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General Membership Meeting

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“Someone Catch That Dog!!!!”

Last month, Jerry and I went to 6 shows in a 10-day time period. Whew! It was work, but it ended up being a good time and successful shows for our dogs. We went to a 4-day circuit and the following weekend we went to a 2-day circuit. We took our RV, and it worked out well for the dogs and us. We arrived at the 4-day circuit Wednesday evening, and the first show was on Thursday. We had just arrived, and we were setting up camp, so we had set up our exercise pens and mats, and had all the dogs out. Pixie, who is our Cairn who doesn't like showing at inside shows was in the exercise pen closest to the road, and she and the other dogs seemed happy to be out of their crates after riding for 4 hours. There was a metal trashcan close to Pixie's pen, and there were birds perched on the top of the can. Pixie was watching them, but I wasn't really paying that much attention. The birds flew off, and before I could

blink Pixie was up and over her exercise pen and out of sight. Pixie is NOT obedience trained, but she usually comes when she is called. I was going down the road, and No Pixie so I started calling her name. After the third time of calling her, here comes Pixie. I can tell you that my heart was pounding as RVs were still coming in plus vehicles going in and out. The people set up next to us told me when they saw Pixie come to me that they were trying to figure out how to catch her. The rest of that circuit went well for us, and Pixie came back home with 4 more points. We met Jane West in PA, and gave her the straw hats for our shows. Actually, Jane's dog was entered at 3 of the shows so it worked out that it was a good opportunity to get the hats to Jane. Jane's dog had a nice win at the Sunday show so I hope she has put Drummer's win in the brags section of the newsletter.

The following weekend, we arrived at the show site on Friday evening. We set up, and all was going well. No birds so Pixie stayed in her pen, but after the "Great Escape" the week before we weren't leaving her alone. On Saturday morning, we had an early ring time so Jerry had our young dog, Launcelot on a lead, and I had Meghan, our puppy on a lead; and Pixie was in a crate. We were in the center ring, and crates were not allowed under the tent so we put Pixie's crate at the edge of the tent which was a little over a ring away. We had our system all worked out where Jerry showed Launcelot, and I would stand by with the puppy, and when he finished with Lance, I would give Jerry the puppy, and take Launcelot back to the crate, and switch dogs. Lance went in the crate, and Pixie came out. In the meantime, Jerry was showing Meghan, and I would get there in time to switch dogs with Jerry again. He would take Pixie in, and I would take Meghan and her armband, and stand by. Then, we both went back in the ring for Winners Bitch. Then, we would switch again, and I would take Pixie and her armband; Jerry would take the puppy back to the crate to switch dogs. When he opened the crate, Launcelot who has his own agenda came bounding out of the crate, and took off running. I heard someone yell, "Someone catch that dog!!!!" I looked to see whose dog, and my heart sank; it was one of our dogs as I saw this blonde streak heading my way. I heard the judge remark to the steward that he thought that the runaway dog was the dog that was supposed to come back in his ring. Launcelot came running up to the ring I was in, and stopped right at the ring entrance. I grabbed his lead, and when Jerry came up I was holding Launcelot and Pixie's leads. The judge told Jerry that our dog could show himself that he didn't need a handler. We were both pretty "wild-eyed" at that point so the judge told us to take a minute and calm down that he had plenty of time. The judge came back a couple of minutes later and asked us if we were ready, and we told him "yes". He told us to take the dogs around, and we were just out from under the tent when he gave Launcelot Best of Winners and Best of Breed so he also won a point. I'm happy to report that the rest of our weekend went well, and no, Meghan hasn't decided to climb out of an exercise pen or bolt out of her crate yet.

