



Herd the News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"It is fatal to let any dog know that he is funny, for he immediately loses his head and starts hamming it up."

P.G. Wodehouse

A BIG thank you to member Sharon Anderson, for coming to the March meeting with a presentation on the World Agility Team and Try-outs. Thanks to Patti Kleven for arranging the program, and to Anne MacKay for chairing the meeting in my absence. I am truly sorry I could not be there. You can read more about the content of Sharon's presentation in the meeting minutes elsewhere in the newsletter.

Want to donate to the trophy drive? Contact Kathy DuVall: (763) 413-9067, marienterprises@msn.com.

Here's another reminder about the monthly meeting changes, in case you missed it in the last newsletter. The monthly club Membership Meeting time has been moved up to 7:00 pm, instead of 7:30. The location is the same (Perkins, Shoreview), and when scheduled, Board Meetings will still be 1/2 hour before the Membership Meeting. June 18 and July 16 meetings will be at Lakewood Hills Park Pavilion, located northeast of I-694 and White Bear Avenue, where we held our first picnic last year. Dogs are welcome on leash. The June meeting will be "bring your own sack supper;" July will be potluck – more details to follow.

Jean Runge, our Newsletter Editor, will be starting her full time seasonal job in April. She will not have as much time to devote to newsletter content as she has in the past. We have all benefited from her efforts to bring interesting information to us. If you are looking for a way to give back to your club, how about submitting something to Jean for inclusion in an upcoming HERD THE NEWS? Maybe you find an interesting piece on the internet, or perhaps write something about your favorite dog sport. Send in your brags, accomplishments, jokes, stories, etc. We'll all appreciate hearing from you.

If you are interested in serving on a committee of the club, please contact a board member or myself, or attend a meeting and let us know. We have a great bunch of folks who devote a lot of time and effort to keep this club vital and active! We'd love to have you join the fun! We are looking for help particularly with Trophy Committee work.

Welcome new member Maureen Behrens.

Louanne Brooks
President

Special points of interest:

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Newsletter deadline:
12 pm = 3rd of each
month

Any articles, messages, brags up coming events, and so on sent to newsletter editor after the closing date, of the 3rd of each month -12PM, will not be included until the following month. NO exceptions.....

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Advertising rates will apply to all notices
Published in the newsletter, excluding
"Member Brags" section.

Newsletter Ad Rates:

- Club Members:
- Full page = \$25.00
- 1/2 page = \$15.00
- 1/4 page = \$10.00
- Want ad = \$5.00
- Want ad = 1/8 page.
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- **Non members add \$5.00

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The membership renewals are now past due .

NSHGC constitution and by-laws state that any membership dues must be within 60 days of the beginning of our fiscal year which is 2-1. If you have not paid your dues (April 1, 2009) your membership has lapsed. NSHGC constitution also allows for late membership renewals in special circumstances. You must now re-apply for membership.

This will be your last newsletter if you receive it by mail

Advertising for the Aug 2009 show Catalog:

Submitted to St Croix Valley by July 10th 2009

Prices:
 Whole Page \$40.00
 1/2 page: \$25.00
 1/4 page: \$20.00

Up charge of \$10.00 per picture

Ads need to be copy ready

Monthly Meeting April 16th Shoreview Perkins

Members Brags

On March 1, my Belgian Malinois "Ouija" and I were entered in the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club's Tracking Test.

I'm happy to report that we passed!

Ouija is now:

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Ann Mackay



March 7, 2009 - Wright County Kennel Club's Obedience Trial,

Piper earned her third leg in Open A completing her CDX and VCD2. Sunday she made a beautiful debut in Utility, just missing the down signal.

She is now UCDX Busy B's Legacy of Summer, VCD2, RE, TDX, AX, AXJ, O-EAC, OCC, EJC, O-TN-E, O-TG-E, S-WV-E, HPS-N, CL3, CL4-R, VCX

Piper is one of six Pembrokes to earn a Versatile Corgi Excellent in 2008 from the PWCCA.

Patty Fulton

Thirteen-month-old Echo showed 3/28/09 at the United German Shepard Dog Alliance's UKC show.

She finished her championship out of the Junior (12 and under 24 month olds) Class. Finished the day with Group 2 Now she is UKC Ch. Busy B's Watch My Shadow II, TD

I had her entered simply to get her feet wet in a show ring and to see that going in is fun as a precursor to her obedience career.

