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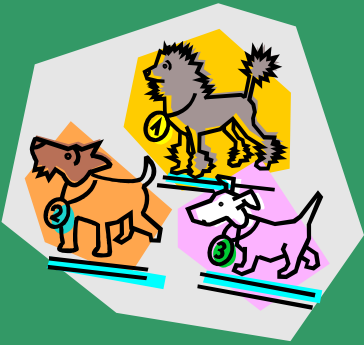
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Slow Day In Heaven

It was a slow day in Heaven so God called Satan. "Hey ..it's a slow day here in Heaven, how about putting on a dog show? "I've got all the dogs here!" Satan agreed, "Yeah it's dead around here too, but why are you calling me?" God laughs and replies, "You've got all the judges!"



Fall Show & Match Update

Only 1 month to go to the Fall Show & Match!

We will need volunteers for both the show on Saturday and the match on Friday night. We can't do it without you!

Match Judges:

Our line-up of judges for the match:

- Marion Daniel, Evans, GA.....Sporting Group/Breeds
- Val McKagen, Martinez, GA..... Herding Group/Breeds
- Kelly Rea, Crawfordville, GA.....Terrier, Working & Non-Sporting Group/Breeds
- Bonnie Crane, Evans, GA.....Hound & Toy Breeds
- Kelly Rea, Crawfordville, GA..... Hound & Toy Group
- Bonnie Crane, Evans, GA..... Best Puppy & Best Adult in Match
- Bonnie Crane, Waynesboro, GA Junior Showmanship
- Lois Fair, Aiken, SC..... Obedience (Utility & Open)
- Lynn Hyman, Aiken, SC Obedience (Novice)
- Linda Stoddard, Aiken, SC Obedience (Pre-Novice)
- Robin Hutson, Columbia, SC.....Rally

Kudos to Wanda Gipp and Priscilla Crisler for doing a fantastic job on selling nine catalog ads for the Fall catalog!

MB-F has provided us with approximately 20 posters advertising the show. We will be posting them in pet related businesses in the CSRA area.

Meeting Highlights

The last meeting of the Augusta Kennel Club was held on August 1.

The second reading of application for membership for Priscilla Crisler was heard at the board meeting and at the general meeting. Priscilla owns 6 rescued dogs (including a French bull dog, Pug, Lhasa Apso, and Bernese Mountain Dog) and is sponsored by board member Angie Hubbard and member Diane Downs. Priscilla works for Richmond County Animal Services. The attending membership and board voted and Priscilla's membership was unanimously approved. Welcome to the club Priscilla!

A request for the club to make a donation to the Louisville Kennel Club's Legal Fund was reviewed for the second time, with additional information provided by board member Nancy Kille. It was voted on and unanimously approved to donate \$1,000 to the Louisville club to assist in their legal challenge of the recent anti-dog laws enacted by the city of Louisville.

A request for the club to make a donation was requested by board member Nancy Kille on behalf of William McClure. It was voted on and unanimously approved to donate \$500. William and his dog Ari have earned a spot at the World WUSV Championship in Slovakia later this year. Over 8,000 dog and handler teams across the country competed for three spots to represent the USA at the World WUSV Championship. William must raise \$4,000 for the trip overseas. William is a local CSRA resident, and a member of the Augusta German Shepherd Dog Club, and the training director Georgialina Schutzhund Club, and will be assisting our club at our ATTS Test in the Fall. Congratulations to William and Ari on their accomplishments!

Responsibilities of the Obedience Ring Steward

If you would like to help out at the Fall Show with ring stewarding, please contact Marlene Stachowiak for the obedience/rally trial, Terri Jenkins for the obedience/rally match, or Diane Johnson for the conformation match.

A Steward is an integral part of a dog show's success. Most of these folks volunteer their time to the sport and without them the show would grind to a "Halt."

