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Letter from the President

Next General Meeting:
November 12, 2003
7:30 p.m.
Kirkland Fire Station #27

It is hard to believe that another year has sped by and it is time for the election of new club officers, already. The Nominating Committee has done their job in finding club members that are willing to lead the Sammamish Kennel Club through 2004. The people that have been nominated, myself included, by agreeing to the nomination, have pledged, if elected, to freely give their time to club duties and responsibilities as outlined for each office in the Standing Rules, Bylaws and Constitution of Sammamish Kennel Club. This is not a pledge that I take lightly, and I assume this is also the case for all of those people that have been nominated. Time is a very precious commodity that few of us have enough of or want to waste. Please, take the time to attend the November meeting if you would like to nominate someone from the floor for a club office. Please also take the time to attend our December meeting and vote on the Sammamish Kennel Club officers for 2004.

I did arrive safely home from Southern California yesterday, just ahead of the fires that are causing so many problems for air travelers today. The Western International Obedience Competition (WIOC) was won by the Southern California team. The Washington team placed fourth and won the Sportsmanship Award. This was the most difficult Obedience Competition that I have ever participated in due to the smoke and falling ash from the many fires. It was hard for Dante to hold a sit stay, or a down stay, with ash falling from the sky, covering both of us. Yellow jackets were also in abundance and caused me quite a bit of concern since I am allergic to bee stings. Dante was the youngest dog in attendance and scored 192 points on each of his two trips into the ring. He was judged by Pat Krause, AKC Director of Obedience, and another highly respected AKC judge.

Dante handled well in spite of suffering from severe diarrhea. It is good to be home. The Washington WIOC team has extended a very heartfelt thank you to Sammamish Kennel Club and its membership for the donation of \$400.00 that allowed some of the team members to make the trip to Huntington Beach, Ca.

As discussed at our last meeting, Vandra and Nancy are putting together a program for some of our local schools. Please let Vandra, or Nancy, know if you can volunteer to participate in this program. We have a good variety of dog breeds in our club and this is a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about what we do with them and why. Thank you Vandra and Nancy for the time and effort to put this program together!!

Respectfully,
Dee Carlson
President – Sammamish Kennel Club



3-Month Calendar

- November 12** SAM Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- December 14** Holiday Party/Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Bo and Doug's house
- January 10** SAM Show, Puyallup, WA

All meetings at the Kirkland Fire Station #27 except December and January.

Supreme Court Denies DDAL Appeal



AKC has learned that the U.S. Supreme Court has denied the Doris Day Animal League's (DDAL) petition to appeal a case against the USDA that would have made all residential breeders of dogs and cats subject to federal licensing and inspection. The decision, which upholds an earlier ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, supports the current exemption of residential breeders who sell dogs only at retail from regulation under the Animal Welfare Act.

"We are pleased with the Supreme Court's decision to deny DDAL's petition," stated James Holt, AKC's Government Relations Consultant. "Congress did not intend for small hobby breeders to be regulated by the federal government."

Currently, the Animal Welfare Act covers only persons who sell dogs at wholesale, but the lawsuit filed by DDAL would also have brought under coverage people who sell dogs at retail from their homes. In January 2003, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the U.S. Department of Agriculture's interpretation that people who sell dogs at retail from their own homes fall under "retail pet store" exemption of the Act. An amicus curiae or "friend of the court" brief filed by AKC supported the USDA's position that hobby breeders who sell only at retail are exempt from the Act. The Appeals Court also agreed that these persons already are subject to state and local laws to prevent cruelty and that there is already a great deal of oversight by breed registries such as the AKC. AKC performs over 4000 inspections of private breeding facilities--including homes, commercial breeders and pet stores--each year.

"No group is more concerned about the humane treatment of dogs than the AKC," noted Noreen Baxter, AKC's Vice President for Public Education and Legislation. "We support strong enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and believe that its current interpretation will allow the USDA to focus its attention where it's needed most."

From AKC.org web site.

Safety Tips for Halloween

Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families, but for family pets, it can be a stressful and even dangerous time of year. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) offers pet owners some common-sense tips to keep pets safe.

?? All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during peak trick-or-treat visiting hours--too many strangers in unusual garb can be scary and stressful for pets.

?? When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that Fifi or Fido doesn't dart outside. Make sure they're wearing current identification, just in case.

