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Meetings

The next **General Meeting** of the Ann Arbor Kennel Club will be held **7:30PM** on **Thursday, May 6th** at the Scio Township Fire Hall.

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Member News

At the Mid Michigan Cocker Spaniel show **Am/Can BIS/MBISS Hartlines True To Bear** (aka Cubby) went BISS both days. His son **Hartlines Airborne Express** finished from the 6-9 class for a four point major. He was only shown 5 weekends. Cubbys daughter was BBE in show on Saturday. On Sunday his other daughter was Best in Sweeps. – **Melinda & Ralph Hart**

Aryakas Hector was WD and BOW at the recent Saginaw Shows. "Luke" is an Old English Sheepdog owned by **Mary Anne Brocious** and **Tim Ninnis** and is shown by Mary Anne. **Qubic's Keeping It Real** was WB at the Indianhead Kennel Club Show in Wisconsin. "Olivia" is an Old English Sheepdog owned by **Mary Anne Brocious, Tim Ninnis** and **Marnie Harris** and is shown by Marnie.

Highlander's Starry Starry Night was WB at the Chesapeake Siberian Husky Specialty Show and CH **Highlander's Diamonds R'Furever** was BOS. **Innisfree's Chuck A Luck** won WD both days to finish at the Central Indiana Siberian Husky Club Specialties, Bred by **Brian & Anne**, Owned by Kathleen Kanzler and shown by Brian. **Highlander's Don't Stop Believin** was WD at the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Detroit Specialty. **Highlander's Look at Me Now** was WD to finish at the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland and CH **Highlander's Diamonds R'Furever** at two won her third specialty – **Brian & Anne Palmer**

Spring is Here... Enjoy it!!!

Member News- continued

From Cheryl and I:

We have had a wonderful spring, well, I have anyway. While convalescing following rotator cuff surgery, I'm not able to groom. A groomer friend of mine has been gracious enough to come to my home and groom the show coats every week for me, for a fee and gas money and dinner (worth it!). Like most breeds, our entries are down so we have to make sure there's at least a point when entering shows, which means taking at least 4 dogs on our string. Cheryl is showing them so well. They just love her, especially after she's groomed them all before going in the ring. And you should see her load and unload the van, (like a pro, she is!) not to mention her innovative grooming area setups. It would make you cry to see her at work, such a busy bee! It's amazing watching her haul 2 loaded dollies at once, like she's got more than 2 hands. Wow!

A list of Apso Accomplishments: **Sharil Full of Beans** was WD at DKC for a single point **Sharil Coffee Bean** was WD at DKC for a single and picked up 2 more at both the Saginaw KC shows **Sharil Silly Bean** was WB at DKC for a single and a single at Saginaw KC **Sharil Sin-sa Fair Share** was WB at DKC for a single and garnered another single at Saginaw KC.

Also, we proudly announce our latest homebred champion Border Terrier. **Riverside Sharil Scarlett** finished her championship novice OWNER HANDLED by her Mommy at the Saginaw KC shows. Scarlett is co-bred with Bev Novak.

Oh, I did part the Apsos before they went in the ring. That knitting needle is so heavy.

Man, am I tired.
Amy

AAKC Sanctioned Match & Health Clinics

Our Sanctioned Match was held **Sunday, March 28**, at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Center. We had a nice turnout with 75 entries. The Eye clinic had 40 sign up.

Best in Match – Adult

Doberman Pinscher, Mi-Ti's The Specialist, 1 year old, owned by Shirley Baker

**Best in Match – Puppy**

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Ringside's Beer For My Horses, 5 months old, owned by Deborah Fullerton



Scio Township Fire Dept – Oxygen Masks

The Scio Township Fire Department recently received pet oxygen masks donated from the Ann Arbor Kennel Club. Watch the video at this link to see a demonstration by Fire Chief Carl Ferch and his dog Topper. <http://www.heritage.com/video/video-news/?media=11674253>



Pictured from left to right Cam Thorne, Melinda Hart, presenter Betsy Dale and Fire Chief Carl Ferch

AAKC July Show News

Please leave July 10 & 11 open.

Liz Martin is our Trophy Chair and she can always use trophy table workers. Sandy Hanson is chairing the Eye Clinic and can use help there as well. Melinda Hart is our Pure Bred Information Booth and can use help answering questions at the table.

Please contact me if you are interested in working at the show. It's a great event to be part of.

Mary Anne

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AAKC Board Election Results

New York, NY – The Annual Meeting of the AKC Delegates took place on March 9, 2010.

