



Shawnee Kennel Club

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General Membership Meeting

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Holiday Trip

Jerry and I recently returned from Florida where we spent Thanksgiving holidays with our younger son, Jonathan and his family. We drove our RV and stayed at a state park within 15 minutes of Jonathan's home. We took the 7 puppies with us and that ended up being quite an experience for the puppies and Jerry and me. Before the end of the trip, we had the puppies on a pretty good routine. We sure didn't need an alarm clock, as the puppies would wake us up at daybreak. Our daughter-in-law had a very good holiday meal, but it wasn't the traditional Thanksgiving meal, as we didn't have turkey or ham. It made for a pleasant change, and I'm sure that we'll have plenty of opportunities to eat turkey during the upcoming holidays. It was great getting to spend a few days with our twin grandchildren. Being around two 3 year olds, we got our grandparent fix fairly quickly. There is a saying about relatives and fish that after 3 days relatives are starting to smell like fish. We were down in Florida for 4 nights, and we were so glad that we took the RV as we could get away every evening. We don't get to see our sons and their families very often so it is always nice getting to spend time with them, but then, at the end of the visit, it is good to come back to our own home.

Hope that everyone liked the place where we had our November meeting. We will be having our Christmas party at the same place. The ideal is to have the holiday party in someone's home, but we were lucky to find a place to have our party. There will be more info in the newsletter and on the website about our party. The club will be furnishing the ham, drinks, paper goods, plastic ware, etc. Each member and guest is asked to bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert for our holiday meal. There will also be a gift exchange like

we've had in the past. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift (value of \$10.00), and it can be a dog type item or a holiday decoration. Use your imagination. We'll have a short board meeting before the party as the board has a couple of items to vote on, and there will be a very brief meeting during the party for the membership to vote on a couple of items.

I want to thank Jamie Lampier for her program on junior showmanship and what it takes to qualify for the Westminster and Eukanuba Shows. It was very interesting. Junior Showmanship competition at shows is very competitive, and it is hard to win especially in the open classes so Jamie is to be congratulated on her accomplishments. Also, thank you to Ellen Rivers for finding the place for our November meeting, and also getting our name on the books so we could have our Christmas party at the Frederick County Public Safety Building

I also want to welcome our newest members who were voted in at the November meeting. Welcome to Brad Coffinberger who has Keeshonds. Brad has been attending our training classes, and showed at our match. He also attended our picnic and was at our September meeting. I also want to welcome Russ and Debbie Bergeron who have Pomeranians. They have been attending our training classes. They also showed at our match and attended our picnic and September meeting. Welcome to our club, and we look forward to a long relationship with all of you.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party. This is one of the club activities that Jerry and I always look forward to. Good company and good food! Happy Holidays!

Sharon Howse

Meeting Minutes

Shawnee Kennel Club, Inc. – Regular Meeting Frederick County Public Service Building Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Officers Present – Sharon Howse, president; Jane West, vice-president; Noreen Dunlap, corresponding secretary; Jeanne Jackson, Regina Swygert-Smith, directors. **Members Present** – Gary Fisher, Linda Noll, Bob Noll, , Lorraine Simmons, David Simmons, Cindy DiGidio, Michael Swygert-Smith, Ellen Rivers, Judy Hogentogler, Karen Spaulding, Jerry Howse, Sandra deLaet. **Junior Members:** James Noll, Jamie Lamphier. **Guests** – Tammy Vann, Tina Craig.

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Howse, welcoming everyone at 6:45 pm.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by Noreen Dunlap. A motion by Ellen Rivers, seconded by Regina Swygert-Smith to approve the minutes was approved.

Sharon Howse read the treasurer's report that was prepared by Scotti Slonaker. Scotti reported the club had \$11,874.09 in checking and \$20,658.00 in savings when she took over on July 1st. Since then, the club has had income of \$36,831.92 and expenses of \$33,635.69 leaving balances of \$15,070.32 and \$20,658.00, respectively.

