

September Newsletter

Mid-Continent Kennel Club

www.midcontinentkennelclub.com

SEPTEMBER MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: September 8, 2009

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Michael V's Restaurant

8222 E. 103rd Suite 137

Palazzo Shopping Center

MCKC Changes Meeting Location to Michael V's Restaurant

Carol Minden, MCKC member and owner of Michael V's Restaurant, has generously made her facility available for the remainder of this year's MCKC meetings. Along with outstanding food, a great atmosphere and generous parking, this new meeting venue will allow the club to manage its time more effectively and eliminate those annoying delays between the end of our social gathering and the start of the meeting. This will also free the club from time constraints imposed by the library and eliminate the disruptions caused by the ongoing construction project.

For those who wish to eat before or during the meeting, Carol is designing a special menu which should accommodate a variety of tastes and budgets. This change also eliminates the need for members to bring refreshments to the meeting. Instead, those scheduled to bring refreshments should bring a small door prize to give away to some lucky member. We are all grateful to Carol for her kindness and look forward to many great gatherings at our new meeting location.

For more on Michael V's, please visit: <http://www.michaelsrestaurant.com/index.html>

Onofrio Show Closings for September

• September 2nd

Atlanta, GA

Helena, MT

Plymouth, WI

Gray Summit, MO

• September 9th

Grand Junction, CO

Kennewick, WA

Hot Springs, AR

Lubbock, TX

Carson City, NV

Murfreesboro, TN

Bloomington, IL

• September 16th

Alamogordo, NM

Lincoln, NE

Hutchinson, MN

Roseville, CA

Humble, TX

• September 23rd

Memphis, TN

Los Lunas, NM

Mason City, IA

Canton, TX

Lawrence, KS

Boise, ID

Enid, OK

• September 29th

Belton, TX*

• September 30th

Rapid City, SD

Springfield, IL

Louisville, KY

Belton, TX

Lawton, OK

*Australian Cattle Dogs only

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Minutes and Reports

Minutes for the August Membership Meeting

August 11th, 2009 • Therapeutics Service Dogs
Quorum Present

Demo by Therapeutics.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Gibson at 8:02.

Guests in attendance were introduced.

The AKC Responsible Ownership day is Sunday, September 20 in Enid OK. A breeder's symposium will be held on Saturday, September 19. The cost for the symposium is \$95. The club had a drawing for a free admission to the symposium that was won by Lori Finlayson. MCKC will be doing the handling seminar on Sunday. Karen passed around a signup sheet for people willing to help. The Responsible Ownership day will be in Tulsa in 2010.

New associate member and vet student at OSU, Alicia Davis received a \$5,000 scholarship from AKC.

Karen asked for suggestions for a name for our show being held on Memorial Day weekend in 2010. Charles Simmons will contact QuikTrip about possibly donating gas cards for trophies.

The Humane Society Paws in the Park will be held Saturday, October 17 at Riverwalk Crossing. Volunteers will be needed.

The City of Tulsa is asking for donations for the purchase of Kuranda beds for the Tulsa Animal Shelter. Janine Winings volunteered to research this further.

Vice-President Lori Finlayson reported that MCKC will hold a junior handler class in October at Companion Dog School.

MCKC member Ruth Harris donated \$500 for the Art Show in memory of Don Pfeifer. It was suggested that next year's art show be dedicated to Don.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – Linda Moore presented the treasurers report.

New Business – Program Chairperson – Anna Vaughn will take this position starting in January 2010. Need a volunteer in the interim.

Meeting location – Linda Moore will check on a meeting room at the new Lafortune Library. The meeting room at the Lafortune Community Center is \$90. Carol Minden – MCKC member and owner of Michael V's restaurant – volunteered the meeting room at Michael V's. The menu can be seen at www.michaelvsrestaurant.com and Carol will work on a special menu for our meetings. Peggy Tucker made a motion that we accept Carol's offer to have meetings at Michael V's. Seconded by Marc Crews. Discussion – If needed we could bring dogs in the back door of the meeting room. Dinner service can start as early as 5:30. The motion was passed. The September meeting will be at Michael V's. Lori will contact the library to cancel future meetings.

Show information – Set-up will be Tuesday with Onofrio and vendors moving in on Wednesday. Specialties will be held on Thursday and the all-breed show will be Friday through Monday. Karen will take flyers to vendors and exhibitors at upcoming shows. Karen contacted the Dallas Stewards Club to possibly steward. The Tulsa Sight Hound club will have lure coursing at Hale High School.

Marc Crews made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Therapeutics. Seconded by Janine Winings, the motion passed and a check was presented.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Deby Harber, secretary

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President's Report

Our Memorial Day shows have a name - **Tulsa Round Up Dog Shows!!** The Seminole Club insisted that they wanted Tulsa to be part of the name and after much consideration by everybody this name was chosen - partly because we thought the possibilities for a logo were great!

