



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER March 2009 Edition

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The Winds of March

I love March! The days are getting longer and just a bit warmer! Spring is here (or so the calendar says it is). For me, it signals that the long harsh winter is almost over. Next month we will start having those April showers that will bring those May flowers. Another great thing about March is that we can start to get out for walks with our canine friends. I have had my Izzy out for several walks already. The wealth of smells out there is like a smorgasbord for her! All too soon we will be able to start playing "chuck-it" off the back deck. It is the simple things that make our furry friends happy! They don't have to cost a lot. As the winds of March continue to blow, I hope that you all have an opportunity to get outside with your pets and enjoy some great times, whether that be training your dog for hunting, playing a game of fetch in the back yard or just going for a walk. Spring is here and it is just the start. Let the good times roll!

MANITOWOC COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

March 4, 2009

Awards Banquet at Nibby's

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. 41 members signed the roster.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting which is available on the club website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (June Ashford): No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Angela Chetcuti): Please sign in! 86 members have renewed out of 153 renewals mailed out.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Burl Cavanaugh): Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the monthly treasurer's report.

MANITOWOC BUILDING/GROUNDS (Burl Cavanaugh): Remember to pick up after your dogs and lock the doors after you use the building.

OBEDIENCE (Bonnie Liermann): Please read the newsletter for upcoming events, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

We still plan to hold a spring rummage sale, so hold on to any items you'd like to donate for this event.

We are arranging for speakers and demonstrations to be held at our monthly general meetings. Check the club website to find out what's coming up in the near future.

Don't forget to email your brags to Julie.

NEW BUSINESS:

If any member would like to share magazines they subscribe to, they should leave them at the club with a note to "read and pass on."

A motion was carried to allow the Treasurer to pay any bills.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. It was followed by the Awards ceremony. Great job Kay! Congratulations to all.

The next meeting of the MCKC will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., at the MCKC facility on Albert Drive.

Angela Chetcuti

Secretary

Obedience - Session 2 begins March 16 - May 4. Thank you to the following instructors and assistants: Charlotte Guile, Julie Holschbach, Pat Brooke, Ann Waak, Keith Hutterer, Bonnie Liermann, Sarah Gallenberger, Marisue Eisner, Ginny Orheim, Jenni Tollefson, Laurale Stern, Carol Paphlam.

Awards Banquet

March 4th was the annual Awards Banquet, which was held out at Nibby's in Branch. Thank you to Kay Christal for helping to organize the event! Also a **BIG** congratulations to all those who were recipients of awards! Kay wants to remind new award recipients need to turn in their pictures to her so that they can be hung up at the club for all to see!

Delegate's Report

Romana Arnold is the MCKC representative to the AKC. As an AKC member club, we are entitled to having someone keep us up-to-date about happenings and to vote as our proxy. Most clubs do not send a delegate to meetings due to travel costs, so local individuals who represent nearby clubs often will also be a delegate for a distant club. That is how Ms. Arnold came to represent us. A few years ago she and her husband, Lee, came to Manitowoc to meet everyone, attend our fall show, and visit the field grounds. While she is unable to attend all meetings, she does send periodic reports, and they will now be printed in the Tailwagger Times. While it may appear that much in the report would not affect our club, it does keep us informed of current items. Full reports may be found at www.akc.org or in the monthly "Purebred Dogs" publication.

AKC Delegates Meeting December 16, 2008 Long Beach, CA

Before the meeting began at 11:00 AM, it was preceded by a Candidates Forum which began at 9:00 AM. The Candidates for the Board were each asked questions submitted in advance by the Delegate Body. Executive Secretary Jim Crowley acted as moderator. Questions were also asked from the audience by the various Delegates.

At 11:00AM, President Dennis Sprung called the meeting to order. Each Candidate for the Class of 2013 delivered a three minute speech regarding their candidacy. New delegates were introduced. The minutes of the September meeting were approved. The Kennesaw Kennel Club was elected as a member.

