

The Barker



AKC Asks for Help from Fanciers

Many fanciers are aware that the AKC has been fighting for the past several years to preserve access to air travel for dogs. Several major air carriers have eliminated or severely curtailed carrying animals, at least in part because of the harassment by the animals rights community. The restrictions on air transport of dogs have adversely affected breeders, exhibitors, and ordinary dog owners who need or want to travel with their dogs.

The Department of Transportation's (DOT's) proposed rules will make that fight even more difficult without any compensating increase in safety for animals. Therefore the AKC is asking fanciers to write comment letters to DOT objecting to the regulations as proposed and requesting changes.

We cannot simply ask that no regulations be issued because DOT is required by law to issue regulations. Therefore we want balanced regulations that airlines can comply with, and that will provide useful infor-

3-Month Calendar	
December 8	Meeting & Holiday Party
January 8	NO MEETING
Jan 10 - 12	Puyallup Cluster
January 10	SAM Club Dinner
January 11	SAM Show Puyallup Fairgrounds
February 12	SKC General Meeting

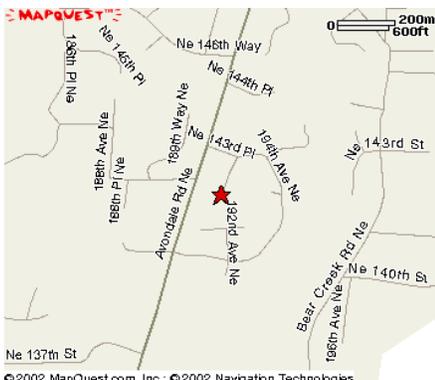
mation without invading the privacy of dog owners.

Your support is needed in writing a letter to DOT. A sample letter is provided at www.akc.org. To guarantee that your letter will be considered, it must be received by December 27, 2002. Please take a few minutes to complete and send a letter. Letters may be sent electronically or by U.S. mail, but if sent by U.S. mail, they must be sent in duplicate.

Next General Meeting/Holiday Party!

The Carlson's House
December 8, 2002
4 p.m.

See instructions below



The Sammamish Kennel Club Christmas party will be at the home of Ken and Dee Carlson, December 8, starting at 4 p.m. There will be a gift exchange of dog-related items. Please do not spend more than \$20.00 on a gift. The main course for dinner will be a very special ham. The rest of the meal is up to ya'll. **Please RSVP to Dee and include the type of dish that you will bring.** Dee will compile a list of dishes and try to eliminate too many duplicates. The Carlson's address is:
14207 192nd Avenue NE, Woodinville 98072
E-mail: avalonp1@gte.net. Phone: (425) 861-9030.



Minutes from the Last Meeting—11/13/02

Board and General Meeting
Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM

Present at the meeting where Jan Leikam, Beverly Little, Rusty Kingery, Ken Carlson, Dee Carlson, Pat Wilaby, Richard Beckwith, and Phil Sallee. Visitors present where Marilyn Evans, Sue Conrad, and David Reynolds.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 9 meeting were approved after correction on the meeting date from 9/11/02 to 10/9/02.

Presidents Report: - None.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Letter received from Fred and Florry Page of the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club asking SKC's interest in participating in the Western International Obedience Council. Our response will be "not at this time". Several Letters from AKC related to: "Reminders" of show-giving Club's duties related to Judge's education; AKC Logo Requirements; Special Attractions Policy for Security Dog Demonstrations; and the change of breed name to Parson Russell Terrier from Jack Russell Terrier. Lastly, AKC requested to be informed of the names, etc. of new club officers and board members for 2003.

Treasurer's Report:

Patty Hull was not present but Jan reported for her that in the final analysis the August Show lost money. In addition, our Piper-Jaffrey advisor suggests that we move money from our money market funds to a Bank of America preferred bond which will pay higher interest and; that we should consider breaking our next maturing CD into several smaller investment units.

Nominations from the Floor for 2003 Officers or Board Members – None.

Committee Reports:

January Show: The club dinner menu has been decided (Italian). **Club members, if you want a room booked at**

the motel for Friday night or you plan to attend the club dinner on Friday night before the show, you must inform Beverly Little before December 15, 2002. Bev's email is lilli-putf@aol.com. Rusty wanted to know how many ring stewards were needed for the January show. Jan agreed to advise her ASAP.

Christmas Party: The Holiday Party will be held at Dee & Ken Carlson's starting at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday December 8th. The club will be providing ham with the rest being potluck. **Please RSVP and contact Dee at Avalonp1@gte.net and tell her what you propose to bring** as your contribution of a salad, side dish or dessert by December 1. Remember that a gift exchange is planned so if you want to participate you need to bring a dog-related gift costing not more than \$20.00.