I know all of us were saddened by the death of long time MCKC member Don Pfeifer. But another MCKC member wanted to honor Don's memory with a gift to MCKC's Children's Art Show at the Dog Show. Ruth Harris donated \$500 to our Art Show in memory of Don Pfeifer. The Board decided that the 2010 MCKC Children's Art Show at the Dog Show will be dedicated to Don Pfeifer. This is a perfect way to honor not only Don's memory but also his commitment to children. If any of you would care to also honor Don and the Art Show with a donation of any amount please contact me. We will list the names of everyone who makes a donation in the catalog and at the Art Show.

Just a reminder that the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event is in Enid this year on Sunday, September 20th. MCKC has volunteered to help with the Handling Classes for this event so we need workers. At the August MCKC meeting Lori Finlayson's name was drawn as the winner of the paid CHF Breeder's Symposium to be held on Saturday, September 19th in Enid. Lori is unable to attend so we will draw again for a winner at the September Membership Meeting - you must be present to win this \$95 value!!

All of you who are on the MCKC List received an email from Donna Bennett about our Club participating in the AKC Registration Pledge. I have signed our Club up for this so take a moment to go to www.akc.org/regpledge/ and read about it and sign the pledge - our Club could win \$1000!

Karen Gibson
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Show Brags and Achievements

BOB/Group/BISS/BIS				
Dog	Owner	Breed	Show	Win
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
National Rankings				
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

Chairperson Vacancies

MCKC needs chairs for the following committees:

Tulsa Round Up Dog Shows
Exhibitor Hospitality
Publicity

MCKC Standing Committees
Program (4 month interim)
Publicity

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AKC National News

MCKC Member Receives AKC Scholarship

Alicia Davis McLaughlin, MCKC Associate Member and Oklahoma State University student in the Veterinary Medicine program has been awarded a \$5000 scholarship by AKC's Companion Animal Recovery division.

The AKC Scholarship Program for Veterinary Medicine has existed for 18 years, and provides awards annually on behalf of various sponsors. Each AVMA accredited U.S. veterinary school is asked to nominate four scholarship candidates. From these students, the recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, activities with purebred dogs or related research, and need.

AKC Companion Animal Recovery works closely with veterinarians across the country to identify pets with microchips to ensure that lost pets will be reunited with their owners," said Tom Sharp, Vice President and CEO of AKC CAR. "We are happy to give back to the community by awarding scholarships to the next generation of vets that will play an integral part in responsible pet ownership."

Article courtesy of the AKC website. For complete article, please see: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3925

AKC Votes to Institute Grand Championship Conformation Title

The AKC board of directors voted unanimously during their August board meeting to approve a new advanced conformation title to be called "Grand Championship." The Grand Championship is intended to provide additional venues for exhibitors and to encourage entries. All Champions of record that are eligible to be entered in Best of Breed competition are automatically entered in competition for points toward the Grand Champion title when they are entered in the Best of Breed class at a dog show. There are no additional entry fees or cost to exhibitors for participation in this competition at AKC events.

For eligible champions, the Best of Breed (BOB), Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) winners can acquire points toward the Grand Champion title. A maximum of four dogs may be awarded Grand Championship points. The existing schedule of points and divisions will be used to calculate Grand Champion points. Grand Championship points will be awarded based on the number of eligible entries exhibited. All class exhibits and champions in breed or variety competition present will be counted to compute Grand Champion points.

Once an eligible dog or bitch has accumulated 25 Grand Champion points with three majors under three different judges and at least one point under a fourth judge, it may be designated Grand Champion and receive an AKC enhanced certificate indicating they have completed the necessary requirements for the title. Grand Champion title holders will continue to accumulate points towards the Grand Champion Ranking System after completion of title (Top 25, 50 or 100 by Breed, and Group). Any dog who completes its Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

The rule changes necessary to implement the Grand Championship will be read at the September 2009 delegate meeting for a vote at the December 2009 meeting.

This article courtesy of the AKC website. Article may be found at http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/0809.pdf

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AKC Reviews Litter Registration Rules

The Board reviewed a recommended change to *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline* to permit limited registration to be imposed at the time of individual registration **as well as during the first transfer of a dog**. This option would be available provided the dog was first registered by the breeder through the Full Litter Registration process. If adopted, this will allow breeders more flexibility in the registration and control of their dogs. Currently, a dog which is initially given full registration may not be changed to limited.

The limited designation could still be removed upon the written permission of the litter owner. The term “owner(s)” in this section means all of the owners of the litter at birth. Thus, all owners of the litter must agree to both the imposition and the removal of the limited designation. If the owners disagree on whether there shall be full or limited registration, in the absence of any written agreement to the contrary, the dog will receive full registration.