In the Obedience ring, a steward CAN make a big difference in how efficiently a ring functions. Their actions can also have an effect on the performance of the dog in the ring. Stewards are mentioned in the Obedience Regulations in CHAPTER 1, SECTION 30. The Section reads:

"The Judge is in sole charge of his ring until his assignment is completed. Stewards are provided to assist him, but they may act only on the Judge's instructions. Stewards shall not give information or instructions to owners and handlers except as specifically instructed by the Judge, and then only in such a manner that it is clear that the instructions are those of the Judge."

This is all fine and dandy IF the Judge gives instructions. I have stewarded at trials where the Judge just introduces himself and THAT IS IT for the instructions. Or, the instructions are SO FEW one is still left in the dark as to what the Judge is expecting. In such a case, ASK QUESTIONS before the class starts. Such a Judge should be put on the spot as to what will be required of the Stewards. The exhibitors are the ones to be kept in mind, as they will benefit from a knowledgeable Steward. Let's not forget that the handler and the dog are the IMPORTANT ones for the day. A few things a Steward will need to know BEFORE the class starts are:

NOVICE

1. How does the Judge want to handle conflicts
2. About how many dogs in each Group
3. Where are handlers and dogs to be brought into the ring
4. Where is the Figure Eight to be performed and how and where are the Stewards to stand
5. Who takes the leash after the Heel on Leash
6. Does the Judge need the clipboard held during the Stand for Examination
7. Is the Steward to bring the leash to the handler after the last exercise
8. Where are the Stewards to stand during the Groups
9. What do the Stewards do when a dog "breaks" during the Groups
10. What instructions, if any, are to be given by the Stewards to the handlers

OPEN

1. The above Novice items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 again apply.
2. What is the Steward to do with the dumbbell before and after the retrieves
3. Where are the extra boards from the High Jump and extra Broad Jump hurdles to be placed when not being used by some dogs

UTILITY

1. The above Novice items 1, 3, 7, and 10 again apply
2. The above Open item 3 applies in regards to the High Jump
3. How are the scent articles to be handled when the handler brings them to the table
4. Where are the scent articles to be placed in the ring and how does the Judge want them arranged
5. What instructions are given in placing the gloves and picking up the remaining gloves
6. What is the Steward to do during the Moving Stand and Examination
7. The Judge is in sole charge of the way he/she wants the ring conducted, but if this is NOT conveyed to the Stewards the first several handlers may be entering a "zoo" instead of an Obedience ring. If the Judge does not give instructions, or if they are vague -- ASK QUESTIONS BEFORE the first team enters the ring.

DOG FACTOIDS

Dogs naturally have a wonderful sense of smell. They have many more sensory 'smelling' cells than a man's 5,000,000. A Dachshund has 125,000,000, a Fox Terrier 147,000,000 and an Alsatian (often used as a 'sniffer' dog) has 220,000,000.

The oldest reliable age recorded for a dog is 29 years, 5 months for a Queensland 'heeler' called Bluey in Victoria, Australia. The average dog lives to around 15 years of age.

The smallest dog in history was a tiny Yorkie from Blackburn, England. At two years of age and fully grown this little dog was an incredible 2.5 inches tall by 3.75 inches long! He weighed only 4 ounces! He was approximately the size of a matchbox.

The team of "Rocky" and "Barco" patrolled the Texas and Mexico border, alias "Cocaine Alley." They were so good that Mexican drug lords put a price of \$30,000 dollars on their heads.

Dogs have been used as guards, hunters, draught animals, eyes for the blind, drug and explosive detectors, rodent controllers - and even weapons! In Roman times and the Middle Ages, mastiffs wearing light armor, carrying spikes and pots of flaming sulphur and resin ran into battle against mounted knights. In World War II the Russians trained dogs to run suicide missions between the tracks of German tanks with mines strapped on their backs.

All dogs, from the German Shepherd to the tiny Poodle, are direct descendants of wolves. They can all breed together and produce fertile offspring. Technically they are of the same species.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT DOG SHOWS

ANGULATION-Degree to which dog handlers will bend over backwards to impress the judges.