Three new Directors have been elected: Dr. Charles Garvin, Delegate from the Marion Ohio Kennel Club; Dr. William R. Newman, Delegate from the Mastiff Club of America; Patricia Scully, Delegate from the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii. Dr. Newman was an incumbent candidate.

In addition, Ronald H. Menaker was re-elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Thomas M. Davies was re-elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegate Meeting.

Agility Trial with Mixed Breeds

Here is the link to a Star Ledger video of the first competition of mixed-breed dogs (aka Canine Partners) in an AKC event. It was an agility trial held in E Freehold, N.J. There is some unintended humor in the video.

http://videos.nj.com/star-ledger/2010/04/mixed-breed_dogs_join_american.html

A Rat is a Pig is a Dog is a Boy

This show aired on Sunday, April 11th at 11 PM. It is one hour and twenty minutes long.

About the Program

Mr. Smith calls animal rights activism a quasi religion that maintains equality between animals and people. He argues that human obligation to other humans is more important than any obligation to other animals. The event is at the Discovery Institute in Seattle.

About the Authors

Wesley Smith is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute and author of *Forced Exit: The Slippery Slope From Assisted Suicide to Legalized Murder.*

I found the discussion on line for viewing on C-Span at: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/id/222053>

\$5 dues are payable NOW !!

HSUS Stamp

A new stamp is coming out the end of April called "Animal Rescue: Adopt A Shelter Pet Stamp" featuring shelter dogs and cats. The purpose of the stamp is to raise awareness to the millions of dogs and cats in shelters across the U.S. To launch the stamp Ellen DeGeneres is giving one million meals to shelters when people buy the stamps. The cost is the same as a regular stamp – 44 cents.

Money from these stamps is going to HSUS. Ellen has not been shy about her support of HSUS. Money given there will not go to animals in shelters. HSUS's 2008 tax returns revealed that less than 1/2 of 1 percent of their budget funds a traditional (dog/cat) shelter.

Money given to HSUS goes instead toward lobbying, anti-animal ownership legislation and attorneys.

Please DO NOT BUY these stamps and advise your friends to do the same.

Instead please donate to a local rescue that REALLY helps animals



It's A Dogs Life

Michigan Pug Rescue and Pro Plan Rally to Rescue are sponsoring "It's A Dogs Life on Sunday April 25, 2010 from noon to 5 pm. The event will be held at the Costick Center located on 11 Mile Road east of Middlebelt Rd. in Farmington Hills.

There will be hourly demonstrations, such as police dogs, ATF dogs, trainers, agility demonstrations, "Best pet trick" contest and many more.

The event will consist of pet adoptions from local rescue groups, pet vendors of all types, veterinary services, entertainment, contests, and refreshments

Rescue organizations from the metro Detroit area will be present with there pets that are available for adoption to answer questions. They will explain the adoption process as well as answer questions about the personalities of the dogs available.

There is no admission charge to attend "It's a Dogs Life".



"Pug Luv"



Michigan Pug Rescue

AKC Delegates Report March 9 & 10, 2010 – Newark, NJ

Committee Reports - Monday, March 9, 2010

All Breed Clubs

The Committee is studying the possibility of an All Breed Clubs Conference. They are looking at offering the conference via video conference or web cast.

There was considerable discussion of the Grand Champion class and how it will be implemented. There seemed to be confusion between AKC officials, they are now in the process of sorting it out.

Dog Show Rules

There was lengthy discussion on the weighing and measuring of dogs that do not have a DQ. The judge could, at his or her discretion, select dogs to weigh or measure if he/she did not think they were within the prescribed range of the respective standard. It was asked how many thought it was a viable concept. The majority did not find it acceptable.

Tom Davies attended the meeting to advise participants as to why the group realignment was on the agenda again. He explained that the question to table it had to be brought to the Delegate Body that the Board could not do it.

Committee Recap Meeting

The Parent Club Committee is planning their conference and will confirm dates and details.

There was no new business from the other committees beyond what is referenced for the two committees noted above.

Delegates Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 2010

There was discussion now to eliminate term limits, after it has been given its trial run at this election.

Ron Menaker requested nominations for Outstanding Sportsmanship Awards to be sent to the AKC by June 1.

Dennis Sprung announced two new awards for next year - An award will be given to one legislator in each state in recognition of his/her advocacy of canine legislation. The second award is in memory of Walter Bebout to the the club which promotes work on legislation issues in their state.

