



# *Shawnee Kennel Club*

## **Smoke Signals**

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### *General Membership Meeting*

The March general membership meeting of the Shawnee Kennel Club will be on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frederick County Public Safety Building in Winchester, VA. The program will be "Scheduling Judges for our Shows" by Jerry Howse. Please bring a finger food, and the club will furnish the coffee, sodas, waters, juice, and the cups, paper plates, napkins, plasticware. Hope to see everyone at the March meeting. Please RSVP to Sharon by Wednesday, March 17 to let her know if you're coming or not. I apologize for the meeting being on a Thursday, but the rooms are being used for classes on the other days

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### President's Message

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Winter Woes

This past month has been just terrible as far as weather goes. The big snow last month, and the additional snow and high winds a few days later were devastating for us. When you live in the country on a small farm, a snow like the two last month can totally paralyze

our daily farm chores. When the winds were blowing so, we still had to care for the goats, horses, and other animals we're responsible for. I lost count of the times that Jerry shoveled snow between our house and the barn as the wind kept filling Jerry's trenches up with snow. I think the hardest thing to deal with was the toll this storm took on our herd of registered Boer Goats. Jerry had bred our goats last September for earlier kids. I had begged him to not breed for February kids as I remembered what our neighbors went through a few years earlier breeding for January kids that they would have to sell to the 4H kids for the upcoming fairs. It was very cold when their kids were born, and they didn't have the snow, but they still lost quite a few of their kids. Our goats started dropping their kids the Monday following the big snow storm. It was a total disaster as they all dropped their kids within a few days time period, and some of the kids weren't totally cooked so they didn't have a chance of making it. When the dust cleared or should I say snow, we were able to save 3 of the kids so it was a financial and emotional loss for us. To top it off, we also lost one of our registered Full Blood Boer Billy goats that we were using as the foundation sire for our herd. Thankfully, our horses and other animals survived the snow and cold weather.

Jerry had reservations to go up for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, and he had made arrangements to attend the judge's seminar the weekend prior to Westminster. There was no way Jerry could even get out to the main road as we had 5 foot snow drifts over our driveway, and we later heard that Wadesville Road also had 5 foot drifts. We canceled out Jerry's reservations, but we still had to pay for a night's room up in NYC, and Jerry lost the fee he had paid for the judge's seminar. That is the problem of dog shows and activities during the winter months as the weather can be so unpredictable. That was another financial set back, but we'll survive. I've never been much on showing our dogs during this time of year, and I think that is because of the weather not being predictable. I am definitely not a winter time person.

Jerry has been working on our premium list for our upcoming shows, so he can get the updates to the superintendent. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in getting the information to us in a timely manner. We have a very nice listing of trophies from Chuck and Jeanne Jackson for our 2 days of shows. Jerry and I are giving the Saturday Terrier Group trophy in memory of our Cairn, Louise who was our first dog to win a group placement. If anyone wants to donate one of the group trophies, please let the Jacksons know as that is another way of helping out with the club's expenses for our shows. We're hoping that our 2 supported entries for both days, the Twilight Match after our Saturday show, and the Bred-by Competition on Sunday will help us to draw more entries.

We had a lively board meeting last week so the board is on track for this year. I want to thank all the board members for showing up for the February Board Meeting as we had 100% attendance. It is so nice to have such good attendance at a board meeting, and not have to worry so about us having a quorum so we can vote on any matters that do come up. I want to welcome Ellen Rivers back. It was so nice to see her at the board meeting, and we're all glad that she is home and doing well. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming general membership meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frederick County Public Safety Building. Our program will be "Scheduling Judges for our Shows" presented by Jerry Howse.

Amazingly, there are signs of spring as we have daffodils and tulips coming up in our yard. Of course, we're hoping for an early spring, and for this winter to soon be a distant memory. Until then, think spring. ☺

Sharon Howse

## **January General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Shawnee Kennel Club

General meeting January 28th, 2010. Held at Brad Coffinberger's home. 253 Brookdale Ave., Martinsburg, WV.

