



Sammamish Kennel Club Newsletter

The Barker

President's Message

Next 3 Months

March 9
Awards Banquet @ the
Crab Cracker in Kirkland,
6:30 p.m.

April 13
SAM Meeting, Fire Station
#28

May 11
SAM Meeting, Fire Station
27

**ALL MEETINGS ARE AT
THE TOTEM LAKE FIRE
STATION #27 UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

January 5, 2005, what a busy day! Barbara, our Judge's Hospitality Lady, came down with the flu Friday morning. Fortunately for us, Muriel was at the show (thinking that she was going to ring steward), and instead she took over Hospitality and did a wonderful job. A few more club members arrived, they also assisted with Hospitality. I was only in the breed ring area for a few moments, but every one appeared to be doing okay in spite of showing their dog in a new location.

I spent most of the day hiding in the Pavilion, solving Obedience and Rally problems as they arose. The Obedience area was much tighter this year than in past years due to the addition of another ring for Rally. There was bit of growling from some of the exhibitors about decreased crating space, but nothing that was any harder than moving the crates closer together. In spite of the overflow problems with some of the Obedience classes (meaning that we had to hire another Obedience judge and find more ring stewards), several major errors in the catalog and Premium Listing, problems with confirmation letters, and an incorrect ring size on Friday morning, the Obedience and Rally Trials came off very nicely. We picked up the trash and were on the road for home by 7:15 PM. The club has received several compliments from the Exhibitors and the Judges. So, once again Pat and Jan and their committees pulled together a very nice show. It was nice to see people leaving with a smile on their faces!

The 2004 Annual Awards dinner is coming up soon! Send your award information to Rusty (rusty@email.msn.com) asap. Include your name, your dog's AKC registered name and call name, and the month and year in which the title(s) was completed. If you have a picture, please send it to Deb Lewy for inclusion in the Barker. This dinner is always a very pleasant, relaxing event and it is a pleasure to recognize those people who have worked so hard to complete a title(s) with their dog(s).

If you interested in being a member of any of our Standing Committees, please let me know.

If you have suggestions for judges for our 28 August 2006 Show, please let me know as soon possible. We are working on the judge's panel for this show right now.

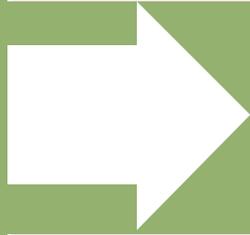
Respectfully,
Dee Carlson



FEBRUARY 2005

Letters, We Get Letters!

Several judges from our last show sent us thank you notes. Here are two.



From one of our Obedience judges:

Good morning Dee,

I would like to thank you and Sammamish Kennel Club for allowing me the honor of judging the Rally Trial. It was a wonderful group of exhibitors. The stewards were also wonderful. I am sorry I didn't get to tell them thank you, as they were gone when I finished up with the pictures. Please pass my thanks on to them

As with anything new, there were a few minor glitches, but nothing that couldn't be taken care of. I did speak to the Superintendent about the scheduling. The ring was perfect and I do believe the exhibitors all had a good time. Thank you again, Gayl

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Hi Pat and Vandra,

Wanted to take a moment to thank you for the grand time I had at your show this past weekend. I had a grand time! The dogs were great, the people warm and helpful and the hospitality super. I hope I can work for you again in the near future. It's like a "close" show for me, not having to fly to the other coast, etc. Much more enjoyable and not so tiring. Vandra, special thanks to Michel for driving me to lunch and back, and especially for going out of his way to take John Shelton and I into the Airport Marriott- he was great.

All the best to everyone. Good luck, and stay well. Sincerely, Jerry Roszman



MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Members Present:

Dee Carlson

Patty Hull

Reggie Gausman

Deb Lewy

Pat Wilaby

Jan Leikam

Rusty Kingery

Muriel Clifford

Dee called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Dee dispensed with the formal order of business. The first item on the agenda was the chair for the January 2007 show. The members voted and unanimously approved Pat Wilaby as the show chair and Jan Leikam as co-chair. Dee Carlson will be

the obedience chair. The judge's selection committee for January 2007 will consist of Pat Wilaby, Reggie Gausman, and Jan.

The summer 2005 chief ring steward will be Rusty Kingery.

Jan read a new membership application for Verlynn and Julia Johns who have the #5 Cavalier in the country.

Discussion regarding the membership list and who to send The Barker to.