Adjourned at about 8:45 p.m.

Unplanned Program on Service Dogs:

Marilyn Evans attended our meeting for the express purpose of thanking the club for the gift of her new Poodle - Service Dog. He arrived safe and sound after his flight was delayed seemingly unphased by the airport noise and delay of several hours. He is just a puppy of course but with a robust structure and black coat. He is already in training and Sue demonstrated that he is a quick learner, already retrieving keys and a cell phone on command. David, who has seizures, told how his new poodle partner was able to give him 2 to 5 minutes warning of an event so that he could situate himself for his own safety. He told us how his partner protects him when he is experiencing a seizure by laying across his body and that he will not let anyone touch him. They are in training to help the dog distinguish who should and should not be allowed to touch him. medical technicians/aides. His partner was not trained to know about his seizures but just instinctively picked up "something" about him that allows the dog to reliably foretell that an event will happen.

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

Roger Caras

The Story Behind “The Story”

You’ve no doubt read already about SAM sponsoring a service dog for a client of Dee Carlson’s named Marilyn Evans. Here’s the e-mail from Dee that started it all:

I am asking on behalf of a client of mine that has MS (multiple sclerosis). I have been working with Marilyn Evans and her current Service Dog, a Standard Poodle, for several months,

Marilyn is a retired Seattle teacher and has taught in the Seattle school system for about 30 years. She is determined to be independent for as long as possible not to burden her children. She has no husband to assist her. Her overall health is deteriorating, but with the proper dog, she would get along well for quite a while longer. For the most part, she is wheelchair bound, When she falls, she does not have enough strength in her arms or legs to stand or to get back in the wheelchair on her own. A dog is necessary for assisting her to move about. .

Her current Poodle, Brody, is a European import that the breeder decided she did not want. The pup was kenneled with minimum socialization until he was 9 months old. He was then neutered and sold to Marilyn. The breeder assured Marilyn that the dog would be perfect for her, and Marilyn bought the dog sight unseen, trusting the breeder.

At 10 months old, Brody had no training and was completely out of control. He also had entropion in both eyes. Marilyn paid for operations on both eyes and for a special in-home trainer to get Brody started on being a Service Dog. But Brody has not bonded with Marilyn in the two years she has had him.

For example, awhile ago, Marilyn fell in her garage and Brody took off. When she called him to help her, he came to her and then went into the house, and left her lying on the floor. After paying thousands of dollars in the purchase price, shipping, several operations, and training, Marilyn real-

ized she had been ripped off by the Texas breeder, who was probably laughing all the way to the bank.

I have talked to breeders all over Washington and surrounding states and cannot find a suitable dog for Marilyn. I was directed to a breeder named Michelle McIntyre near Toronto, Canada, that has been breeding Poodles since the late 1960s. Michelle has bred several dogs for service work and understands the requirements for such a dog. She has a litter due the end of August that she thinks will produce a suitable puppy for Marilyn. The price for such a dog is \$1500.00. Michelle indicated that she understands what is needed and is willing to work with us.

That is why I asked you if we, Sammamish Kennel Club, could donate the purchase price of the dog to her. I will gladly answer any questions that I can about Marilyn and her requirements. If you or the board members would like to meet Marilyn, that can be arranged. Sincerely, Dee



A happy ending! Marilyn Evans meets her new Service Dog, Milo, at SeaTac airport, October 30, 2002. The dog was paid for by Sammamish Kennel Club.

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Member Wags, Brags & Info



From Deb Lewy: After very recently losing our 4-1/2 year old Shar-Pei to kidney failure, we added to our brood. Above is Toko's Sassafra's Girl, "Sassy," our new little girl at almost 5 months.

Look Who Won! Dodie and Hal Camicia are extremely proud to announce that CH Barkshire's Heart-break Harry won the OES 2002 National Specialty held in Waco, Texas from October 9 to October 13! "Harry" is co-owned by the Camicias and Jane Collen. Judge was Marilyn

O'Cuillin. **Congratulations!!!!!!** ✍️

From Dee Carlson:

Anyone wishing to be an Obedience Ring Steward for our January show, please contact me ASAP at home: (425) 861-9030, or cell: (425) 922-7220. My e-mail address is [ava-lonp1@gte.net](mailto:avalonp1@gte.net). Note that there is a numeric one behind the "p" in my email address. Most people mistake it for a small "L". Thanks!

