



## Conyers Kennel Club Newsletter

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## CONYERS KENNEL CLUB NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone, our meeting will be next Monday, November 14th, 2011 at our regular time, 6:30pm to eat and the meeting will start around 7:30pm at IHOP as usual.

**The Conyers Kennel Club Nominating Committee has named the following candidates for our slate of officers and board members for 2012. Members may make additional nominations at the Christmas Party.**

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**Pat Broxon's dog Sadie** recently celebrated her birthday, she turned 16 years old. I just learned that Sadie just passed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pat and Levi. I know it is hard to lose a best friend. Sadie will be missed.

## CONYERS KENNEL CLUB MINUTES OF THE 10-10-11 MEETING

President Don Watson opened the meeting at 7:30 pm by welcoming members and asking if everyone had received their newsletter. He asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes as published in the newsletter. With no changes necessary, a motion was made by Jackie Dilworth, seconded by Dixie Westmoreland to accept the minutes as published. Minutes accepted

Treasurer Rhea Spence, distributed copies of the treasurer's report for review and discussion. The increase of power usage was discussed.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day went well. There was good member support. The Rockdale Citizen reported the event on the front page!

Linda Jackson reported that Handling Class will only be a seven week class as the Pavilion was double booked. The attendance at both the Handling and Obedience Class has been good.

Linda also reported that the Christmas Party is set. If you haven't returned your menu selections, please do so now! Don & Renae will not be able to attend due to a previous commitment.

Don reported that the Board and Officers had met and selected a Nomination Committee. This committee consists of Jan Moore, Sandra McCurry, Sue Shelton, Linda Jackson (Alternate), Jackie Dilworth (Alternate).

Don reported that the February show is set but had to have a judge changed. He also reported that the Judges Selection Committee has met and most judges have been selected. Don did it on line for the first time!

Mike Houchard reported that the GA Coalition Annual Meeting final information will be sent to Sandra to be included in the newsletter. Mike reported that the Bettering law has passed. Antifreeze will have this additive to make it taste bitter. Other bills will go back to the hopper and will come up at a later time.

Mike reminded everyone that the AKC Gazette is now online only. Mike also said the AKC Nominating Committee has been selected and he will forward all Candidate information to Sandra for publication in the newsletter. Mike will need member input by the February meeting.

Merry Carol Houchard and Linda Jackson have reviewed the scholarship applicants and will make their recommendation at the November meeting.

Membership application for Vicki & David Hyatt was read. A motion to accept this application was made by Renae, seconded by Jackie.

**Please welcome our newest members Vicki & David Hyatt!**

With no further business to discuss, Brags were made and a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Houchard, seconded by Renae Watson. Goodnight!

**Recorded by Jerri Dandelske, Secretary**

## **STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

### **AKC Registration, Transfer, and Co-Ownership Restructured Fees**

The AKC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its October 2011 meeting to restructure the individual dog registration and co-ownership fees. This new fee structure will allow AKC to continue its good works for all dogs, including canine health research donations, search-and-rescue dog grants, lost dog recovery, kennel inspections, monitoring canine legislation, and promoting responsible dog ownership among other programs. AKC can also continue to provide the same level of quality vital services to clubs, exhibitors and breeders. This is the first registration fee increase since 2007 despite the continuing economic challenges facing the country and as a result the sport of purebred dogs.

As of January 1, 2012, the first-time individual dog registration fee and each basic transfer of ownership fee will increase to \$30 per dog. This new fee structure also includes modifications to co-ownership. With the first-time individual dog registration as well as any subsequent transfer of dog ownership, one (1) primary owner will be listed with the \$30 registration or transfer fee. In addition, a \$10 fee will be added for each additional owner listed on the registration certificate.\* The primary owner will receive the official AKC Registration Certificate and each additional owner will receive an e-mail only copy of the registration certificate. The e-mail copy will be clearly marked COPY, will not display the certificate issue date, and will not have the transfer form on the back.

Owners of AKC Registered Dogs will still receive the same benefits as before including:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->AKC Registration Certificate
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Complimentary Trial Pet Health Care Insurance
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Eligibility to Participate in AKC Events
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->New Puppy Handbook and Optional discounted Registration Packages

As the nation's only not-for-profit registry, we look forward to the continued support of dog owners through registration with the American Kennel Club. Together we will overcome the current challenges of the economy and continue our good works on behalf of all dogs.

