



# The Augusta Kennel Club

an AKC Member Club

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### Most Famous Dogs of Our Time

1. Rin Tin Tin - Movies
2. Asta - Movies 30's-40's
3. Lassie - Movies and TV
4. Petey - Little Rascal's Dog
5. Murray - TV's Mad About You's Dog
6. Moose - TV's Frasier's dog, Eddie
7. Toto and Benji - Movies
8. Gidget - Taco Bell's Chihuahua
9. Air Bud - Movies
10. Cindy Lou - Broadway's Annie's dog

## Fall Show & Match Update

The Fall show is over and the feedback from exhibitors has been overwhelmingly positive. I've received many positive comments on the facility and change to MB-F, whom I'd like to point out did an AWESOME job at managing the event. I guess I know now why they charge so much! ;o) I was really impressed! Lots of great feedback from obedience/rally exhibitors on some of the changes we made this year. The novice A goody bags were VERY well received, as were the rosettes for placements and finished titles. They turned out exceptionally nice, and the finished title rosettes are the bomb! Many exhibitors also appreciated and commented on the closure of the walking track upstairs. This has apparently been a deterrent to many obedience exhibitors in past years from entering dogs in our event. Lots of great comments on our judging panel, who really pulled in the numbers. We had a record number of entries over the past several years, and we got by with only four judges. To all those who helped out to make this event successful, THANK YOU!!! Your efforts are appreciated, and GREATLY contributed to the success of the event!

## Meeting Highlights

The last meeting of the Augusta Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

We were blessed with a wonderfully cool evening, a welcome respite from the Fall heat wave we have been experiencing.

Topics of discussion at the meeting were centered exclusively around the upcoming show.

## ATTS Test

Mark your calendars for the upcoming ATTS test on Saturday, November 3rd.

If you committed to work, the club is counting on you to be there to help out. Workers may still have their dogs tested at the end of the day (fee required).

Testing starts at 9:00 am, but we will need helpers there to set up beforehand and for briefing. The arrival time for the chief tester will be coordinated next week and the time to meet will be e-mailed out, but it should be around 8:00 am.

Bring a chair and sunscreen. Workers will get a complimentary lunch and drinks.

Currently we have 17 dogs signed up and a few additional applications on the way. We need to have at least 25 dogs, so if you committed to entering a dog or dog(s) earlier this Spring, please be sure and send in your application right away, or call me to let me know of your intent to enter.

If we do not get the minimum of 25 dogs, ATTS may cancel the test as they have to cover their expenses of sending their testers to Augusta. These kinds of events are few and far between, so if you have dog(s) you are considering testing, please support this event by signing up. Entry forms are on the website.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at the Wachovia Bank Building in Daniel Village. Board Meeting will start at 7:00 pm, followed by the Regular Meeting @ 8:00 pm.

Annual board elections will take place at this meeting. Nominations for positions will be accepted from the floor. Members must be present to vote, nominate, and accept nominations.

Educational portion of the meeting will be the partial showing of a show handling DVD by Jeff Brucker.

As always, the public is welcome at our Regular Meeting and at Education portion of the evening.

## Event Calendar

### CLUB EVENTS

**Columbia County Animanian Fair** – Saturday, October 27, 2007 behind the Columbia County Library in Evans, 11am – 4 pm. Pet contests, Mutt Strut pet parade, stunt dog demonstrations, games, entertainment, pet related vendors. We will have a joint tent with Jae-Mar-S and the Augusta German Shepherd Dog Club. Bring your dogs!

**ATTS Temperament Test** – Saturday, November 3, 2007 Eisenhower Ball Fields, Augusta, 9 am – 5 pm. More info, contact Audrey Bye @ 706-650-2329.

