AKC litter registration information including dog registration status for all puppies in a litter. There is also a handy address book function that gives breeders an easy place to store contact information for co-owners and puppy buyers. And the AKC's secure, password protected breeder record service keeps your information secure and private.

In addition to being able to record and view information, breeders can also quickly print AKC Dog Ownership, Breeding, and Litter records. If the breeder completes the necessary fields in the record-keeping system, all of the information required for AKC record-keeping rules and regulations will be pre-populated on these forms.

This new service also allows a breeder to record sale and ownership information for the puppies and to manage puppy records by adding notes about breeding and whelping. For those breeders that have already taken advantage of online dog registration to record sale and new ownership information for their puppies, this information has been moved to the Online Record Keeping section of *My AKC* for easier access.

If you have an authenticated *My AKC* account (or want to start one - just go to the home page on the upper right hand box and start the quick process), maintaining your dog and litter records online is just a click away.

Follow these easy steps to get started:

1. **Login** to your *My AKC* account.
2. Sign up for **Online Record Keeping** services from the main page.
3. Go to the **My Dogs and Litters** section.
4. Click **Breeder Records** to view, create and maintain breeder records, view AKC litter and puppy registration information, and manage puppy records.

**For more information go to: [http://www.akc.org/services/breeder\\_records.cfm](http://www.akc.org/services/breeder_records.cfm)**

## AKC Press Release

**Date:** June 18, 2007  
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### AKC REACHES OUT TO NEW EXHIBITORS AT DOG SHOWS

**New York, NY** – The American Kennel Club® announced today that a new program has been created to help exhibitors who are new to conformation events. AKC Executive Field Staff will conduct new exhibitor briefings at shows which they are scheduled to attend.

“This program comes at a time when AKC wishes to encourage new exhibitors in the sport,” said Robin Stansell, Vice President of Event Operations. “We realize the importance of attracting and retaining newcomers and are taking this proactive approach to increase the likelihood that each participant will have a positive experience at his or her first dog show.”

Briefings will be scheduled on Saturdays. Clubs may hold briefings during Sunday shows by special request to the AKC Judging Operations Department. Announcements for the briefing times will be included in the shows’ premium lists and judging programs. Clubs who hold new exhibitor briefings will be given credit towards their educational requirements. For more information on AKC’s new exhibitor program, please contact Susan Judge at [smj@akc.org](mailto:smj@akc.org) or 919-816-3590.

### HERDING CLINIC AUDIT OPPORTUNITY Continued JULY 11-15, 2007

#### Directions and Contact Information:

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**Conroy Farm:** From 35W: exit at County Rd. 70 (Farmington exit). Travel east on 70 approximately 4.1 miles to Cedar Ave. Turn right on Cedar (south). Travel south on Cedar 2 miles to 235<sup>th</sup> St. (CTY RD 78). Turn left on 235<sup>th</sup>. Travel 2 miles to Denmark Ave. Turn left on Denmark Ave. Farm is on left side. Only farm with silos and cattle. Take first driveway, follow field road down past log house to pasture.

**Brooks Farm:** Lake City is located on MN 61, 1 ½ hr. drive SE from Mpls/St.Paul, and 1 ½ hr. north of LaCrosse, WI. At the north end of Lake City, with Lake Pepin on the east side of MN 61, go west on Goodhue Co. 5 (also called Grant St. in town). Travel 5.4 miles, then turn right (north) on Oak Ridge Ave. Way. Follow that 1 ½ miles to the end of the road. Watch for parking signs. **Or:** from downtown Red Wing on 61, take a right on MN 58 (toward Goodhue). Go about 5 miles, passing the Tech school and High School, to Goodhue Co. 5 by the big red and white microwave tower. Turn left on Goodhue 5 and travel about 9 miles to Oak Ridge Ave. Way; turn left and go to the end of the road. (Note: MapQuest is not accurate)

## North Star Herding Group Club

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

June 21, 2007

The meeting was held at Perkins in Shoreview. Meeting was called to order at 9:25 p.m., following the presentation by Carol Delsman by Vice President Louanne Brooks.

### Reports-

**Secretary's report:** Correction to May minutes:

### **Agility Committee Report:**

- Ribbons re-ordered.