Chapter 17, Section 2, regarding rules to Dog Shows was amended to enable AKC to bill event fees to superintendents on a monthly basis. Chapter 9, Section 11, is the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting tests. The vote on the other two amendments to the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures, which would have differentiated Beagle Field Trial Championships based upon the types of trials in which they were earned was postponed until March.

John Lyons, COO of AKC in Raleigh read the community Achievement Award for AKC Responsible Dog Ownership day events. They were: Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club, Greenville Kennel Club, and Trap Falls Kennel Club.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM

The next Delegates meeting will take place in Newark, NJ on March 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Romana Arnold
AKC Delegate, Manitowoc County Kennel Club

Milwaukee Dog Training Club:

Please join the Milwaukee Dog Training Club in celebrating its 40th Anniversary of Obedience Trials (and it's our Club's 80th Anniversary this year too!)

On June 6 & 7 we will hold our annual Rally and Obedience trial at Western Waukesha Dog Training Club's wonderful facility.

This year both Rally and Obedience are inside! There will be limited crate space during the event. Attached is a copy of the premium. You can also visit the Club's website to find it as well <www.milwaukeeadog.com>.

Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you think might be interested in this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or John Pittman, trial secretary (jbpitman@milwaukeeadog.com)

Hope you will help us celebrate "heeling into our 40th year of obedience trials".

Sue Johansen
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S-OJC O-TN-E TG-N WV-N "Cameron" (Rough Collie)
Feb 22, 2009 WAG Training Center, Spring Grove IL. Cameron earned her third U-
Grach leg with a combined 🏆(perfect) score of 600 points

Riverwood Estates Residents receive a “treat!

The residents of River Wood Estates Assisted Living Facility were treated to a demonstration by Debby Wronkowski and her service dog Halon on March 10th. Halon is a registered Owner - Trained Service Dog specializing in mobility. Gloria Helmer and her Labrador Retriever Maddie performed some Obedience exercises and a few tricks for entertainment.

“Marching Orders”

What would you do if you had to leave your home for a year or so....but couldn't take your beloved pet along with you? Would you have family or friends to care for them until you get back? What if you didn't? “Best Friends Magazine” featured an article in their January/February issue about a group of people who face such a decision. It is our Military soldiers who are deployed for their tours of duty. While the army has many tools to help people and families with deployment issues, there is nothing to help pets. If families and friends are unable to care for these pets until their owners returns from service, the pets can find themselves left behind at shelters or sometimes just abandoned.

The article mentioned several organizations set up to handle this sensitive and growing problem. Albin's Military Pets Foster project that was started in 2001. Since that time, the organization has 3500 potential homes across the country with 500 to 1000 foster homes to fill at any given time. Guardian Angels for Soldiers's Pets is another organization that helps find foster homes for pets whose owners are military personnel who need a good home to care for their pets while they are away.

The joy of being reunited with a pet can help to ease a service member's transition from war zone back to regular life at home. Any dog lover knows that there is nothing more calming than a wagging tail or the buoyant energy of a pet!

If you might be interested in becoming a foster caregiver, or just want to read more about these very worthy organizations, here are a few web links to check out:

Guardian Angels for Soldiers's Pets

www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org

The Haven:

thehaven-nc.com

Military Pets Foster Project

www.netpets.org/netp/foster.php

Paw Prints Dog Sanctuary and Canine Corps:

www.pawprintsdogsanctuary.org

Operation Noble Foster:

www.operationnoblefoster.org

Kennel Cough Alert

Bonnie Liermann

There has been an outbreak of kennel cough in our area. Because of this, please do not leave buckets of water at the club. If you want to fill a bucket for your dog, please dump it when you are done and don't allow other dogs to use it. We won't be filling water buckets for our classes.

Remember to look for the hidden bone and email or call the editor to let her know you found it. You (actually your pet) could win a "treat".

