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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"The best way to get a puppy is to beg for a baby brother – they'll settle for a puppy every time."

Winston Pendelton

Our August Specialty Show is now one for the history books! There were 185 entries this year vs. 202 last year. The economy being what it is, I think we did very well. Thanks to everyone who entered and competed and congratulations on your wins. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make it a great success, especially Show Chair Bev Capstick. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Patti Kleven, immediate past President, who took care of set up and clean up.

If you helped with ring stewarding, shuttling judges, grounds, trophies or hospitality, you were instrumental in our success. There are too many to name everyone! If I try, I am sure to forget someone! Thanks to each of you. Our pot luck was wonderful – thanks Barbara Stransky, for organizing that. I had several competitors come up to thank the club for hosting the Specialty, remarking what a nice show it was.

Thank you Ann MacKay, VP, and members who conducted the August meeting in my absence! I got in to Minneapolis airport from a business meeting in FL at midnight Thursday evening, knowing I had many reliable folks covering the bases.

Thanks to Deb Johnson, Carolynne Trout and Amelia Brooks for working up the new "Puppy Buyers Guide" which was available at the Ways and Means table during our show. Thanks to Kathy DuVall and Holly Dundore for another successful Trophy Drive for the Jan. 2009 Specialty show, and to everyone who donated.

We hope to have our Fun Match again this year, the Sat. after Thanksgiving, November 22, 2008, at Animal Inn. Join us for the next membership meeting Sept. 18 at the Perkins in Shoreview and help us plan this fun event. See you then!

Louanne Brooks
President

Special points of interest:
• **General meeting**
September 18, 2008

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Whimsey's Story

By Patti Kleven



Ten years ago, I sold a couple a pet puppy out of "Lacey Britches's" last litter. Whimsey was the only puppy that Lacey whelped, who was never shown. The couple who purchased her were in their fifties at that time. The woman was at home during the day and the puppy had a wonderful life. "Whimsey" as they called her lived with the couple for ten and one half years and I am sure she thought she would always be with them. They took wonderful care of her and I am sure she was well loved. They kept all of her vet records up to date, did not let her get overweight and generally kept her young. However, Whimsey's life as she knew it, was to take a big change.....

The man retired from his job and the couple decided to retire to AZ. He did not want to bring the dog with them to their retirement home and although the wife was terribly distraught, she went along with her husband's wishes. He called me to tell me that they wanted to send her back.

Whimsey came back to me at ten years of age. She could have lived out her life with us, but having lived all her life as an only dog, I knew she would be happier living a life more like what she was used to. I began my search for the someone who I knew was out there looking for a "Whimsey". I knew that person was out there, waiting for her. I am sure that this was God's plan for Whimsey all along. It just seemed so unfair at her age. I knew that I would need to get the word out. I had to find the person(s) who were waiting to be her new family.

I sent out a mass email and there were numerous "angels" that heard Whimsey's story and took her to heart. One of those "angels" was Barb Stoffel from Buffalo, MN. Barb is a corgi breeder and fancier and a cancer survivor who understands that life can change quickly. Barb told me she was very touched by Whimsey's story and couldn't get her out of her thoughts. Barb took Whimsey's story to friends all over. She spoke of her in the grocery store and at church. She spoke to enough people and found Lorraine, who was the one waiting for Whimsey.

Lorraine is an active 70ish year old retiree. She lives alone and lost her last dog a few months ago at age 15, to cancer. Lorraine was very lonely without a dog but not sure at her age that she could take on a puppy. Barb told a friend about Whimsey, who then called Lorraine and things started to fall in place for the lonely lady and the sad little dog. Lorraine called me on the phone and I had a great feeling talking to her that

this could be the one.

We arranged for a meeting the following evening at Lorraine's home. She has a small house with a fenced in yard that is perfect for one person and maybe now, perfect for an old dog as well.

We met Lorraine in the front yard and Whimsey was her matter of fact corgi self. She greeted Lorraine and then wanted to explore the area. Lorraine asked if we wanted to come in the house. Whimsey was right on it and went up the front steps and into the house. She explored the house for a bit and then we all went out into the backyard. Whimsey trotted around the yard, explored the perimeter and surveyed her new kingdom. She barked at the neighbor dog as if to say, "I'm here now, so don't get too close to my fence".

