

Mid-Continent Kennel Club

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NOVEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: November 10, 2009

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Michael V's Restaurant

8222 E. 103rd Suite 137

Palazzo Shopping Center

Award Nominations to be Taken at MCKC November Meeting

Nominations for the Betty Charles Memorial Award and the MCKC Good Sportsmanship Award will be taken at the November membership meeting. The Betty Charles Award is presented to the MCKC member who has done the most over the last year to further the goals and mission of the club. The Good Sportsmanship Award is for the member who has best conformed to the rules, spirit and etiquette of purebred dog competition. Last years' winners were Lori Finlayson and Marc Crews.

In order to submit a nominee for either award, you must be present at the November meeting. Nominations will **not** be accepted by phone, email or snail mail. Be sure to prepare a small summary of your nominee's qualification and achievements. Awards will be presented at our banquet in January, 2010.

2010 MCKC Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee has met and nominated the following slate of officers for 2010. Ballots will be mailed to all members shortly, 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 November

• November 4th

Montgomery, Al
Belton, TX

• November 11th

Conroe, TX
Long Beach, CA

• November 18th

Bellville, IL
El Paso, TX
Dallas, TX
Fayetteville, AR
Costa Mesa, CA
Ridgefield, WA

• November 25th

Orlando, FL
Jackson, MS

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Minutes and Reports

Minutes for the October Membership Meeting

October 13th, 2009 • Michael V's Restaurant

Quorum Present

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Gibson at 7:00.

The minutes stand approved as published in the newsletter.

President's Report – President Karen Gibson reported that MCKC will get credit with AKC for a “B” Match for our participation in the K-9 Experience in Enid. Charles Simmons will head the nominating committee for officers and members at large for 2010. Jim Harber and Lori Finlayson are working with an artist for a new logo for the “Tulsa Roundup of Dog Shows.” A meeting was held in September with local breed clubs to share with them the details of our 2010 shows and invite them to have their specialties with us.

Paws in the Park will be Saturday, October 17th at the Riverwalk in Jenks. MCKC is a sponsor and will have a booth to hand out AKC info, club info and sell t-shirts.

New Business – The awards banquet will be held in January. Discussion of possible dates. Carol Minden will coordinate.

Vice President – Lori reported that the junior handling classes will be held in January.

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

Secretary – Thank you letter from the Humane Society for sponsorship was read.

Membership Committee – Membership applications from Shawnda Courtney, Jim Fehring and Cheryl Shuman were read. All were voted in as new members.

Karen thanks Ruth Harris who was in attendance for her generous donation to the Children's Art Show in memory of Don Pfeifer.

Betty Charles Award and Good Sportsmanship awards – Nominations will be made at the November meeting and voted on at the December meeting.

Westminster Party – need host for party.

Meeting adjourned.

Speaker – Terri Wilson on Canine Freestyle.

Deby Harber
MCKC Secretary

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President's Report

It's all good...

October Program Features Canine Freestyle

Those who attended the October MCKC membership meeting were treated to an explanation and video demonstration of Canine Freestyle, aka "dancing with your dog." Terri Wilson explained that you don't have to be particularly graceful to have success at this lighthearted canine sport. Instead, just put on some music and walk around until you find a tempo that suits you and your dog. And make certain to choose a song you like, because Terri warns, you'll be listening to it "over and over and over and over."

It takes approximately six months to teach a dog a complete routine. No bait or toys are allowed during competition. On the bright side, you can compete without ever leaving your home, because the World Canine Freestyle Organization accepts video submission for competition. If you'd like to learn more about Canine Freestyle, contact Terri at <http://www.dixiesanimaltraining.org/> or visit the WCFO website:

<http://www.worldcaninefreestyle.org/index.html?http%3A//www.worldcaninefreestyle.org/about/definition.html>

Your Name Here

MCKC need volunteers to supply the door prizes at our 2010 meetings. A gift for either dog or human is appropriate. If you would like to sign up, please let someone know at the November membership meeting.

Show Brags and Achievements

Dog	Owner	Breed	Show	Win	Points
On Their Way					
Andauer MVP	Karen Gibson	Whippet	Lawrence, KS	WD	3
Botar's Fire & Brimstone At Tycia	Janine Winings	Labrador Retriever	Enid, OK	WD, BOW	1
				WD	1
Dalmino's Mata Hari	Lori Finlayson	Dalmatian	Heartland Dal Specialty	RWB	--
Marwyn Whisper My Name, Mr.	Cheryl Schuman	Skye Terrier	Ludwigs Corner, PA	WB, BOW	4
New Title					
CH. Cucullin Cladich The Jacobite	Cheryl Schuman	Skye Terrier	Ludwigs Corner, PA	WD, BOW	5
CH. Dalmino's Mata Hari	Lori Finlayson	Dalmatian	Lawrence, KS	WB	4
URO2 CH. Morningstar Rebel Response, CGC, RA	Bonnie Parker	Scottish Terrier	Hot Springs, AR	RN	
BOB/Group/BISS/BIS					
CH. Andauer Porsche Carriera GT	Karen Gibson	Whippet	Lawrence, KS	BOB, Group 4 BOB, Group 4	
CH. Old West Cowboy Take Me Away	Deby Harber	Dalmatian	Heartland Dal Specialty	Best Veteran in Sweeps	

