

# Mid-Continent Kennel Club

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## MARCH MEETING INFORMATION

**DATE: March 9, 2010**

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

**LOCATION: Michael V's Restaurant**

**8222 E. 103rd Suite 137**

**Palazzo Shopping Center**

### MCKC Shines at Westminster

The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Westminster Kennel Club was particularly exciting this year, due to the outstanding accomplishments of MCKC members and their dogs. Bonnie Berney's and Helga Kamp's Chinese shar pei, BIS CH. Chaoyang Chick Magnet at Asia, not only went BOB, but earned a Non-sporting Group 2. Jim and Debbie Fehring's ASCOB cocker spaniel, BIS BISS CH. Shamar's No Doubt About It, won BOV and showed beautifully during groups.

Our congratulations go out to Bonnie, Helga, Jim and Debbie, who not only had great individual wins, but also gave our club a reason to celebrate.

### Help Needed for Tulsa Round Up Dog Shows

Volunteers are needed to help mark the grooming spaces and other areas in the Quiktrip building on Tuesday afternoon, May 25th. As in the past, if you work at least 4 hours, you can move your crates into the building before everyone else moves in Thursday morning. Please contact Karen if you can assist with this important task.

### Join Mid-Continent KC on Facebook

Thanks to Bonnie Parker, MCKC now has a strong presence on facebook. MCKC's facebook site has 110 fans, and is growing fast! For those of you not familiar with social networking, this is a great way to reach a wide audience by linking our site and our fans with facebook users across the nation and the world.

The MCKC facebook page provides information about the upcoming Tulsa Round Up Dog Shows and lets us get instantaneous feedback from our friends in the show dog community through user comments.

Please take the time to email your dog show friends and those in your respective breeds clubs, and encourage them to check out our facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/mid-continent-kennel-club/319701467740?filter=2>

### March Onofrio Show Closings

#### • March 10<sup>th</sup>

Lawrenceburg, TN  
Tucson, AZ  
Ft. Worth, TX  
Bremerton, WA  
Little Rock, AR  
Dubuque, IA  
Anchorage, AK  
Vancouver, WA

#### • March 17<sup>th</sup>

Albany, OR  
Newnan, GA  
OKC, OK\*  
Claremore, OK  
Mitchell, NE  
DeWitt, IA  
Lawrence, KS+  
Las Vegas, NV

#### • March 24<sup>th</sup>

Columbiana, AL  
Valley Center, KS  
Centralia, WA  
Crosby, TX  
Brighton, CO  
Tulsa, OK\*

#### • March 31<sup>st</sup>

Grove, OK  
Perry, GA

\* Performance only

+ Dalmatians only

## March Newsletter

# Minutes and Reports

## Minutes for the February Membership Meeting

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 • Home of Lori and Mac Finlayson

Not much news to report, but MCKC is pleased to welcome Glen Lyle as a new member.

## President's Report

Sorry I haven't had anything in the Newsletter lately but we've been busy putting the final touches on the premium list for the **Tulsa Roundup Dog Shows - May 27-31, 2010**. So many people have put so much effort into these shows but today I'd like to thank **Jamie Wooley** our **Trophy Chairman**. The trophies she chose (mainly from Garden Deva, a Tulsa company) are so unique that they have been wonderfully received by everyone.

And **THANK YOU** to all **you members** who have so generously donated trophies! I don't know when we have had all the Groups and Best In Shows covered by our own members. And the breed trophy donations are over whelming - all this will help with what we hope is a huge entry. One other perk - in the past MCKC has always given a rosette for all BOB winners at a cost of \$3.25 each. For the same cost we decided instead to give a 20 oz. stainless steel water bottle with the Tulsa Roundup logo on it. So we are doing our best to entice everyone to come!

We had another **GREAT WESTMINSTER WINE TASTING PARTY!** A great turnout of members, guests, wine, and food is making this a wonderful Club tradition. The event was made even more special knowing that **Helga Kamp & Bonnie Berney's Shar-Pei** had won **Group 2** the night before! And we were all able to cheer on **Jim Fehring's Cocker Spaniel** in the Sporting Group at the party. Other locals who did well in NY - Brenda Combs with a Terrier Group placement and Perry Payson who won the Non-Sporting Group. If you haven't attended this party think about it for next year - it's a lot more fun than just watching it at home alone!

The Club purchased a dog bath tub to use at the shows but we would like to buy another tub so if you know of a good buy on a tub please contact me. We want to make it more convenient for exhibitors who need to bathe their dogs during the shows. And it's early but I want to make a plea for members who can help mark the building **Tuesday afternoon, May 25th**. As in the past if **you work at least 4 hours** you can **move your crates into the building** before everyone else moves in Thursday morning.