BALANCE-How to arrange the checkbook so your spouse won't know how much money you spent on dog shows last month. Usually done in the bathroom with the door locked.

BITCH-(A)Name for a lady dog. (B)Name often overheard at dog shows, not always to describe a lady dog.

COAT-The hairy covering of a dog that usually falls out about one week before the Specialty show.

DAM-(A)A lady dog with children. (B)Expression frequently overheard at dog shows as losers leave the ring.

ELBOW-Method of getting to ringside when late.

EXPRESSION-"Sweet" look adopted by dogs while staring ravenously at chunks of liver.

FANCIER-Degree to which some gentlemen handlers dress more than others.

FEATHERING-What winners are accused of doing to judges' nests.



When acting as a Steward, keep these few things in mind and you will be much appreciated by the handlers and Judge:

- ~ Be knowledgeable of the class one is asked to steward
- ~ Arrive at least one-half hour before the start of judging to assist in setting up the ring and receiving instructions.
- ~ Pay attention to the dog in the ring. Be ready when the Judge and handler need the Steward's assistance. For example, know the heeling pattern in Novice and Open and when it ends. This way one will be ready to immediately respond for the Figure Eight posts. When a dog and handler have to wait for Stewards, it breaks up their pace and can affect their performance. Being ready when needed will save a considerable amount of time during the day, plus the handlers like the opportunity to get in and out of the ring in an efficient manner. Try to give total attention to the dog and handler in the ring, and if other handlers have questions they can be answered in "off" time. The dog and handler in the ring come first.
- ~ After the last individual exercise, if not instructed differently by the Judge, take the leash to the handler. This is not only a courteous action, but it may help prevent the handler in Open and Utility from taking hold of the collar and guiding the dog to the table.
- ~ During the Figure Eight exercise, don't stare at the dog. Some dogs may interpret this wrong and thus affect their performance. However Stewards hold their hands during the Figure Eight, be consistent for all dogs.
- ~ In Open, if asked to bring the dumbbell to the handler, carry the dumbbell in a way in which not to excite the dog. Many dogs love to retrieve and if a Steward swings the dumbbell around while walking out to the handler, the dog could lose control and thus be subject to a penalty.
- ~ In Utility, MAKE SURE the dog is watching BEFORE DUMPING out and arranging the scent articles.
- ~ When placing the articles, just handle them enough to arrange them per the Judge's instructions. The Regulations call for the Steward or Judge to HANDLE each of the remaining eight articles -- this does NOT imply to "SCENT" the articles. Also, the Steward placing the articles should be aware of a foreign scent on their hands such as cigarette smoke or food. The scent given when handling the articles should be consistent for all dogs.
- ~ Concentrate on placing the gloves correctly. Make sure they are on the Judge's mark. If no mark or instructions are given, the center glove is to be centered between dog and handler and about 3 feet from the side of the ring. The corner gloves are to be placed about 3 feet from each side of the ring in the corner. The Directed Retrieve is done in the unobstructed end of the ring, and the gloves are only to be placed while the dog and handler are facing away. No table or chair is to be at this end of the ring.
- ~ The job of a Steward is not one to take lightly. Know what is required by the Judge--think ahead and be ready when needed to save time. The Judge and, most important, the handlers will appreciate the effort.

Kibbles & Bits

AKC Reaches Out to New Exhibitors at Dog Shows

A new program has been created to help exhibitors who are new to conformation events and increase the likelihood that each participant will have a positive experience at his or her first dog show. AKC Executive Field Staff will conduct new exhibitor briefings at shows which they are scheduled to attend.

This is a great way not only to educate new exhibitors, but to increase the likelihood of them continuing in the sport. For more information on AKC's new exhibitor program, visit the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org>.

FRONT-Part of the dog often stacked toward the outside of the ring.

