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**Club**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"It's a dog's life."*

*English saying*

Spring sure has been slow arriving! We are lambing here at the farm, and are glad to have indoor accommodations for them given the cold, now wet, weather. So far, 10 ewes have lambed, producing 17 lambs, with 2 more due.

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 unless otherwise noted), and when scheduled, Board Meetings will still be 1/2 hour before the Membership Meeting. There will be a Board Meeting May 21. We have moved the June meeting from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict with the shows at Cambridge. The June 25 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. My family will provide meet on the grill: please bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share. Hope to see many of you there.

Lynnette Gandl would love to have some help with the Herding Committee. She is new to our club in the last year, and has really stepped up to help. As a herding group club, it is important we add herding to our list of venues. We want to help and encourage more folks to participate in herding. Lynnette is in the process of researching where to have a fall match, so we can have a trial in 2010. If you have the slightest inkling to, please contact Lynnette at [lgandl@wandrlyn.com](mailto:lgandl@wandrlyn.com), (715) 688-2232. No experience necessary!

We also need help on the Trophy Committee. Contact me or Kathy DuVall if you are interested or want to know more about what is involved.

The agility committee is gearing up for their trial at Soccer Blast the last weekend in June. This is a first class trial, well attended and well received. They requested and have ordered tunnels and Jumps with the club logo on them for use at our trial, as well as the World Agility Tryouts. The committee also recommended to the Board (which approved by Special On-line Meeting) that \$500 be donated to the AKC World Agility Tryouts, being held in Hopkins this month. Herding dogs excel at this sport, and these tryouts bring the best of the best. Thanks to the agility committee and the Board for supporting excellence in dog sports.

As a non-profit organization, the Board will consider requests for donations to support dog-related activities and groups. If you have an idea where we might help, please contact one of the Board members. We have been financially successful, and in order to maintain our non-profit status, we must pass on some of that.

Louanne Brooks  
 President

Special points of interest:

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**Newsletter deadline:**

12 pm = 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month

**Any articles, messages, brags up coming events, and so on sent to newsletter editor after the closing date, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- Full page is one side only.
- \*\*Non members add \$5.00

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NSHGC Agility Trial  
June 26 27 28<sup>th</sup> 2009  
Soccer Blast  
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Burnsville MN 55306

Premium list on the web site

### Advertising for the Aug 2009 show Catalog:

Submitted to St Croix Valley by July 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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### News from AKC

For the past one hundred twenty five years, the American Kennel Club has been the nation's premier advocate for dogs and the people who love them. Today, we are delighted to tell you that AKC can now act even more broadly and effectively as the dog's champion. Our Board of Directors has voted unanimously to proceed with a program for mixed breed dogs. The creation of this program ushers in new opportunities for our constituencies, our clubs and our organization to grow and flourish in many ways.

Our goal in including mixed breeds in a specially designed system is to bring benefits to all those who share our passion for dogs and our sport. Companion clubs will see opportunities to increase entries, attract new members and educate more people. AKC will broaden its legislative influence by representing more dog owners and achieve greater exposure for our responsible dog ownership messaging. Ultimately, the positive developments that this

program creates will benefit dogs the most, and this is what we value above all.

Please contact [mixedbreeds@akc.org](mailto:mixedbreeds@akc.org) if you have any questions regarding this new program.

Effective October 1st, 2009, mixed breed dog owners can list their dogs with the AKC's new mixed breed program.

1. Dogs in the program would be issued an ID number.
2. Dogs must be spayed or neutered.
3. The fee for the program would be \$35.
4. In Phase I, listed dogs would receive:
  - a. A certificate of participation
  - b. A competition card, with their identification number. This number allows mixed breeds to compete in AKC Agility, Rally, and Obedience events

- c. Access to a community of dog lovers interested in supporting all things canine, including the AKC Humane Fund
- d. Affiliation with an organization that:
  - i. Actively supports the right to own and breed dogs responsibly by fighting antiownership legislation at the local, state, and federal level
  - ii. Donates millions to canine health research, making all dogs healthier in the long run
  - iii. Proactively responds to disasters like 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina, reaching out to all dog owners in need during stressful times

The Listing Service will be enhanced in Phase II. In Phase II, effective July 1, 2010 participating dogs will also receive:

- a. Discounted enrollment in the AKC CAR Lost & Found service, which includes a collar tag and 24-7 recovery services.
- b. An AKC Supporter window decal
- c. Free CGC certificate for dogs that pass a CGC test
- d. Copy of The New Puppy Handbook and/or sample of Family Dog magazine
- e. Free initial veterinary visit
- f. Trial offer of pet health insurance
- g. Discount coupons to an online dog store

The Listing Service will be enhanced again in Phase III, allowing owners of mixed breed dogs to have access to interactive website with fun features such as forums, picture contests, dog care video downloads, information on pet-friendly businesses, advice from experts, etc. The effective date for the new website will be determined in the future based on the needs of those enrolled.

