

## December Newsletter

# Mid-Continent Kennel Club

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## DECEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

**DATE: December 8, 2009**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Michael V's Restaurant**

**8222 E. 103rd Suite 137**

**Palazzo Shopping Center**

## MCKC Awards Banquet Scheduled for January 16th

Please make plans to join MCKC members and honored guests at our annual Awards Banquet to be held at Michael V's. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Banquet allows us to recognize all the special people in our club and in the Tulsa community who have distinguished themselves by helping to advance the health and welfare of dogs. New titleholders will also be recognized with plaques to commemorate their achievements.

MCKC will pay \$20 toward each member's meal. Once again, our thanks go out to Carol Minden for making her restaurant available and making all of us feel so welcome.

Nominations are still needed for the 2010 "It's in the Contract" award. This award is given to the person who did the right thing for a dog or owner in need, even when no one was watching. We will also be holding a silent auction, so donations of auction items are welcome. And, it's still not too late to submit your request for a new titleholder's plaque.

A reservation form is attached to the end of this newsletter. A prepayment of \$20 is requested for guests. If you plan to attend the banquet, please submit your reservation form to Karen by Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 2010 MCKC Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee has met and nominated the following slate of officers for 2010. No nominations were received from the floor during the November meeting. Ballots have been mailed to all members, and the election will take place at the December meeting.

### Officers

President: Karen Gibson  
Vice President: Lori Finlayson  
Secretary: Deby Harber  
Treasurer: Linda Moore

### Board of Directors

Sherry Brisco  
Charles Simmons  
Phyllis Simmons

## Onofrio Show Closings for December

### • December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rosemont, IL

### • December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Glen Rose, TX  
St. Paul, MN

### • December 30<sup>th</sup>

Starkville, MS  
Sinton, TX

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# Minutes and Reports

## Minutes for the October Membership Meeting

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 • Michael V's Restaurant

Quorum Present

Jennifer Block gave a report on the Breeder's Symposium presented at the K-9 Experience in Enid.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Gibson at 7:35.

The minutes stand approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer – The treasurer's report was read in Linda Moore's absence.

President's Report – President Karen Gibson reported that work is being done on the Tulsa Roundup Show.

Awards Plaques – Forms are due by the December meeting.

Karen passed out forms for the Betty Charles and AKC Good Sportsmanship awards nominees. Voting will be at the December meeting.

Vice President – Lori reported that we have a possible sponsorship for the show from Eukanuba. She asked for suggestions for the 2010 "It's in the Contract" award.

Agility – Jim Fehring has negotiated a contract with Dogtag (John Muehlberg) for the agility trial at the Roundup. He has also hired judges for the trial.

Jim Harber presented the artwork for the new show. It was approved by the MCKC and Seminole KC board. Contracts to vendors and non-profits will be mailed soon. There will be plenty of RV parking for the spring show.

Charles Simmons, chair of the nominating committee presented the new slate of officers. No nominations were made from the floor: President-Karen Gibson, Vice-President-Lori Finlayson, Treasurer-Linda Moore, Secretary-Deby Harber and AKC Delegate-Lori Finlayson.

Guests were introduced.

The Awards Banquet will be January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1:00 at Michael V's. The Club will pay \$20 towards each member's dinner. Charles Simmons made a motion to have a silent auction and donate the proceeds to the SPCA. Seconded by Cheryl Schuman, the motion was passed.

Jan Beavers from the TCC West Campus contacted Anna Vaughn about hosting the K-9 Experience next year. Donna Bennett will research.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Deby Harber  
MCKC Secretary

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### President's Report

It's the end of another year, and this year has brought more exciting changes to our Club than any year since I've been a member! December is our **Annual Meeting and Election** plus voting for winners of the **Betty Charles and AKC Good Sportsmanship Awards**. Nominees are, for the **Betty Charles - Deby Harber, Lori Finlayson, Charles Simmons, Karen Gibson**, for the **AKC Good Sportsmanship - Deby Harber, Charles Simmons, Karen Gibson, Julia Ziegler**. So come to the meeting and vote for your winner! The announcement of the winners plus presentation of the **Plaques for New Title Holders** will be at our **Awards Banquet - Saturday, January 16, 2010 - 1:00 PM at Michael V's Restaurant**. The Club will pay **\$20 towards the dinner of any MCKC member** so it's a good deal too! Any non-member guests will have to pay the restaurant for their food and drink. Once again we plan a **Silent Auction** and the recipient of the funds from this will be **Tulsa SPCA**. So come out, have a good time, and bid on some fabulous items knowing the money will aid a worthy charity working to help animals.