HEEL-(A)What you feel like when your dog beats the one you had just sold to an eager novice. (B)Expression often screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

HEIGHT-As in "Maximum Allowed," a measurement which all champions fall under by AT LEAST 1/8 inch.

HOCK-A way of financing your dog shows by the use of jewelry such as wedding rings.

KENNEL-Where you go when the kids fight and your spouse yells at you.

LITTER-Trash left all over the building and parking lot after a dog show.

MASK-What to wear when you have to show the pet you sold six months ago.

MUZZLE-What to put on your kids at a dog show to prevent them from calling your competition what they overheard you call him last night.

NOSEPRINTS-Cute marks left all over your French doors.

OUTCROSSING-What your spouse tells the minister that you are doing out in the kennel with the dog and the bitch.

POINTS-Minute, invisible awards for winning which you cannot convince your spouse are more important than cash prizes.

PUPPIES-Small, dog like food-processing machines with the ability to stink up an entire house and collectively deafen a band of magpies (These creatures have not yet been perfected, as they come with a leaky system, and can also be dangerous to weak hearts and bank accounts.)

ATTS Test Update

The ATTS test has been approved for Saturday, November 3, 2007 and will be held at the Eisenhower Ball Field in Augusta. Details and entry forms are included with this newsletter, and also on the website. Please be sure and get your entries in early as we are limited to testing 45 dogs, and we anticipate that all test slots will be filled.

We will need several volunteers to run the test, so please mark your calendars and step up to help at the event. You can work the test and still have your dog tested; station workers will be run through at the end of the test day.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 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.

Following the regular meeting, time permitting, will be a showing of the DVD, *Emergency First Aid: Dogs*. The decisions you make in the first critical minutes of a medical emergency can determine whether or not you successfully get your pet to a veterinarian for proper care. This DVD will provide the knowledge you need to act quickly and confidently. Includes CPR; how to recognize shock and what to do; what to do in the case of poisoning and much more. You'll learn what items you should have in your pet first aid kit, and be well-prepared.

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

Event Calendar

CLUB EVENTS

Responsible Dog Owners Day - The Augusta Kennel Club will be partnering with Augusta Animal Services to host a joint event on Saturday, September 29th at the AAS facility in South Augusta. The event will start at 1:00pm. Bring your dogs!

Augusta Kennel Club B/OB/R Match - Friday night, October 5, 2007, 6:00 pm. Entry forms are available on the club website, or contact match secretary Audrey Bye @ 706-650-2329.

Augusta Kennel Club Dog Show, Obedience & Rally Trial - Saturday, October 6, 2007. Premium List is available through our superintendent (MB-F), and on our website.

Columbia County Animaniam 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, 8 am - 4 pm. More info, contact Audrey Bye @ 706-650-2329.

AREA EVENTS

Responsible Dog Owners Day - On Saturday morning, September 15, 2007, The Augusta German Shepherd Dog Club along with Jae-Mar-S Academy of Dog Obedience will be at the Farmers Market on Broad in downtown Augusta, Augusta. Augusta Kennel Club members are invited to attend, with or without their dogs. For more info contact Nancy Kille.

Want to know what our club is up to? Check out the event calendar on our website at www.augustakennelclub.org. The event calendar is regularly updated with information on our future events, and also includes a handy list of upcoming shows in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Braggs

- 🐾 Angie Hubbard & Niko (Dachshund) finished their RN title and Q'd for their 1st Rally Advanced leg in Savannah!
- 🐾 Terri Jenkins and Peyton (Shih Tzu) took his second major and finished his AKC championship!

Congratulations to our members and their dogs on their accomplishments!

American Kennel Club News

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY & AUGUST AKC BOARD MEETING

Effective January 1, 2008, the Event Service Fee for all events is to be \$3.00 for the first entry of each dog. Effective January 1, 2008 there will be an Event Service Fee of \$3.00 for each additional entry of the same dog, except for Field Trials and Hunting Tests which will be \$1.50 effective January 1, 2008, and \$3.00 effective January 1, 2009. All Recording Fees remain at their present levels. The intent of these fees is to defray costs of administering events, which AKC is very heavily subsidizing.