Look for **ads for the Tulsa Roundup Dog Shows** - the first ad will be in the **March Issue of Canine Chronicle**. It's a full page color ad featuring the logo and all the info about the shows and grounds - it's an eye-catching ad! Other adds are planned for Dog News and some area dog show catalogs. Onofrio will have flyers about the shows on their table at local shows too. Hopefully EVERYONE will know that **WE ARE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!**

Karen Gibson  
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### Braggs and Achievements

Dog	Owner	Breed	Show	Win	Pt
<b>BOB/Group/BISS/BIS</b>					
BIS CH. Chaoyang Chick Magnet at Asia	Bonnie Berney & Helga Kamp	Chinese Shar Pei	Westminster KC	BOB, Group 2	
BIS BISS CH. Shamar's No Doubt About It	Jim & Debbie Fehring	Cocker Spaniel (ASCOB)	Westminster KC	BOB	

### State and National News

#### Senate Bill 1712 Seeks New Licensure Requirements for Breeders

SB 1712, called the “Commercial Pet Breeders Act”, would classify anyone with eleven (11) or more intact females as a commercial breeder. Commercial breeders would have to be licensed and have their facilities inspected. The bill would also create the Board of Commercial Pet Breeders to oversee enforcement of the Act.

Reputable breeders and citizens alike find this bill onerous for several reasons. First of all, this bill will further burden our state budget by incurring expenses generated by the salaries of the board member and site inspectors, and the cost of travel associated with inspection and enforcement. Secondly, the USDA already provides this type of regulation, so this bill is redundant, and provides no further protections for the buyer. Finally, licenses are not required until January, 2011, but breeders can be charged with a misdemeanor starting July 1, 2010, leaving breeders very little time to comply with the new laws.

Those of you who wish to read SB1712 in its entirety can go to the MCKC yahoo group. It has been uploaded to the files section of the site. Oklahoma has several other bills in committee which should be watched by concerned breeders and dog owner:

*House Bill 2745* – This bill seeks to create the “Oklahoma Pet Quality Assurance and Protection Act”, a voluntary licensure program for anyone who transfers 35 or more dogs or cats. The state’s Board of Agriculture would also be empowered to develop rules, as advised by a citizen committee, for care and conditions standards in licensed facilities. This bill passed the House Economic Development and Financial Services Committee.

*Senate Bill 1340* – This bill, entitled the “Kennel Definitions Act”, defines a “commercial breeder” as one who harbors 25 intact females. The bill would also require show and hobby breeders to adhere to the same care and conditions requirements as commercial breeders. SB 1340 also provides consumer protection language and seeks to be the first law to explicitly define the term “puppy mill.” The bill has been assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

*Senate Bill 2186* – This bill would create the “Companion Pet Protection Act.” It would classify anyone who harbors more than 25 intact female dogs as a commercial breeder and require them to be USDA certified and follow federal care and conditions guidelines. **Hobby and show breeders would also be required to register with the state.** The bill has been assigned to the Senate Appropriations’ Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Regulatory Services.

Contents of this article courtesy of the AKC website. Article may be found at [http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/taking\\_command/2010/february/state.cfm](http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/taking_command/2010/february/state.cfm)

## March Newsletter

### Community News

#### Big Fun at MCKC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Westminster Watch Party and Wine Tasting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Westminster watch party and wine tasting was a great success, with 18 wine entries and outstanding food. A big thank you goes out to Lori and Mac Finlayson for hosting the party and opening their home to MCKC members and friends. Everyone had a great time cheering their breeds and sharing the triumphs of our club members.

Marc Crews had the BIS red, a lovely cabernet blend called "Oakley Five Reds." BIS white went to Karen Gibson for her exquisite chardonnay from the "Far Niente" winery of Napa Valley, CA. Too bad that Westminster only rolls around once a year...

Dr. Willa Duree, certified in animal chiropractic care by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, will be presenting the program, "Your Dog...Fit for Life." The lecture will be held at Companion Dog School of Tulsa on Friday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

#### North Arkansas KC to Offer Gail Brown Obedience Seminar

North Arkansas Kennel Club is offering a two-day obedience seminar with Gail Brown on March 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. The seminar will be held at the Norwest District Fairgrounds in Harrison, Arkansas and features a variety of topics including the use of correction, transitioning to off-leash training, maintaining control at a distance, and other matters critical to successful obedience training. The seminar provides opportunities for both individual and group instruction.

Gail Brown has been involved in dog training since 1961, and has been an AKC obedience judge since 1978. She started with a Sheltie and has has trained 17 different breeds to titles since then. Gail's philosophy encourages owners to experiment with training styles to find those which best fit the owner and the dog.

The cost of the seminar is \$75.00 per person (\$50.00 for NAKC members). The cost for Juniors (under 18) is \$20.00 per junior with paid adult in attendance. For questions or more information, contact Cj Titus at: [cj@dbarcy.com](mailto:cj@dbarcy.com) and put NAKC in subject, or call and leave a message at 870-404-1758.

#### The Last Word: The Economics of Dog Shows

According to the AKC, dog shows provide a significant economic boost to the host community. A three-day show typically provides the following financial contribution to the host city:

Small show (fewer than 1000 entries) = \$319,200

Medium show (1000-2500 entries) = \$588,000

Large show (2500 or more entries) = \$1,075,200

Businesses which benefit from dog shows include restaurants, hotels and motels, gas stations, veterinarians, apparel stores and dry cleaners. The typical exhibitor spends \$320 during a show weekend.