Attendance:

Members

Cindy DeGidio

Joyce Ragland

Anne Legge

Jane West

Jeanne Jackson

Chuck Jackson

Sheila Fitzgerald

Jim Fitzgerald

Carrie Chase

Brad Coffinberger

Sharon Howse

Jerry Howse

Scotti Slonaker

Jeff Slonaker

Sharon brought the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

Guests

Evelyn Coffinberger

John Coffinberger

Bev Zavish

Martha Butler

Sharon asked if everyone had received a copy of the September 2009 minutes. Jane motioned to accept the minutes. Joyce seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

November 2009 minutes. Scotti motioned to accept. Jane seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Corresponding secretary report. Ellen Rivers was absent due to illness. Sharon mentioned she was currently at Rose Hill nursing home and would be returning home next week.

Treasurers report. Scotti read the report. See attachment. She will be distributing a new list of current members for 2009. Scotti also congratulated Mary and Jamie Lamphier, Sharon and Jerry Howse, and all associated with the January match, for a job well done. The match earned \$200.57.

Jerry commented on the match. He said a woman came all the way up from Roanoke to attend the match. There were also people from Charlottesville, and Pennsylvania that came to exhibit. It was a good time of year for a match. He said they also sold \$85.00 worth of food, an unexpected gain.

Sharon gave the entry numbers of 62 conformation entries

7 Jr. showmanship

8 adult classes

12 to 14 members were entered in the match.

Alston clinic. Anne commented that George is alive and well. The information is posted on the Shawnee KC website. The information will appear in the March AKC gazette. Noreen has posted the information in the match show bulletin as well as info dog.

Show committee. Jerry commented that the judges panel has been approved and we are waiting to put the information in the premium list. It appears at this time there will be no airport transport this year. It seems all the judges are driving to the show themselves.

Jerry also asked for an opinion about dress code for the show, to continue/add to our theme. Polo shirts for members to purchase and wear at the show, at a cost of \$18.69 a shirt.

Chuck will check with the people who already do our trophies. Possibly a better price? Chuck and Jerry will work on the shirt prices and report at the next general club meeting.

Membership. Anne presented two applications. One, Tina Monell, was absent from the meeting. She has attended only one meeting so far, so could not be voted on at this meeting. The second application read and presented for vote, was Martha Butler's. Martha has attended the required amount of meetings. Jane motioned to accept Martha as a new member. Anne seconded the motion. None opposed. We welcomed Martha as member.

Sharon announced that Ashley said there are 24 in the handling class. And a new puppy socialization class with puppies under six months. The classes are a big success. Thank you all.

Unfinished business. None.

New business. None.

A big hand all around for Brad and all his work. He commented that the Christmas decorations he kept up for our meeting would be coming down the following day.

For the good of the club.

Cindy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Sharon Howse

Scotti Slonaker

Cindy DeGidio

Jane West called the meeting to order. Sharon continued the meeting a few minutes later.

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Scotti commented that \$40.00 of our bill was knocked off because of our Costco membership gift card savings.

She suggested a raffle for our extra Costco card. This could be used to accumulate extra points for the club. Anyone that shops at Costco regularly.

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Anne commented that Winchester animal hospital on Rt. 11 is donating masks. We should make them aware that we have already donated 15 masks for back-up. Scotti will call.

Jeanne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Scotti seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. Time to eat!!!

## **Announcements**

ABC'S of Dog Breeding seminar, March 13 - Williamsburg VA

Langley Kennel Club presents the ABC's of Dog Breeding Seminar.

