

## October Newsletter

# Mid-Continent Kennel Club

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

**DATE: October 13, 2009**

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

**LOCATION: Michael V's Restaurant**

**8222 E. 103rd Suite 137**

**Palazzo Shopping Center**

## Terri Wilson to Speak at MCKC October Meeting

Terri Wilson will present a lecture and demonstration of Canine Freestyle at the October membership meeting. Canine Freestyle, a choreographed performance set to music, is designed to express the joyful relationship of a dog and handler. Freestyle events are growing in popularity, as evidenced by the increasing membership in organizations such as the Musical Dog Sport Association and Canine Freestyle Federation.

Terri has been a dog trainer for more than 35 years and brings a wealth of experience to Dixie's Animal Training in Collinsville, where she currently teaches. While her own breeds are the Belgian Turvuren and Border Collie, she has excelled in the training of many breeds of herding dogs for herding trials and practical farm work. Terri also provides training in agility, tracking, obedience, rally and behavior modification.

Willow Acres Farm is Terri's personal venture, and was originally established in North Carolina. After Terri moved to Oklahoma in 2002, the farm was reopened in Collinsville and now includes a 7-acre herding facility, agility training field and an indoor, climate controlled training facility.

For more on Terri and Willow Acres Farm, please visit: <http://www.willowacres.com>

## Onofrio Show Closings for October

### • October 7<sup>th</sup>

Lafayette, LA\*  
Benton, AR  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Ridgefield, WA  
Princeton, IN  
Marietta, GA  
Austin, TX  
Tulsa, OK \*\*  
Charlotte, NC +

### • October 14<sup>th</sup>

Amarillo, TX  
Joplin, MO  
Rio Rancho, NM  
Olive Branch, MS++

### • October 21<sup>st</sup>

Salem, OR  
Pueblo, CO  
Springfield, MO  
Houston, TX  
Priceville, AL

### • October 28<sup>th</sup>

Chickasha, OK  
Roseburg, OR  
Houston, TX  
Monroe, WA  
Lincoln, NE

\*American Bullmastiff only

\*\* Performance events only

+ Vizslas only

++ Yorkshire Terriers only

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# Minutes and Reports

## Minutes for the September Membership Meeting

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 • Michael V's Restaurant

Quorum Present

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Gibson at 7:03.

The minutes stand approved as published in the newsletter.

President's Report – President Karen Gibson reported that Janine Winings supplied the door prize for the meeting. In 2010 the Responsible Dog Ownership day will be held in Tulsa and MCKC will be the host club. Karen is checking with the fairgrounds for possible dates. Hoping to have seminars, speaker, etc. Marc Crews will head the training classes in Enid. He will be assisted by Deby Harber, Jennifer Block, Bob Tucker, Charles and Phyllis Simmons. Paws in the Park is Saturday, October 17 from 9-12 at Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks. MCKC will hold a juniors demo and also sell shirts from last years Children's Art Show.

The Tulsa Roundup Dog Shows need an exhibitor hospitality chair. Please contact Karen or any board member if you are interested. Sponsors for the show are needed. We also need additional vendors. Other items discussed: Registration Pledge by AKC, Invitation to Frankoma Reunion and donation to the Children's Art Show.

Vice-President Report – Lori Finlayson discussed the upcoming Juniors classes to be held in October, the Papillion specialties. She also noted that Hardesty Library had contacted her and cancelled our meetings for November and December.

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

Sunshine Committee – Bob and Peggy Tucker are in charge of sending cards and flowers.

Guest were introduced and show wins were announced.

Old Business – Dog bed donations for the City of Tulsa Animal Welfare Shelter. Lori Finlayson made a motion to donated two Kuranda beds of each size to the Animal Shelter. The motion was seconded by Marc Crews and the motion was passed.

The Scottish Games will be held Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Minutes taken by Vice-President Lori Finlayson in the absence of Secretary, Deby Harber.

Deby Harber  
MCKC Secretary

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# President's Report

Things are really coming together for the **Tulsa Roundup of Dog Shows - May 27-31, 2010!** It's almost like someone is watching out over us because of all the good things that are happening. More info in future Newsletters! We are beginning to hire judges - please contact me with your breeds and I can tell you who has been hired so far so you can choose your favorite judge.