Patty Fulton

My Pembroke Welsh Corgi Annie -UKC CH Sunline Annie Get Your Gun, was Best in Multi-Breed Show at the first UKC show hosted by the UGSDA on March 28th, 2009 under Judge Roger Bennett.

-Sarah Houle

MY Cardigan Welsh Corgi - Qwaynt's Mystery Man- Trace was WD at Dubuque KC Show Sunday, March 15th 2009 for a 4 point major. He

Judy Johnson

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NSHGC March Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Speaker - Sharon Anderson Retired AKC Director for the World Team

AKC started its world team in 1996 with no budget and no sponsors. World Team is an Olympic style competition, where the team works toward team awards and individual medals. 34 countries compete, in 2 size categories, small- medium and large, although originally there were large dogs only. USA has become a presence at this competition having won medals many times throughout the years. Most of the dogs participating have been herding breeds, and the FCI rules only allow purebred dogs no ILP's. To qualify for the team, members and dogs must be exceptional athletes. There is also a punch to have dog agility be an Olympic sport with a possible demo at the 2012 London games.

The World Team tryouts have been run in Hopkins Minnesota, as in the past Sharon and the team coach were located here. However due to changes in the team leader and coach, there is talk of moving the tryouts to California. Sharon is trying to encourage membership to sponsor the tryouts in order for them to remain here. She would like to see the club consider sponsoring the team in several possible ways, from paying the fees for the tryout facility rental, to purchasing wings for the jumps, as well as offering a donation opportunity in out agility trial premium. 100% of all donations sent to AKC on behalf of the World Team do go to the team.

Sharon presented uniforms, picture albums and videos for us to see. It was an excellent and informative session. More information available at www.usagilityteam.com, with videos of the last tryouts available at www.agility-wm2009.at

Meeting called to order 8:33

President's Report: Anne Mackay ran the meeting tonight in Louanne's absence. Louanne reported that the domain was renewed for the website.

Secretary Report: No changes to the minutes requested, Patti made a motion to accept, Anne second. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: February 2009 Opening Balance \$26,661.38 Closing Balance \$28,829.17

Conformation Committee: Patti reported for Steve, that we have an issue with a judge for the August show, now unavailable. Steve is trying to locate a replacement, Larry Adams suggested, Steve to contact.

Junior Showmanship We have one junior currently qualified for Eukaneuba.

Membership Committee: Patti has updated the membership list with all members who have paid to date. Dawn volunteered to contact those who have not yet paid. Renewals need to be in by April 1st to continue.

Second Reading and Voted In

Maureen Behrens– Pembroke Welsh Corgis Member present
Sponsored by Patti and Barb

Trophy/Awards Committee: Kathy was not able to attend, Dawn reported that she is still looking for a few more trophy sponsors. Please contact her right away if interested.

New Business: June and July meetings will be held on Thursday June 18 and Thursday July 16 at Lakewood Hills Park Pavilion, located northeast of I-694 and White Bear Avenue (same location as last year) dogs on leash are welcome.

The holiday party for 2009 has been booked at Guldens for January 17th, 2010. Meeting adjourned 8:49

Treasurer's Report

February 2009

Opening Balance at Bank		\$26,661.38
January deposits credited	\$2,635.04	
February deposits	\$ 293.50	
Old checks cleared	\$ (760.75)	
Closing Balance at Bank		\$28,829.17

Less

February checks not cleared	\$ (65.65)	
Balance less old checks not cleared		\$28,587.67

Closing Balances at Bank

February 2008	\$18,732.16
February 2009	<u>\$28,829.17</u>
Change	\$10,097.01

John g. Peterson-Treasurer

U OF M COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE INTRODUCES COLLABORATIVE CANCER PROGRAM

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (February 27, 2009) - The University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, in conjunction with the University's Masonic Cancer Center, is has established a new Animal Cancer Care and Research (ACCR) program.

This collaboration is unique in the United States because it incorporates the ACCR program into the Masonic Cancer Center, one of only 41 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States.

"We believe it will become the premier model for animal cancer care and research," says Dr. Trevor Ames, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Within five years Ames says he expects the University of Minnesota to be recognized as the best institution in the country for conducting research in comparative oncology and providing care for companion animals with cancer.

"ACCR scientists have already made significant discoveries," says Ames. "One particularly noteworthy finding is that many cancers in the dog are caused by the same genetic abnormalities found in humans."