?? No tricks or treats: Keep all Halloween candy out of your pet's reach. Chocolate can be poisonous to animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

?? It's not a bright idea to keep lit pumpkins around companion animals. Pets can knock them over, and curious kittens especially run the risk of being burned.

?? Don't leave your pet in the yard on Halloween. There have been stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen and even killed pets on this night.

?? Although the ASPCA recommends that cats remain indoors at all times, it is especially important to keep your feline inside for several days before and after Halloween. Black cats in particular may be at risk from children's pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. As a safety precaution, many shelters will not adopt out black cats around Halloween.

?? Don't dress up your dog or cat unless you know he or she loves it. If you decide to do so, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe, and doesn't restrict her movement, vision, hearing or ability to breathe or bark. Avoid costumes with small or dangling accessories that she could chew off and possibly choke on.

From ASPCA.org Web site

Minutes from the Last Meeting—October 8, 2003

Members present: Dee Carlson, Ken Carlson, Deb Lewy, Rusty Kingery, Jan Leikam, Bo Gloster, Doug Haldeman, Reggie Gausman, Karin Cartwright, Vandra Huber, Michael Krolewski, Patty Hull, Bev Little, Pat Wilaby, Nancy Warfield, Martin Warfield

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 p.m.

Minutes were not read as they were published in the Barker. Vandra made a correction: she objected to the ways the judges were selected. The list with certain member selections was lost. The members did not have a voice in the judge selection. Her objection was noted. Bev motioned and Patty seconded the minutes being accepted with corrections.

President's Report:

Dee needs current email addresses for everyone. We are still awaiting work on the Web site by Justin Wilaby. The board is still working on the Standing Rules for the club.

Dee brought up that all club property is now stored at Jan's house. Inventory still needs to be done. Some inventory is missing. The board is considering selling club property for shows; it may be easier to have the show super set up our shows.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Corresponding Secretary:

We have a thank you letter from the WSU scholarship recipient. Jan passed it around as well as the Washington State Veterinary newsletter.

Jan would like people to donate trophies for the January show.

Treasurer's Report:

The August show broke even. Patty pursued the benevolence check question and issued them.

Reports of Committees:

Nominating Committee (Rusty): The nominations for the December election are: President: Dee Carlson, Vice President: Rusty Kingery; Recording/Corresponding Secretary:

Deb Lewy; Treasurer: Patty Hull; Board Members: Jan Leikam, Karin Cartwright, Bo Gloster, Pat Wilaby, and Ken Carlson.

Vandra brought up the issue of two people in the same family. Jan indicated that the club can vote to have this happen and we will pursue a vote after elections in December.

At the November meeting, the committee will accept nominations from the floor.

Show Committee, August 2004 (Bo): Doug agreed to be chair for the grounds for the August show. Specialty Coordinator will be Pat, Main ring steward will be Rusty, Judge's Hospitality will be Dee. Vandra motioned that we retain BaRay as supervisor again and Rusty seconded. Motion passed.

August 2003 (Jan): Jan wants to thank everyone who put time and effort into the August 2003 show. Please send comments, suggestions, etc. to Dee. Also, thanks to those who worked on getting SAM recognized to have a delegate to AKC meetings.

January 2004 (Rusty): Rusty needs ring stewards for the January show.

Voting for AKC Delegate:

Two members ran for delegate: Bo and Jan. Bo discussed his view on what being a delegate means and how he could contribute his knowledge to the club in the capacity of a delegate. Voting was by secret ballot. Patty Hull and Deb Lewy counted the votes. Bo Gloster is the new SAM AKC delegate.

Old Business

WIOC. The board had voted to give \$400 to WIOC and brought this to the membership. Several members discussed the merits of donating money to individual or group organizations. Reggie moved and Deb seconded to give the WIOC team from Washington \$400. Motion passed.

School Programs. Vandra and Nancy are working on this. Members need to volunteer to be involved.

New Business

King County (Vandra). Vandra reported that King county kennel regulations about fencing and new foster rules. No date is yet set for hearings on these matters.

Meet the Members: Deb will take photos at the Holiday party and we will have a Meet the Members column in the Barker.

Holiday Party: Bo and Doug graciously offered their home. Date: Sunday, December 14 at 4:00.

Dee reminded Deb to place a permanent announcement in the Barker regarding requests for judges' names.

Ken motioned and Karin seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.



"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

- Edward Hoagland

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Please send your judge recommendations to Dee Carlson.

Happy Howl-oween!