I have to brag on two of our members who have really come through for the Club. New member **Jim Fehring** has done an outstanding job for our **four Agility Trials next year**. The ink was barely dry on his membership application when he took over the entire job and negotiated the contract for the agility equipment and data processing, made the applications to AKC for the four trials, hired the judges, and completed the premium list! Without Jim's work we would be hard pressed to be able to hold these trials. Be sure to say **THANKS to Jim!** And perennial hard worker for MCKC, **Lori Finlayson** has secured **backing from Eukanuba for the Tulsa Roundup Dog Shows!** Just one more sign of the strong belief everyone has that this cluster will be the place to be!

The Club will be holding our **Third Annual Westminster Wine Tasting Party - Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at the home of members Lori & Mac Finlayson**. Mark your calendars and look for more information next month!

Karen Gibson  
[andauerwhp@aol.com](mailto:andauerwhp@aol.com)

## MCKC Community News

### Junior Handler Classes Begin January 7<sup>th</sup>

A five-week session of junior handler classes is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Classes will be held on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Companion Dog School of Tulsa, and will cover ring procedure, grooming, equipment, attire and more. Classes are free to juniors age 8-18, and adults may attend as well to train puppies or brush up on their skills.

As always, assistants are needed to provide individual attention to each student, and friendly, well-trained dogs are helpful to get our juniors off to a great start in conformation. Please plan to attend.

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### Sparkles and Tango Helps Children Learn Fire Safety

Paying attention in class may have saved Angelica Riggins' life. Lessons from a fire-safety demonstration must have stuck for the Celia Clinton Elementary School student, who escaped from her burning house last year — when she was only 5 — after watching a safety presentation by Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog. The message was brought back to the school Tuesday, complete with a pair of Dalmatians, firefighters and a fire truck.

The Rotary Club of Tulsa hosted the event, which featured Sparkles, a Dalmatian who wore a miniature fire helmet and bright red painted toenails. Her partner, Tango, showed the youngsters how to crawl along the floor to avoid toxic smoke. "Animals have such a calming effect on children," Principal Tanya Davis said. "They see Tango or Sparkles 'get low and go,' and that really helps them make a connection."

The dogs have become celebrities of sorts touring the country for the Arkansas-based Keep Kids Fire Safe Foundation, said trainer Dayna Hilton, who is also a firefighter. The firefighters also reminded the children to develop an escape plan with their families and designate a meeting place to gather during a blaze.

*Note: Sparkles is a rescue from Nancy Werhane of Dalmatian Assistance League, and Tango is CH. Dalmino's Conquistador. Mac Finlayson, Tulsa Rotary Club member and volunteer firefighter for Beggs, OK, assisted with the demonstration.*

Full story at: [http://www.tulsaworld.com/site/printerfriendlystory.aspx?articleid=20091125\\_11\\_A1\\_Aglcig601986](http://www.tulsaworld.com/site/printerfriendlystory.aspx?articleid=20091125_11_A1_Aglcig601986)