Mid-Continent will have a booth at **Paws In The Park** - Saturday, October 17th - 9 AM to Noon - River Walk Crossing (west side of the river - turn right at the end of the bridge) . Please contact **Charles & Phyllis Simmons** if you can help - 622-1691. We plan to have AKC Public Education materials there and also sell some our Children's Art Show At The Dog Show tee shirts. We'd like for members to bring their dogs and show them off to the public. You don't have to be in the booth the whole time but if you could bring your best ambassador for your breed for even an hour and talk to the public it would be a benefit.

It's time to get your information together for your dog's Championship Plaque. There is a copy of the form you need to fill out with the deadline elsewhere in the Newsletter. This form will also be in the November and December Newsletters. Also you might be thinking of who you want to nominate for the **Betty Charles & Good Sportsmanship Awards**. Nominations will be made at the November meeting and the vote among the nominees will be made at the December meeting.

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

## Show Brags and Achievements

Dog	Owner	Breed	Show	Win	Points
<b>On Their Way</b>					
Botar's Fire & Brimstone At Tyca	Janine Winings	Labrador Retriever	Kansas City, MO	WD	1
Jorkaite's Double O Sleven	Alicia McLaughlin	Kerry Blue Terrier	Topeka, KS	WD WD/BW/OS	2 4
<b>New Title</b>					
BISS CH. Liberty's Walk Like A Man SC	Donna Bennett	Whippet	NWARK Coursing	Senior Courser	
<b>BOB/Group/BISS/BIS</b>					
CH. Andauer Porsche Carriera GT	Karen Gibson	Whippet	Topeka, KS	BOB BOB, Group 1	
BIS CH. Chaoyang Chick Magnet at Asia	Bonnie Berney & Helga Kamp	Chinese Shar Pei	Little Rock, AR Topeka, KS	BOB, Group 1 BOB, Group 2 BOB	
BISS CH. Shaman's No Doubt About It	Jim Fehring	Cocker Spaniel	Ohio	BISS	
<b>National Rankings</b>					
Dog	Owner	Breed	Rank	System	
BIS CH. Chaoyang Chick Magnet at Asia	Bonnie Berney & Helga Kamp	Chinese Shar Pei	1	C.C. All Breed, Non-Sporting	
BISS CH. Shaman's No Doubt About It	Jim Fehring	Cocker Spaniel	1	C.C. Breed, All Varieties	

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### AKC National News

#### AKC Delays Group Realignment Vote

The long-awaited group realignment vote has been delayed. Prior to the date of the proposed vote, the AKC Board of Directors received official notification from several parent clubs stating their objections to the proposal as written. Several parent clubs wished to make a change regarding their placement in the proposed new groups. Based on the receipt of this information, the Board recommended postponement in good faith. The AKC Delegates, who met in September, also agreed to refer the question back to the Board for a vote in March, 2010. The AKC Board plans to incorporate the new information submitted by parent clubs into a detailed report, which will be prepared for the Delegate body. Due to the delay, any future changes in group alignment are unlikely to be enacted before 2011.

Those in favor of group realignment cite the need to institute a more logical system for classifying breeds into groups based on function and origin. They also wish to prevent large groups from swelling to unmanageable size. Although few want to see groups containing 40 or more dogs, those who question the realignment are concerned that the creation of even more groups will be harmful for rural shows or shows with low entries. At these smaller shows, the new groups may just consist of just a handful of dogs. The judging of groups would also take longer under the proposed realignment because of added time needed to reset the ring and bring in the new judge and dogs.

Article courtesy of the AKC. Article may be found at [http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegates\\_meeting/sept09.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegates_meeting/sept09.pdf)

#### AKC Delegates and Board Approve Division of 12-18 Month Class

The AKC Delegates recently voted to allow the 12-18 Month conformation class to be divided into two classes of 12-15 months and 15-18 months. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee earlier this year and approved by the Board of Directors during their May meeting. Further division of the 12 to 18 month class remains at the option of the individual club, and is not mandatory. The amendment will take effect on July 1, 2010.

##### **Approved Amendment to Chapter 3, Section 5, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows:* 12-18 Month Class**

The Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class shall be for dogs that are twelve months of age and over, but under eighteen months, that are not champions. Clubs may further divide the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class into two age groups consisting of twelve months of age and under fifteen months, and fifteen months of age but under eighteen months.

