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SHOW TIME

**OUR ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW AT
MARYMOOR PARK**

**AUGUST 22,23 SPECIALITY CLUBS
& AGILITY**

AUGUST 24th

THE 33rd SUMMER SHOW



**No General Meeting this
Month Board Meeting
only. Wednesday Aug 13th
7:30 PM. Dee's House**

Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner

Sammamish Kennel Club
President's Letter for the Barker

6 July 2008

A very exciting idea

Our picnic at Marymoor Park last Wednesday got interrupted by a very short and informal Club meeting. Beverly Little and David Kingery opened an informal discussion about how to make meetings more fun and still manage to get the work done that is required of the Club. This is a subject that the Board has mulled over many times. Here are some of the thoughts that David and Beverly presented (informally!).

How about if we schedule the Club meetings quarterly, rather than monthly? There could be a theme for the quarterly meeting, such as our picnic in July or Christmas party in December, and we could hold the meeting while we are doing something fun. The theme could be food, maybe a soup and salad meeting or desserts meeting, or some thing educational like a discussion/presentation on structure, or whatever subject is of interest to Club members. We could even set aside time to do nothing but socialize with each other. As a Club, we could decide the theme for the meetings in advance, possibly at our yearly meeting in December. Meetings could be held in Club members homes (with an RSVP so we know how many people to plan on hosting?) or at our traditional fire station location.

In order to make this change to our meeting schedule, we would have to amend our Constitution and By-Laws and get the amendment approved by AKC, but that is not a big deal. We can do this, **IF** you would like to see it happen. Please let me know your thoughts on this idea. I can be contacted at home, 425.861.9030, or by email, avalonp1@gte.net, or any other way that you would like. I find it exciting and would love to see it happen!

If you have a different idea on how to make our meetings more inviting, please do not hesitate to tell some one on the Board. Your input is greatly desired!

Respectfully,

Dee Carlson

President – Sammamish Kennel Club

NEW PRODUCT

Petzliflife oral care gel and spray

I was browsing through my new Pet Edge Catalog , and ran across this product, pg 212.

Do you hate scaling your dog's teeth as much as I do?

“Easy-t-use Oral Care products effectively remove tartar and plaque build-up for cleaner, healthier teeth and gums. All natural formula kills plaque and odor-causing bacteria on contact, freshening pet's breath. Regular use helps maintain good dental hygiene and reverse the effects of gum disease. Safe for dogs and cats.

Comes in gel 4oz \$1490, refill 12 oz \$34. or Spray 2.2oz \$14.99, refill 8 oz \$32.99”

I am going to order some spray and give it a trial. If you all are interested I will report back on the results.

[Editor]

Sammamish Kennel Club
General Meeting July 9th, 2008
Picnic at Marymoor Park

General meeting called to order at 6:10pm by Dee Carlson.

(President's note: This was a very informal meeting in the midst of a really nice picnic.)

Members present: Dee Carlson, Verlynn Johns, Jan Leikam, Rusty Kingery, David Kingery, Muriel Clifford, Dave Johns, Malynn Johns, Julia Johns, Beverly Little, Michelle Brown.

Guests: Dante, Crystal and Michelle's lovely Golden Retriever.

Presidents report: None

Treasurer report: None

Secretary report: AKC Lifetime achievement nominations received.

Lifetime achievement nominations are as followed and sent to AKC:

Confirmation-Dr. Robert D. Smith

Companion Events- Susan N. Bluford

Performance-Mary Jo Trimble

Electronic Notification resolution originally voted on 13 June 2007 with yearly renewal voted on and passed July 9, 2008. Please see the Minutes from the 13 June 2007 for wording on the resolution.

Discussion regarding proposed AKC mixed breeds registration for inclusion in Companion events (Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and Agility). Most agreed this sounds like AKC has already made a decision to do to this is looking for rubber stamp approval from the clubs in spite of many unanswered questions from the clubs and exhibitors.

An informal discussion was held regarding the feasibility of holding Sammamish Kennel Club meetings once a quarter, rather than monthly. The idea is to make the meetings more of a social gathering. It was decided that further discussion is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Original Message -----

From: [Scot Northern](#)

To: [Scot Northern](#)

Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 5:52 AM

Subject: [7/28 - Final Iowa Flood Update and the AKC Donation

-----Permission to Cross Post-----

Good Morning (7/28),

On 6/10, I sent out the first 'flood' email asking for help. At that time, the flood waters were coming towards Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, and there was nothing that could be done, except evacuate and prepare. Over the course of the next several weeks, many more emails went out, and the response was amazing.

Volunteers streamed in from all over the country, putting in tens of thousands of hours of work to help take care of the animals that were in need. Hundreds of phone calls came in, asking questions, offering advice, lessons learned, words of encouragement, and support. Supplies flowed into both the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids shelters, carried by semis, vans, baskets, and hand.

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During our time of need, the outpouring of support was as monumental as the flood waters were devastating. If it were not for the generosity of the animal world, the efforts to help all of those beloved pets would have been in vain. I can type no words that would come close to expressing the gratitude all of us in this area have.

I believe this will be my last email about the flood, as the vast majority of animals have left the Cedar Rapids Shelter, the Iowa City Shelter has found a temporary home, and both are now eyeing the tremendous rebuilding effort ahead of them.

Now onto the Questions and Answers:

Question – What did you do on Saturday, July 19th, Scot? Any AKC News?

Answer – It was a surreal experience to walk the Kirkwood buildings that, just a month earlier, held so many hundreds of animals. Gone were the kennels that lined the hallways, the stalls in the equine center were empty, there were no shavings on the floor, no pooper scoopers lining the isles, and the barking, meowing, and chirping had gone silent. The hustle and bustle that had once frantically energized the air was replaced with a deafening silence, as one lone woman came in quietly asking if she could adopt the last 3 birds to her sanctuary.

As I talked with Misha Goodman and Sgt Kent Choate about the past month, I was honored to be able to offer them some help towards their future, from the American Kennel Club.


During the course of this tragedy, the AKC has contributed an endless supply of dog crates, cat crates, cat havens, kitty litter, food, you name it...they've sent it. Lisa Peterson, of the AKC, has Also made it a point to check in with me several times a week to see what more could be done, and how efforts were progressing. Just when I thought, they had gone above and beyond.....The AKC goes even further.

- On behalf of the AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief Fund, I had the privilege of presenting \$10,000 checks to BOTH the Cedar Rapids Animal Shelter and the Iowa City Animal Shelter. That money will go so far in helping these inspirational organizations put back together everything they have lost. You can read the AKC article at:

http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3554

- John F. Kennedy said “When written in Chinese, the word ‘crisis’ is composed of two characters - one represents danger and the other represents opportunity.” In Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, we faced our flood danger, but we would not have been able to rise to the opportunity presented if it were not for YOU.

- As another famous John(Lennon)once sang, “I get by with a little help from my friends.” To everyone reading this, we did MORE than JUST get by, because YOU gave MORE than just a little help! Thank you...
...for everything.

Hugs to your hounds, 
Scot Northern
President – Cedar Rapids Kennel Association



Michelle, and Julie receiving Sam pins and patches from Membership Chair Beverly Little. Below Michelle Being supervised by her Golden as she opens her goodies.



Dave Kingery enjoying picnic Beverly, Rusty and Dee pic below listening to discussion at meeting



Rusty, Dee checking the Constitution while Bev catches the photographer snapping Pics.



The John's Family. Where's Mom Verlynn? Behind the camera of course.