



The Barker

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President's Letter

"May you live in interesting times"

This Chinese saying seems to hit the nail on the head with current events. It is meant as a curse and the tragedy of Sept 11 certainly fulfills that intention. Hopefully we will rise above this setback and maintain our dignity and compassion and sense of justice as a nation.

Ludell said asked me the other day about "why did you join Sammamish Kennel Club?" I've been thinking about my motives but realize that perhaps it's simply because I love dogs and I want to be able to expand my knowledge of them and work with others who have the same goals. I like to show, but it's because I enjoy the competition and also have an interest in learning about different breeds and the people who are passionate about them.

I think the biggest challenge of any all-breed OR specialty club today is the fostering of interest in our sport in people between the end of Juniors and the approximately 35-40 age group. What happens in this gap that turns people who were originally dedicated, committed individuals away from OUR overriding interest – the Dog World? And what brings them back?

Please send me your ideas on this. I have results of a survey sponsored by AKC that was done last year pinpointing the most worrisome problem among the all-breed clubs, and the result throughout the country is the lack of membership and particularly, working membership. Doesn't this problem interest and intrigue OTHER members of our Kennel Club

3-Month Calendar

October 2	SKC Board Meeting
October 10	SKC General Meeting
October 31	NO Halloween Party
November 6	SKC Board Meeting
November 14	SKC General Meeting
December 2	Holiday Party Jan Leikam's House
December 4	NO Board Meeting
December 12	NO General Meeting

I think that perhaps the most difficult task we face is to ensure ongoing nature of breed development and its expression through competition in Sanctioned shows. This makes necessary recruitment, encouragement and sponsoring of upcoming people that are the hope for the future and who have ideas that perhaps make the current regime uneasy. These people will be the movers and shakers who will advance the scientific basis of breeding better dogs and who will require AKC to recognize their efforts in many ways. AKC needs to address this future vision in conjunction with the all-breed member clubs perhaps through a Kennel Club mentor. This is another reason that I feel we need to be a member club since that is the only way we can influence the direction of the AKC policy. I realize we are only a small local club, but we CAN be effective if we band together with the other clubs in our area to become an effective voting block.

What do you think our FUTURE should look like?

Jan

Next General Meeting:

**October 10, 2001,
7:30 p.m.**

Totem Lake Fire
Station—11210 NE
132nd, Kirkland, WA

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 6,
2001 7:00 p.m.
Dick and Ludell's house

Minutes from the Last Meeting, 9-12-2001



Every part of American life was affected by the September 11 attacks, and that includes pets.

To see how you can help, visit the AKC Assistance for Animals in New York City Web site at:
<http://www.akc.org/news/animalvictims911.cfm>

Minutes of General Meeting, Wednesday, September 12, 2001. Present were:

Members: Patty Hull, Jan Leikam, Ane Brusendorff, Sheila Iturriaga, Rusty Kingery, Phil Sallee, Ludell Beckwith, R E Beckwith

Guests: Ron Critchfield, Sara Goss

Meeting was called to order by President Jan Leikam at 7:46 p.m.

No minutes from last meeting as there was no General Meeting in August due to the upcoming Show.

President's Report:

Due to the tragic happenings on the East Coast yesterday, we have a less than good turnout for this important meeting. Fortunately, as far as I can determine, all of the Club members and their families are safe.

The Nominating Committee for 2002 Officers and Board will consist of Ludell Beckwith, Chair, Patty Hull and Kym Anton.

We will move our show site for next August to "60 Acres South" field due to the prior commitment of Marymoor Park to the PGA Tournament at Sahalee which takes place every 8 years.

No Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report:

The report was read and approved.

January Show:

The Premium List is completed and has gone to Sheila Raymond, MB-F, for processing. Ludell tells us that the show details are coming together and we have the Judge's dinner scheduled for our panel and members on Friday, January 11, 2002 at the Best Western Park Plaza in Puyallup. Margaret is in charge and there will be more information available next month.

Dick Beckwith reports that in order to save postage costs for the judging contracts, he has had the blank contracts printed double-sided. This will save .34 per contract mailed.

There was a letter received from Meg Callea informing us that they will not be photographing our January show due to prior commitments. This letter was cc'd to Bob Percival for the entire Cluster.