Lorraine went into the house to get her a bowl of water and Whimsey followed her while I waited outdoors. Later we all went back into the house and sat on the sofas in the living room. Whimsey curled up next to Lorraine, and it was then that I knew that Whimsey was comfortable and had made the decision to stay.

Whimsey stayed the night and I spoke to Lorraine the next morning who said both of them were doing well. They watched the evening news together on the sofa and then went to bed. Whimsey slept with Lorraine on the bed all night. They got up together in the morning and Whimsey spent some time outdoors surveying the kingdom again before coming back in to eat her breakfast. Later, they went out together for a long walk and then came back to the house to begin their new life.

I came back for a visit with Whimsey and Lorraine two days later. Whimsey was happy to greet me and seemed to have a light in her eyes, that wasn't there before. We visited for awhile and discussed how well the two were adjusting to each other. When it was time for me to leave, the two "ladies" walked me out to the front step. Whimsey held back a bit and looked at me. Her eyes told me that she was staying with Lorraine. She was home.

We all know that life can change in an instant and only God knows how long Whimsey and Lorraine will have together. For now, they are both happy and life is good for them both. I hope this is the happy ending to a story that could have ended much differently. Thank you to all of Whimsey's angels.

"I believe there are angels among us",
"They are sent down to us from somewhere up above",
"They come to you and me in our darkest hours"
"To show us how to live, to teach us how to give,"
"To guide us with the light of love".

From the song performed by "Alabama", written by
Becky Hobbs

Patti Kleven

Members Brags

Zack a registered, working therapy dog and has completed 150 Therapy Dog Visits which earned him the TDIAOV award. IE: Therapy Dogs International Active Outstanding Volunteer. He reached his 12th Birthday on 8.8.8 and is now recognized by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America as a member of the 13th Club.

Zack - AKC (6 x BBIS-Best Brace In Show and 10 Ch Points), UKC Ch, IABCA Ch Nordwind's Burst of Energy OFA-Good H/E, OFA-CHIC, TC, CGC, PT, RE; AHBA - JHDs, TDIAOV

Owner: Kathy DuVall

At the St. Croix Valley show, we entered one day and at age 9, my Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Libbie, finished her excellent jumpers preferred title with a first place.

Lynn Stoltzmann



NSHGC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Posted by: "Beverly Capstick" on NSHGC Yahoo List Sat Aug 23, 2008

THANK YOU and GOOD WORK

Thank you to EVERYONE that worked, stewarded, set up food, and cleaned up at the end of the show on Friday. The show went well and the exhibitors were happy with the building and size of rings. AKC Rep was pleased how everything went in regard to the show, so GOOD JOB NSHGC, I think our entry was larger than last year and hopefully next year will be even better.

PS Thanks to the Bullert's for the VERY CLASSY trophies for Pembroke's.

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Beverly Capstick
Lutzyn Originals, LLC

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NSHGC Calendar:

General Membership Meeting
September 18, 2008 - Shoreview Perkins

AKC News

Group Honorees Named for the American Kennel Club Breeder of the Year Award

- "AKC Breeder of the Year" to be Announced at AKC/Eukanuba National Championship -

The American Kennel Club® announced today the seven group recipients of the 2008 AKC® Breeder of the Year Award. The award honors breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs.

"It is a thrill to honor these individuals whose long-standing breeding programs have produced many successes not only for their kennel, but for their breed as a whole," said Ron Menaker, AKC's Chairman of the Board. "They deserve recognition for the time and effort they have put into breeding and exhibiting quality dogs and improving upon the foundation of their breeds."

A breeder is chosen from each of the seven groups: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding. The individual group recipients will receive a medallion in recognition of their achievements on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. At the end of the presentation the 2008 AKC Breeder of the Year will be announced. Additionally, a canine portraitist will be commissioned to commemorate a prominent dog from the recipient's kennel, and their name will be inscribed on a perpetual trophy and plaque on permanent display at the AKC headquarters in New York City.

The group winners are:

- Sporting: Joan Savage - *Banks, OR*, Stagedoor English Setters
- Hound: Kathy & Julie Jones - *Reseda, CA*, Jasiri - Sukari Basenjis
- Working: Lilian Ostermiller - *Westtown, NY*, De-Li Bernese Mountain Dogs
- Terrier: Miriam Stamm - *Kalamazoo, MI*, Anstamm Scottish Terriers
- Toy: Luke & Diane Ehricht - *Monclova, OH*, Hallmark Jolei Shih Tzus
- Non-Sporting: Eleanor & Bob Candland- *Lake Elsinore, CA*, El-Bo Boston Terriers
- Herding: James & Sheree Moses - *Carrollton, GA*, Kaleef German Shepherd Dogs

This September, hundreds of AKC affiliated clubs and other dog organizations will be celebrating AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day all across the country.

