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Meetings

The next **General Meeting** of the Ann Arbor Kennel Club will be held **7:30PM** on **Thursday, March 4th** at the Scio Township Fire Hall.

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Member News

Aryakas Hector – our Greek OES – was BOW at the Livonia Kennel Club Show – he was Reserve Winner the other days. This was "Luke's" first show weekend. He is owned by Mary Anne Brocious and Tim Ninnis.

Highlander's Bear on Wheels finished his championship very quickly from the BBE class. Schuco made his debut at 7 months by going BOW for a five point major. Schuco was bred by Brian and Anne Palmer.

At the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland's Punderson race, Brian's team ran Sled Dog Outstanding qualifying time. And, **CH Highlander's Li'L Abner, SD** now has the miles for his Sled Dog Excellent (SDX) title.

AAKC Annual Dinner

The Ann Arbor Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner will be:

Sunday, February 28, 2010

The Quarter Bistro and Tavern,
300 S. Maple Rd., Ann Arbor MI.

Cocktails will be available at 5:00PM
and dinner will be served at 6:00PM.



Valentine's Day! For someone this year it is going to be extra special, is it you?

AAKC Awards - Submission Form

Please complete this form and send to Cam Thorne by February 5, 2010.

Fill out the form as you wish your plaque to read; make sure names are spelled correctly. Either type or write legibly to avoid errors. If you will be adding names to an existing plaque, please remember to give Cam the plaque along with the completed form.

As a reminder, to apply for an award, you must be the owner or co-owner of the dog. A Canadian or non-AKC award can be applied for only after the similar AKC award is earned. The award must have been acquired in 2009. If you have any questions regarding award eligibility, please contact the awards chair or a Board member.

Kennel Name:

Member Name:

Dog(s) Name and Title:

Send to: Cam Thorne
4200 Maute Road,
Grass Lake, MI 49240-9260

Phone/fax: (517) 522-8721

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AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

"The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award celebrates those individuals who deserve recognition for having made a difference in the Sport of Purebred Dogs, embodies the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club".

The name of the Ann Arbor Kennel Club's AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award winner will be presented to at the Awards Dinner and listed on the AKC web site.

Please submit your nominations to Sandy by February 21, 2010 at Willopem@aol.com.

AAKC Sanctioned Match and Health Clinics

The Ann Arbor Kennel Club Sanctioned Match will be held **Sunday, March 28, 2010** at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Center. Also on the site will be a low cost immunization, heartworm testing and microchip clinic, as well as a CERF clinic.

Volunteers are needed to help with the clinics, to take entries, and to help set up Saturday night. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Match Chair, Chris Lezotte, at happylegs@provide.net.

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
Email: gubicoes@earthlink.net

On The AKC Front

Here is a link to 'In Session,' an e-newsletter that is sent to member of the U.S. Congress and Staff, from the AKC. Please feel free to comment, and perhaps make a resolution to contact your representative in the New Year! We need you!

http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/in_session.cfm

AKC Delegates Meeting

I attended the first meeting of the AKC Delegate body on behalf of the Ann Arbor Kennel Club this past December 14 & 15, in Long Beach, California. It was a privilege to represent our Club at these meetings.

The first day of the meetings consists of committee meetings. Within the meetings audience members can contribute information to the committee. Topics for review by each committee can be submitted by delegates on behalf of their club. Should any Ann Arbor KC members have questions please do not hesitate to see me or a Board member with your question or concern.

The committees are:

- Coordinating Committee
- All Breed Clubs Committee
- By-laws Committee
- Canine Health Committee
- Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee
- Dog Show Rules Committee
- Field Trial and Hunting Test Clubs Committee
- Herding, Earthdog, Coursing Committee
- Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee
- Parent Clubs Committee

I attended the following committee meetings –

- New Delegates Briefing
- All Breed Clubs Committee
- By-laws Committee (the last 45 minutes – All Breeds was at the same time)
- Dog Show Rules Committee
- Coordinating Committee (all of the committee chairs give a synopsis of each committee meeting)

New Delegates Meeting – Marjorie Tuft & Dick Blair – this orientation gave a brief overview of the schedule and the committee functions and included an opportunity ask experienced delegates questions.

All Breed Clubs Committee – Ann Walls – Chair

A presentation was given by Dale Hunsberger on involving and volunteering to work with area 4-H groups. We were also encouraged to get involved with FFA.

The Geographic Outreach Program was discussed. Clubs continue to opt in to the program that matches new dog owners with area kennel clubs. Kennel Club members mentor the new owners in how to navigate through the wonderful world of purebred dogs.

