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THE JULY BARKER



PICNIC ! AND PROGRAM !

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Sammamish Kennel Club

President's Letter for the Barker

June 9, 2007

Do you care about any of this?

There was quite a bit of discussion at the Membership meeting of 11 June on the California Legislature bill AB1634 which will require mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs in California over 4 months of age. This bill has passed the California House and is being considered in the Senate. The consensus opinion is that this bill will eventually be passed into law in California. Why is this important to us that live in beautiful King County?

In a recent E-newsletter (www.metrokc.gov/mkcc/members/patterson) published by Councilmember Julia Patterson, District 5, she took credit for the passage of the following legislation.

"29 May 2007, the King County Council passed Ordinance 2007-0284 which makes changes to the King County Code relating to abuse, euthanasia rates and the King County Animal Control and Care Citizen's Advisory Committee. Among the changes are:

- Calculating the euthanasia rate based on the total number of cats and dogs that enter King County Animal Control Shelters, and reduce the rate of animal euthanasia from 38 percent down to 20 percent by the end of 2008 and down to 15 percent by the end of 2009;

- Granting more comprehensive and strategic roles to King County Animal Control and Care Citizen's Advisory Committee including:

 - Exploring strategies and providing recommendations on the prevention of animal cruelty, the humane care and welfare of animals in King County shelters, the reduction of euthanasia, development of a no-kill shelter policy, and ways to increase adoptions and participation in spay/neuter programs.

 - Analysis of how King County might implement a "no-kill" policy."

There are other items covered in the new legislation, but what is really important to us is the reduction in the euthanasia rate, the implementation of a "no-kill" policy and the desire for increased participation in spay/neuter programs. Does AB1634 sound like the answer King County is looking for?

Did anyone hear anything about this legislation being passed? Did you see anything about it in the newspapers? You may not care about any of this today, but when, in the not too distant future, a King County Councilmember quietly announces (through a back door) a mandatory spay/neuter law backed up by the Coalition for a NO KILL King County (www.nokillkingcounty.org/NoKillDeclaration.asp) and Pet Data, Inc. (www.Petdata.com) of Irving, Texas, you may care then. Take the time to check the links listed here; you will be surprised about what is going on behind your back. You might even want to do "something".

Respectfully,

Dee Carlson

President - Sammamish Kennel Club



Sammamish Kennel Club

General meeting minutes June 13, 2007



Sammamish Kennel Club

Minutes of the Board/General Membership Meeting

June 13m 2007

Present were:

Cliff Hewitt

Dee Carlson

Rusty Kingery

Beverly Little

Jan Leikam

President Dee Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

Minutes of the last Board meeting approved as published.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

It was resolved to adopt electronic notification verbiage as follows:

“Written notice stating place, day hour and purpose of any regular Club or Board meeting shall be delivered either personally, by mail, private carrier, telephone, electronic transmission (including e-mail), wire or wireless equipment that transmits a facsimile of the notice, to each Club member or Board member respectively, in accordance with the notification requirements detailed in the Club's Constitution. Notice sent by electronic transmission must satisfy the requirements set forth in RCW 24.04.009 and as follows.

Notice by electronic transmission is effective when (a) electronically transmitted to an address, location, or system designated by the recipient for that purpose, and is made pursuant to the consent provided by the recipient; or (b) has been posted on an electronic network and a separate record of the posting has been delivered to the recipient together with comprehensible instructions regarding how to obtain access to the posting on the electronic network. Each Club or Board member that desires to receive notice via electronic transmission must consent to the receipt of such electronic transmitted notices via electronic transmission by designating in the consent the message format accessible to such person and the address, location or system to which these notices may be electronically transmitted. A Club or Board member who has consented to the receipt of electronically transmitted notices may revoke the consent by delivering a written revocation to the Club.”

This resolution must be renewed annually.

Heated discussion of the CA AB1634 mandatory castration/spay bill ensued. Consensus was that Sammamish Kennel Club is adamantly opposed to this bill. Dee will write a letter representing the views of Sammamish re AN1634 to parties in the Calif. Senate.

Discussion of the pending King County Citizens Advisory Committee advised that all members of this Committee to advise King County government on the proposed 'No-Kill' shelter concept have been appointed by the County Executive, Ron Simms. Beverly reported that when she called her county representative she was told that only Ron Simms could appoint committee members. No one seems to know who the appointees are at this time.

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There will be a letter written to AKC to ask why someone from the AKC headquarters hasn't made a personal appearance to speak on behalf of the Dog Fancy at the AB1634 hearings.

Discussion of the 'PetData' information – in particular, the absence of privacy regulations of the database.

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Benevolent Committee report was approved. Delta Society, \$300, JEAWS \$300, SPDR \$300, WSU Scholarship \$1500, NW Disaster Search Dogs \$250.

Minutes of the April General Meeting were approved as published.

David Kingery was elected to the Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Leikam, for Verlynn Johns.



" What is this Working Dog Sport?"

