

# The Barker



## Letter from the President

**Next General Meeting:**

**September 10,  
2003  
7:30 p.m.  
Kirkland Fire  
Station #27**

**NE 132nd Street  
Kirkland**

Slowly, but surely, the Board is making their way through the Standing Rules. We still have several hours of work to do before the modifications to the Standing Rules will be ready for the club to review. In some parts, the modifications will be fairly drastic. Please be sure to submit to any Board member any modifications that you would like to have considered.

Our visit with the Ed Christian, a King County Sheriff's Department K-9 officer, and his young German Shepherd Dog, Wiley, was most interesting. It was great to learn that the training methods used by the Sheriff's Department are very similar to those used for dogs being trained to work in the Obedience Ring and tracking in AKC, CKC, and UKC events. Wiley was about 10 months old and very much a puppy. He was quite playful and definitely food motivated! Thank you again to David Hull, Jan Leikam and Rusty Kingery for arranging this visit.

Arrangements for our August show are almost completed. We are wrapping up the usual last minute items like lunch for the judges, transportation from the Hilton Hotel in Bellevue to the show grounds at Marymoor Park, the rental of tables and other equipment, coffee pots, judges' gifts and flowers for the judges' tables. There are an amazing number of small jobs that must be accomplished by a large number of people to make this show a success. Thank you to everyone involved with the show in any way. Without **YOU** volunteering your time and talents, we would not have one of the premier shows in the Pacific Northwest. If you would like to volunteer to work at the show, please contact either Jan Leikam or myself. We can definitely find something for you to do!

There will be no August meeting of the club general membership due to the show. Rusty will be presiding over the September meeting; I will be in Hawaii for our annual vacation. As you move around the show grounds on 24 August, please make note of things that went well and those things that we need to improve upon. Be ready to discuss the good, the bad and the ugly (in that order) at the September meeting.

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Jan Leikam and every one that has worked so hard over the last few years in getting the Sammamish Kennel Club application for membership properly couched for acceptance by the AKC. You will see a letter from AKC regarding this matter elsewhere in the Barker. Looks like our membership will be coming up for a vote in front of the AKC Board very soon!

As we discussed at our last meeting, if the AKC approves Sammamish Kennel Club for membership, we will need to consider who we would like to have represent the club at the AKC meetings. This can either be a club member or we could hire someone to represent us. Please be prepared to discuss your ideas on this topic at the October meeting.

See you at the show!

Respectfully,  
Dee Carlson  
President – Sammamish Kennel Club

## Minutes of the June and July 2003 Meetings

### June 11, 2003 General Meeting

**Attending: Members:** Phil Sallee, Karin Cartwright, Bev Little, Reggie Gausman, Jan Leikam, Dee Carlson, Rusty Kingery, Pat Wilaby, Patty Hull, Michael Krolewski, Deb Lewy. Guests: Scott Fuller, Danielle R. Young, Muriel Clifford, Leah Hauer

Jan called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

The program will be Ed Christian with Zed or Wylie from the sheriff's K9 force.

Minutes from the last meeting: In the report of the president, Patty was asked to provide a list of paid members, not a membership list.

Under AKC obedience changes, these should be "proposals from the obedience committee." They are open for discussion until July 1.

Under the picture of Marilyn, Milo is a service dog, not a therapy dog.

Point of Order from Phil Sallee: Kirkland prevents alcohol from being served in their fire stations.

Rusty moves and Jan seconds that the minutes are approved with changes noted.

Jan announced that Sammamish Kennel club goes in front of the AKC July Board meeting for approval as a member club.

**Corresp. Secretary's Report:** Jan discussed items that we had received in our mailbox.

**President's Report.** WIOC, a nationwide obedience organization, every year they decide the best dogs in the country as far as obedience. They are looking for teams

from each state, so if anyone is interested, please let Dee know.

**Treasurer's Report:** Handed out at the board meeting.

### Old Business

**August Show:** Pluis will not be singing the national anthem; Rusty has a CD we will use. Karin needs 3 obedience stewards. Names were discussed.

**Standing Rules.** The board is working on making the standing rules current. If anyone wants to suggest changes, please feel free to contact a board member.

**Vote on Member Application.** Dee read the application again, and the club members voted in Muriel Clifford.

Patty moves and Jan seconds that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Program: Dog in pre-training, Wylie (German shepherd), with King County Deputy Christian.



### July 9, 2003 General Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Dee Carlson at 7:35PM, Firestation #27. Present were: Dee Carlson, Patty Hull, Rusty Kingery, Karin Cartwright, Muriel Clifford, Michael Krolewski and Jan Leikam, members; with guests for their second meeting Scott Fuller and Danielle Young.

Dee reported that there will not be a Barker until August, which will contain the minutes of both the June and the July meetings.

The next General Meeting will be Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM at the Firehouse as we do not have a meeting in August.

Dee also reported on a meeting she had with Justin Wilaby regarding the Sammamish Web site. Justin will be our new Webmaster, taking over from Ron Critchfield, with Yvonne Anderson to be a backup. All submissions for the site will be sent to Dee who will then send them to the Webmaster. Justin will have a draft site in place in approximately two weeks at which time Dee would like all members to review this version and send any comments to her.

Jan reported on the Canine Health Workshop Survey from WSU Vet School which Dee has forwarded to the members via email. This proposed workshop would be held in Pullman and will include tours of the school and interaction with the researchers.