She also provided the club with net income for the four events we've had since July 1st: 2008 Shows - \$7,654.01; Hutchinson Clinic - \$1,462.57; 2008 Club Match - \$63.55; Fall Handling Classes - \$120.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education:

Sharon Howse, reporting for Anne Legge, said we will have another George Alston Clinic in September 12-13, 2009 at the UAW Hall. Regina Swygert-Smith is responsible for producing the flyer and club members will have first chance at signing up. Each class is limited to 20 participants and the general public admission is \$165 per person and observers will be charged \$75. Active club members will get a \$25 discount.

Newsletter – No report.

Training

Gary Fisher reported the fall classes were completed two weeks ago and the next set of classes will begin in January at the UAW Hall. Gary, Connie Fisher and Lorraine Simmons were the instructors. Gary said they had around 25 participants

in the fall with many repeating from the summer session and many helped set up and clean up after each session. It helped now that the club has 10 mats.

Membership

Jane West presented three new members that were then approved by the club on a motion by Gary Fisher and a second by Jane West:

- Russ Bergeron, Bunker Hill, WV - Pomeranians
- Debbie Bergeron, Bunker Hill, WV - Pomeranians
- Brad Coffinberger, Martinsburg, WV - Keeshond

All three were sponsored by Anne Legge and Jane West.

2009 Show

Jerry Howse reported the shows, scheduled for July 11-12 at the Clarke County Fair Grounds have been approved by AKC and that most of the judges have already committed. They are:

Group	Saturday Judges	Sunday Judges
Sporting	Ronald H. Mennaker & Everett Dean	Everett Dean and Ronald H. Mennaker
Hound	Howard Atlee	Karin Ashe
Terrier	Billie Kellogg	Terry Stacy
Toy	Terry Stacy	TBA
Non-Sporting	Noreen Cartwright	Jacqueline Stacy
Herding	Jacqueline Stacy	Sandi Goldman
Miscellaneous	Howard Atlee	Karin Ashe
Junior Showmanship	Billie Kellogg	Terry Stacy
Supported Entry	Laurie Deumaux.	Noreen Cartwright
Working	TBA	John Ronald

Provisional Judges So Far (will be additional each day): Rick Grant – Cairn Terriers Lorraine Simmons – Great Danes
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The committee decided not to rent a grooming tent next year as tent expenses have gone up and instead we will rent the show barn which has more room. We will also have additional VIP parking available where the grooming tent was.

Jeanne Jackson passed around a sheet for trophies. Members can provide trophies or cash for club logo wine glasses but whatever is given must be in Jeanne’s hand no later than February 28 to be printed in the show book. If she doesn’t have it, it can still be given but recognition will not be in the book.

Linda Noll, who previously had researched hotels for the Alston Clinic will follow-up for pet-friendly hotels for the show judges and stewards.

Jane West prepared a presentation for the show theme: July Jubilee. Members will wear straw hats with red, white and blue bunting and the club logo on it. Moved, Jerry Howse, seconded Sandra deLaet to approve the theme. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Pet Oxygen Masks

Mary Lamphier has researched the pet oxygen masks and the number of rescue agencies in the various Virginia counties served by the club. We will also see how many first-responder units are in the West Virginia counties. The mask set (three sizes) cost \$60 each.

Clarke County	4
Frederick County	12
Winchester	5
Shenandoah County	15
Warren County	10

Moved, Gary Fisher, seconded Noreen Dunlap to purchase 16 sets for distribution in Clarke and Frederick counties. Approved.

Jane West and Sharon Howse will coordinate with the Fire / Rescue Associations in those two counties and the local newspapers (Winchester Star, Northern Virginia Daily and Clarke Courier) to get some publicity for the donations.

If the response is positive, we will provide additional sets for the other counties.

NEW BUSINESS

We still need a site for the Christmas Party in December. If interested, please notify Sharon Howse immediately. We will have the gift exchange again this year.