Our weekend of shows is fast approaching. We can use everyone's help the weekend of our shows. Chuck Jackson can use workers to help with the clean-up at the fairgrounds on Thursday, July 9. Please contact Chuck if you can help with the cleanup. The more people that show up with cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, and buckets the faster the cleanup will go. Thanks to all the members for the great response of signing up to bring food for the judges and stewards luncheons. Donating food for the luncheon is a great help to the club, and helps to keep our food costs down. Kathy was tickled with all the people who had signed up to bring food. Our scheduled lunchtime for the judges and stewards is from 11:30 to 12:15 each day. I'm asking the club members who are working to try and eat lunch at 12:30 or later. Kathy will keep the lunch open until we are sure that everyone has eaten. I know that some of the member workers may have to eat lunch during the time the judges and stewards eat, but we want the judges and stewards to have the best selection of food. Also, three of our rings won't wind down for lunch until towards the end of the lunch period. Also, the lunch is for the judges, stewards, AKC Rep, MB-F people, photographer, parking people, and last of all members who work. Yes, I said members who work so if you're working at our shows; helped with the Thursday clean-up; picked up judges at the airport; brought food for the lunch; are taking judges back to the airport; helping with clean-up after the shows each day that qualifies you to eat at the lunch. We don't want to go back to the days of giving out lunch tickets so I'm just asking that you police yourselves as far as the lunch goes. We ran close on food last year so please keep that in mind. Congratulations to our two member judges, Lorraine and Carrie who are judging at our Saturday show for drawing such nice entries. ☺

Yes, our entries for our shows are down from last year. Guess it could have been worse, and I'm thankful for the 800+ entries that we have each day. We all need to work together and put on the best weekend of shows so the exhibitors and spectators will want to come back to our shows next year. Hopefully, the exhibitors and spectators will tell everyone what a wonderful weekend they had, and more exhibitors will enter next year.

Thank you to Donna Germelman for all of her years of service to our club as our recording secretary. Donna will be missed at the board meetings. Donna helped to keep the board meetings going and kept me on track. I'm hoping that Donna will continue as an active member of our club. Congratulations to Cindy DeGidio who the board elected to replace Donna as recording secretary.

Don't forget to bring a bag of ice each morning to help keep our drinks cool. I hope to see everyone at the clean up on Thursday at the fairgrounds, and at our shows on July 11 & 12.

Sharon Howse

Meeting Minutes

Shawnee Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
May 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Howse at the Frederick County Public Safety Building.

Members attending were: Sharon Howse, Jane West, Ellen Rivers, Scotti Slonaker, Anne Legge, Jeanne Jackson, Joyce Ragland, Donna Germelman, Gary Fisher, Ashley Banks, Kathy Hardison, Sandra De Laet, Robert Noll, Linda Noll, Michael and Regina Swygert-Smith, Margaret Hilliard, Mary Lamphier, Chuck Jackson, Karen Spalding, Jerry Howse, Judy Hogentogler, and junior members James Noll and Jamie Lamphier. Guests present were James and Sheila Fitzgerald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the two following corrections: Six handlers have paid to attend the George Alston Clinic in September. The mats purchased for the handling classes cost \$1,742.24, and the dolly cost \$51.95. Anne moved and Ellen seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Scotti reported a beginning checking balance of \$11,083.54. Expenses totaled \$200, and income was \$1,489 which left a checking account balance of \$12,372.54. The savings account reflected a balance of \$20,690.39. Total assets: \$33,062.93. The report will be filed as presented.

The President and members welcomed visitors Jim and Sheila Fitzgerald who have Cairn Terriers.

Committee Reports

Nominating - Jane will serve as Chairman with a committee of Kathy Hardison, Cindy DeGideo and Ashley Banks. The committee will report back in June.

Membership - Anne reported no activity.

Unfinished Business

Training Class - Gary said that 22 handlers were in the class that recently completed its 6 week session. The new session will begin June 3rd at Jim Barnett Park and will cost \$20.

Education - Anne said that there are now seven participants; three beginners, three advanced and one observer. She has flyers for us to distribute at shows and kennel club meetings. She circulated a sign-up sheet for those who can help with the clinic.

July Shows - Jerry said the straw hats have arrived and will fit most people. We are to take good care of them because they will be numbered and will be collected after the show. The hats will be used again next year. He handed out premium lists. We have two supported entries. There will be no grooming tent and that will save the club money. Instead we will use the Show Barn which costs far less than a tent.

Regina talked about the ads. You can give them to Regina or you can email them to her. She encouraged club members to submit ads to help the club.

Pet Oxygen Masks - Scotti and Donna will coordinate the Clarke County donations. The masks have arrived for those companies. Donna will contact the four Clarke County fire companies to arrange the time of the presentation. Scotti contacted Barry Lee of Channel Six to see if any of the presentations could be made on that program. The number of people is restricted to three so Scotti is concerned about whom to invite.