*\*Co-owners of dams registering litter members to the litter owners will be exempt from this additional fee.*

## Podcast on Canine Morphology Released October 20, 2011

In this edition of Genome Barks we bring you an interview with Dr. Heidi Parker, a staff scientist at the National Human Genome Research Institute. Dr. Parker's research has included the relatedness of the many different breeds of dogs to one another and investigation of the genetic causes of diseases such as malignant histiocytosis in the Bernese Mountain Dog and traits such as athletic performance in Whippets.

In this podcast, Dr. Parker defines morphology; discusses the similarities between the canine and human genomes related to morphology; and provides examples of how morphological changes can affect dogs such as improper coat in the Portuguese Water Dog.

[Listen to the Podcast](#)

If you enjoy this podcast, you will also be interested in Dr. Parker's earlier podcast called "[How Can Great Danes and Chihuahuas Be Related?](#)"

New podcasts are released every two weeks. They are also available for direct download at Apple's iTunes® or [www.genomebarks.com](http://www.genomebarks.com).

We are grateful to the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a *KeyBank Trust*, for their support of the Genome Barks Podcast Series.

For more information contact the AKC Canine Health Foundation at 1-888-682-9696 or [chf@akcchf.org](mailto:chf@akcchf.org).

## Podcast on Bioinformatics Released November 3, 2011

In this edition of Genome Barks, we bring you an interview with Dr. Meg Staton from Clemson University. Dr. Staton works in bioinformatics helping researchers find the causes of genetic disease. Bioinformatics is the application of computer science and information technology to the field of biology and medicine. In this podcast Dr. Staton discusses the role of the bioinformaticist in successful canine health research.

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## **Nominating Committee slate for the AKC Board Class of 2016**

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Club on March 13, 2012:

### **Class of 2016**

William J. Feeney

Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club

Thomas Powers

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Lynn Worth Smith

Vizsla Club of America

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following named Delegates has been endorsed, in writing, by the required number of Delegates as additional candidates for such vacancy on the Board of Directors as is to be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Club on March 13, 2012

### **Class of 2016**

Patricia M. Cruz

Heart of the Plains Kennel Club

Larry Sorenson

Dachshund Club of America

Robert A. Schroll

Clarksville Kennel Club

John L. Ronald

Samoyed Club of America

# **Competitions "Just for Juniors" to Debut at 2011**

## **AKC/Eukanuba National Championship**

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Competitions "Just for Juniors" to Debut at 2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship -

New York, NY - This December, the AKC is offering two new competitions just for juniors at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship: the AKC Juniors Agility Competition and the AKC National Obedience Juniors Competition, which will join our long-standing Junior Showmanship competition. I'm pleased to announce that more than 100 junior handlers have entered these inaugural events.

We wish them all the best of luck and we encourage you to stop by the Agility and Obedience rings on the morning of Friday, December 16th (Agility) and Saturday, December 17th (Obedience) to cheer on the future of our Companion sports.

Juniors participating in the AKC Juniors Agility Competition will be running both Standard and Jumpers with Weaves courses in either the Junior Excellent or Superior Classes, depending on whether they've achieved an agility title. The junior obedience entrants will compete in three age divisions in Beginner Novice and/or Novice classes twice, based on their AKC obedience accomplishments.

We have some very accomplished juniors entered. Three of the agility juniors competing have also qualified for the AKC Agility Invitational and will run their dogs in that competition over the weekend. Several obedience juniors will exhibit multiple dogs, and one junior will compete in all three events - Junior Showmanship, the AKC Juniors Agility Competition and the AKC National Obedience Juniors Competition.

In addition to our junior "firsts," Veterans and All-American dogs will also compete for the first time. We've invited our "older stars" that made a mark in the show world during their careers. The Veterans competing have won either All-Breed Best in Shows, National Specialties or were once ranked in the top five of their breed. Many of them are former National Championship competitors. At least one of our Veterans competed at the inaugural AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in 2001 and will have some of its progeny exhibited at the show as well.

Finally, we hope you'll support the AKC Canine Partners enrolled All-American dogs that will compete at the AKC Agility Invitational and AKC National Obedience Invitational for the first time. They'll be in the rings Saturday and Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando! Stay tuned to [www.akc.org/invitational](http://www.akc.org/invitational) for the latest updates.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker  
Chairman

## **BRAGS**

Great Dane, Aileron-Thorncrest 3 Point Landing, Co-owned by Jackie Dilworth and shown by Breeder Melissa Bennett, finished his championship in Deland. Runway is now awaiting his invitation to Eukanuba.

Nancy Donahue survived the Puli National!