### Show Brags and Achievements

Dog	Owner	Breed	Show	Win	Points
<b>On Their Way</b>					
BJ's Second Edition	Jim Fehring	Papillon	Springfield, MO	WB, BW	5
Botar's Fire & Brimstone At Tyca	Janine Winings	Labrador Retriever	Springfield, MO	WD	1
Marwyn Whisper My Name, Mr.	Cheryl Schuman	Skye Terrier	Joplin, MO	WB, BOS	1
				WB, BOS	1
<b>BOB/Group/BISS/BIS</b>					
BIS CH. Chaoyang Chick Magnet at Asia	Bonnie Berney & Helga Kamp	Chinese Shar Pei	Salina, KS Belton, TX Benton, AR Houston, TX	Group 2 Group 1, Group 2 Group 2 Group1, Group 1	
CH. Cucullin Cladich The Jacobite	Cheryl Schuman	Skye Terrier	Joplin, MO	BOB, BOB	
CH. Korppret's Cheaper By The DZ	Judy Houskeeper	Standard Schnauzer	Chickasha, OK Montgomery, AL	Group 1, BOB x 3 BOB x2, Group 1	
BIS CH. Shaman's Do Doubt About It	Jim Fehring	Cocker Spaniel (ASCOB)	Bloomsburg, PA	BIS Group 3	

### 2010 Door Prize Schedule

**Your name here**

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### Lori Finlayson Earns Advanced Teaching Certification

Congratulations to Lori, who earned her National Board Certification for Language Arts. After thousands of pages of instruction, videos, analyzing, testing and a week in Durant, Oklahoma, Lori has reached the pinnacle of academic achievement. According to Lori, it's "the human equivalent of a Utility title."

### 2010 MCKC Award Nominees

The following MCKC members have been nominated by their peers for special recognition at the 2010 Awards Banquet. Voting will take place at the December membership meeting.

**Nominees for the Betty Charles Award are:**

Lori Finlayson  
Karen Gibson  
Deby Harber  
Charles Simmons

**Nominees for the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award are:**

Karen Gibson  
Deby Harber  
Charles Simmons  
Julia Ziegler

### Litter Announcements

Judy Houskeeper is pleased to announce a litter of Standard Schnauzer puppies--4 boys and 3 girls. The sire is CH. Korppret's Just A Dream and dam is CH. Korppret's Cactus Flower. The pups are approximately nine weeks old. Two boys and one girl are available.

### December Program to Feature "Dogs by Design" Video

Our educational program features the DVD "Dogs by Design," which uses computer-generated graphics to discuss the selective breeding of dogs for different roles, and explore today's competitive breeding and related concerns. The video is from a broadcast on Nature called *Dogs That Changed the World*. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m, so if you would like to see it, please arrive early to the meeting.

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### Tulsa Roundup Dog Shows Logo

The artwork for the Tulsa Roundup Dog Shows was unveiled at the November membership meeting. Our thanks to Jim Harber for completing this project. The logo looks fantastic and captures the energy and spirit we all have for this new endeavor.



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**MCKC AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATIONS**

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose a check payable to MCKC for \$20 for each GUEST.  
Mail any reservations with guests (including payment) to:**

**Karen Gibson  
5525 East 101<sup>st</sup> Street  
Tulsa, OK 74137-6011**

**Reservations WITHOUT GUESTS may be mailed (no payment required) or emailed  
to:**

**[Andauerwhp@aol.com](mailto:Andauerwhp@aol.com)**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010**

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### Championship or Obedience Title Plaque Information

If you have completed the requirements for an AKC conformation championship, obedience, or agility title for your dog(s), fill out the form below. If you have more than one dog who qualifies, please fill out a separate form for each dog. The dog must have completed his/her title between June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Forms must be turned in at the December meeting or sent to Karen Gibson **no later than December 8th, 2009**. Please remember that each member is allowed 2 plaques. If you have more than that, you must pay for them in advance. If you would rather make a donation to an animal-related charity in lieu of your plaque, please indicate that on the form.

**Awards Banquet Program:** A short write-up about your dog will be put in the Awards Banquet Program. If you are attending the Awards Banquet, please bring a framed photo of your dog to have on display. Even if you do not want a plaque, you can have the write-up in the program and your photo displayed. Write-ups **MUST** be brought, sent, or emailed to Karen Gibson **NO later than the December Membership Meeting (December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009)**

#### Plaque Information

(please type or print)

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please donate my award to the following charity: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mail forms to:

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Tulsa, OK 74137-6011

#### Write-ups may be emailed to:

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