



Shawnee Kennel Club

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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Frederick County Public Safety Building

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Frederick County Public Safety Building Last Meeting before our July Shows

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President's Message

Nomination of Board Members

Thank you to Margaret Hilliard for her excellent presentation about her trip to the 2008 World Dog Show in Sweden at our May meeting. It was very interesting, and I hope that everyone had the opportunity to look at the books, pictures, and show catalog that she brought. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions concerning future programs, please let me know. We need to do a minimum of two programs a year to fulfill one of our requirements for putting on our yearly shows.

At our May meeting, Jane West, chairperson of the nominating committee, presented the members of the nominating committee. At the June meeting, the committee will present their candidates for the board. During the June meeting, members will have the opportunity to nominate other candidates from the floor. For a member to be eligible to run for office, the member needs to be a member in good standing, and to have been a member for a year. Also, whoever nominates this member must have their consent in writing to run for a board position. This is the opportunity for the general membership to nominate someone who they think would be a good board member. The terms are for 2 years, and next year will be the same process for the officers. This is the procedure to nominate a candidate from the floor, and there is a small window of opportunity to do this at the June meeting. Then, if you don't, the old expression that they say at weddings applies to this procedure. "Speak now, or forever hold your peace". Well, in this case, it isn't forever, but for 2 years.

Things are falling into place for our 2009 shows. A deposit has been sent to Harry Miller who will do our parking. The judge's questionnaires are slowly being returned, and as of yesterday's mail, we had all the questionnaires back except for one. The only glitch that has happened, and I'm afraid that it is a rather serious glitch is that one of our judges who was judging a group each day canceled out on us 9 days after the premium list came out. A judging change will have to be mailed out, and posted on the Infodog Web Site. Unfortunately, this is going to cost the club additional money, but we are trying to minimize the number of exhibitors putting in for refunds because of the judging change. Hopefully, the damage will be minimal, and won't cut too deeply into the profits from our 2 shows. I can tell you that Jerry was very upset when this judge contacted him by email. ☹ I wish there was a way that we could bill this judge for the expense of mailing out corrections to exhibitors, but we can't. The one thing we can do is put this judge on a "Do NOT hire list".

Our next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frederick County Public Safety Building. We will have a short board meeting at 6:00 p.m. The club will furnish the drinks and paper goods. Every member is asked to bring a finger food. This is our meeting where members and guests can sign up to work on the various committees for our shows. We can't put on successful shows without all the members participation so come to the meeting, and be prepared to volunteer to help out at our shows. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the June general membership meeting.

Sharon Howse

Announcements



SHAWNEE KENNEL CLUB

Scotti S. Slonaker – Treasurer

June 1, 2009

Shawnee Kennel Club Members:

Your 2009 membership to Shawnee Kennel Club is due July 1, 2009; please send check made to the order of Shawnee Kennel Club for whichever type of membership is listed below to: Shawnee Kennel Club 115 Potomac Place Winchester, Virginia 22602:

Regular Membership.....\$10.00

Junior Membership.....\$5.00

To receive the newsletter and notices of upcoming meetings and events please pay your 2009 dues in full by September 30, 2009. If you paid at the May meeting please disregard this notice. Thank you in advance.

Regards;

Scotti S. Slonaker
Treasurer

We started summer classes on June 3rd for 6 weeks at Jim Barnett park. We will charge \$20 for the 6 week session and start run from at [7p.m.to](#) 8p.m. Jim Barnett park at the red light off Pleasant Valley Rd.. make the first left up the hill. We are on the right.

Connie & Gary

The George Alston Seminar is booked for September 12 & 13, 2009. There will be room for Beginners, Advanced, and Observers. For more information, contact Anne Legge, (540) 667-2937, annelegge@comcast.net.

The new Members Only section of the website is now functioning--very barebones--but at least it is now available. If someone can forward the minutes from past meetings, I will post those.

Our domain name of shawneekennelclub.com is still not fixed but the alternate works fine--so set your bookmarks at <http://shawneekennelclub.net>

When you open the front page, go to the Links and scroll down to Members Only. After you click on the link, you will be asked for a login and password.

Login username: Shawnee
Password: 2008puppy

If you need to contact me about the website, use this address:
mlvc@earthlink.net
Mary Lou Crouch

Of Interest to All

THE FOUR STAGES OF ORAL HEALTH

Below find descriptions of the four stages of oral health, so you know when you should get help for your fluffy friend.

How a healthy mouth looks.



Your pet's gums are healthy if they are uniformly pink with no swelling or redness, they do not bleed with gentle probing and no tartar is visible on the teeth. You've done a good job at following an oral care routine that includes brushing and feeding of oral care products, such as GREENIES® dental chews.

How gingivitis looks.



Your pet may have gingivitis if their gums become irritated and inflamed as plaque and tartar builds up in the space between the teeth and gums. This can lead to discomfort, redness, and bleeding with gentle probing. Gingivitis is quite common and may even occur in pets that receive regular oral care.

How Early Periodontitis looks.