The mission of the ACCR program is ambitious: To advance knowledge in cancer biology that can be translated and implemented into treatment that will reduce the incidence of cancer and improve the outcome for animal and human cancer patients.

"The ACCR program is a key part of our Comparative Medicine Signature Program at the University," says Dr. Robert Washabau, who chairs the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. "Cancer claims the lives of animals as well as humans, and research into the causes and treatments of cancer is often applicable across species."

The ACCR program draws its expertise primarily from scientists in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Masonic Cancer Center, but ACCR scientists also work closely with the Medical School, School of Pharmacy, and School of Public Health.

"Great synergies can be achieved when veterinarians, physicians, and scientists with complementary expertise join forces to tackle the types of cancer shared by dogs and humans," says Dr. Jaime Modiano, director of the ACCR program. "ACCR researchers are currently working to define breed- and disease-specific 'Achilles' heels' in dogs. These findings could then be translated into more effective and less toxic cancer treatments. The implications could reach far beyond dogs and veterinary medicine."

Modiano's laboratory is one of three research labs involved in the program. Modiano holds the Alvin S. and June Perlman Endowed Chair in Animal Oncology and is a member of the Masonic Cancer Center's Genetic Mechanisms of Cancer and Immunology research programs.

ACCR scientists work on research in genetics, cancer prevention, stem cells, metastasis, and cell signaling. Many of these basic research findings are readily translated into cancer care including diagnostics, treatments, and quality of life.

"We can learn more about cancer by working together," says Douglas Yee, M.D., director, Masonic Cancer Center. "This program will advance our understanding of cancer in both animals and people." For more information on the Animal Cancer Care and Research program please download a PDF of the ACCR newsletter, Synergy, at: www.cvm.umn.edu/accr.



Giardia is a genus of anaerobic(without air) flagellated (cells with one or more whip-like organelles) protozoan (microorganisms classified as unicellular) parasites that colonise and reproduce in the small intestines of several vertebrates, causing giardiasis. Their life cycle alternates between an actively swimming trophozoite(active feeding stage) and an infective, resistant cyst. The genus was named after French zoologist Alfred Mathieu Giard.

Giardia mature in stages. The cysts (the inactive form) are found in contaminated feed or drinking water, they may also be found in streams or other water sources. Once ingested by the dog, the cysts open and discharge the mobile form known as the trophozoite, a pear-shaped critter with whip-like flagella that propel it through the intestine. If the dog is healthy, the trophozoites may live in the lower digestive tract for years. If the dog has an immature or overburdened immune system, the trophozoites continue to multiply by dividing and can cause the debilitating disease. The cysts are fairly resistant, and can survive for several months outside the animal as long as sufficient moisture is present.

Different species of Giardia are structurally very similar. Today scientists believe that only a few species occur, and each species can infect more than one host. However, more research is needed to identify each species and determine the hosts they can infect.

Giardia can infect humans. The clinical signs are similar to those reported for dogs. The significance companion animals play as a source of infection for humans is still under study. Until it has been proven otherwise, we should assume that Giardia can be transmitted from one animal to another, and from other animals to humans.

The life cycle of Giardia is still somewhat of a mystery. Scientists do know that the trophozoites encyst at some point, and that the cysts are passed into the environment when the dog defecates, but the exact timing and mechanism are not yet known. It is also unclear whether the protozoans are a single species or several species, each with a specific host

Symptoms: Giardia can interfere with the absorption of food and produces diarrhea that is soft, light-colored, and greasy. Mucus from the large intestine may also indicate that the large intestine is irritated even though the colony of active protozoa remains in the small intestine. Blood tests appear normal with the possible exception of an increase in a type of white blood cells and mild anemia.

Diagnosis:

Direct microscopic inspection of feces is necessary to determine the presence of the protozoan. Examination of soft feces may reveal the active trophozoites, and cysts may be found in firm excrement. The number of cysts can vary from day to day, so best chances of detecting this form of Giardia lies in collecting samples over three days for a fecal flotation test or conducting individual tests every two or three days until at least three tests have been done.

Treatment:

There are several options of treatment:

Flagyl (Metronidazole) is an old stand-by treatment for bacterial infestations that cause diarrhea and is about 60-70 percent effective in curing giardiasis. However, Flagyl has potentially serious side-effects in some animals, including vomiting, anorexia, liver toxicity, and some neurological signs, and it cannot be used in pregnant dogs. In a recent study, Panacur (Fenbendazole), which is approved for use in treating dogs with roundworm, hookworm, and whipworm, has been shown to be effective in treating canine giardiasis. Panacur is safe to use in puppies at least six weeks of age. Mass treatment of all dogs is preferable, and the kennel and exercise areas should be thoroughly disinfected. Kennel runs should be steam-cleaned and left to dry for several days before dogs are reintroduced. Lysol, ammonia, and bleach are effective decontamination agents.