For more information and a registration form visit our website at [WWW.LANGLEYKENNELCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.LANGLEYKENNELCLUB.ORG)

Presented by: Claudia Orlandi, PhD

When: Saturday, March 13, 2010...9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Where: Great Wolf Lodge Resort, 549 East Rochambeau Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23188-2148

What Every Breeder Should Know...The goal of the ABC's of Dog Breeding is to take a practical,

step-by-step approach to the art and science of breeding. The textbook outlines 7 key

breeding tools and concepts, which include (1) genetics, (2) breeding systems, (3) pedigree, (4)

selection, (5) anatomy, (6) kennel blindness and (7) genetic defects. In addition to discussing the

basic rules of heredity, the ABC's of Dog Breeding also addresses many of the common

misconceptions that have been handed down from dog breeder to dog breeder.

**COST INCLUDES...ATTENDANCE, HOME STUDY BOOK(470 PAGES), REFRESHMENTS AND A HOT BUFFET LUNCH**

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## **Of Interest to All**

**Didn't it just feel great to wake up Tuesday am, get some coffee or tea and sit down to read the paper and find on page 9 of the New York Times a full page advertisement condemning the internal workings of HSUS. My first reaction was could AKC have done this? But I should have realized they were too busy directing the show career of Sadie than to concern itself with HSUS.**



Fortunately though, the Center for Consumer Freedom had the foresight to continue its long term tirade against HSUS with a most timely advertisement headed, "Shouldn't The 'Humane Society' do better?" It then in two short sentences succeeded in both demolishing the alleged goals of that organization and in indicating the true motives of why HSUS campaigns so hard for funds – to bolster its employees pension plans! Claiming, "The dog-watchers need a watchdog," hopefully they have awakened the American public to at least question what is really going on with HSUS. Of its 2008 budget which was just shy of 100 million dollars HSUS gave just \$452,371 to hands-on pet shelters but made \$2,532,167 in pension contributions to its employees. Indeed it is reported – not in this advert – that in fact there are at least 31 separate not-for-profit corporations owned by HSUS which pay certain chief employees less than \$25,000 PER corporation. Thereby making the actual salaries look far less than they really are!!! And from what I hear that's only the tip of the iceberg. The financial shenanigans of Wayne Pacelle and his fellow hoodlums on the Board at HSUS should not be permitted to continue

without further investigation, that's for sure.



In last week's Editorial I wrote of the HSUS posting of Wayne Pacelle and the war he declared on all breeders in America by supporting so strongly the "Pedigree Dogs Exposed" program aired in the UK. In fact Pacelle asked for the Americans to react as violently as did many in the UK. I stressed how inaccurate his facts were and as to how both AKC and all the Parent Clubs should fight against him and HSUS. I further suggested using CHF as the spokesperson. Who better than CHF to speak for the health of the dog since they are at the forefront along with Morris Animal Animal foundation in doing just that and have been so doing with time and millions of donated dollars for years now. Which foundations as far as I know have never received one penny in support of a dogs health from HSUS despite its 100 million dollar budget!

And so it came as little surprise that Pacelle's attack the day after Westminster was followed by an insidious Room for Debate Blog in the nytimes.com the very next day obviously in concert with the HSUS post of the day before. Headed by the title of Feeling Guilty About Your Purebred Dog the cabal of four writers, Mark Derr, Ted Kerasote, Stanley Coren and Francis Battista fell right in line in a well-planned attack upon breeders in the United States. Mark Derr and Francis Battista (she of the Best Friends Animal Society) have a history of attacking the purebred dog, mostly on

anecdotal rather than factual evidence and with their two new colleagues, to me anyways, continued doing just that. Writing outlandish statements about the ill-effects of in-breeding, claiming health figures about Golden Retrievers with no basis in fact and generalizing to a fault without even acknowledging the advancements breeders and Parent clubs have made for the dogs in the last 30 years or so in the health area they presented arguments totally outdated and anachronistic as though they fit the problems of today's canine society. And of course they continued the popular myth of the need to only rescue a shelter dog which is there due to the overbreeding of the breeder which of course anyone familiar with today's figures knows how spurious that argument and logic is today. What truly helped save the day was the advert of February 23 and the organization which ran it--the Center for Consumer Freedom. What a wrench that threw into the machinations of Wayne Pacelle and his thugs of four in their so-called debate blog. •

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**Brag**

From Linda Noll:

Our 6 month old Rottweiler puppy Stillwater Starfire (Lily) took a puppy group 2 at the Mason Dixon Match on Saturday, and our Labrador Retriever puppy Muckenmire Snowdancer (Maxine) took a puppy group 3 at the ripe old age of 14 weeks at the same match. They have been practicing for this event at the Shawnee KC handling and puppy classes!