Why would I want to make my dog vicious? Should we be training dogs to bite in today's litigious society? These are the types of questions that often get asked when I start to tell people about the sport I participate in with my dogs. One of the most common misconceptions about the sport of 'schutzhund' (german for 'protection dog') is that dogs that do protection work are vicious- in fact, this is far from the case. To be a successful schutzhund dog, a dog has to be stable, balanced in it's drives, and most importantly, under control of it's handler. Also, schutzhund is not just about protection work- protection is only one of three phases of the sport.

So, what exactly is schutzhund? It is the canine triathlon, including tracking, obedience, and protection. The sport was originally created in the early 1900's as a breeding soundness test for the German Shepherd dog; each phase of the sport tests the dog for certain temperament characteristics that are essential in the make up of a good working dog. Tracking tests the dog's scenting ability, it's focus and concentration, as well as it's ability to problem solve. Obedience tests the dog's willingness to work for a human handler, it's trainability & ability to follow direction. Protection tests the dog's courage and determination, as well as it's ability to function under stress, all while still being obedient to it's handler. The dog must complete all three phases in one day- which tests the dog's fitness, stamina and soundness- both physically and mentally. Being able to evaluate these traits is helpful to the breeder in breeding better working dogs- dogs that can succeed as police canines, search and rescue dogs, drug detection dogs, as well as dogs that have better aptitude for performance events, such as obedience, tracking or agility.

Any dog (purebred or mixed breed) that can do the work can compete in schutzhund events, although the most commonly seen dogs in the sport are German Shepherd dogs, Belgian Malinois & Tervuren, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Dutch Shepherds, Giant Schnauzers and American Pit Bull Terriers. Bouviers, Boxers and Airdale terriers are also occasionally seen, and I have also heard of Labrador retrievers, Border collies and Chesapeake Bay retrievers that have been titled in the sport.

Before a dog can compete for schutzhund titles, they must first pass the BH 'Begleithundprüfung' or 'traffic safety companion dog'. The BH is pass/fail, and consists of an obedience routine similar to AKC Novice obedience, as well as a thorough temperament test. The obedience routine consists of heeling on and off leash with change of paces and a figure eight through a crowd, a sit out of motion, a down out of motion, a recall and an honor down. The temperament test is a variety of exercises that prove that the dog does not show uncalled for aggression towards people or other dogs.

Once the dog has passed the BH, it may compete for titles; Schutzhund 1, Schutzhund 2 and Schutzhund 3. The Schutzhund 1 must be passed before the 2, and the 2 before the 3. They are abbreviated as SchH1, SchH2 & SchH3. Equivalent titles offered by different organizations are the VPG1-3 and the IPO1-3. Each title requires the dog successfully complete tracking, obedience and protection in the same day; each phase is scored on a 100 point scale with 70 points in each phase required to pass. At the SchH3 level the tracking is similar to a TD in age and distance, but with 4 corners and 3 articles. The obedience is all off leash and includes heeling with changes of pace, halts, a figure eight through a crowd, a sit, down and stand out of motion (the down and stand done at a fast pace), a retrieve on the flat, a retrieve over a 1 meter (39in) jump, a retrieve over a 6 foot A-frame, a send away with down across the length of the field and an honor down while another dog works. The protection exercises include a variety of 'police dog' situations where the dog must search for or apprehend a fleeing or attacking bad guy (called the 'helper'). The dog is only allowed to bite when the helper is fleeing or attacking, must release the bite sleeve on command, and be under handler control at all times.

Interested in seeing schutzhund in action? Plan on coming to Sammamish Kennel Club's July 11th meeting- we will be having a program on schutzhund and the Working Dog Sport- you'll have a chance to see dogs doing work in all three phases.



These are the Judges and the Groups in which they are judging with the estimated entry of the breeds . And the Club Members who have volunteered to Steward. Thank you .

CONFORMATION	grp 1	grp2	grp3	grp4	grp5	grp6	grp7	Jr	Misc	total	Stewards
										0	
Allen, Sandra Goose	46			30	37	37				150	GP4 Sue. L
Clamper, Rosalind				41						41	
Ewing, Barbara		86								86	Laura Y
Hearn, Ann D,	13				186					199	GP5
										0	
Thill, Judy				70						70	
Lyne, Virginnia	89	16								105	GP6-BIS Steve Lusa
Little, Marilyn										0	Obed
Luna, Joan E			138					55		193	GP3
Potter, William F		67		104						171	Nancy W
Reel, Denise C	59									59	
Roos- Borjeson, Britta			77	9		40				126	Doug H
Stenmark, Betty-Anne	43	106		18						167	GP2
Walkowicz, Chris	74		6					93		173	GP7 Sandee I
Mapes, Lester	1	35					123			159	Gp 1
										0	
Conformation Total	325	310	221	272	223	200	93	55	0	1699	
OBEDIENCE	Nov A	Nov B	Op A	Op B	Ut A	Ut B				Total	
Little, Mrs M	19		11		7					37	
R. J Janek		14		10	11					35	Julia
Sub Total	19	14	11	10	18	0	0	0	0	72	
RALLY	Ex A	Ex B	Ad A	Ad B	Nov A	Nov B					
Tanner, Larry	7	29	11	22	20	37				115	
Total										1771	

?? Question of the Month ??

What Brand of Dog Food do you feed your dogs? Did you have to change when the recall was issued? If so what influenced you to pick the new Brand?



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