Sanitation is important when caring for dogs, pet owners should be sure to wash hands after cleaning dog runs or removing feces from yards. When traveling with Fido, owners should prevent him from drinking potentially infected water in streams, ponds, or swamps and, if possible, avoid public areas polluted with feces.

- References 1. canismajor.com 2. en.wikipedia.org 3. thepetcenter.com



Correction to Treasurer report March 09

January, 2009

Opening Balance at Bank		\$27,718.60
January Deposits	\$4,097.90	
January Checks cleared	\$(5,103.12)	
Old check cleared (06/30/08)	\$(52.00)	
Closing Balance at Bank		\$26,661.38
Less:		
January Deposits not credited	\$2,635.04	
January Checks not cleared	\$(760.75)	
Balance less old checks		\$28,587.67
Closing Balances at Bank		
January 31, 2008		\$20,640.69
January 30, 2009		\$26,661.38
Change		\$6,020.69

Checked and Approved, John G. Peterson,
Treasurer

New member name correction: Paula Pennington-Wachs

MN Dog and Cat Breeders Legislation

SF7

After its initial hearing in the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Committee, S.F. 7 was tabled by the committee for further work with the bill's language. During a later hearing on March 24th, there was a motion made to take the bill off the table for additional committee debate. Unfortunately, the motion failed and the bill remains stalled in the committee process. In light of committee deadlines, it appears unlikely that this bill will receive further consideration in the Senate.

HF253

House Ag Committee action 3-27-09

Pet breeder bill tabled Published (3/27/2009)

A controversial proposal for stricter regulations of commercial puppy and cat breeders met up with stiff opposition in the House Agriculture,

Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs Committee and was tabled in a 8-0 roll call vote.

HF253, sponsored by Rep. Tom Tillberry (DFL-Fridley), made its way through two committees before opponents were successful in derailing its progress because of several concerns; among them that it would violate the 4th amendment to the U.S. Constitution regarding search and seizure.

But Frank Lanasa, president of the Minnesota Federation of Field Trail Clubs Inc., said the proposed regulations are unnecessary and the marketing of the bill has "trashed the character" of a whole industry of retail breeders.

[Friday, April 03, 2009]

-- *Arkansas, Iowa, Rhode Island & Vermont Recognize Importance of Responsible Dog Ownership* --New York, NY - As a testament to the important role that training and responsible dog ownership play in ensuring that dogs are well behaved members of society, four states have recently joined the growing list that have passed American Kennel Club® (AKC) Canine Good Citizen® (CGC™) resolutions. AKC CGC is a 10-step certification program that rewards dogs with good manners at home and in the community. The resolutions signify an endorsement of the AKC CGC program at the state level. Iowa, the most recent addition to the list, passed its resolution in March, following closely behind Arkansas, Rhode Island and Vermont, who passed their resolutions in January and February 2009. "Many dog owners choose CGC as the first step in training their dogs," said Mary Burch, PhD, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and CGC Director. "The support provided by the 39 state legislatures that have endorsed the program clearly demonstrates that CGC is becoming increasingly accepted as the nationwide gold standard in basic training."

Due to the success and recognition the AKC CGC program has received, AKC recently introduced a natural precursor to becoming an AKC Canine Good Citizen®, the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program. "S.T.A.R." stands for what every puppy needs – Socialization, Training, Activity and a Responsible owner. The program provides all dog owners with the early guidance needed to get their puppies off to the best possible start in life and set them up to thrive as adult dogs.

"Practicing responsible dog ownership is the best way to combat restrictive dog legislation and ensure that reasonable ordinances are proposed in every community," added Dr. Burch.

In total, 39 states have adopted CGC resolutions, including Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the U.S. Senate.

Viewed as the first step in dog training, S.T.A.R. Puppy and CGC lay the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, rally, tracking and performance events.

Additionally, police and animal control agencies use CGC for dealing with dog problems in communities; therapy dog groups use CGC as a partial screening tool; and some 4-H groups around the country have been using the CGC as a beginning dog training program for children.

For more information about AKC CGC, S.T.A.R. Puppy or to find an evaluator near you,