Judge's selection for August 2006: Reggie, Jan, and Dee. They will meet next Wednesday at Jan's house.

Pat indicated that we still have not received photos from the January 2005 show.

Secretary's report: The P.O. box in Issaquah is locked. Rusty will get the key from Deb and check it out. We may need to get a different box closer to Deb so she can collect mail. Deb passed around a few thank you cards (from Walter Sommerfelt, Maggie & Frank Alheno, Joan Urban, Lowell Davis, Marilyn Lindsey-Miller, and Frank & mOnica Canestrini). She also passed out an OSU Foundation donation request to the club.

Discussion of having a King

County Search & Rescue demo at the August 2005 show. Deb will follow up. We may be able to present a benevolence check to them at the show.

Bo, Patty, and Deb need to meet and decide on 2005 benevolence funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



IT'S A FACT:

A dog can hear sounds from up to 250 yards away while humans can only hear sounds from up to 25 yards away.

WESTMINSTER TEAMS WITH DREAMWORKS

NEW YORK - The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, one of America's oldest and most prestigious sporting events, is partnering with DreamWorks Animation to inaugurate an historic innovation to showcase the 2005 show.

For the first time ever, fans of "America's Dog Show" will be able to see highlights of the breed competition held each day in the 165 breeds and varieties. Those highlights will be shot and posted in streaming video on the Westminster web site within two hours of the actual competition for any particular breed or variety. This will allow viewers actually to follow the progression of the top dogs in each breed as they vie to be Best of Breed and win the right to advance to the evening Group competition and a chance for Best In Show.

The streaming video is being sponsored by DreamWorks Animation, marking the first time ever in Westminster's illustrious history that the club has accepted a sponsorship partner outside of a dog food company. The streaming video project will be hosted by Gromit, the canine half of the beloved clay-animated duo Wallace & Gromit. DreamWorks will be presenting Aardman's new Wallace & Gromit feature length film, which opens on October 7, 2005.

Since 1948, Westminster's evening competition in the Groups, featuring each of the breed winners, has been broadcast live on local and cable television. This new feature of Westminster coverage will show how those winners advanced to their group competition. In the past, dog show aficionados who were not

fortunate enough to attend in person at New York's Madison Square Garden only saw the breed winners in the seven group rings. Now, by way of the streaming video on the Internet, viewers can watch hundreds of breed champions, ranging from Golden Retrievers to Komondors, from Mastiffs to Pekingese, and from Rhodesian Ridgebacks to Cavalier King Charles Spaniels strut their stuff as they try to win the favor of the judges. This year, entries at the breed level range to as high as 53 (Golden Retrievers).

"Our goal, beginning with our very first show in 1877, has always been to educate the general public about purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership and dog shows," said show chairman Thomas H. Bradley, 3d. "We have been televising our dog

show live for well over 50 years (since 1948). At that time, television was the cutting edge of available technology.

The breed videos will remain on the web site throughout the year, accompanied by highlights of the Group competition and Best In Show, to be added following the event. The 129th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, sponsored by Pedigree, is broadcast live on USA Network, 8:00pm to 11:00pm (EST) on both Monday February 14th and Tuesday, February 15th, 2005.



WASHINGTON NEEDS YOUR HELP ON INSURANCE LEGISLATION

Legislation has once again been introduced (H1016) that would prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against homeowners based on the breed of dog they own. A similar bill was considered in Washington last year but failed to pass. Your help is needed to ensure that this positive legislation is finally enacted into law!

Finding and keeping homeowners' insurance has been a growing problem for responsible dog owners in recent years. In many instances, families have had no choice but to give up their canine companions because of exorbitant premiums or companies' outright refusal to cover their breed. H1016 presents a very reasonable alternative—insurance companies can raise rates or refuse coverage only if a dog has been deemed dangerous based on existing state law.

The American Kennel Club believes that insurance companies should determine coverage of a dog-owning household based on the dog's deeds, not the dog's breed, and we encourage your support of this important bill!

What You Can Do:

?? Contact your state legislators and ask them to support H1016. To find out who represents you, visit: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>.

Watch AKC's Web site for additional information as developments occur.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN (AND WOMEN)

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).

HELP MAKE SAM GREAT!

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

WE HAVE A NEW ADDRESS

The Sammamish Kennel Club has a new post office box. The new address is: PMB 214, 16149 Redmond Way, Redmond, WA 98052.



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