For more information

<http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/events/>

Legislation News

FEDERAL

The U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, ordered the Department of Agriculture to suspend its plan to identify and document every animal in the U.S. The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) was to have been fully implemented by June 9, 2009. It is now on hold indefinitely. The ruling came as a result of a lawsuit

MN

(8/10/08) - **Minnesota animal welfare** rights groups say they are continuing the fight for tighter regulation of the state's numerous puppy and kitten mills through new legislation, despite some hesitation from lawmakers and large-scale breeders. Last year, a bill, known as the "breeder bill," which would require state inspections, licensing requirements and standards of care. The bill didn't pass in 2007 or 2008, but it will be reintroduce again in the upcoming legislative session.

Minneapolis - (8/9/08) - As urban agriculture booms in the Twin Cities area, Minneapolis residents are pressing their city to let them expand their backyard farms beyond chickens to bees and hoofed animals. "Why [these animals] can exist on one side of [Hwy.] 280 and not on the other is beyond me," said Willcutt, assistant manager at the Mill City Farmers Market. Willcutt is an urban agriculture activist who raises chickens on Nicollet Island. But his Nigerian Dwarf goat, Vera, is in exile at a farm outside the city. St. Paul issues permits for hoofed animals and beehives, with the written consent of 75 percent of neighbors within 150 feet. But not Minneapolis. Hoofed animals there require special permits that can last no longer than 21 days and cost from \$50 to \$150, depending on the type of event. And don't even think about bees. Honeybee keeping is singled out for prohibition in the city code.

Minnetonka - (8/8/08) - After considering confining off-leash dogs to an enclosed dog park, it now looks as if the city will continue to allow canines to roam free in natural areas under their owners' voice command. But they will probably have to wear a "pet in the park" license.

The license is one part of a revised park ordinance scheduled for approval by the Minnetonka Park Board in October. Board members heard the proposal Wednesday and indicated they don't want to let a few irresponsible dog owners spoil privileges for everyone

WI

Chetak - Training and restraining certain breeds of dog- especially pit bulls and rottweilers- will become a legal issue when the city adds a vicious-dog ordinance to its city codebook later this year.

NSHGC: August Meeting

Membership Meeting: Thursday August 21, 2008 - Washington County Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 7:31

President's Report Agility entries exceeded trial limits, so we were fined \$100 by AKC – however the trial was very profitable! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get ready for tomorrow's show, and those who will be helping during the day, esp. show chair Bev Capstick. You all are splendid, and I look forward to being with you then. Please make a special effort to welcome and thank our entrants and judges. Thanks to Deb Johnson, Carolynne Trout and Amelia Brooks for working up the new "Puppy Buyers Guide" which will be available at the Ways and Means table during our show. Thanks to Kathy Duvall and Holly Dundore for another successful trophy drive for the January Specialty show. Our next meeting will be September 18. 7:30 pm at the Perkins in Shoreview.

Secretary's Report No changes requested to last minutes- Barbara Stransky made motion to accept, Deb Johnson 2nd, group voted to accept

Treasurer's Report Beginning Balance \$28304.81 Adjusted Balance \$27,284.08.

Agility Committee No one from committee, present to report.

Herding Committee Nothing new to report

Obedience Committee Nothing new to report

Conformation Committee Nothing new to report

Junior Showmanship Committee Nothing new to report

Membership Committee 2nd reading for Lynnette Gandl, sponsor Ann Mackay present, membership approved by unanimous vote

Trophy/Awards Committee All January trophies have been documented and will be published in the premium for the show

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Treasurer Report

NSHGC August 2008 COMMENTARY

FUNCTION AMOUNT DATE SOURCE/PAYEE

Opening Bank Balance
 Begin \$28,304.81 7/31/2008
 Deposit \$0.00

Subtotal \$28,304.81

Checks written **newsletter Feb & Mar**

3459 \$528.82 7/2/2008 Brad Zacho misc agility exp
 3460 \$63.91 7/13/2008 Karl Johnson misc sect agil exp
 3461 \$28.00 7/15/2008 Chris Mosley agility tape