Chuck moved and Ellen seconded that the club purchase a set of masks for the fire companies in Shenandoah, Warren, Berkeley and Hampshire Counties, as needed. Motion carried.

New Business

Donna moved and Ellen seconded that Shawnee Kennel Club donate \$200 to the Frederick County Esther Boyd Animal Shelter to help with the 193 cats that were just received. Motion carried. Ellen collected donations of food and litter and also monetary contributions for the Shelter and will deliver them.

New Project - Linda suggested a project for the club. AKC has information already newspaper-ready. She showed us samples of the written material and artwork. She suggested that we start publishing a small ad in the newspaper on a regular basis. Jane asked Linda to get definite prices on a long-term "relationship" with the newspaper and present it to the club in June. Regina, in the meantime, will put some of the literature in the catalogue for this year.

Match - Mary Lamphier is Chair for the match and picnic. The grounds have been reserved.

Wickets - Anne asked that the club purchase a set of wickets. She may be able to get some free and will let us know. Members appeared favorable to the idea.

For the good of the club

Sharon, James, Jamie, Jane and Linda told us of their dogworthy accomplishments since the last meeting.

Item of note: Junior member James Noll will be presenting "Paris", otherwise known as Select Ch. Cammcastle's Fleur de Lis at the Smithsonian June 9th. David Frei, Westminster Kennel Club and the German Embassy will be giving a lecture on the German breeds.

Next meeting - June 16th, Frederick County Fire Safety Building. The Board meeting will be at 6 p.m. and the General meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At that time we were fascinated to hear about Margaret Hilliard's trip to the World Dog Show in Sweden. She entertained us with the funny and interesting things that happened to her and her friend and showed us photos she had taken and the books she had collected. We all enjoyed it. Thank you, Margaret.

Refreshments donated by the membership were available, and members enjoyed them throughout the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Donna Germelman
Recording Secretary

Announcements

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 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

Permission to forward in its Entirety

Just ask Wayne Pacelle, **all breeders are commercial breeders, even show/hobby breeders**. From Wayne Pacelle's blog, dated April 1, 2009. The following is taken from his blog:

"This year, with all of the awareness and exposés of puppy mill abuses, there are more reform efforts than ever in the states-from Maine to California, and more than half the states in between. And again, what we get is **vitriol and antagonism from zealous dog breeders**, silence or opposition from the American Kennel Club on the legislation, and even resistance from a few state veterinary medical organizations." [snip]

"But **there is a class of commercial dog breeders out there-apparently, a good number of them who are not even high-volume puppy mills-who raise their voices loudly against any attempt to impose reasonable standards of care for dogs and limits on how large these operations can be**. Since they can hardly attack the substance of the legislation-because the provisions are so obviously rational (such as giving the animals an opportunity to exercise, or not forcing them to live on wire flooring their entire lives)-they attack The HSUS, almost unable to restrain themselves. They spew knowingly false things about The HSUS wanting to ban all pet ownership. In the past, in my blog and elsewhere, I've addressed these prevarications, where they take one quote completely out of context from 15 or 20 years ago, and treat that fragmented comment as doctrine, even though there are decades of public statements and action on my part and that of my colleagues that unmistakably celebrate the human-animal bond and The HSUS's vigorous support of pet keeping." [snip]

"The opponents of any and all reform efforts-led by Patti Strand, a board member of the American Kennel Club and a founder of an organization called the National Animal Interest Alliance (supported by the full gamut of fur retailers, trophy hunters, and other animal-abuse industries)-never propose anything positive. They are just naysayers and knee-jerk opponents, and they just want to tear down any law to help animals. They don't advance reform ideas of their own, because the fact is they want no laws to protect animals. In some cases, it's because they operate under the assumption that there's just no problem, or the ludicrous notion that passing a piecemeal reform will inevitably lead to a ban on all breeding. In other cases, it's **simple self-delusion** or **hatred of government regulation**. **In the face of these desperate and malicious tactics, we will only step up our efforts. We'll put more resources into the fight**, knowing more than ever that we are on the side of right and that God's creatures need us to stand up for them more than ever."

If you've never been moved to get personally involved in the fight to protect our rights to own, breed and show dogs of our choosing, I suggest that the time is now!