Discussion of the recent email from Jeff Helsdon of Seattle Kennel Club asking for SAM's assistance regarding the breed profiling of insurance companies. Jan will follow up by inviting members of the legislature and other state government officers to attend the January 2004 show and present the Group and Best In Show trophies. It was suggested that a club member (Vandra Huber and Wendy Galbreath were mentioned) organize a tour of the Show for these invited guests, including lunch.

Michael Krolewski has agreed to be Grounds Chair for the January 2004 show.

The Judge's Hospitality get together is slated for 6PM, Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hilton. We will supply the wine, liquor and mixers and the Hilton will supply the snacks and sandwiches.

Don't forget that setup for the Aug show will be Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Lunch will be provided for any workers. >>>>

## On the Road to AKC Approval!

### July 9 Meeting Minutes, cont'd

CGC testing is scheduled for 1PM on Saturday, the 22nd. Any members who can assist should contact Dee Carlson.

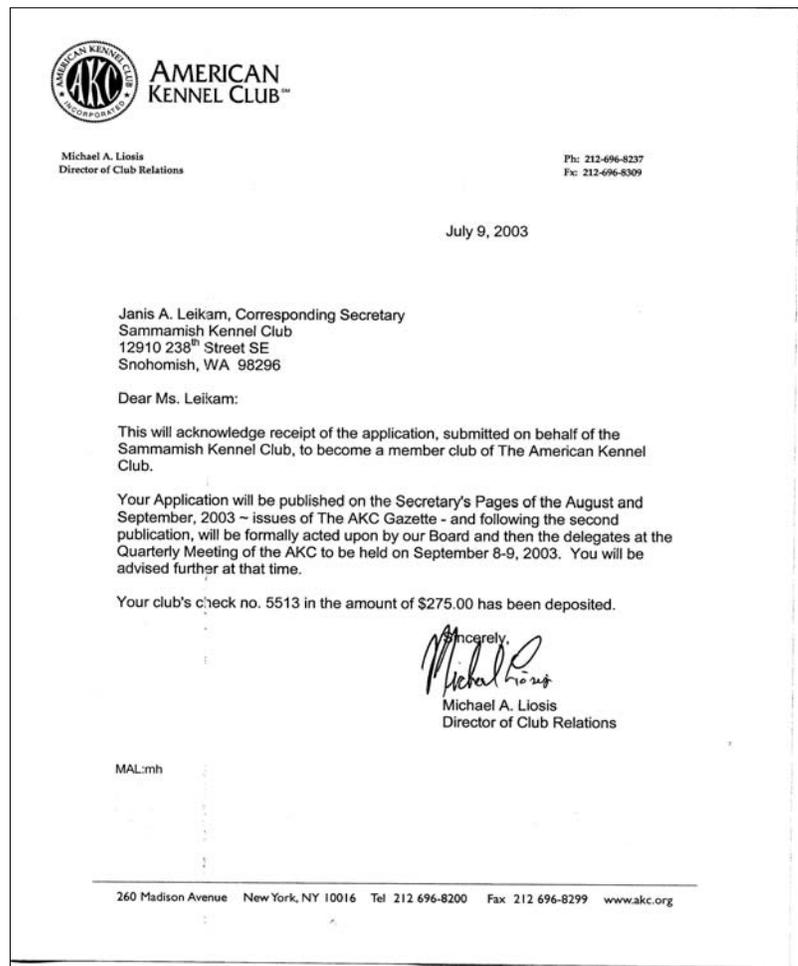
Michael reported that Vandra has been speaking with King County regarding kennel licensing changes. He will send names and phone numbers to the membership so that anyone who will be affected by the proposed changes can comment directly to King County.

Dee will be away on vacation – lucky woman! – for the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. As she did not volunteer to take the Club with her, Rusty will be in charge of the meeting. Anyone who has questions should contact her.

As AKC is currently considering our application for membership, we will need to elect a Delegate. Anyone who has an interest in this position should contact Dee.

Meeting adjourned 9PM.

Jan Leikam



## Caution for Dog Owners—Cocoa Mulch

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called "Theobromine".

It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks. So check what you are using in your gardens!

Theobromine is the ingredient that is used to make all chocolate — especially dark or baker's chocolate — which is toxic to dogs.

Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xan-

thine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

Cocoa beans contain the stimulants caffeine and theobromine. Dogs are highly sensitive to these chemicals, called methylxanthines. In dogs, low doses of methylxanthine can cause mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea, and/or abdominal pain); higher doses can cause rapid heart

rate, muscle tremors, seizures, and death. For more information, see:

[www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoa.htm](http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoa.htm)



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## Member Wags, Brags & Fun!

### 3-Month Calendar

<b>August 22, 23</b>	Specialty Shows
<b>August 24</b>	SAM Show
<b>September 10</b>	SAM Meeting 7:30 p.m.
<b>October 8</b>	SAM Meeting 7:30 p.m.

All meetings at the Kirkland Fire Station #27.

### BRAGS!

**Jan Leikam:** I finished our Borzoi, Adrienne Zooropa Super Sport at the Hound Specialty on Sunday, August 3. Breeder/Owners: Jan Leikam & Patty Hull.

Congratulations, Jan and Patty!



Canadian Dog Sign