



Conyers Kennel Club Newsletter

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CONYERS KENNEL CLUB SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone, our meeting will be next Monday, September 12, 2011 at our regular time, 6:30 pm to eat and the meeting will start around 7:30pm at IHOP as usual. Handling classes start Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Pavillon in Conyers and Obedience will follow at 8:00 pm.

CONYERS KENNEL CLUB MINUTES OF 8/8/2011 MEETING

President Don Watson opened the meeting at 7:30 by welcoming members. Don asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes as published in the Newsletter.

Corrections are that Mike Shelton will be Co-Chair for the RDOD Event, not Mike Houchard as reported. The other correction is that the number of AKC Registrations have decreased, not the number of show entries that was reported.

With these corrections noted the motion to accept these minutes was made by Merry Carol Houchard and seconded by Mike Shelton.

Linda Jackson reported that the Handling Classes are scheduled to start 9/13 and continue through 11/1. The time is 7:00 - 8:00 and the cost is \$5.00 per handler. Obedience classes will be held from 8:00-8:30 and the cost will be \$5.00 per dog/handler. The week of 9/27, Linda will not be available to teach class due to a conflict with her National.

Don reported that the August show will close on Wednesday. Don suggested a game to guess the number of entries. \$1.00 per guess, the closest to the total with out going over wins.

Set-up for the show starts on Tuesday at 10am. Don will be there to help with RV parking. The rest of the set-up will include pole wrapping, signs, etc.

Mike Houchard will get the shavings and tape. Erin Mayfield has the table clothes for Hospitality and the others should be in storage. It is Conyers turn to bring the coolers and caddies. Judge transport will be needed on Sunday. 4-H can not do the clean up for Thursday. We need 6-8 people to do the clean up from 8am - 6pm and they will be paid \$800 for the day. Any suggestions, please let Don know. Erin has everything set up with Woody for lunch. The cluster meeting was discussed. One of the changes are that the other clubs no longer want to purchase the drinks from Coke. This means we will need a volunteer to purchase the drinks needed. The parking costs were also discussed and there will be further discussion on ways to cut this from the \$800 per day currently being paid. It was decided that Ring Stewarts would be given parking passes for the weekend.

The discussion of allowing 4-6 month puppies was tabled for next year.

Another cost saving that was discussed was the ribbons currently being given by the Specialty Clubs. The suggestion was for Rosettes to only be supplied for BOB/WD/WB.

The next cluster meeting will be in January.

Nancy Donahue reported that there is not anything new on the Newton County proposed changes to the pet laws. Porterdale is not picking specific breeds to ban or classify as dangerous. Dekalb County is considering repealing the ban on Pit Bulls.

Steve Donahue reported that he would not be able to help with RDOD this year as there is a conflict with the Puli National.

RDOD will be held at the September 20th Handling/Obedience Class at the Pavilion. We will also do the Meet-A-Breed. The event will start at 5pm with hot dogs and sides. Merry Carol will handle the Essay Contest. Sue Shelton will contact the newspaper.

Linda Jackson reported that the Christmas Party will be at the Bankock Grill in Covington. The menu will be posted for members to chose the dinner and desert. We will do the gift exchange and the limit is \$20 and item should be holiday or dog related.

Members were advised that Kay Alred's husband has passed. She has also had to travel to NC to see about her Mother who is also ailing. Sue Shelton will send a card from the club.

With no further business to discuss the following brags were made:

Jan Moore reported that she has a new litter of 5 (2m/3f) from her Golden, Troy.

Randall McCurry reported that Garden Gate Truly Not An Angel (Truly) took WB on Saturday & WB/BO on Sunday in Waynesville, North Carolina for 2 points each day.

Dixie Westmoreland reported that Okay C Espresso @ Brookhaven (Betty) received her AKC Therapy Title. She is the 6th Cavalier to be recognized.

Merry Carol Houchard & Chris Miller reported that Ethan Miller has moved to Novice Junior Handler.

The also reported that River Rock Lyceum Own Dream B Snatch Rosen dog "Torino" owned by M.C. Houchard, C. Miller & E. Miller finished her AKC CH from the BBE Class at 9 months old. This earned her Sire & Dam their ROM's and is Chris's 8th BBE CH and Ethan's 1st BBE Ch. Torino's brother Cayman took WD for his 1st points. Gibson, CH Rosendog B Snatch Ran Away to RivRoc, RN took BOB over a large supported entry on Saturday.

