



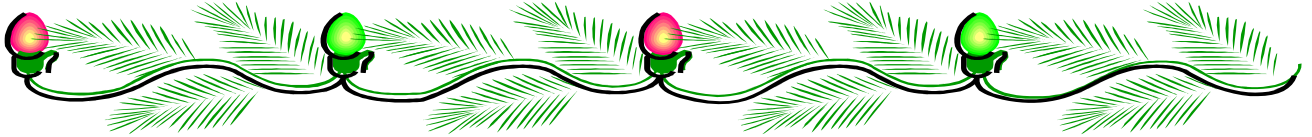
Conyers Kennel Club Newsletter

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CONYERS KENNEL CLUB DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Hello Everyone,

Our Christmas Party is DECEMBER 12, 2011 at BANKOCK GRILL, 5135, Hwy. 278, Covington, GA 30014, 770/784-7747 at 6:30. Bring a gift priced at around \$20.00 for our gift exchange.

If everyone coming to the Christmas party could bring a bag of dog or cat food Jackie said the food bank would be very appreciative. See you all there.

Gail LaBerge was our speaker last month and she gave material for the newsletter. I will put some of that in the January newsletter.

Don't forget that we will be voting on officers and board members. The only change was that Sue Puckett decided to step down as board member and Linda Jackson has been nominated in her place. Club members may make additional nominations at the Christmas meeting.

Conyers Kennel Club **Minutes 11/14/11**

President Don Watson opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by welcoming members and guest speaker Gail LaBerge.

Don asked if all members had received the newsletter and if there were any additions or corrections necessary. With no changes, a motion was made by Mike Houchard and seconded by Merry Carol Houchard.

Treasurer Rhea Spence distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for discussion. The August Show is settled and Don reported that this show was the largest entry for an August show. The reduced puppy rate was a major part of this increase with over 500 puppies entered.

The January show is set. There will be a cluster meeting on 1/10/12 at the Holiday Inn @ LaVista Rd. Please let Don know if you are attending and whether you will be eating.

The last Cluster meeting had several changes voted in. Lawrenceville and Sawnee Mtn have decided that the RV parking people are not necessary and will not be allowed food allotment. After much discussion on this matter, Don Watson has stepped down from the RV Parking position. It is up to the Cluster to decide who will be responsible to park RV's. Other changes that were voted in are the entry fees. These will be all puppies are now \$15, Bred-by is now \$20 and Second entry will be \$20. Mike Shelton is on the committee to evaluate costs and report back to the Cluster of ways to cut expenses.

Gail LaBerge discussed the current issues that the Canine Coalition is looking working on. She also advised Don about the current changes being discussed in Porterdale and Newton County.

Anne Crum is home and doing well after her surgery.

The entries for the UGA Scholarship were narrowed down to two candidates by Linda Jackson and Merry Carol Houchard. Each read an application, qualifications and essay for each candidate. The club decided to give the scholarship to Christopher.

Mike Houchard reported that the AKC nominations close tomorrow. He will forward the candidate information to Sandra McCurry for distribution to members. Mike will need to know how the club members want him to vote, by the February meeting.

The "B" Match will be Chaired by Sue Shelton and Jerri Dandelske. Sue will try to secure the soccer field, that was used last year, for this year's match. Don reported that he had 2 pop-up canopies to be used.

Linda Jackson reported that the Handling and Obedience Classes were only seven weeks due to the ice rink being set up at the Pavilion. There was a good turn out for the Handling Classes but the attendance for the Obedience Classes was lighter. As this was the first class offered, it is hoped next series will be better. The spring classes will be a six week session and Gaylord Cleveland has agreed to teach the Obedience again.

The RDOD evening was a good turn out with many people watching classes and meeting the different breeds. There was a decent member turn out but Don also reminded members that we all need to attend and support the Club events.

The Christmas Party is set and please remember to bring pet food donations for the food bank. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Jerri Dandelske, Secretary

BRAGS

*Jackie Dilworth reported that Aileron-Thorncrest Miracle On The Hudson, 2 year old Great Dane, bred by Jackie Dilworth and Melissa Bennett, Owned by Wendy and "Big Ben" McLendon took a 4 pt. Major and the Atlanta KC Show.