Wayne's full blog for April 1st can be found here - read it and be afraid...be very afraid! Take action now!!!

<http://hsus.typepad.com/wayne/2009/04/page/2/>

My Personal Comments:

Take note of the red/bolded text in the above blog of Wayne Pacelle's. According to this blog there are no more hobby breeders. We are a **class of commercial dog breeders**. Further, most commercial dog breeders are **high-volume puppy mills**. In one fell swoop of his pen, Wayne Pacelle has eliminated hobby breeders and reclassified us all.

Then the scariest part of it all he accuses us of having being **self-delusional** and/or having a **hatred of government regulation**.

I don't know about anyone else out there but I still live in the United States of America, where our forefathers spoke out against over-regulation of/from government. Where we have a Declaration of Independence that states

“But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”

The train of abuses and usurpations are beginning and I am tired of it. This is supposed to be a country of less government not more.

Further the Founding Fathers stated that after petitioning the British government to correct these wrongs and not receiving any redress, it became necessary to Declare their Freedom from the British Government.

They consequently set up a government with Constitutional Rights to guarantee that the government would not usurp our basic freedoms and a petitioning process to redress wrongs and unnecessary laws.

But when we, the people and common citizen of the USA, follow these dictates of Our Founding Fathers in the way to petition unnecessary laws/legislation as set up by our forefathers, we have come up against a Would-Be-Dictator of unending money supply, that demands that we give into them and are wrong to oppose them. Further, we are a group of **zealous dog breeders** spewing forth **vitriol and antagonism** because we dare to confront and fight against the legislation that would be dictated on us by an organization as they attempt to lure/con/dictate to the legislators of these state and federal governments (who are elected to office to follow the will of their constituents) to pass their legislation not the legislation of the people. To me this is Dictatorship. This Would-Be-Dictator, Wayne Pacelle, of the Humane Society of the United States, demands that we are **self-delusional** and have a **hatred of governmental regulation**.

I stand up and say, “NO, I am NOT SELF-DELUSIONAL and YES, I am AGAINST unnecessary GOVERNMENT REGULATION, especially when there are federal and state laws already covering these areas.”

This country is undergoing drastic changes at this time. It is not a time to sit down at the table and try to come to a compromise. Compromises will not work. Once passed into law and the legislators that did the compromising are no longer in office to protect the law the way it was meant to be, changes come about. It is much harder to rescind a law then to stop legislation, but it is very easy for legislators and lobbyists to change existing laws to fit their design as they see fit.

The calling out of citizens following the constitutional procedures of legislation as **desperate and malicious tactics** is beyond ludicrous. Wayne Pacelle’s self-proclaimed “calling of God’s” to protect creatures, is a self-justification to fool the religious citizens to think that he is justified to take away the freedom and rights of private citizens. All of mankind was given jurisdiction and ownership of animals not just Wayne Pacelle. Wayne Pacelle is not God’s chosen to see that this is accomplished. Further, his calling our tactics as **desperate and malicious** is a furtive attempt to call attention away from the HSUS not having the correct numbers when questioned and leading on the legislators in each state to believe that only the HSUS has the solution. HSUS is the liar in all of this. They have misled the USA citizenship into believing that they are concerned about animals while taking donations from an uninformed public. It is time to put a stop to their coffers profiting from their lies.

This is a time when all citizens that want to have animals in their lives, that they can touch and interact with, or breed and own, to stand up and join the fight. This fight is against not only an organization, but against a man that thinks he has the right to dictate to everyone else how they are to treat property. What they can have and what they cannot. How they are to treat this property and when. To me this sounds an awful lot like a Dictator. And I call him out as such. Wayne Pacelle, you are nothing more than a Would-Be-Dictator that will eventually be overthrown by a Grass-Roots Movement of People that will not lay down and take your politics, your lying, or your self-proclamation of being a savior for animals when you have no desire to even be in physical contact with animals. You dare to try and make your organization, HSUS, into the most powerful organization to dictate to state and federal governments what laws need to be made.

We will fight you to the end, for our Animals, for our Children, FOR OUR RIGHTS OF FREEDOM and OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS of a LEGISLATIVE PROCESS FOR THE PEOPLE.