Merry Carol Houchard reported that Mike Houchard has been selected as the District 6 Citizen for ARC.

Rena Watson reported that Ruby finished her CH at 10 months old, taking 3 points each day in Salem, VA.

Mike Shelton reported that Myst is now an International CH taking 2 Group 1 placements.

Linda Jackson reported that she will soon be getting two new Afghan pups. Also Mowgli went BIS and is owned by Jay.

Jackie Dilworth reported that Great Danes, AM CH Bridlewood's Dream Machine and his sister, AM/INT CH Bridlewood's Divine Design, co-owned and shown by Dawn O'Cain finished their Canadian Championships last month. Diesel was moved up and won BISS at the Association of Great Dane Fanciers over 9 specials.

Recorded by Jerri Dandelske, Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Doing the Right Thing for Dogs Everywhere -

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club, along with its affiliates, the AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery, is the only not-for-profit registry devoted to the health and well-being of dogs. We have allocated more than \$30 million to fund programs for the betterment of dogs everywhere.

AKC's \$20 dog registration fees allows us to raise millions of dollars each year that are dedicated to canine health research, nationwide kennel inspections, canine search and rescue teams and pet recovery.

Whether you're interacting with puppy buyers or helping a neighbor figure out what breed is right for them, we encourage you to share the good things we do and some of the many reasons to support the AKC beyond an interest in showing or breeding:


- Health Research: We have donated more than \$20 million to fund sound scientific research to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is the largest canine health research foundation in the world.
- Search and Rescue: We have donated over \$3 million to Canine Search & Rescue and pet-related disaster relief and preparedness efforts.
- Kennel Inspection: We inspect thousands of kennels every year to ensure the safety and welfare of dogs, the only dog registry to do so.
- Lost Dog Recovery: We offer recovery services 24/7, 365 days-a-year, and have reunited more than 400,000 lost dogs with their families. AKC Companion Animal Recovery is the largest not for profit pet recovery service in the country.

I'd like to thank one group that has always been dedicated to spreading the word about AKC's good works – our AKC Breeders of Merit. Thank you for your dedication to registering 100% of your puppies and the education you provide to your puppy buyers. The 5,700 Breeders of Merit lead the charge so that we may administer so many of these beneficial programs and help protect and support the welfare of dogs everywhere!

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

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Event and Judging Panel Notices are now available via Email!

Dear Michael Houchard, Delegate for Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia,

The AKC is pleased to offer clubs the ability to receive all event and judging panel notices via email instead of receiving letters via the US Postal Service. We have heard requests from clubs regarding this and are very happy to be able to offer this new service to all clubs holding all events.

You will receive the email containing the judging panel notices the evening after your event or judge panel has been processed or updated by the AKC. You won't have to wait for the mail to get your updates.

This service has been very successfully in production with the Licensed Superintendents since March of this year and we have completed 2 months of testing with a number of clubs who volunteered to participate.


We hope you sign up for this new service using the information below – it gets the information in your hands more quickly and saves the AKC money too.

Please follow the link below or go to http://www.akc.org/club_corr_pref/ and use the access code listed below.

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Link: http://www.akc.org/club_corr_pref?pin=526227

Please contact clubcorrespondence@akc.org if you have problems using the application. All active club officers for which the AKC has email addresses will receive an email from the AKC when your club has successfully opted into this program.

Thank you,
Charley Kneifel
AKC Chief Information Officer



Podcast on Emergency and Critical Care Released **August 11, 2011**

In this edition of Genome Barks, we bring you an interview with Dr. Gary Stamp, Executive Director of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. Dr. Stamp served as commander of the United States Army Veterinary command until 1999 when he retired from active duty.

Dr. Stamp discusses how much first aid training dog owners should have, when emergency veterinary care is necessary, and how to select an emergency service.

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2012 AKC POINTING BREED GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP TO RUN AT **HISTORIC AMES PLANTATION IN TENNESSEE**

- Area Rich in Bird Dog History -

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club(r) is pleased to announce the 2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship will take place at the Ames Plantation near Grand Junction, TN, beginning Monday, February 27, 2012. The area has been long associated with bird dogs: the first organized field trial in the U.S. was held near Memphis, TN in 1874 and the American Field National Championship has been held on the Ames Plantation since 1915. Grand Junction is also home of the Bird Dog Museum, which preserves the history of the sport.