The All Breed Clubs Show Survey was a failure. Only 4% of the clubs responded. Most felt it was too lengthy, and that clubs were reluctant to reveal financial information. The intent of the survey was not made clear to the clubs that received in.

An on-line reference library is being developed. Articles were solicited.

There was lengthy discussion on the difficulty clubs are having keeping members and meeting quorums. I offered information on the AAKC active and inactive program and several clubs have written for further information on our program that was developed by Cam Thorne.

By-laws Committee – Judith Daniels – Chair

The committee is where the development of changes and additions to the governance of the delegate body is formulated.

Term limits for Board Members was the topic that was discussed. Term limits did not work, and a motion has been brought forward to take the measure to the delegate body to keep or eliminate Board Member Term Limits. There was a 4 to 4 tie on the questions and Ms. Daniels placed the tie breaking vote to take the measure to the delegates and ask that term limits be eliminated.

Dog Show Rules Committee – Blackie Nygood – Chair
 Chapters 10 & 15 – Veterinarians as Exhibitors – The
 question to take forward was determined that Veterinarians
 should not be allowed to exhibit at an event where they are
 in attendance as the show veterinarian. Nor should any
 household member. The preparation and ring time might
 effect their ability to assist a dog in distress in an
 immediate and prompt fashion.

Discussion regarding an amendment to allow judges to
 measure or weigh any dog that has a height and weight
 guideline in its standard. Lengthy discussion. The overall
 consensus in the discussion was that if breeds wanted a
 measurement or a weight taken it should be a DQ in the
 respective breed standard.

Delegates Forum and Meeting – Tues, December 14, 2009
 Delegates Forum – 8:30 to 10:00 AM

This session was to ask questions of the 5 Board
 candidates. Delegates Meeting – 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Introduction of New Delegates – Rita Biddle introduced me.

3 Minutes speeches from the 5 board nominees. Should
 AAKC members have questions for the nominees I can
 submit them via the delegate's list.

Reading – Not to allow show veterinarians to exhibit.
 Reading – To delete telegram from a method to change an
 entry.

Voted and Passed – Two Beagle Field Trials rule changes
 Voted and Passed with Amendment – Change to the rules
 to achieve a Grand Championship status for finished
 champions.

The amendment will allow neutered dogs, at independent
 specialties, to compete for the title of Grand Champion.

The meeting adjourned to lunch. At the luncheon Lifetime
 Achievement Awards were given.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Brocius
 Delegate

From the Editor

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank Chris
 Lezotte for publishing The Scoop for the past 10 years.

I really have the easy job, as Chris has already designed
 the format of the newsletter making it a valuable
 template to follow. I simply have to bring the material
 together in a format that is consistent and then turn it
 into a newsletter for printing and e-mailing.

To continue producing a newsletter that will interest you,
 I will be reaching out to the membership to write
 monthly columns, contribute, and for the board to
 continue to provide us with updates, announcements
 and reports.

I hope you will enjoy the newsletter. Your comments are
 always welcome. ~ Anne

Other Club News

Grand Traverse Kennel Club
 presents
64th, 65th 66th All Breed Dog Shows
Obedience and Rally Trials

**Cherry
 Capital Classic**

**Now 3 Days of
 Conformation, Obedience and Rally**

Friday, June 18, 2010
Saturday, June 19, 2010
Sunday, June 20, 2010

**Civic Center,
 Traverse City, Michigan**

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Date: January 18, 2010

Email: communications@akc.org

AKC ANNOUNCES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM

New York, NY- At the January meeting the AKC Board of Directors voted to amend the obedience, Rally and Agility regulations to allow mixed breed dogs to compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as purebreds. In addition, all clubs holding an AKC Obedience, Rally or Agility trial will have the option to accept entries for mixed-breed dogs enrolled in the Canine Partners Program.

“One of the main goals of this program is to reach more dog owners with the responsible dog ownership message and help them enrich their relationship with their dog,” said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. “We are pleased to expand the option for participation in Canine Partners to more AKC clubs and provide mixed breed dog owners more opportunities to compete in eligible AKC Companion events.”

Starting April 1, 2010, dogs with an AKC Canine Partners listing number will be eligible to participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally trials accepting mixed breed entries.

Some program benefits include a complimentary 60-Day trial of the AKC Pet Healthcare Plan, a one-year subscription to *AKC Family Dog* magazine, an AKC Canine Partners Certificate and an AKC Canine Partners Decal. The Canine Partners listing is available to spayed and neutered dogs that are not currently eligible for AKC registration, AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) enrollment or an AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL).

For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program, please visit www.akccaninepartners.org

The American Kennel Club (AKC), proudly celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKCMuseum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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