*Mike and Sue Shelton reported that English Setter Swagger took a 3 point Major at the Lawrenceville KC Show in Atlanta.
English Setter Myst became a new Champion at the Marietta Show.

*Gaylord Cleveland reported that Luigi obtained the 1st leg for his Utility Title.

*Randall McCurry reported that Papillion, Truly Not An Angel, has completed her Championship! She took WB in Nashville for a 3pt Major and WB in Marietta for a 4 pt Major. She then took a Select in Marietta for a 4 pt Major, Select for 1 pt in Knoxville and Select for a 5 pt Major in Priceville.

*Jan Moore reported that Golden Retriever, Believe In Magic "Starr" took BOW & BO Saturday & Sunday in Nashville.

*Rhea Spence reported that Piper's grandson "Digger" Charthill Premier Performer took WD & BOW at the Devon KC show during the National Specialty in October. He also finished his Championship in Kennesaw by taking WD, BOW, BOB over a specialty.

Jerri Dandelske reported that Gambler "Seafarer's Poker Face" took WD and BO for a 3 pt Major.



CONYERS KENNEL CLUB
2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your membership in the Conyers Kennel Club
Please return the bottom of this form with your annual dues to:

Jerri Dandelske-Secretary
929 Summerset Place
Monroe, Ga. 30656

Or you may bring it to the Christmas Party

Please be sure all of your information is correct by filling out the form below,
including your current e-mail address for the monthly newsletter and an
updated address list will be sent to you.

Our website address is: www.conyerskennelclub.org

We now have a Facebook page!

Please send any updates/information/suggestion for the website to:
jerri@dandehomes.com

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Breeds _____

Membership: Single \$10 _____ Family \$10 _____ Junior\$5 _____

Proposal of the Group Realignment Committee

The American Kennel Club Board of Directors voted to accept and approve the report of the Group Realignment Committee. The rule changes necessary to implement going from 7 to 11 groups will be read at the December, 2011 Delegate Meeting for a vote in March, 2011. The final decision on assigning breeds rests with the AKC Board, which will consider the input of the breed parent clubs. If adopted, these changes would become effective in 2015.

The Groups – projections with breeds currently in the Groups, Miscellaneous Class *and Foundation Stock Service* (numbers based on inclusion of new breeds and some movement within the groups, as some breeds are recommended for reassignment)

Group 1: Sporting – Pointers & Setters (18 breeds)

Bracco Italiano
Brittany
Drentsche Patrijshond
Pointer
Pointer (German Shorthaired)
Pointer (German Wirehaired)
Portuguese Pointer
Setter (English)
Setter (Gordon)
Setter (Irish)
Setter (Irish Red & White)
Small Muensterlander Pointer
Spinone Italiano
Stabyhoun
Vizsla
Weimaraner
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
Wirehaired Vizsla

Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers & Spaniels (21 breeds/varieties)

Barbet
Koolkerhondje
Lagotto Romagnolo
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)
Retriever (Curly-Coated)
Retriever (Flat-Coated)
Retriever (Golden)
Retriever (Labrador)
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
Spaniel (American Water)
Spaniel (Boykin)
Spaniel (Clumber)
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB
Spaniel (Cocker) Black
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color
Spaniel (English Cocker)
Spaniel (English Springer)
Spaniel (Field)
Spaniel (Irish Water)
Spaniel (Sussex)
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

Group 3: Scent Hounds**(21 breeds/varieties)**

American Foxhound
American English Coonhound
Basset Hound
Beagle (13 in)
Beagle (15 in)
Black & Tan Coonhound
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound
Dachshund (Longhaired)
Dachshund (Smooth)
Dachshund (Wirehaired)
English Foxhound
Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen
Harrier
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen
Plott
Portugese Podengo Pequeno
Redbone Coonhound
Treeing Tennessee Brindle
Treeing Walker Coonhound

Group 4: Sight Hounds**(15 breeds)**

Afghan Hound
Azawakh
Basenji
Borzoi
Cirneco dell'Etna
Greyhound
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound
Pharoah Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Sloughi
Whippet