### **Herding Committee Report:** May report:

The Herding Committee has put together a Herding Instinct Certification program for the club. It's a pretty standard format used by the AHBA, Collie Club of America, and several other organizations. The inaugural event will be held this weekend on 5/20. We still are looking for someone to fill out the certificates for the passing dogs.

The next herding committee event will be the AKC Plan A match to be held on 9/3 in Northfield. We have a Trial Secretary who will provide a "Trial In A Box" and we will need to provide a person to be the official onsite Secretary for that day. Entries will be limited to around 30 sheep runs based on availability of livestock. We have not decided about having duck runs. We are currently planning on limiting the runs to HT/PT and A course for sheep, and only A course for ducks (if offered).

The Herding Committee would like to remind everyone that the GRSC June Trial will be held on 6/22 - 6/24, it is a great opportunity for folks to gain experience working at trials by timing, scribing, or moving livestock.

Guy Lawrence, Herding Committee Chair

### Old Business-

**Conformation Show** Date is Friday, August 24th, along with SCVKC shows on August 25 & 26th.

Event is approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Mary J. McKennan, Secretary

## **Mosquito Control Tip:**

Who can enjoy these beautiful June evenings with all those pesky mosquitoes, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West Nile Virus. Here is a tip worth trying. Pass this on to anyone who likes sitting out in the evening or when they're having a cook out.

### **This tip was given at a recent gardening forum:**

- ◇ Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent.
- ◇ Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area.
- ◇ Not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate color, or what, but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy and water mixture, and usually within about 10 feet of the plate.

Check it out--it works just super! May seem SO SIMPLE, but it may help control mosquitoes around your home, especially in the South and elsewhere where the West Nile virus is reaching epidemic proportions in mosquitoes, birds, and humans. (And heartworm).

## **Member Brag:**

At Champaign, IL June 30 and July 1, Amelia Brooks' 17 month old Australian Cattle Dog bitch, Hillhaven's Miracles Happen went Best of Winners both days from the Bred By Exhibitor class, earning two 3 point majors. Amelia's bitch Special, CH Hillhaven's Li'l Shenanigan, competed Sunday only, and went BOB over 2 other Specials and 10 class entries.

**Louanne Brooks**

## Resources for Herding Training

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# NSHGC Calendar

**General Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m.**  
 July 19 Perkins in Shoreview. **Join us for pie!! Club buys a piece for members who are there.**

## July 7-8, 2007 (Sat-Sun)

**AKC Obedience and Rally Judging Seminars**  
**Oshkosh Kennel Club \$50 both days \$30/day**  
 Contact: Karen Combs [thtptgsp@yahoo.com](mailto:thtptgsp@yahoo.com)

## August 24, 2007 (Friday)

**NSHGC Specialty at Lake Elmo**  
 Show closes August 8, 2007

## September 3, 2007 (Mon—Labor Day)

**NSHGC Herding Match at Lawrence Farm in Northfield** See website for details

## September 8-9, 2007 (Sat-Sun)

**THE DOG WORKS** Proudly Presents  
**MARC CHRISTOPHER HERDING CLINIC**  
 September 8th & 9th, 2007  
 Private lessons held on Monday, September 10th  
 For more information: (715) 743-7615 or  
 E-mail: [dogworks@tds.net](mailto:dogworks@tds.net)

## November 10-11, 2007 (Friday)

**Dog Breeder's Seminar**

*Solutions for*

*Breeding and Whelping Challenges*  
*Dr. Peggy Root-Kustritz, DVM, PhD*  
*& Myra Savant-Harris RN*

For registration form, see Events page on website.





[www.nshgc.org](http://www.nshgc.org)

North Star Herding Group Club  
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The North Star Herding Group Club (NSHGC) was established in January of 2000 and gained AKC Club recognition in 2002. In November 2004, NSHGC was granted permission to hold fully sanctioned Conformation, Obedience and Agility trials. This club was founded to support Herding Breeds and the people who love and work with them.

**Our primary objectives are:**

- Encourage and promote quality breeding and performance of all purebred Herding breed dogs
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standards of their breeds approved by the AKC.
- To protect the interests of the Herding Breeds and encourage sports manlike competition. To conduct sanctioned trials, dog shows, obedience trials, and other performance events under the rules of the AKC.
- To provide educational programs and seminars to enhance knowledge in regard to all Herding Breeds and Purebred dogs in general.