August 2001 Show:

Jan has still not received the club photos from Carl Lindemeier. Sheila presented the preliminary financial report.

New Membership Readings:

First readings for Sara Goss and Ron Critchfield.

New Business:

Jan presented the revised Constitution which will be voted on tonight. This will bring us in line with the AKC Guidelines for the Constitution of Member Clubs. Motion made to approve new Constitution as presented; 2nd & motion carried. Jan will send in the last of the necessary paperwork to complete our membership application.

Ron Critchfield will do a program on the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever at the October 10th meeting. The Toller has been admitted into Miscellaneous Class competition as of September.

"Thank You" notes received from Joe Holava, Bob Frost, and Norm Brown.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



About Digestive Enzymes

Digestive enzymes are substances found in raw food, and they are needed for both humans and animals to break down and absorb foods in the body. For example, when you cut an apple and it turns brown, that is the work of enzymes in the cells of the apple—they are basically digesting the flesh.

All carbohydrates, proteins, and fats need specific enzymes for digestion: amylase for carbohydrates, protease for proteins, and lipase for fats.

Cooking and processing destroys the digestive enzymes that are naturally found in foods, starting about 104 degrees Fahrenheit. This means that many of the commercial dog foods we buy have no enzymes, because the processing has destroyed them.

Why supplement your dog's food with additional enzymes? The body must manufacture replacement enzymes or it cannot absorb the proper nutrients. This puts a great stress on the pancreas, and diverts energy from its primary role in battling bacteria, viruses, and cancer cells. In addition, internal enzyme production diminishes with age. So older dogs especially benefit from enzyme supplementation.

Where can you get digestive enzymes? Check your pet store first. A pet chain in Seattle, called All The Best Pet Care, also carries digestive enzyme powders. They are available online at www.all-the-best.com.

Books for the Healthy Dog

The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care, by C.J. Puotinen

Reigning Cats and Dogs, by Pat Mckay

Dr. Pitcairn's Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats, by Richard Pitcairn

Give Your Dog a Bone, by Ian Billingham, DVM

Grown Your Pup with Bones, by Ian Billingham, DVM

The Natural Dog, by Mary Brennan, DVM

Symptoms of Enzyme Deficiencies

Many dogs experience hot spots, allergic reactions, and allergies either part of the year or year-round. Some of these can be treated by supplementing the dog's diet with various enzymes.

The following can be symptoms of enzyme deficiencies:

Dry, flaky skin/dull coat.

This is often due to poor absorption of fatty acids, and can be helped by giving a fatty acid supplement along with enzymes.

Allergies, rashes, hot spots, flea dermatitis, and food sensitivity.

Improper protein digestion triggers a biochemical chain reaction that results in inflammation and severe itching. Adding enzymes to your dogs diet can stop the itching and allow healing to begin.

Internal gas, diarrhea, undigested food in the stool, and stool-eating.

Slow or incomplete digestion of carbohydrates can lead to these symptoms. Probiotic cultures may be needed in addition to enzymes to repopulate the intestinal tract with beneficial bacteria.



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Member Wags n' Brags



◀ *Jan Leikam with her puppy Adrienne Wind Rose, who was Best Puppy at the August 25 show and also won Best of Winners under Pat Trotter in Kamloops at the Interior Gazehound Specialty.*

Jan Leikam: AM CAN MEX INT'L WORLD '99 CH of the AMERICA'S Adrienne Blue and Sentimental (Farley) was Best in Specialty for the second year! He is currently #2 in the USA.

REMINDER! Due to the increased security in travel, you'll need to bring your passports with you when you travel to and from Canada.

Polo Shirts! Jan has the new SKC polo shirts. You can get these at the next meeting.

GOT A WIN? SEND IT IN!
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Dodie & Hal Camicia: Ch. Barkshire's Heart-break Harry (Harry) won Breed and a Group 1 at the Gig Harbor Kennel Club show on 9/22 and on 9/23! The Camicia's co-own Harry with Jane Collen.

Vandra Huber: Beinnein's Silverado took BW at the Great Western Terrier Association Show on June 22. Co-owned by Vandra Huber and Darle Heck.