"We are very pleased to be running at Ames and feel this event provides a unique opportunity to appreciate the sport's rich history," said Doug Ljungren, AKC's AVP of Performance Events. "Pointing breed enthusiasts will be able to watch great bird dogs and also visit both the Ames Plantation and the Bird Dog Museum to learn more about the history of their sport."

The Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship is the largest National Championship open to all pointing breeds. The traditional format of the event will be modified in 2012 to fit the historic courses at Ames, with only one Championship stake run. The one hour, non-retrieving, two series event will run for a total of 12 days, on birds native to the Plantation. The entry will be capped at 132 dogs.

Qualifiers for the 2012 event will include dogs that have earned their AKC Field Championship or Amateur Field Championship title or dogs that have placed in large stakes in 2011. In order to ensure representation of all breeds, dogs that win their breed's 2011 AKC National Gun Dog Championship stake (Open or Amateur) will have a spot automatically reserved. The winners of the 2011 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship held in Idaho will also have a spot reserved.

Event Chairman Ken Blackman, a resident of western Tennessee, has already been impressed with the local support shown for the trial. "The community has been extremely welcoming. Due to the region's long involvement with bird dogs, sporting dog events are appreciated, and this area understands and is grateful for the business these events bring to the community," he said. "The local Chambers of Commerce, community groups and businesses are pitching in to ensure the success of the Gun Dog Championship. Our thanks also go to Dr. Rick Carlisle and his staff at the Ames Plantation for their assistance!"

Major sponsors of the 2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship include Purina (the official dog food sponsor of the AKC Gun Dog Championship), Tri-Tronics, Eukanuba Pet Food, Garmin International, Sport DOG, Hardeman and Fayette County Chambers of Commerce, Bank of Fayette County and the Hobart Ames Foundation.

For more information, visit:

www.akc.org/events/field_trials/pointing_breeds/gun_dog_championships/.

The page will be updated throughout 2011.

The Excitement Continues!

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The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be returning to Orlando, Florida. The 2011 show will take place December 17th and 18th.

The 2011 show will be held at the new "state of the art" Orange County Convention Center, the second largest convention center in the nation. Situated in the heart of Orlando's tourism district and only 15 minutes away from the Orlando International Airport, the convention center is surrounded by more than 113,000 hotel rooms. Its prime location on International Drive will offer exhibitors hundreds of outstanding shopping, dining and entertainment options.

[Read more.](#)

New Ways to Qualify

We are pleased to announce that we have added a new eligibility for the Veterans who have made a mark during their career. While the event can not offer a separate competition due to time constraints we will be sending invites to any dog over seven years on the day of the show to compete for Best of Breed and if eligible for the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Award. A dog will need to meet one of the following criteria:

- Winner of an All Breed Best in Show
- Winner of a National Specialty
- Ranked in the Top five in Breed any given year by the AKC/Eukanuba System

The AKC website will show a list of dogs who meet the above criteria and who will be between 7 and 12 years of age on the first day of the show. [View Veterans List.](#)

Thank you to all those who contacted us to included these past winners and we look forward to seeing some of these great dogs shine in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship for many years to come.

Grand Champion Eligibility

Grand Champions completing a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum level will be [invited](#).

[Read more about qualifying for the event.](#)





September 2, 2011

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4474

Yesterday, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) distributed proposed rules that **provide guidance to federal agencies tasked with enforcing a 2008 law that amends the federal Animal Welfare Act. This measure limits the importation of dogs under the age of 6 months into the United States for the purpose of resale.** The proposed rule is necessary to implement this law and further ensure the health and welfare of America's dogs. The AKC believes the proposed regulations, as written, are a reasonable interpretation of the statute.

HISTORY:

As far back as 2007, the AKC Government Relations Department worked with members of Congress and federal agencies to ensure the reasonableness of parts of the federal agricultural authorization (the "farm bill") that impact dogs. Since the bill became law in 2008 as the *Food, Conservation, and Energy Act*, the AKC has continued to work with APHIS to ensure that any proposed regulation that focuses on dogs ensures the health and safety of American dogs and the wellbeing of the dog-owning public.

Strong enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act as amended law is supported by the American Kennel Club and other animal welfare organizations, recognizing that a large number of puppies are being bred overseas and imported into the United States in order to bypass the welfare regulations and standards required of American breeders. In many cases, irresponsibly bred and undocumented foreign puppies end up at shelters, rescues or other informal or unregulated retail venues. Diseases borne by such animals can create public health issues for both animal and human populations.