### AREA EVENTS

**The Greater Columbia Obedience Club** is hosting AKC Obedience and Rally Seminars on February 9 & 10, 2008. Obedience will be on Saturday, and Rally on Sunday. Registration deadline is Jan 15, 2008. For more information, contact Sharon Crossman at (803) 364-2882, or Phyllis Beasley at (803) 926-8806.

## American Kennel Club News

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER AKC BOARD MEETING

- 🐾 The following breeds will be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class at shows, effective July 1, 2008: Cane Corso, Cesky Terrier, Icelandic Sheepdog, and Leonberger. The Dogue de Bordeaux will be eligible to compete in the Working Group at shows, effective July 1, 2008.
- 🐾 An exploratory committee was appointed to evaluate the current alignment of breeds within the seven variety groups to determine if a different alignment would better serve the Sport now and in the future. The members are: Dr. Thomas Davies, Chair, Marieann Gladstone, John Nielsen, Karen Burgess, Dr. Robert Smith, Dr. William Newman, Robert Fisher, R. William Taylor, Dr. Alvin Krause, and Robin Stansell. Robin Stansell will serve as AKC staff liaison. A representative from the Dog Show Superintendent's Association will also serve on the committee.
- 🐾 Clubs were given options they may exercise in preparing judging schedules to improve exhibitor convenience.
- 🐾 Revisions to the Whippet breed standard as published in the *AKC GAZETTE* were approved effective January 1, 2008.
- 🐾 The Board approved a Classified Advertising Program for clubs, whereby AKC provides templates for ads highlighting both AKC and the club, and the club receives an educational credit for running the ad. The details are in the minutes for this meeting.



### DOGS IN OUR LIVES

We aren't house-proud.

If we were, we wouldn't abide the scratches on the door frame, the holes in the screen, the darkened shine of a worn spot on the chair.

We would wince at the mottled carpet and fret at the hair clinging to our clothes.

If anything, we lovers of dogs are a tolerant lot, finding greater value in the unabashed affection of our friend than immaculate sofas.

Shoes can be replaced but our heroic dogs are timeless. Without dogs, our houses are cold receptacles for things.

Dogs make a fire warmer with their curled presence. They wake us, greet us, protect us, and ultimately carve a place in our hearts and our history.

On reflection, our lives are often referenced in parts, defined by the all-too short lives of our dogs.

~Paul Fersen

- ✿ There was a discussion on possibly appointing an exploratory committee to evaluate the present size of the Delegate body vis-à-vis its effectiveness as a deliberative body and to consider how this will be impacted by projected future growth. However, the consensus was that more groundwork would have to be done by the Board. AKC Staff was directed to research the matter further and to report back to the Board. The report will also include data on the growth of the sport as a whole in regard to the number of clubs and events.
- ✿ The Board reviewed a staff report indicating that a very large number of calls and emails into AKC's call center are from AKC customers, who wish to change the name of an AKC registered dog.

The staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following changes (underlined) to Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline Chapter 3, Section 7:

**Section 7.** The name of a dog registered with The American Kennel Club will be allowed to be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States and in cases where the breeder(s) first individually registered the dog, their written consent would be required. A Registered Kennel Name may not be added to or deleted from the name of a dog without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name.

However, no change in the name will be recorded by The American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or received an award at an AKC licensed or member event.

Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements.

This will be voted on at the November 2007 Board meeting.

- ✿ The Board reviewed a proposed clarification regarding to the new Event Service Fee schedule. The clarification explains that this additional fee only applies to regular and non-regular recordable classes. Without objection, Staff will amend the italics clarification of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, section 2 as follows:

*Effective for all events held on and after January 1, 2008, The American Kennel Club will collect a \$3.00 Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single entry classes, in all AKC licensed and member club events. The current 50 cent recording fee will continue to be collected. The event-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all Event Service Fees for The American Kennel Club. That fact shall be stated in the premium list. These event service and recording fees shall be forwarded to The American Kennel Club along with all other required event results within seven (7) days of the close of the event*

*See You At The September Meeting!*