Dear Kennel Club members:

Words cannot express the amazement and gratitude I felt when Jamie called to let me know what the Shawnee Kennel Club had done for her. As many of you know, she is a wonderful child, responsible in her care of our dogs and in her chores about the home. She is always helpful to others at shows, and quick to volunteer to show a dog, because she loves everything about presenting a dog.

She has worked very hard for several years, but didn't get to do Eukanuba or Westminster due to my fun with breast cancer. I promised her that this year we would let nothing stand in the way.

So many clubs pay so little attention to Juniors, but without them our sport is dead. Many, many clubs are graying much faster than they are gaining younger members. It is beyond wonderful that our club would choose to support a Junior in such a tangible manner.

Thank you again, and we will keep everyone posted as she ventures out to the Left Coast to play ball with the big boys!

Mary Lamphier, mother of a fabulous Junior and member of a Great Club.

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 (Note: Shawnee is not capitalized in the login.)

Password: 2008puppy

If you need to contact me about the website, use this address:

mlvc@earthlink.net

Mary Lou Crouch

Of Interest to All

We have reason to believe that HSUS is collecting puppy sale contracts from Virginia breeders. We suggest that if your contract is on your website, remove it. If you receive an inquiry requesting your contract, be sure you check out the purchaser before providing it. Do not provide it to anyone without an interview and approval process.

Sharyn Hutchens

Legislative Liaison

Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders

Top 10 Human Medications That Poison Our Pets

Although pet parents are well aware of poisons lurking around their home, many don't realize that some of the biggest culprits are sitting right on their own nightstands. In 2007, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center received 89,000 calls related to pets ingesting over-the-counter and prescription medications. To help you prevent an accident from happening, our experts have created a list of the top 10 human medications that most often poison our furry friends.

If you suspect your pet has ingested any of the following items, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435. And remember to keep all medications tucked away in bathroom cabinets—and far from curious cats and dogs.

NSAIDs

NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) like ibuprofen or naproxen are the most common cause of pet poisoning in small

animals, and can cause serious problems even in minimal doses. Pets are extremely sensitive to their effects, and may experience stomach and intestinal ulcers and—in the case of cats—kidney damage.

Antidepressants

Antidepressants can cause vomiting and lethargy and certain types can lead to serotonin syndrome—a condition marked by agitation, elevated body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure, disorientation, vocalization, tremors and seizures.

Acetaminophen

Cats are especially sensitive to acetaminophen, which can damage red blood cells and interfere with their ability to transport oxygen. In dogs, it can cause liver damage and, at higher doses, red blood cell damage.

Methylphenidate (for ADHD)

Medications used to treat ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) in people act as stimulants in pets and can dangerously elevate heart rates, blood pressure and body temperature, as well as cause seizures.

Fluorouracil

Fluorouracil—an anti-cancer drug—is used topically to treat minor skin cancers and solar keratitis in humans. It has proven to be rapidly fatal to dogs, causing severe vomiting, seizures and cardiac arrest even in those who've chewed on discarded cotton swabs used to apply the medication.

Isoniazid

Often the first line of defense against tuberculosis, isoniazid is particularly toxic for dogs because they don't metabolize it as well as other species. It can cause a rapid onset of severe seizures that may ultimately result in death.

Pseudoephedrine

Pseudoephedrine is a popular decongestant in many cold and sinus products, and acts like a stimulant if accidentally ingested by pets. In cats and dogs, it causes elevated heart rates, blood pressure and body temperature as well as seizures.

Anti-diabetics

Many oral diabetes treatments—including glipizide and glyburide—can cause a major drop in blood sugar levels of affected pets. Clinical signs of ingestion include disorientation, lack of coordination and seizures.

Vitamin D derivatives

Even small exposures to Vitamin D analogues like calcipotriene and calcitriol can cause life-threatening spikes in blood calcium levels in pets. Clinical signs of exposure—including vomiting, loss of appetite, increased urination and thirst due to kidney failure—often don't occur for more than 24 hours after ingestion.

