



Sammamish Kennel Club Newsletter

The Barker

President's Message

Next 3 Months

January 14
Judge's Banquet @ Best
Western, Puyallup

January 15
SAM Show, Puyallup

February 9
SAM Meeting, Fire Station
27

March 9
Awards Banquet, Place
TBD

Another Holiday Season has come to a close and I am wondering where 2004 went so quickly. Seems like it only just started and now it is gone.

And since 2004 is gone and it is now January 2005, that means it is time for our first show of the year! Jan and I have been looking for more judges for breed and obedience classes as our entry is higher than we anticipated when the judges were hired 2 years ago. We are not complaining; this is a nice problem to have! The ladies at Rogers Dog Shows should have the Judge's Program online soon at www.rogersdogshows.com. Many club members (and Show Cluster Committee members) have worked very hard to make this show a success again this year. The show grounds will look a bit different due to the continuing renovation work on several of the buildings and the breed rings will be in a much nicer building than in the past. We are also offering Rally Obedience for the first time. Let's hope that the weather is better than last year and everyone has a wonderful day. No ice, or snow allowed!

The 2004 Annual Awards dinner is coming up in early March. Please email your your award information to Rusty at rusty@email.msn.com) as soon as possible. Include your name as you would like to see it on the certificate, your dog's AKC registered name and call name, and the month/year in which the title(s) were completed. If you have a picture, please send it to Deb Lewy so she can put it in *The Barker*. Come to the dinner and have a relaxing time!

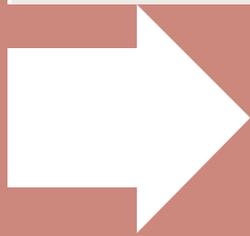
As the 2005 show season begins, I wish everyone luck and success. I have finally found a way to keep Dante under control until it is his turn to go into the Agility ring, but now I am having a hard time getting him to leave the ring without pitching a fit. If there is anyone that has a solution for a dog that thinks he owns the Agility ring, please contact me immediately!!

Respectfully,
Dee Carlson and Dante Terv – "It's MY ring!!"

JANUARY 2005

Report on NAIA Conference: “Helping Communities Solve Dangerous Dog Problems”

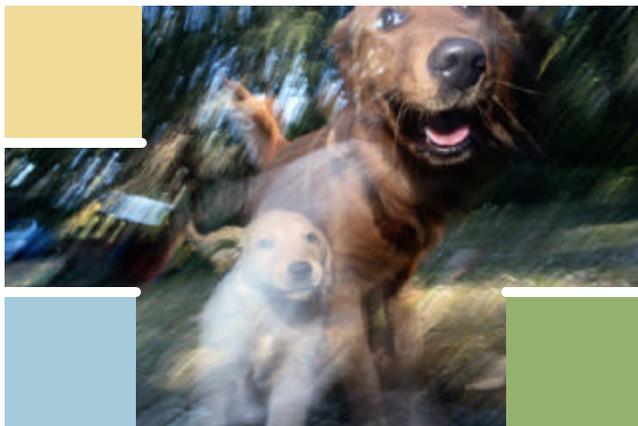
Northern Kentucky University
November 6-7, 2004



Submitted by Bo Gloster

Most of you know Patti Strand from the Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, and, of course, her prominence as a Director of the American Kennel Club. Perhaps lesser know is her role as president of the National Animal Interest Alliance, a wide-ranging coalition that is dedicated to animal welfare. Recently, a 2 day conference was held just outside of Cincinnati, sponsored by the NAIA targeting the problem of canine-human aggression, and in particular the epidemic of dog bites and dog mauling, with the resultant public outcry, and targeted legislation against dog-owners, breeders, specific breeds, and the promulgation of state, county, and city laws. Perhaps lost in some of this is the magnitude of the problem as it impacts victims, medical systems, insurance companies, places of work, high risk occupations, and, not insignificantly, the long term consequences on the emotional fabric of families, let alone the physical, often permanent, consequences of these incidents.

I was asked to be the lead-off speaker at this conference, an invitation flowing from my involvement in the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) Task Force on Canine Aggression and Human Interactions, as well as 30 years in the front line of urban emergency departments, where dog bites were a frequent diagnosis, and invariably a stressful encounter for all the medical personnel involved. I spoke for an hour on the magnitude of the problem. *(continued on insert)*



MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: December 14, 2004

Members Present:

Dee Carlson
Ken Carlson
Deb Lewy
Rusty Kingery
Bo Gloster
Doug Haldeman
Jan Leikam
Sue Lusa
Steve Lusa
Tonya Gisselberg
Patty Hull
Reggie Gausman
Muriel Clifford
Pat Wilaby

Guests Present:

David Kingery
David Lewy
Dee Smiley

The last meeting was held in conjunction with the SAM Holiday party at Deb and David Lewy's house at 2:00 p.m.