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From Bill and Tina Craig:

02/11/2010- Central Indian KC- **Dakota** " Mi Karma N Honeybriar Indian Outlaw,CGC" goes WB for another point

02/14/2010- Hoosier KC- **Dakota** " Mi Karma N Honeybriar Indian Outlaw,CGC" goes WB for her third major to finish her **CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!** Dakota was handled to all of her points by her "Mom" Debbie Moline!! Dakota is co-owned/co-bred by Mi Karma GSP's.

2/19/2010- Greenville KC- **Alice** "Mi Karma's Colorful Visions @ Honeybriar" goes Winners Bitch for her second major from the bred-by exhibitor class !!

**Deuce** "Mi Karma's Color Me Mellow" goes Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a major also!!!

2/20/2010- Spartanburg KC- **Deuce** "Mi Karma's Color Me Mellow" goes Winners Dog and Best of Opposite over specials for his second major.

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From Mary Lamphier (and I'm so sorry I missed you last month, Mary!):

Gr. Fredericksburg KC - (Irish Setter) Erinfyr Sports Talk BW - 2pts  
Chesapeake KC - Jamie Lamphier - 1st Open Senior  
Potomac Hound (PBGV and Jerry Howse BFFL) BOB over special from 6-9 puppy class  
Middle Peninsula KC of VA - Jamie Lamphier - Best Junior Handler  
Sawnee Mt. KC - (English Setter) Melwod's the Brazilian Bombshell BW from 6-9,  
Conyers KC of GA - (Irish Setter) Erinfyr Sports Talk BW, BOS over group specials from Bred-by, 4 pts.

See Jamie groom - on the editorial page of Dog News -  
<http://www.dognews.com/stander/2010/022610/stander022610.html> 2/26 issue

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From Ashley Banks:

On Saturday February 27th, Ashley Banks' Siberian Husky, Zora (Ashka's Northern Lights Ablaze) placed 3rd in the puppy working group at the Mason- Dixon Kennel Club match under judge Mike Reed.

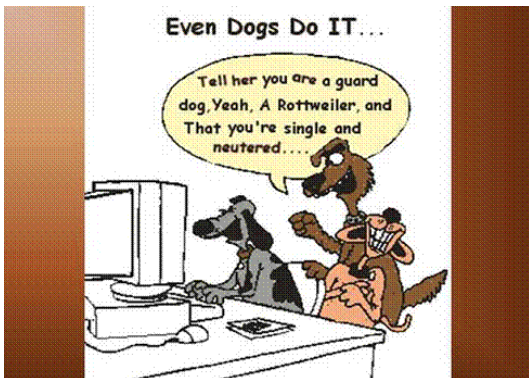
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From Sharon & Jerry Howse:

Our young Cairn girl, Cairnhowse Petticoat Tails (CH. Redwood Journey to Cairnhowse x Cairnhowse Howtowdie) bred by Sharon Howse and owned by Jerry and Sharon Howse went Best of Breed and Terrier Group 2 at the Mason/Dixon Kennel Club Match on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Meghan is about ready for the regular shows. :-)

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## Jokes



## **Litterbox**

My female Neapolitan Mastiff should be delivering pups in mid-March. Let me know if you know anyone who wants one or is interested in seeing them. This is a first litter, so we shall see what we get. Both parents are black/brindles but both came from litters of all four colors: black, blue, tawny and mahogany so I am excited to see them.

Theresa Thomas