Randall McCurry's Truly won WB/BOS in Augusta

Sandra McCurry's Miranda won a Group 2 at 3 1/2 months in the Augusta Match

Mike Shelton's Swagger took WD two days

Sue Shelton's Blue went BOB

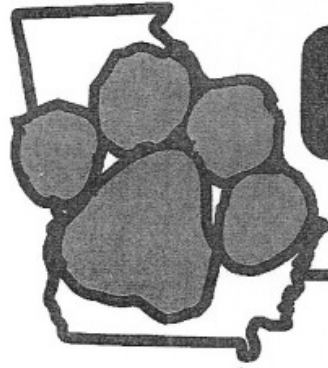
Jan Moore 9 month old puppy girl earned her Rally title and took 1st place

Linda Jackson reported that her two puppies have arrived and are adjusting well.

The next two pages were scanned and may take a couple of minutes to appear.

**Newsletter-Sandra McCurry**

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# Georgia

## Canine Coalition

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### FINAL UPDATE ON 2011 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

The final day of the 2011 Term of the Georgia General Assembly was April 14, 2011. Below is an update on Legislation affecting Canine issues for the just finished term. This was the beginning of a two year Session, so any legislation that did not pass could be considered or amended in January 2012.

The proposal to tax Veterinary Services did not pass, in fact, none of the "Tax Bills" passed. Those bills were House Bill 385, House Bill 386, House Bill 387 and House Bill 388. These bills include language that will tax "veterinarian expenses for pets." Sponsors of the bills are Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>, O'Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Peake of the 137, England of the 108<sup>th</sup>. While none of these bills moved, they are expected to be back in some form in January 2012.

HB 440 which deals with changes to the State Cruelty Law was placed in the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. This bill did not even receive a hearing nor was it placed in a sub-committee. Sponsors are Williard of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Dobbs of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Jacobs of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Golick of the 34, Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup> and others. The GCC had concerns with this bill and expressed them to the appropriate leadership. This bill is in the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

HB 148 which makes major changes to the State Dangerous and Vicious Dog sections of the Law had a short Judiciary subcommittee hearing Wednesday, March 9, at which time the sponsor stated that he knew the bill would not pass this year and that there were a number of people who opposed the bill. The GCC opposes this bill but has told other stakeholders, including the Sponsor, that we will work with them concerning major changes in this bill. Sponsors are Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, Battles of the 15<sup>th</sup> and Atwood of the 179<sup>th</sup>. This bill did not move out of committee, we do expect to see some version of this bill next January.

HB 409 This is a bill affecting Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. It relates to licensing and registration and seems to be a "housekeeping" bill for the Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. The GCC at this point has no concerns with this bill. Sponsor Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup>. This bill was House withdrawn and recommitted to Committee.

HB 40 "Chiefs Law" would add a bittering agent to antifreeze and was assigned to Senate Special Judiciary. Sponsors are Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, England of the 108, Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup> and Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>. The GCC supports this bill. This bill passed and was signed by the Governor on May 11, 2011.

HB 52 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 30-4-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to right of disabled persons to be accompanied by guide dog or service dog, so as to change certain terminology; to add public and private schools, public and private colleges, and public and private universities to the places where disabled persons may be accompanied by a guide or service dog; to prohibit the requiring of extra deposits for persons with guide or service dogs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. This bill passed the house and is in the Senate Higher Education Committee.

HB 60 Service Cancelable Loan, State Veterinarian Board, deals with funding loans for Veterinary students who go into a practice dealing with Food Animals. Sponsors are Maddox of the 172<sup>nd</sup> and Black of the 174<sup>th</sup>. Bill passed the house March 8. The GCC supports this bill. This bill is in the Senate Higher Education Committee.

Gail LaBerge

President, GCC

May Be Crossposted.



Georgia Canine Coalition, Inc.  
Treasurer's Report  
10/1/10 - 09/30/11

INCOME:		
Dues	\$1,620.00	
Individual Donations	300.00	
Club Donations	6,495.50	
Misc. Donations	388.00	
Misc. Income	1,009.95	
TOTAL INCOME		\$9,813.45
EXPENSES:		
Lobbyist	\$9,000.00	
Capitol Parking	280.00	
GN NP Corp. 2011 Registration	50.00	
Lobbying Expense	424.48	
Printing	394.23	
Cell Phone	404.80	
Ball & Cook, CPA	150.00	
GA Corp Tax - 2010	10.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$10,713.51
PROFIT OR (LOSS)		(\$900.06)
CHECK REGISTER BALANCE - 09/30/11		\$1,948.80