At 5:00, Dee called the meeting and dispensed with all agenda items except voting for new board members for 2005.

Nominees were as follows:
President—Dee Carlson
Vice President—Rusty Kingery
Secretary—Deb Lewy
Treasurer—Patty Hull
Board Members:
Reggie Gausman
Pat Wilaby
Muriel Clifford
Bo Gloster
Jan Leikam

The vote was unanimous in support of the new board members. Deb motioned and Rusty seconded that the board members be approved. Passed.

Rusty also asked all members who were at the meeting to let her know if they wanted to volunteer to steward at the January show. Dee reminded everyone to get ahold of Bev Little for reservations for the Judge's dinner on Friday, January 14. Those members who reserve a dinner but who do not show will be charged for the meal. Otherwise, this is one of the benefits of being a Sammamish Kennel Club member!

Meeting adjourned at 5:20.



Wayne's in for a surprise!

IT'S A FACT:

The Irish Wolfhound is considered the world's tallest breed of dog with the Saint Bernard and English Mastiff the heaviest.

AKC FILES NOW ONLINE

The American Kennel Club (AKC) announced today that the catalog of its world-renowned library is now available online at www.akc.org/insideAKC/depts/library.cfm. The online bibliographic research tool, named "Caius," (pronounced KEYS) will help researchers identify information sources on various subjects associated with dogs - from the development of dog shows to the canine's ever-expanding role as a household companion. The online catalog is named for Johannes Caius, the author of the first book to classify and describe all the known dog breeds and the tasks for which they were bred.

Caius allows users to browse thousands of the library's biblio-

graphic offerings by keyword, phrase, author, title, subject and format. Search results appear in alphabetical order beginning with the nearest field matching the query. Caius also allows a more streamlined search; for example, a search for "dogs and field trials" or "dogs and agility" will bring up titles specific to these subjects.

"A growing number of fanciers, scholars and serious researchers are traveling from around the world to utilize our extensive collection," said AKC Librarian & Archivist, Barbara Kolk. "While visiting the library, individuals spend a great deal of time searching the thousands of catalog records for pertinent materials. Now, by going online to

research much of the collection before visiting the library, the process will become much more efficient and we can share the library's extraordinary resources with dog enthusiasts from all around the world."

Initially, Caius will feature bibliographic reference information for bound periodicals, newspapers, foreign and domestic stud books, art, literature and juvenile books. It will also feature magazine and videocassette collections, including those from the AKC Gazette. Its foreign collection (the library currently houses works in seventeen languages) will be included as well. The catalog will continue to be updated over time, so that eventually it will represent all of the library's holdings.

Located at the headquarters building in New York City and open to the public, the AKC library contains almost 18,000 volumes including bound periodicals, foreign and domestic stud books, art, literature, sporting, history, and juvenile books. Also, there are broad collections of videos, stamps and bookplates and vertical files of clippings and magazine articles. Bound volumes of the AKC Gazette, the official publication of the AKC from 1889 to present, as well as all AKC Stud Books are easily accessible to researchers. The Library's mission is to serve as a public reference collection and archive on matters relating to purebred dogs and the various roles they play in our lives.

K-C KENNELS PLAYS WITH PERSIAN GENES!



Well, I know I am a sick puppy. Let me tell you the story behind the picture.

My parents' Persian, Alex, used to be shaved all the time. We didn't realize that the microchip that the shelter put in her was causing a terrible skin problem. The only way we could keep her from chewing herself bloody was to shave her. Well, last year the Siamese cat, Eekers, was playing with her and the chip popped out. All her skin problems went away, so we let her coat grow back.

Now to the haircut. Last night, my father came home, and was disgusted by the litter box dingle berries hanging from her rear end. So he wanted her shaved, but my Mother wanted to keep her coat. So I compromised. She is now in a show poodle cut. What do you think? She wouldn't let me get a real good shot of her. I think she is em-bare-assed. Ha ha!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

If you have not sent your 2005 Sammamish Kennel Club dues in to Patty Hull, this will be your last Barker. Send your dues in today! Email PattyHull@aol.com if you need more information.

KNOW A GOOD JUDGE?

The Sammamish Kennel Club is always looking for recommendations for breed and obedience judges. Send names of judges to Jan Leikam (waynejan1@verizon.net) or to Dee Carlson (avalonp1@gte.net).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our club needs your time and energy on several of our Standing Committees. Contact Dee Carlson if you can help.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SAMMAMISH KENNEL CLUB?

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