**Group 5: Working-Utility
(19 breeds)**

Anatolian Shepherd
Appenzeller Sennenhunde
Bergamasco
Bernese Mtn. Dog
Black Russian Terrier
Dalmatian
Doberman Pinscher
German Pinscher
Giant Schnauzer
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Great Pyrenees
Entlebucher Mountain Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Newfoundland
Portuguese Water Dog
Saint Bernard
Slovensky Cuvac
Standard Schnauzer

**Group 6: Working-Molosser
(20 breeds)**

Boerboel
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso
Caucasian Ovcharka
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Chinook
Dogo Argentino
Dogue De Bordeaux
Estrela Mountain Dog
Great Dane
Leonberger
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Perro de Presa Canario
Rafeiro Do Alentejo
Rottweiler
Spanish Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff
Tosa

**Group 7: Working-Spitz
(24 breeds)**

Akita
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow
Eurasier
Finnish Lapphund
Finnish Spitz
German Spitz
Icelandic Sheepdog
Jindo
Kai Ken
Karelean Bear Dog
Keeshond
Kishu Ken
Norrbottenspets
Norwegian Buhund
Norwegian Elkhound
Norwegian Lundehund
Samoyed
Schipperke
Siberian Husky
Shiba Inu
Swedish Vallhund

**Group 8: Terriers
(31 Breeds/varieties)**

Airedale Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier (Colored)
Bull Terrier (White)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier

Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
Rat Terrier
Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

**Group 9: Toy
(23 breeds/varieties)**

Affenpinscher
Brussels Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
Chinese Crested
English Toy Spaniel (B& PC)
English Toy Spaniel (KC & R)
Havanese
Japanese Chin
Maltese
Manchester Terrier (Toy)

Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy)
Pug
Russian Toy
Shih Tzu
Silky Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

**Group 10: Non-Sporting
(14 breeds/varieties)**

Bichon Frise
Boston Terrier
Bolognese
Bulldog
Coton de Tulear
French Bulldog
Lhasa Apso

Lowchen
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Peruvian Inca Orchid
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Xoloitzcuintli

**Group 11: Herding
(30 Breeds/varieties)**

Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie
Beauceron
Belgian Lakenois
Belgian Malinois
Belgian Sheepdog
Belgian Tervuren
Berger Picard
Border Collie
Bouvier des Flandres
Briard
Canaan Dog
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Catahoula Leopard Dog

Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
Czechoslovakian Vicak
German Shepherd Dog
Lancashire Heeler
Mudi
Old English Sheepdog
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pumi
Pyrenean Shepherd
Schapendoes
Shetland Sheepdog
Spanish Water Dog



Podcast on the Genetics of Canine Behavior Released November 17, 2011

In this edition of Genome Barks we bring you an interview with Dr. Mark Neff, scientific investigator and Director of program for canine health and performance at the Van Andel Research Institute. Dr. Neff has received funding from the AKC Canine Health Foundation and his current research is focused on neurological and behavioral disorders in the dog.

In this podcast Dr. Neff discusses how researchers are learning about the genes responsible for behaviors like pointing and herding and how understanding the principals of the mind can help them understand the intrinsic reward system that motivates dogs to do what they do.

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Podcast on Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy (HOD) and Legg-Calve-Perthes (LCP) December 1, 2011

In this edition of Genome Barks we bring you an interview with Dr. Alison Starr, a scientific investigator at the Clemson Canine Genetics Research Group, which studies hereditary diseases in the domestic dog. Dr. Starr has received funding from the AKC Canine Health Foundation and her current research is focused on the development of genetic tests to help predict and screen for hereditary diseases.

In this podcast Dr. Starr discusses her study of Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy (HOD), a bone disease that usually affects young, rapidly growing, large breed dogs. Specifically, she is looking at HOD in Irish Setters. Additionally, Dr. Starr discusses her study of Legg-Calve-Perthes (LCP), a disease that results in the abnormal deformity of the ball of the hip joint and usually occurs in young miniature and small breeds of dogs. Specifically, she is looking at LCP in West Highland White Terriers and other Terrier breeds. For both HOD and LCP, Dr. Starr is hoping to discover the gene or genes responsible for these diseases so that genetic tests might be developed as a tool for producing better and healthier dogs.

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