### Competition in Companion Events

Effective April 1st, 2010, the competition parameters governing mixed breed participation in AKC

Agility, Rally, and Obedience events:

1. AKC clubs would have the option to hold a class for Agility, Obedience, or Rally events. Those clubs electing to hold mixed breed classes will offer the same classes for mixed breed dogs and purebred dogs.
2. Mixed Breed classes can only be held at standalone AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally Events. The class could not be offered at All Breed Shows, Group Shows, or independent specialties, even if Agility, Obedience, or Rally events are being held.
  - a. The definition of standalone AKC Companion event is an AKC Agility, Obedience, or Rally event
    - The Delegate Body has been consulted on five occasions regarding a mixed breed program. In addition to the two surveys mentioned above in which Delegates participated:
    - President Dennis Sprung addressed the Delegates in his December 2006 President's speech. At this time, he asked for the Delegates advice and assistance in developing a potential program for mixed breeds.

that is not held on the same date AND show site as an AKC all-breed show or independent specialty.

3. Mixed breed dogs would compete in separate class divisions from AKC purebred dogs.
  - a. The club is not required to hold the classes in separate rings under separate Judges. The purebred classes can be held in the same ring, under the same Judge, as the mixed breed classes. Placements and titles would be scored and awarded separately.
  - b. For example, in Agility in the Regular class, all purebred dogs entered in the Regular 16 inch class would run, followed in the same ring by the mixed breed dogs entered in the Regular 16 inch class.
4. Allows event-giving club to decide if group exercises in Obedience, specifically long sits and downs, should be combined to save time or should be completed separately. The club is not required to hold the classes in separate rings under separate Judges. Placements and titles would be scored and awarded separately.
5. Mixed breed dogs would earn different titles from purebred dogs.
  - a. Mixed breed dogs would earn titles with a Mixed Breed suffix (i.e. NAC-Novice Agility Mixed Breed)
6. Dogs competing in the class would be eligible to earn similar (but separate) titles as purebreds, including MACH-M (Master Agility Champion Mixed Breed), OTCH-M, and RAE-M.
7. Dogs competing in classes would NOT be eligible for National Championships or Invitational events.

The mixed breed concept that was approved has strong support from AKC Delegates and other key fanciers.

- In a strategic planning survey in January 2005, 65% of the responding Delegates either supported
- mixed breeds in AKC competition or had no opinion on the issue.
- In a telephone survey of 84 all-breed, training, and specialty clubs that hold agility and obedience trials, 78% supported AKC clubs having the option to offer classes for mixed breeds at their trials.
- In a Fancier Survey completed by 21,017 exhibitors, Delegates, club members, club officers, and dog owners in February 2007, 70% of respondents agreed AKC clubs should have the option to offer classes for mixed breeds at Companion events. 67% of exhibitors, 65% of Delegates, 65% of club members, and 60% of club officers agreed.

- In June 2007, the results of the Fancier Survey referenced above were presented to the Delegates. Two briefing sessions were conducted on Sunday, June 10th. Staff collected feedback during these briefing sessions and presented the results and the consolidated feedback during the Forum on Monday, June 11. Feedback received during these sessions was incorporated in the follow-up presentation to the Board in October 2007.
- In June 2008, President Sprung presented an overview of the Mixed Breed listing service to the Delegates and asked for feedback on four outstanding questions. Specifically, 1) Should AKC appear in the name of the affiliate organization administering the program, 2) Should group exercises such as the long sits and downs in Obedience be completely separate or should they be combined for mixes and purebreds to save time, 3) Do club bylaws prevent mixed breed classes, and 4) Is a \$35 fee for a mixed breed listing reasonable? The speech and questions were distributed to Delegates at the meeting and posted on the Delegates-L. A reminder was sent on July 22, letting clubs know of the extension to submit feedback up until the August Board Meeting. AKC received survey responses from 61 clubs, including 34 All-Breed Kennel Clubs, 21 Parent Clubs, and 6 Dog training Clubs. The feedback was incorporated into the final plan being presented to the Board this month.
- At the September, 2008 Delegate meeting and again at the March 2009 Delegates meeting, nonbinding straw polls of the Delegates indicated overwhelming support for a Mixed Breed listing service.