In response to AKC club input, the Board voted to waive event application fees for any Conformation show or Companion event in which there were thirty or fewer entries at the corresponding event in the previous year. This is to go into effect on January 1, 2008.

The Board approved several changes to the Obedience Regulations, effective January 1, 2009. They made three current Non-Regular Classes optional Titling classes (Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice and Versatility) and created a new non-regular Wild Card Class. An additional Obedience Master Title was also approved. They created regional events at which dogs may qualify for the National Obedience Championship (effective July 1, 2008).

Eleven breeds were added to the list of breeds required to jump three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers, effective January 1, 2008.

The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) was added to the list of domestic registries with pedigrees for dogs whelped in the United States eligible for AKC registration. This would not apply to Irish Setters until AKC hears further from the Irish Setter Club of America.

The Board voted not to approve or disapprove an amendment to the AKC Bylaws, submitted by the Bayou Kennel Club, to remove term limits for AKC Board members. The proposed amendments will be read at the September 2007 meeting, and voted at the December 2007 meeting without a Board recommendation.

Since 1996, AKC has awarded medallions for dogs earning all of their championship points in the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class. Beginning in January 2008, special medallions will be awarded to breeders who have won five and ten of the original Bred-by-Exhibitor medallions.

The Board voted to direct management to aggressively pursue the registration of every AKC registrable dog and to actively welcome any breeder or owner who is willing to abide by all AKC rules, regulations, and policies.

The conflict policy for rally judges was brought into line with the policy for Obedience judges.

The fee for filing a complaint under ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1, of the AKC Bylaws was increased to \$100 from the present \$10, effective September 1, 2007. This fee is refundable if charges are filed and sustained.

A number of amendments were approved to the Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations effective January 1, 2008. All of the amendments are included in the minutes of this meeting.

The Board modified the procedures for transferring the FSS Black and Tan Coonhounds into the AKC registry as follows: 1. The AKC stud book will close for FSS Black and Tan Coonhounds on January 1, 2008. 2. The HX prefix for the dogs brought into the registry will also be applied to three generations of their offspring. 3. The FSS dogs brought into the registry with the HX prefix and their offspring will be eligible to compete in AKC shows, effective September 1, 2008.

The Executive Secretary reported that beginning with the September 2007 Delegate meeting, minutes as required by the AKC Bylaws, rather than a transcript of the meeting, will be prepared and published. The rationale behind

this change and details of what will be in the Delegate meeting minutes are explained in minutes of this Board meeting. A notice with these details is also being sent to Delegates.

PETA: Animal Rights Uncompromised

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A 'RESPONSIBLE BREEDER'

If anyone has any doubts as to PETA objectives for breeders, this is a new article that appeared on their website the week of 8/1/07. http://peta.org/campaigns/ar-responsiblebreeders.asp?c=weekly_enevs_

Most people know to avoid puppy mills and "backyard" breeders. But many kind individuals fall prey to the picket-fence appeal of so-called "responsible" breeders and fail to recognize that no matter how kindly a breeder treats his or her animals, as long as dogs and cats are dying in animal shelters and pounds because of a lack of homes, *no* breeding can be considered "responsible."

All breeders fuel the companion animal overpopulation crisis, and *every time* someone purchases a puppy or a kitten instead of adopting from an animal shelter, homeless animals lose their chance of finding a home—and will be euthanized. Many breeders don't require every puppy or kitten to be spayed or neutered prior to purchase, so the animals they sell can soon have litters of their own, creating even more animals to fill homes that could have gone to shelter animals—or who will end up in animal shelters or so-called "no-kill" animal warehouses themselves. **Simply put, for every puppy or kitten who is deliberately produced by any breeder, a shelter animal dies.** Producing animals for sale is a greedy and callous business in a world where there is a critical and chronic shortage of good homes for dogs, cats, and other animals, and the only "responsible breeders" are ones who, upon learning about their contribution to the overpopulation crisis, spay or neuter their animals, and get out of the business altogether.