Baclofen

Baclofen is a muscle relaxant that can impair the central nervous systems of cats and dogs. Some symptoms of ingestion include significant depression, disorientation, vocalization, seizures and coma, which can lead to death.



**Capital City Cocker Club
And
Eye Care for Animals
of Annapolis, MD**

Announce the 40th Annual

CCCC All-Breed Eye Clinic

with Jennifer Hyman MA, VMD, DACVO
(Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists)

Sunday December 14, 2008



10 AM to 3 PM

In the interest of breeding better dogs genetically, all breeding stock should be examined and cleared annually by a VETERINARIAN OPHTHALMOLOGIST to continue in any breeding program. Inherited eye anomalies are not always detected with the "naked eye" or by your veterinarian.

The examination covers almost all portions of the eye. Depending on the breed and age of the dog, the following diseases can be detected:

1. Cataract (opacity of the lens), especially the genetic type in many breeds especially in: Spaniels, Retrievers, Siberians, and Schnauzers*
2. Progressive retinal atrophy, a serious blinding disease, especially in: Poodles, Spaniels, Retrievers, Siberians, and Schnauzers*
3. Retinal dysplasia, an abnormal development of a portion (or all) of the retina, especially in: Cockers, Springers, Labs, Goldens, and Corgis.
4. Retinal folds, (a less serious problem than Retinal Dysplasia) in: Cockers, Springers, Labs, Goldens, Corgis, and Samoyeds.
5. Persistent pupillary membrane, occurs in all breeds, but is most important in: Corgis, Basenjis, and English Cockers.
6. Collie eye anomaly, a birth defect in: Collies, Shelties, and Aussies.
7. Corneal dystrophy, especially in Siberians.

* many other breeds and problems

The exam is a general eye exam, which can also detect non-genetic abnormalities and problems. However, it is not a medical examination for existing problems; it is a screening exam for dogs who may enter the breeding arena.

FEES: **1 dog \$35.00 2+ dogs \$30.00 each**
(includes CERF forms)

NEW LOCATION: Catoctin Kennel Club Training Building
4016 Rock Hall Road
Point of Rocks, MD 21777

See reverse for directions

APPOINTMENTS: Call Terri Pascal **after 12:00 noon** at (301) 608-0947 for appointments as soon as possible, and no later than Thursday December 11, 2008.

PLEASE arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of your appointment so that dogs' eyes may be dropped. Be sure to bring all necessary information on dogs to be examined; i.e. registration and permanent ID information, etc.

Directions to Catoctin Kennel Club Training Building

Website info and map: <http://www.catoctinkennelclub.org/Location.htm>

Directions From I-70: take US Rt 340 & 15 South from Frederick towards Leesburg & Harpers Ferry; take US 15 South to Point Of Rocks/MD Rt 28 (flashing yellow light immediately before Potomac River Bridge); turn left onto Rt 28 and go approximately 1 mile and turn right onto Rock Hall Rd. (immediately after RR); site is one story building on left.

Directions From Washington I-270: follow signs for Rt 340 to Rt 15 South and follow as above.

Braggs

CH Reveille Bells & Whistles received not one or two but three perfect scores in Agility October 18 & 19, 2008 in Mattaponi. Whistler also received two first places and one second-there actually was a dog faster than Whistler. The last but not least accomplishment was receiving his Novice Standard and Jumpers/Weaves titles. What a great feat and a roaring round of applause goes to his dedicated trainer dad Jeff Slonaker. Unfortunately Mom Slonaker was up in Cumberland getting another point on Karnak's Godd Morgan Sunshine so she didn't see it. .

Ashley Banks' Siberian Husky bitch- Blazin' Trails Northward (Blaze) received her CGC and TDI certifications on Thursday November 20th courtesy of the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club.

Litterbox