AKC has not yet approved this change to the litter registration rules.

This article courtesy of the AKC website. Full article may be found at: http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/0809.pdf

Community News

Name Proposed for MCKC-Seminole KC Fall Cluster

Members of MCKC and Seminole KC met on August 22nd to discuss plans for the 2010 fall cluster. The name “Tulsa Round-Up Dog Show” was suggested for the new event.

For those of you who have been off the planet for the last few months, MCKC and Seminole Kennel Club will hold a four-day cluster Memorial Day weekend, 2010. We all expect that this will become Oklahoma’s premier dog show, but it will take your input and energy to make it happen.

Please think about which committee(s) you would like to serve on, and let Karen know. A full list of committees and chairs is printed in the August newsletter, which is available in the files section of our Yahoo group.

AKC Canine Experience (STILL) Needs You

Volunteers are needed to help with the 2009 Canine Experience. The event is scheduled for September 20th, 2009 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Enid. The Canine Experience is a multifaceted event designed to introduce dog owners to AKC sponsored activities such as conformation, agility, field trials and therapy. Participation in the Canine Experience will count toward hosting a B Match and keep MCKC in good standing with the AKC, so your participation is very important.

A breeder’s symposium will be held the day before. If you are planning to attend the breeder’s symposium **and** volunteer the next day at the Canine Experience, MCKC can pay for your hotel room. Contact Karen to make arrangements.

MCKC will be hosting the Canine Experience in Tulsa next year, so volunteering this year is a great way to preview the organization and management of this event. For more information and a detailed schedule of events, please go to: <http://okcanine.org/>

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Therapeutics Service Dogs Help Oklahomans in Need

The August MCKC meeting was held at Therapeutics Service Dogs. Our members learned about the important role that Therapeutics staff and volunteer families play in meeting the needs of disabled Oklahomans.

Melanie Godwin, Public Education Coordinator for Therapeutics, provided information and a demonstration of the many functions that service dogs can provide. Mary Spears, DVM and Vice President of Therapeutics, explained the multi-year process required to train a service dog, and encouraged the MCKC membership to volunteer to be puppy-raisers and advance trainers.

Therapeutics hopes to expand its reach in the community and graduate 10 service dogs a year. In order to help Therapeutics reach its goal, MCKC voted to donate \$500 to this worthwhile program.

Are You Our Next (Interim) Program Chair?

MCKC needs a member to serve as interim Program Chair until Anna Vaughn takes over in January. The program chairperson is responsible for organizing educational presentations and obtaining guest speakers for our meetings. If you would like to serve in this vital role for three short months, please let Karen know. Suggestions for program content are also appreciated.

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.

Save the Date: Events in Oklahoma

<u>Month</u>	<u>Club/Sponsor</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
September			
4	Tulsa vs. Tulane	1 st Football Game	at Tulane
5	OSU vs. Georgia	1 st Football Game	Stillwater, OK
5	OU vs. Brigham Young	1 st Football Game	Norman, OK
17	Bulldog Club of America	Specialty Show	OKC, OK
18	Texoma Bulldog Club	Specialty Show	OKC, OK
19	AKC Breeder's Symposium	Education	Enid, OK
20	AKC Canine Experience	Match/Public Education	Enid, OK
19-20	Oklahoma City Bulldog Club	Specialty Show	OKC, OK
October			
9	Am.Wirehair Pointing Griffon Assoc.	Specialty Show	Enid, OK
10-11	Sooner State Kennel Club	All-Breed Show	Enid, OK
17-18	Lawton Dog Fanciers Assoc.	All-Breed Show	Lawton, OK

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The Sunshine Committee Is Here For You

Do you know of a MCKC member who could use a letter from a friend? The Sunshine Committee is here to lift your spirits. Bob & Peggy Tucker help our members through hard times by writing letters and staying in contact with our friends who are experiencing illness, loss of a family member or other difficulties.

Contact Bob or Peggy at peggytee@cox.net or 451-5967 if you know of a member who would be cheered by a note from MCKC.

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

THS Paws in the Park

Tulsa Humane Society is sponsoring the 9th annual Paws in the Park on October 17th 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 Deby for more information or to volunteer.

The Last Word

Despite the economic recession, pet owners still found the means to spend generously on their dogs, cats and other pets. The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA), an industry trade group, estimates U.S. spending on pets will rise to \$45.4 billion this year, from \$43.2 billion in 2008. The total includes \$17.4 billion for food and more than \$22 billion for over-the-counter medicine and veterinary care.

Total pet industry expenditures for the last several years:

2007: \$41.2 billion	2004: \$34.4 billion
2006: \$38.5 billion	2003: \$32.4 billion
2005: \$36.3 billion	1998: \$17.0 billion