CathyM
Catren's Shar Pei
Catren's Leather Show Accessories

Kill "The Killing Fields" Bills of the HSUS

www.americanssupportinganimalownership.com

Brag

So far, last weekend., Lucas was BW two days at Southern Maryland. This weekend. Jamie was Best Junior with Lucas on Thursday at Howard County. Stay tuned.

Sunday - National Capital, Mary showed Deacon, Erinfyr Sweet Salvation to BW, just to prove Mom still has it.

Jamie also reminded me she won her Jr's class at the Irish National, and made the cut in bredby with Lucas and in the specials ring (120+) with Trixie.

Today, Saturday, Lucas was again BW. 4 shows, 3 BW from the bred-by.
Mary Lamphier

At Bel Alton MD on Saturday June 27 show, the Hum'nbird Pembroke Welsh Corgis had a lot of fun! 'Grant' aka Hum'nbird Ice My Cake was WD from the 9-12 puppy dog class, then his cousin 'Tanya' aka Hum'nbird Ice Twice (shown in BBE) was BOB over 2 specials. Grant was taken back in for the breed by junior handler extraordinaire Jamie Lamphier, who did an excellent job!

Then it was onward to Howard County for the Independence Day cluster. First day at Catocin KC, only 'Grant' was shown and was WD/BOW/BOS for 2 pts, then the second day only Tanya was shown, and despite wearing her "summer bikini," was WB from BBE for her 2nd major! We took the day off for the 4th and stayed home. Hope everyone had a good holiday and I am looking forward to working and also judging Collies & Shelties at our show on July 11 !!!

Carrie Chase
Hum'nbird Pembroke Welsh Corgis

Lorraine Simmons here..... We have brag.

The weekend of the Shyline Kennel Club shows Our smooth standard dachshunds
Chapel Croft's Dancin' In The Dark (Dancer) got WB and took 2 points shown by David.
And **Rose Gate Kansas Twister @ Stardox (Ollie)** got WD and picked up 4 single points, shown by Lorraine.

Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc. - Saturday 07/04/2009 - Springfield MA, Baywind's Light Up the Sky (Kylie) owned by Lori Hall and Susan Burke
Finished with 3 point major and best of opposite sex

CH. Beldachs' Nocturnal Nash ("**Nash**") completed his first leg towards his RN title (Rally Novice) at his **first** trial on June 7th at the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club show in Harrisonburg, VA with a score that placed him third place in his class. He also received his second leg toward his RN on June 26th at the Southern Maryland KC Show.

Beldachs' Rosee Robiquet ("**Rosie**") traveled to Pennsylvania and went BOV at the Bushy Run KC Show on June 28th.

And the older Beldachs' kids let no grass grow under their feet - *CH. Twelfth Night One More Thing* ("**Columbo**") and *Stonebridge Santa Fe Siddachs, ROM* ("**Fay Wray**"), who are "Rosie's" parents, each earned their CGC's on June 20th.

Thanks,
Connie

Cairnhowse Celtic Skye (CH. Castlerock Hit Man x Cairnhowse Celtic Crossing) Pixie went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the South Hills Show on Thursday, June 18 under judge Billie Kellogg ; on Friday, June 19 at the Mountaineer Show Pixie went Winners Bitch under judge Mrs. Desmond Murphy; on Saturday, June 20 at the South Hills Show, Pixie went Winners Bitch under judge Barbara Dempsey Alderman, and on June 21 at the Mountaineer Show, Pixie went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners under Mr. David Miller. At the Bushy Run Shows, Pixie went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex on June 27 & 28 under judges Mr. Frank Washabaugh and Dr. Gerard Penta.

Carpadium Accolade for Cairnhowse (Cairnhowse Corryvreckan x Cairnhowse Ptarmigan) Breeders: Chris & James Reid Owners: Jerry and Sharon Howse. Launcelot went Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex on Friday, June 19 at the Mountaineer Show under judge Mr. Desmond Murphy and also did the same thing at the South Hills Show on Saturday, June 20 under judge Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman. At the Bushy Run Shows, Launcelot went Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed on June 27 & 28 under judges Mr. Frank Washabaugh and Dr. Gerard Penta.

Litterbox

Litter - Gordon Setter Am. Aust. Can NZ Ch Brodruggan Black Knight x Ch. Fair Isle Gilt Edge
5 bitches, 1 dog born Independence Day!

Mary Lamphier