Employees recognized for outstanding work over the years were Bud Cicchione in Publications, Gina DiNardo and Mari-Beth O'Neill in Administration.

A very bleak Financial Report was given by Jim Stevens. Investments are up, but registrations and all the auxiliary revenue dependent upon them is down even further than last year. Entries at shows and other events are up slightly over last year. Financial restraint and cost cutting have helped the bottom line with about a 15% improvement over last year. The most perplexing and difficult problems facing the financial future of the AKC are registration declines which continue like a down hill ski race. New enticements have been implemented for new puppy buyers and transfer ownerships, but it does not address the slide in the numbers of individual breeders who register with AKC - this is the major problem facing AKC now and in the future. I see this as an opportunity for the AKC to reinvent who they are, what size they are and what they will be in five years from now and meet that reality.

The US House of Representatives and the Senate passed resolutions applauding AKC's role in working towards better legislation to benefit all dogs.

The issue of group realignment was withdrawn and will be sent back to the Board, Chances are another committee will be formed to look into the matter again. It is a difficult issue because additional breeds are being added to some groups, making them cumbersome to judge at the group level. Others remain stable. Obviously, the proposed plans pleased almost no one and had no chance of passing the Delegate votes as they were proposed.

Rules and procedures for field trials were passed, establishing minimum standards for National Championship events. This will apply too breeds holding National Championship stakes.

There was much discussion about reducing the number of yearly meetings and other ways of making the Delegate body more effective.

The election of new Board Members resulted in the following:

Dr. Charles Garvin - 238 votes

Ms. Patricia Scully - 218 votes

Dr. William Newman - 217 votes

Battaglia - 175 votes - Gladstone - 172 votes

This is the shortest meeting ever in the history of delegates meetings. The agenda was kept brief, since the Board has never been selected on the first vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Brocious
Delegate
Ann Arbor Kennel Club

3/25/10

SPAY AND NEUTER THE HSUS - - CALL TO ACTION

The "stage is now set" for a major "Grassroots" "Call to Action." That is why I am asking as many people as possible to send the suggested E-Mail set out below to their respective U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Even if you did or did not previously send a letter to the IRS or previously did send an E-Mail to your respective Members of Congress, please consider sending the suggested E-Mail set out below to your respective Members of Congress.

BACKGROUND AS TO WHY THIS WAVE OF E-MAILS MAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND NOT RESULT IN A "BLOW-OFF," BOILERPLATE, NON-RESPONSIVE RESPONSE FROM YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

1. The suggested E-Mail requests that the Member of Congress personally ask the IRS Commissioner "Three Riveting Questions" that should arouse curiosity, embarrassment, concern, contempt or all four emotional reactions about how the HSUS lobbies - - especially the third question!
2. The E-Mail, in essence, will finesse the Members of Congress (and their respective staffs) to either tell you that they will or will not ask the "Three Riveting Questions."
3. The E-Mail discusses seven different reasons that may cause an increasing number of Members of Congress to ask the IRS Commissioner the "Three Riveting Questions." Those seven reasons are:
 1. • First, more than 5,000 concerned tax-payers have asked the IRS to audit the lobbying activities of the HSUS.
 2. the IRS Tax Fraud Office in Fresno, CA has forwarded the 5,000+ letters to the IRS Office in Dallas, TX which has the authority to audit and rescind the tax-exempt status of a public charity, such as the HSUS.
 3. four different IRS Offices have now cumulatively received over 900 pages of incriminating documents that are referenced in a 25-Page Summary that is entitled "119 Incriminating Examples of Excessive, Prohibited and Under-Reported Lobbying by the Humane Society of the United States (A Public Charity) - - One of the Most Prolific, If Not The Most Prolific, Lobbying Organizations in the U.S."
 4. The 900+ pages of incriminating documents substantiate that the HSUS has been involved in 8-10 million lobby-related contacts and activities. This is a staggering, "show-stopping," "attention-getting" number.
 5. One of the most incriminating "quotes" is from the BIO of Mr. Pacelle, in which he actually "brags" about doing what is expressly prohibited by a public charity.
 6. If only a few Members of Congress become as outraged as I was when I downloaded and read a Lobbying Guide for KIDS - - as young as five-years-old - - which encourages minor children to lobby on behalf of the HSUS, and tells them how to call Members of Congress, I believe it will motivate them to ask the IRS Commissioner the "Three Riveting Questions."
 7. Even if only a few Members of Congress were to ask the IRS Commissioner those "Three Riveting Questions," I believe that it would result in an aggressive and expedited review and audit of the "Lobbying Activities" of the HSUS, and that that review and audit may cause excruciating pain for the HSUS.