Subtotal \$620.73 **6 months webserver**

\$27,684.08

Current total

Checks Not yet Presented	
3219	\$30.00
3220	\$50.00
3284	\$25.00
3337	\$30.00
3385	\$10.00
3419	\$25.00
3420	\$50.00
3434	\$32.00
3438	\$32.00
3442	\$64.00
3455	\$52.00
total	\$400.00

Opening Balance at Bank	\$28,304.81
Deposits	\$0.00
Checks Written	\$620.73
Closing Balance at Bank	\$27,684.08
Checks Not yet Presented	\$400.00
Adjusted Bank Balance	27,284.08

Read and approved

21-Aug-08

Mary Murphy

The Canaan Dog



The Canaan Dog, also known as Kelev K'naani, is a recent breed out of ancient Pariah Dog stock. It belongs to one of the most ancient family of dogs, the spitz. This dog is one of the oldest, dating back to biblical times.. In the Sinai Desert, a rock carving, from the first to third century AD, depicts a dog that in size and shape appears to be a Canaan type dog. In Ashkelon, a graveyard was discovered containing 700 dogs, believed to be Phoenician from the middle of the fifth century BC. According to the archaeologists, there was a strong similarity between these dogs and the "Bedouin pariah dogs," or the Canaan dog.

The Canaan dog was the guard and herd dog of the ancient Israelites. As Hebrew population dropped, the majority of the dogs sought refuge in the Negev Desert, a natural reservoir of Israeli wildlife. Avoiding extinction, they remained undomesticated. They survived this way until the 1930s, when Dr. Rudolphina Menzel came up with the idea to use these intelligent scavenger dogs mainly found in the desert, as guard dogs for the scattered Jewish settlements. She captured and acquired wild and semi-wild Canaan dogs. She began a breeding program in 1934. She initiated a selective breeding program to produce the breed known today as the Canaan dog.

He is aloof with strangers, inquisitive, loyal and loving with his family. His medium-size, square body is without extremes, showing a clear, sharp outline. The Canaan Dog moves with athletic agility and grace in a quick, brisk, ground-covering trot. He has a wedge-shaped head with low-set erect ears, a bushy tail that curls over the back when excited, and a straight, harsh, flat-lying double coat. . It comes in solid black, brown, and white, or in a patched pattern of white with black or brown. The Canaan Club of American standard does not allow solid white. Solid colors may have white trim on the chest, feet and tip of the tail. Height at the withers is 20 to 24 inches for dogs and 19 to 23 inches for bitches. The ideal Canaan Dog lies in the middle of the stated ranges. Weight: 35-55 pounds.

The Canaan dog was first recognized by the Israel Kennel Club in 1953. The first accepted standard was written by Dr. Menzel. On September 7, 1965, Dr. Menzel sent four dogs to Ursula Berkowitz of Oxnard, California, the first Canaan dogs in the United States. The Canaan Dog Club of America was formed the same year, and stud book records were kept from these first reports. In June 1989, the Canaan dog entered the American Kennel Club Miscellaneous Class and dogs were registered in the AKC Stud Book as of June 1, 1997. The dogs began competing in conformation on August 12, 1997.

They will do okay in an apartment if it gets enough exercise. They are moderately active indoors and will do best with at least an average-sized yard. This is a working dog that will not be happy just sitting around. They need a lot of exercise and mental and physical challenges, Its dense undercoat protects the dog from extreme temperatures, whether it be hot or cold - so it can live outdoors, but also makes a wonderful housedog.

The Canaan Dog is a very clean breed with no doggie odor. It is easy to groom. Comb and brush once a week, taking extra care when the dog is shedding. This breed is a seasonally heavy shedder.

The Canaan Dog is a very healthy breed with one of the lowest rates of hip dysplasia out of any breed Life Expectancy is about 12-15 years.

References: 1 AKC.org. 2 Dogbreedinfo.com. 3 Wikipedia.org. 4 CDCA.

August Meeting continued

Education Committee Puppy buyers guide has been printed and will be available at the show tomorrow. Current brochure has a golden puppy pictured. A suggestion was made to have a contest to replace the picture. We would like members to submit photos of a puppy and a child. Suggestion to have request go out in newsletter and group to decide winner at next meeting. Brochure also suggested to be reformatted to a PDF and placed on website for public download.