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MCKC Community News

MCKC Participates in Paws in the Park

MCKC supported the Tulsa Humane Society and the dog-owning community with their booth at the 9th annual Paws in the Park. The festival was held on October 17th at the Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks. MCKC members made a strong showing and supported the festival in a variety of ways. **Charles & Phyllis Simmons** brought the Club banner and tee shirts from the Children's Art Show At The Dog Show to sell; **Pam Clifton** brought lots of free AKC educational materials including coloring books, candy, and dog bones that were all popular with the kids and canines alike; **Jana Davis** brought one of her BEAUTIFUL Irish Setters - she set-up a grooming table to show him off and she could have started a grooming business from all the inquiries she got; and **Deby Harber, Lori Finlayson, Marc Crews, and Karen Gibson** all brought dogs to meet and greet the public. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Junior Handler Classes to be Held in January

Due to complications with scheduling, the Junior Handler classes are delayed until January. This should lighten the load on members as we move into the holiday season, and serve the needs of our youngsters who receive new puppies as gifts.

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.

November Program: Synopsis of AKC Breeder's Symposium

Those attending the November membership meeting will be given an overview of the AKC Breeder's Symposium held in Enid on September 19th, 2009. The symposium featured renowned breeding expert Claudia Orlandi, PhD, who presented her ABC's of Dog Breeding program and Reed Holyoak, DVM, PhD, DACT who provided a detailed biological overview of canine reproduction. There was plenty of scary information on canine diseases as well. I will have all the materials from seminar available, and will be happy to lend them to interested members.

2009 Refreshment / Door Prize Schedule

April: Linda Moore
May: Karen Gibson
June: Deby Harber
July: Lori Finlayson

August: Sherry Brisco
September: Janine Winings
October: Bonnie Berney
November: Anna Vaughn

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AKC and National News

AKC/Eukanuba Championship Open to All Dogs

In celebration of the 125th year of the American Kennel Club, the 2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be open to all dogs in AKC registered breeds and miscellaneous breeds. For the first time ever, championship points will be available to class competitors. The show will be held on December 12th & 13th, 2009 at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center in Long Beach, CA. Over 260,000 square feet of space will be utilized for conformation, 30,000 square feet for obedience, and a 60,000 square foot unique structure will host the AKC Agility Invitational. The entry fees are \$75 for Best of Breed competition, and \$50 for any other class. Onofrio is the superintendent for this show.

For more information, please see: http://www.akc.org/invitational/2009/event_info.cfm

AKC Announces Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

AKC recently announced the winners of the Lifetime Achievement Awards. MCKC participated in the voting process, and if memory serves, our choices have been honored. The winners are:

Conformation: **Sandra Goose Allen**

Companion Events: **Sharon Anderson**

Performance: **Jacquelyn (Jackie) Mertens**

More information about the 2010 Award recipients may be found at: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3973

Louisville KC Wins Suit Against City

United States District Court Judge Charles R. Simpson, III, of the Western District of Kentucky issued his decision in the case of the *Louisville Kennel Club, Inc. v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government*. A significant victory for the Louisville Kennel Club, the judge's decision features two key rulings that may also prove to be of great importance for dog owners nationwide. First, Judge Simpson held that there was no rational basis why owners of unaltered dogs should be treated differently than the owners of altered dogs. This declared part of the ordinance in question as an unconstitutional violation of Equal Protection and Substantive Due Process.

Reiterating another court's earlier decision that recognized that dogs are personal property, the judge further held Louisville's seizure bond requirement as an unconstitutional violation of procedural due process rules. This requirement, which required anyone accused of animal cruelty to post bond for the care of their seized animals, would have resulted in the forfeiture of animals if they were not able to pay for the bond regardless of whether or not they were later determined to be innocent.

"We congratulate the Louisville Kennel Club and their co-plaintiffs on their leadership in opposing the Louisville ordinance," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of the American Kennel Club. "We are confident that this decision will encourage communities to consider the interests of responsible dog breeders and owners when making changes to their animal ordinances."

Article courtesy of AKC website, and may be viewed at: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3976

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AWARD NOMINATIONS & CHAMPIONSHIP PLAQUE INFORMATION

Nominations for the Betty Charles Award and the MCKC Good Sportsmanship Award will be made at the **November** meeting. If you want to nominate someone, please plan to be at the meeting. Nomination forms will be handed out and collected at the meeting - **NO** nominations will be accepted by mail. Nominees will be printed in the December Newsletter & voting will be at the **December** meeting.

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 16th, 2008 and June 15th, 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 8th, 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:

Karen Gibson
5525 East 101st Street
Tulsa, OK 74137-6011

Write-ups may be emailed to:

Andauerwhp@aol.com