### April Club Reports

#### Treasurer's Report

March 2009

Opening Balance at Bank	\$28,829.17
March deposits	\$ 90.00
Checks cleared	\$(398.72)
Closing Balance at Bank	\$28,520.45
Less	
March checks not cleared	\$(100.00)
Balance less old checks not cleared	28,420.45
Closing Balances at Bank	
March 2008	\$20,192.34
March 2009	<u>\$28,520.45</u>
Change	\$ 8,328.11

Respectfully Submitted

John g. Peterson, Treasurer

### Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:10

**President's Report** Louanne indicated she was sorry she had not been able to attend last months meeting and see Sharon's presentation. She indicated the board has been discussion the possibility of the club supporting the World Team in some way. She requested that the Agility committee make a recommendation regarding our support. They have suggested the club make a \$500 donation to the World Team. She further brought up that the Agility committee has asked for \$1500 to purchase some equipment specifically for our club, tunnels, tunnel bags and jump wings with our logo. These would be used at the World Team tryouts if received in time. There was discussion regarding storage and it was felt our facility space would be adequate. The board will be meeting on both issues this week to finalize.

**Secretary's Report** No changes requested to last minutes- Ann Mackay made motion to accept, Karin Andreen 2nd, group voted to accept

**Treasurer's Report** None available

**Agility Committee** Not present Louann reminded Board that members should attempt to work other events than the ones they normally participate in.

**Herding Committee** Lynette has been away due to work, but is still working on obtaining a location and date. She is also looking for members willing to work on her committee. Request for volunteers to be placed in newsletter.

**Obedience Committee** No Report

**Conformation Committee** No report – At last meeting there was some discussion regarding finding a replacement judge as one previously selected unavailable.

**Junior Showmanship Committee** Nothing new to reports, John Weininger requested any photos of junior members participating in events other than conformation. Please email to Jean Runge and she will make available as needed.

**Membership Committee** No Report

Trophy/Awards Committee No Report  
Education Committee No Report  
Hospitality Committee No Report  
FSS Report No Report

#### Old Business

June Meeting – Since the June meeting conflicts with the Cambridge show there was discussion regarding possible alternatives, a different day or location. A motion was made to have the meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> which was seconded and carried. An additional motion was made to have it at Soccer Blast so members could help with set up for the agility trial. Suggestion was made that this be withheld until verification could be made that it would be available to have at that location.  
July Meeting – Reminder meeting is a potluck held at the White Bear Lake Park. Dogs on leash allowed. Louanne and family will bring a grill and supply meat options.

#### New Business

Bev Capstick mentioned she had been out to see the new facility recently opened in Elk River. She indicated that we may want to consider the location for future events as it is larger than Total Recall. The new facility is located out on highway 10 and Jarvis if anyone wants to check it out.

Lynnette Gandl - to maintain our 501 status the group needs to perform community/public service. Suggestions made were such as food donations to food shelters, providing dog training classes for under-privileged children, donations to AKC for health research etc. Louanne suggested that we create a community action committee to take under advisement and make suggestions for the future as we do not want to lose non profit status.

Bev Capstick reminded the club that we need to have a match again this year. Bev made the suggestion that the juniors judge the match as it would be good experience for them and they would have to read and study the breed standards. Bev will follow up with Patty to see if she is willing to chair again. Dawn Fisher made the motion that we hold a match again this year, details to be worked out. Lee Bullert second. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

### **2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Junior Showmanship**

The December 2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be held in Long Beach, CA, on December 12 and 13, 2009.

Eligibility to enter the event is based on the Junior's accomplishments in the show ring and in the classroom.

The requirements are:

1. Juniors must have 5 first place wins in an Open Class, with competition present. Wins must be earned between October 8, 2008 and October 6, 2009. Juniors must be under 18 years of age at the time of the wins. Age on the day of the show has no bearing.
2. Juniors must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 or equivalent for the two semesters completed immediately prior to the closing of entries. GPA must be verified by an official school transcript or home school information sent in.
3. Dogs must conform to eligibility requirements as described in Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations
4. A signed parental permission form must be returned to the address listed above.

All Juniors entered will compete in Preliminary classes, in which a specified number of Juniors will be selected by the judges to compete in Finals. Placements are not made in the preliminary classes.

The December 2009 judges for Junior Showmanship are Anne Savory Bolus and Patricia W. Laurans (Preliminaries) and Jacqueline L. Stacy will judge the Best Junior Finals.

- Juniors with 5 qualifying wins
  - Rachel Weninger
  - Reegan Weninger