The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. For example, a dog whelped on January 1st is eligible to compete in the class at a show the first day of which January 1st of the following year and may continue to compete in this class at shows up to and including a show the first day of which is the 30th day of June of that year, but is not eligible to compete in this class at a show the first day of which is July 1st of that year.

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### AKC Changes Registration Rules

For those of you accustomed to exhibiting puppies on their litter registration, this option will no longer be available after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. In an effort to increase registration numbers, the AKC has changed the rules for exhibitors to require the individual registration of all dogs competing in any AKC event, including conformation, performance and companion events:

No dog shall be exhibited in a licensed or member dog show, except for dogs entered in the Miscellaneous Class unless it is either individually registered in the AKC Stud Book, or individually registered with a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration.

This article courtesy of the AKC website. Full article may be found at: [http://www.akc.org/rules/exhibit\\_rule\\_change.cfm#1](http://www.akc.org/rules/exhibit_rule_change.cfm#1)

### AKC to Offer Title Medallions

The American Kennel Club will be offering AKC Title Medallions to all owners whose dogs have earned titles at AKC events. The medallion is modeled after the original American Kennel Club Silver Championship Medal that was offered to AKC champions of record in 1910.

The AKC Title Medallion can be ordered for any dog with an AKC title and comes with a certificate of authenticity which verifies the achievement as well as space on the back of the medallion for the dog's name and title to be engraved. Owners can choose between two sizes: a small medallion that can be incorporated into jewelry and a larger size that can be displayed. Either size is \$25.

Owners of all past and present AKC title holders are eligible to purchase the medallion. The Title Medallions will be released in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in mid-December through the AKC online store. In the future, when AKC-registered dogs complete a title, they will receive a customized order form and an additional blank form to order medallions when they receive their AKC title certificate.

This article courtesy of the AKC website. Full article may be found at: [http://www.akc.org/Medallions/title\\_medallions.cfm](http://www.akc.org/Medallions/title_medallions.cfm)

## Community News

### MCKC Participates in the AKC Canine Experience

Several members of MCKC participated in the Canine Experience held in Enid on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Marc Crews and Charles Simmons did a fine job teaching handling classes and had their rings full with both novice and experienced handlers. Other members helped keep things organized, and represented their breeds at "Meet the Breed" booths.

MCKC will be hosting the Canine Experience in Tulsa next year, so this year's volunteers got a great preview of the scope of the event. MCKC anticipates improved attendance next year with a metropolitan location and Saturday event.

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### MCKC Award Nominees Needed

Once again, it is time to recognize outstanding members of MCKC. Nominees for the Betty Charles Award and the MCKC Good Sportsmanship Award will be taken at the membership meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **No nominations will be accepted by mail or email, so if you plan to nominate someone, please attend the meeting.**

Awards will be presented at the MCKC Awards Banquet in December. Last year's event was held at Michael V's, and was a rousing success. Lori Finlayson received the Betty Charles Award, and Marc Crews was the Good Sportsmanship Award recipient. We are looking forward to another great banquet this year, and hope to recognize the achievements of all our members.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for further details regarding banquet date and location.

### THS Paws in the Park

Tulsa Humane Society is sponsoring the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Paws in the Park on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks. Paws in the Park is the largest pet festival in the Tulsa metro area, and features a variety of educational demonstrations, vendor booths, exhibits and activities. The event takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the banks of the Arkansas River. MCKC would like to have a presence at this activity, so (as always) volunteers are needed to staff the booth and promote responsible dog ownership and purebred dog sports to our community. Contact Charles and Phyllis Simmons for more information or to volunteer.

### MCKC Offers Fall Junior Handler Classes

Due to the wild popularity of our spring junior handler classes, MCKC will offer a second series of junior handler classes in October. As always, volunteer teachers and loaner dogs are needed to make this activity a success. Spectators are encouraged to attend in order to simulate the show environment and provide the appropriate level of distraction for our dogs and handlers-to-be. Adults are welcome to participate in the classes as well. If you haven't experienced the junior handler class, make time to do so. It's a great way to reach out to the community, and frankly, the kids are hilarious.

### 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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### 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 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:

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

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

Andauerwhp@aol.com