Hospitality Committee Reminder of potluck tomorrow.

Old Business

Puppy Buyer Guide - Completed

New Business

Do we want to have a fun match the Sat. after Thanksgiving, Nov 22, 2008? At Animal Inn? What events will we have (Obed., Rally, Conformation, Juniors, CGC, TDI?) Do we want food? Who will coordinate and be responsible for what? Many details can be worked out later, but getting a general consensus now would be good. Group present indicated interest, suggestion made to put note in next newsletter and discuss on Yahoo Group.

Web Site: Jean Runge suggested we add a page with links to member web sites. Discussion? Suggestion was made for board to discuss as prior determination made against club to doing breeder referrals. Members present were comfortable with addition to website. Motion made by John Peterson to have board review the possibility of having the artist update the club artwork to include all the newly added herding breeds. Swedish Vallhuns, Norwegian Buhund, Pyrenean Shepherd, Beuceron. (all breeds accepted beginning 2009). Motion seconded by Jim Brooks. Group approved

Dawn Fisher made the move to adjourn, Jim Brooks seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Members Present

Ann Mackay, Barbara Stransky, Bernie Buller, Jim Brooks, John Peterson, Deb Johnson, Mike Ekwall, Dawn Fisher, Amelia Brooks, Lee Buller, Barb Zusan, Holly Dundore, Karin Andreen and Jean Kubic

Members Brag Continued

We finished one of our 13 month old pups this year. He did not finish at our NSHGC show on Friday, but did finish his championship under breeder judge and NSHGC member Marilyn Lindsey-Miller on Saturday. Our new champion is Ch Lismore's Finishing Touch (Phinneus) and he is owned by NSHGC member, Rebecca Hardwick.

We did go winner's dog on Friday with littermate, Lismore's On-Finished Business owned by NSHGC member Vicky Peterson and myself for two points. On

Sunday at the SCVKC shows, under breeder judge Zell Von Pohlman, we went Best of Breed with another littermate, Lismore's Fairytale Finnish. A good weekend for all of our 13 month old pups.

One more note, on Sunday our Pembroke Corgi brace went BEST BRACE IN SHOW at the SCVKC show. Congrats to NSHGC member Bernie and Lee Bullert who own the *younger* half of the brace. Patti Kleven - Lismore Pembrokes

For your information

The Michigan Department of Agriculture issued a warning Wednesday after cases of canine brucellosis disease were found in three dog-breeding facilities in Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford counties in Michigan. Symptoms of the disease in dogs are arthritis, eye problems and general malaise, and can take a couple of years before you notice anything. More serious side effects of the disease include sterility in male dogs and aborted puppies in females. Transmission of the disease to humans is rare, but is possible.

New Parvo Strain Hits West Michigan

Parvo 2c has been suspected as the cause of death for at least three adult canines in Kent County and surrounding areas. Two of the three dogs had a known previous vaccine history and tested positive on the Idexx Snap Parvo Test.

Disease: Parvo 2c is a highly virulent strain of the parvo virus that is extremely fatal in puppies and adult dogs. This strain of parvo attacks the circulatory organs approximately 24 hours before attacking the gastrointestinal tract. Therefore, by the time a dog is presented for lethargy, vomiting, and diarrhea it is generally too late.

Diagnosis: Parvo 2c is detectable on the Idexx Snap Test, but it has been showing as a weak positive on many tests. Viral isolation is the best way to confirm the diagnosis, but it is not going to assist with diagnosis upon presentation.

Treatment: Conservative treatment with supportive care has been rarely successful. Plasma transfusions from recovered dogs have shown to yield the best treatment success at around 64% survival rate.

Prevention: Schering-Plough (SP) and Intervet vaccinations have been proven to be 100% effective in preventing this strain of parvo. If you have any questions in regards to SP vaccinations please call 1-800-224-5318 (SP technical support). Fort Dodge vaccines were effective in less than 90% of the tested dogs/puppies, Pfizer was less than 70% effective in preventing disease, and Merial was less than 50% effective. This data was obtained from an independent source,

Cleaning Protocols: There are only two products that kill this virus with a ten minute contact time. Trifectant and bleach (1/2 cup/gallon dilution) will successfully kill Parvo 2c

Prognosis: The prognosis is extremely poor. Most puppies or dogs die acutely from the cardiac components of the disease process. If GI signs are present, the disease has progressed and is most likely fatal.