WHAT THE PROPOSAL DOES:

The new regulations provide specific guidelines needed by US Customs to prevent the continued "dumping" of unregulated foreign puppies for resale onto US markets. The underlying law (7 U.S.C. 2133) defines resale to include "any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months to another person, for more than de minimis consideration."

Specifically, the rules **"prohibit the importation of dogs from any part of the world into the continental United States or Hawaii for purposes of resale, research or veterinary treatment, unless the dogs are in good health, have received all necessary vaccines and are at least 6 months of age"**.

Dogs intended for resale, research, or veterinary treatment may be allowed into the U.S. as long as they obtain an import permit from APHIS, import that dog within 30 days of the proposed import date stated on the permit, and abide by other requirements including:

- **The dog is not younger than 6 months of age.**
- **Dogs imported into the United States for resale, research, or veterinary treatment must be accompanied by an import permit issued by APHIS.** This would help ensure that the requirements for importing dogs are understood and met by the importer.
- **Detailed health and rabies vaccination certificates are provided for each dog imported into the United States.** The certificates must be in English and signed by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian

must provide his license number on the certificate. By providing proof of having received vaccinations necessary to protect against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvo, parainfluenza—DHLPP—and rabies, personnel at a port of entry will be able to best determine that each dog is in good health for importation.

- **Improved identification and tracking requirements.** Under the regulation, importers and exporters are required to provide personal identification and contact information and detailed information for each dog imported. This will help APHIS to determine whether dogs are eligible for importation, to identify dogs at a port of entry, and to contact appropriate parties if any questions arise concerning the importation.

The proposed rule also provides sanctions for those who attempt to import dogs without complying. In addition to penalties already available under the Animal Welfare Act, non-complying importers will be required to provide for the cost of care (including appropriate veterinary care), forfeiture, and adoption of the dog, at his or her expense. This will help ensure the welfare of dogs imported into the U.S., serve as a punishment for violators, and provide a deterrent against potential non-compliance.

The import permit does not guarantee entry into the US, and any dog may be refused entry for non-compliance with requirements.

WHAT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT DO:

These proposed rules do not prohibit individuals from bringing foreign dogs into the United States for their own use or breeding programs, nor target certain breeders for undue hardship.

For further details and to view the proposed regulations, [click here](#).

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until October 31, 2011. If you would like to comment, please [click here go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) and click "Submit a Comment".

For more information, contact:

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AKC AWARDS \$16,000 IN VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club(r) (AKC(r)) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2011-2012 AKC Veterinary Student Scholarships. Students from six American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited schools of veterinary medicine received scholarships thanks to the generous support of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

"The 2011-2012 scholarships mark the 20th anniversary of our veterinary student scholarship program, and we thank the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and AKC Canine Health Foundation for their continued support of this program," said Debra Bonnefond, Director of Veterinary Outreach. "We're happy to be able to assist hard-working future vets that have dedicated themselves to the health and well-being of dogs and other companion animals."

The AKC Scholarship Program for Veterinary Medicine has existed for 20 years, and the awards are given annually. Each of the 28 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.

The 2011–2012 Veterinary Scholarship Recipients are:

AVMF Awards (\$3,000.00) – Sponsored by the AKC and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation:

- o Kim Hitt – Mississippi State University (2012)
- o Emily Meyer – North Carolina State University (2012)

AKC/CAR Awards (\$2,500.00) – Sponsored by AKC Companion Animal Recovery:

- o Chad Malinak – Louisiana State University (2012)
- o Jenna Dockweiler – Kansas State University (2014)

Robert L. Kelly Memorial Scholarships (\$2,500.00) – Sponsored by AKC Canine Health Foundation:

- o Rebecca Csomos – University of Pennsylvania (2012)
- o Katherine Megquier – Tufts University (2012)

Podcast on Cryptorchidism and Cranial Cruciate Ligament Disease Released September 8, 2011

In this edition of Genome Barks, we bring you an interview with Dr. Max Rothschild, distinguished professor of agriculture and life sciences and director of the Center for Integrated Animal Genomics at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation primarily for his research in cryptorchidism, Dr. Rothschild's areas of research interest are gene mapping, reproduction and immunogenetics of swine, new statistical methods to evaluate animals and gene identification in dogs.

Dr. Rothschild helps us understand what cryptorchidism is and discusses the health concerns associated with the condition and the developments in his [research to find the genetic cause](#).

Furthermore, Dr. Rothschild is doing genetic [research on Cranial Cruciate Ligament disease](#). He discusses the condition and the status of the research.

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