Breeding Trouble

Producing more animals—either to make money or to obtain a certain "look" or characteristic—is also harmful to the animals who are produced by breeding. Dogs and cats don't care whether their physical appearance conforms to a judge's standards, yet they are the ones who suffer the consequences of humans' manipulation. Inbreeding causes painful and life-threatening genetic defects in "purebred" dogs and cats, including crippling hip dysplasia, blindness, deafness, heart defects, skin problems, and epilepsy. Distorting animals for specific physical features also causes severe health problems. The short, pushed-up noses of bulldogs and pugs, for example, can make exercise and even normal breathing difficult for these animals. Dachshunds' long spinal columns often cause back problems, including disk disease.

Adoption: The Only Compassionate Option

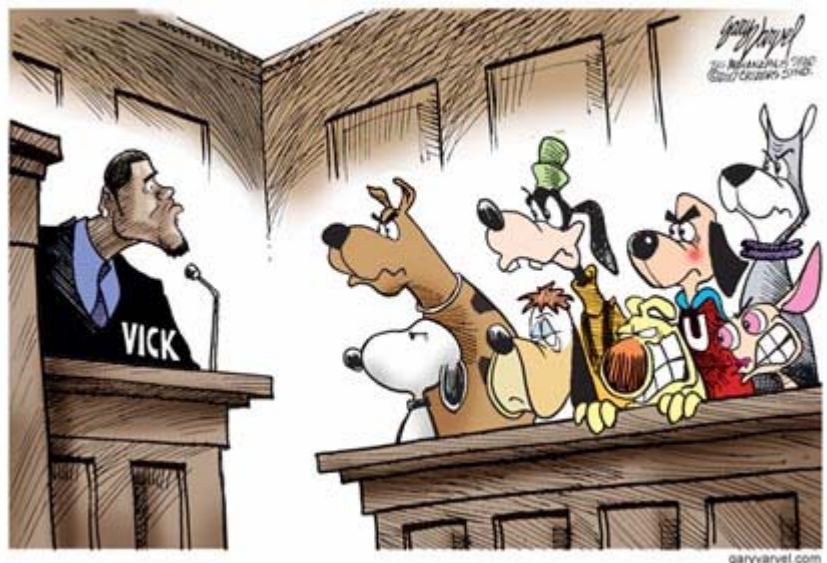
There is no excuse for breeding or for supporting breeders. If you love animals and are ready to care for a cat or a dog for the rest of the animal's life, please adopt from your local animal shelter, where there are dogs and cats galore—tails wagging and hearts filled with hope, looking out through the cage bars, just waiting to find someone to love. Shelters receive new animals every day, so if you don't find the perfect companion to match your lifestyle on your first visit, keep checking back. When you find your new best friend, you'll be glad that you chose to save a life—and made a new best friend as well.

If you know anyone who is considering purchasing an animal instead of adopting from a shelter, please forward this article to them, and please consider making a donation today to support PETA's vital work to save lives.

"We at PETA very much love the animal companions who share our homes, but we believe that it would have been in the animals' best interests if the institution of "pet keeping"—i.e., breeding animals to be kept and regarded as "pets"—never existed. The international pastime of domesticating animals has created an overpopulation crisis; as a result, millions of unwanted animals are destroyed every year as "surplus." This selfish desire to possess animals and receive love from them causes immeasurable suffering, which results from manipulating their breeding, selling or giving them away casually, and depriving them of the opportunity to engage in their natural behavior. Their lives are restricted to human homes where they must obey commands and can only eat, drink, and even urinate when humans allow them to."

Animal Rights Uncompromised: PETA on Pets: published on PETA's website, January 8, 2007

Michael Vick's Worst Nightmare



*See You At The
September Meeting!*