This occurs when gingivitis is untreated. The gums break down, and there is obvious plaque and tartar build up, as well as bad breath. Damage to gums may be irreversible and may increase the risk of bacteria entering the bloodstream to other parts of the body.

How Advanced Periodontitis looks.



At this stage, a dog or cat's gums will appear to be separated from the tooth, and the ligaments attaching the tooth to the socket may be destroyed, causing bleeding, severe pain and tooth loss. The dog's immune system is also compromised and bacteria in the mouth can enter the bloodstream, leading to diseases of vital organs, such as the heart and kidney.

First Aid Kit for Dogs

Activated charcoal

Syringes: large and a few small

6 strips of 1 inch x ¼ inch X 12inch wood (splints)

2 soft heat or freezer packs (sprains etc)

1 small canvas needle and cotton thread (be surprised even what one stitch can do to hold a large cut to stem blood loss canvas needle great for the squeamish to use push hook and pull through and tie a knot)

Hand towel

One roll of masking tape (great to immobilize a dog or use with the splints)

Soft muzzle or strip of fabric pre cut for such use

1 pint of distilled or sterile water

One silver fist aid blanket

Safety pins

Tongs or long nose pliers (great to remove a object lodged in throat)

A 6x4 inch card with your cell no on one side and your dog breed and address on other (so if u send help ur not looking for a pen! Just hand it out)

And Know your CRS

Cardiac Arrest - Lay your dog on his right side. Flex the left elbow and press firmly at this site (where the elbow meets the body) with the palm of your hand. Repeat at a rate of 60-80 per minutes. Cardiac massage should be combined with artificial respiration (blowing into the nostrils with the mouth closed). Try to continue compressions while giving artificial respiration.

To take the pulse of your dog press the middle and index fingers against the inside of your dog's hind leg, just below where it joins the body. The femoral artery crosses the thighbone there.

Respiratory Arrest (heart beating but not breathing which usually happens after you get the heart started or after a long choke you can feel pulse but gums are going deep blue fast)- If your dog has stopped breathing, place him on his right side with head and neck extended. Gently draw the tongue forward and clear any objects from the mouth and throat. Place a hand on the ribs immediately behind the shoulder blades and use a sudden but gentle downward movement. Then, immediately release the pressure. This should be repeated at five-second intervals

Shock - Shock can follow almost any type of injury. Signs include shallow breathing, pale, gray-colored mucous membranes, glassy eyes, dilated pupils and collapse. **KEEP WARM GET TO VET FAST**

Thanks to Sharon, Newf-L list

Brag

Sadie Hughes (10) and Nemo (Bilbrough's Wait Until Dark - 13 mo.) had quite a debut weekend at Mattaponi Kennel Club, May 16th/17th. For their first competition, they began by winning BEST Puppy in the Norwich Sweepstakes (ask Sharon to share a humorous story about this). They went on to win RESERVE on Saturday and Sunday against some formidable handlers and dogs. Both afternoon's brought additional rosettes for Sadie when she was awarded FIRST place in her first Novice Junior Handling competition (no doubt as a result of her Shawnee Kennel Club Handling classes!). All in all...3 FIRSTS and 2 Reserves for their first outing was very exciting for everyone. Keep an eye on these two in the future!

Donna Wiley

Beldachs' Rosee Robiquet ("Rosie") traveled to the *Memorial Day Classic* shows in New Castle, Pennsylvania and went WB/BOS on 05/23/09 for a 4 point major. This was the Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club Specialty Show. Then on 05/25/09 Rosie finished her Championship by going WB/BOS with a 3 point major .

Meantime, Rosie's brother, *INT. CH. Beldachs' Radiante Rosetti ("Dante")*, who is co-owned and loved by Clint Werner & Dr. Donald Abrams in San Francisco, picked up a **Hound Group I** and one **Hound Group II** at the International Shows on May 30th and 31st in Santa Rosa, California. We are especially thrilled as the comments from *all* the judges were once again extremely impressive.

Gary & Connie Fisher

Jamie Lanphier was Best Junior at Trumbull County over 50+ juniors over Memorial Day weekend and was 1st in Open Intermediate at Charlottesville-Albemarle this past weekend. Puppy English Setter Roger received a group 1 at the Warrenton match and a group 4 at the match with the New Castle shows. Roger was bred by new member Tammy Vann and is shown by Jamie

Mary Lanphier

Litterbox

Cockers whelped May 18 to Jetset's Only On The Ridge (Beyonce): 1 black girl, 1 chocolate boy, and 1 chocolate & tan boy. Sire is Ch. Gaelic N Cutts What Women Want (Benson). Both dam and sire are CERF clear, dam is OFA excellent, sire is OFA good. This is a repeat of a very successful breeding.

Brittany's whelped May 21 to Whitepine Branch's Purdy Gal (Bailey): 7 (that's right, seven!) boys. Sire is Ch. Britt Haven's Virginia Gentleman (Zip). Both dam and sire are CERF clear, and OFA good. I'm not sure I'll use him again if all he can do is boys!

Noreen Dunlap

Jokes