REQUESTED ACTION: Copy and paste the attached body of the suggested text as set out below in your E-Mail to your respective Members of Congress.

HOW DO I SEND AN E-MAIL TO MY TWO U.S SENATORS AND TO MY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE?

Step 1: On your Internet, type in www.senate.gov

Step 2: On the top right of the page that comes up, click onto "Find Your Senator."

Step 3: Click onto your State, and then click onto your Senator's Name.

Step 4: Click onto "Contact" or "Contact Info" or "Contact Me."

Step 5: Fill in contact information.

Step 6: In the Comment Section, "copy and paste" the following:

Dear Senator (Type in Name) or Dear Representative (Type in Name)

The IRS Offices in Washington DC, Ogden, UT, Fresno, CA and Dallas, TX, as well as the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury, have now cumulatively received over 900 pages of

documents that include extracts from the Tax Returns of the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS); lobby registration documents maintained by the U.S. Congress and at least 36 different State Governments; documents downloaded from the HSUS Website; and copies of E-Mails sent by the HSUS to its members and "network of volunteers." All of these documents are chronicled in a 25-Page Summary that has been provided to the above Five Offices. The Title of this Summary is "119 Incriminating Examples of Excessive, Prohibited and Under-Reported Lobbying by the Humane Society of the United States (A Public Charity) - - One of the Most Prolific, If Not The Most Prolific, Lobbying Organizations in the U.S."

The 900+ pages of documents now in the possession of the IRS clearly suggest that the prolific number of direct and indirect lobby-related "contacts," lobbying activities, and prohibited lobbying activities by the HSUS; its President; its Executive Vice President; its Paid Staff and Management; its members; and its "volunteers," cumulatively exceed 8 million (8,000,000), and that number may very well exceed 10 million. (This staggering number is based on but six of the "119 Incriminating Examples" referenced above - - The HSUS claims that it was responsible for the enactment of over "500" State Laws, over "25" Federal Statutes, and "25" State Ballot Initiatives; that it has over "11 million members;" that it has "sent electronic updates to nationwide volunteers, members, and other interested parties. In addition, the HSUS assisted in sending constituent Email and FAXES to Lawmakers through a functionality of the Society's Website;" that its "Program includes maintaining and expanding contacts with Members of Congress, State Legislators, Executive and Regulatory Agencies;" and "With Staff of our Government Affairs Section in Washington, D.C., Regional Staff in our Field Services Section Across the Country, and a network of volunteers, we are active in more than 40 State Capitols across the Country."

Since more than 5,000 concerned tax-payers have now asked the IRS to audit the Lobbying Activities of the HSUS, would you please request on my behalf that, Mr. Shulman, the IRS Commissioner, answer the following three questions, and provide a copy of his response to me.

1. Is 8-10 Million direct and indirect lobby-related "contacts" and lobbying activities "too much lobbying" by a public charity?
2. Since the BIO of Mr. Pacelle, the President and CEO of the HSUS, that is posted on the HSUS Website, contains the quote that he has "helped to defeat some of the strong anti-animal welfare politicians in the United States," does not that printed admission of political campaign opposition document a violation of the IRS provision that reads as follows: "All 501 (c) (3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any political candidate for elective public office"?
3. Is it appropriate for the HSUS, a public charity, to publish and post on its Website a Humane Action Guide for Kids that encourages minor children, as young as "FIVE" years of age, to lobby on behalf of the HSUS; that provides detailed guidance for these minor children to "contact lawmakers" in Congress and at the State Level of Government; and that, in the words of The President of the HSUS, that are set out in the Preface to the Guide, to use the Guide for Kids to "learn the basics . . . of lobbying?" (See Humane Action Guide for Kids at humane society.org/kids).

I look forward to receiving a response that specifically answers those three questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Name (Also List your Address and Phone Number)

Step 7: Press Send!

Step 8: Repeat the above Steps 1-7 for your second Senator.

Step 9: Type in www.house.gov.

Step 10: At the top of the page, click onto "Representative's Web Site."

Step 11: Scroll down and click onto name of your U.S. Representative. If you do not know the name of your Representative, fill in your zip code at the top left of the Home Page and your Representative's Web Site will appear.

Step 12: Repeat the above Steps 4-7.

Thank you one and all for helping to create this opportunity to paint the HSUS into the Corner of the IRS "Slaughterhouse! !!!"

Frank Losey