

THE MAY BARKER

MEETING THE 2ND WEDNESDAY, May 14th
BOARD MEETING 7 PM General Mtg 7:30 PM

Meeting Place

We will be meeting at firehouse 26 which is in Rose Hill area of Kirkland

North Bound: Take exit 18 [85th str] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right onto 85th Str. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left, Continue almost to 100th, Str. which is the next signal light. Turn right into parking area in front. **South Bound:** Take exit 18 to Redmond Eastbound onto NE 85th Str., turn right. Continue to 124th Ave NE turn left. Continue almost to 100th ST. which is the next signal light. Turn right into parking area in front.

Sammamish Kennel Club

President's Letter for the Barker

19 April 2008

Another Pretty Face?

Faces are very important to us. Watch the television any day and you will see many products geared toward maintaining your face, or improving upon the face that is aging and starting to show signs of wrinkles. There are faces that only a mother could love. There are faces that are seemingly loved by all, as can be attested to by the money that we pay to watch those faces in movies. I sometimes wonder how the public sees our, Sammamish Kennel Club, face.

The public sees us scurry around a large field every August transforming it from an empty space into a Dog Show in just a few short hours. They see us move elegantly groomed dogs around a ring, hoping the judge will pick our dog not only for Best of Breed, but also for Best in Show. Or they see us performing an intricate dance over the obstacles in the Agility ring, trying to run clean and slice seconds off the clock. The public seems to be astonished by the long row of dogs in the Obedience ring that lie there with no owners in sight for many long minutes. I think the face that most of the public does not see is the one that is most important to us, Sammamish Kennel Club.

Early each year, a small group of Club members is appointed to determine how to spend several thousand dollars that we earned as a result of the long hours that we put into creating and presenting two annual dog shows. This money is given freely to non-profit organizations such as Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue, AKC Canine Health Foundation, Washington State University Veterinary Scholarship program, Katrina Dog Rescue, California Fire Relief, Judge's Education Association of Washington, and Delta Society, to name only a few. Our combined donation for 2006 and 2007 was over \$8,400.00. Our donation for 2007 will be approximately \$3,500. We, Sammamish Kennel Club, have donated nearly **\$12,000.00** in just the last three years to organizations that wisely invest that money to help others. It would be interesting to know the true return on our benevolence dollars. I doubt that the "public" that received and benefited from these dollars thinks of us, Sammamish Kennel Club, as just another pretty face. And those faces are very important to us, Sammamish Kennel Club.

Respectfully,

Dee Carlson

President – Sammamish Kennel Club

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

Testimony in April 14, 2008 6:30 PM To King County Council

Good Evening – Chairman Constantine and King County Council members:

My name is Dr. Bo Gloster and I've come here tonight to lend my enthusiastic support to your efforts on behalf of King County animals and the outstanding work of King County Animal Control staff, but at the same time to express a few reservations or at least ask a few questions.

I am representing a number of dog and animal organizations today. First I am the King County representative of the National Animal Interest Alliance, a broad based national organization whose role it is to provide a moderate, balanced, fact-based perspective within the animal welfare debate. We are proud to represent a wide variety of animal interests including dog and cat enthusiasts, agriculture, wildlife management, veterinarians and pet owners across America. I am also an active member of several Washington State Kennel Clubs and a charter member and current treasurer of the Mount Rainier Working Dog Club, an organization whose members keep and cherish some of the wonderful breeds that today, in some circles and communities, find themselves on the other side of poorly crafted ordinances. I am Show Chairman for a large dog show held annually in August at King County's Marymoor Park, an event to which I had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Lambert last year. This is organized and sponsored by the Sammamish Kennel Club, on whose Board I also sit.

I am also interested in animal issues from the perspective of a retired emergency medicine physician, who knows the value of animal control and its role protecting public health and safety from dangerous and diseased animals. Because of the confluence of my two passions, emergency medicine and a devotion to dogs, I was appointed by the American College of Emergency Physicians, an organization of 45,000 physicians, to be its representative to the American Veterinary Medical Association's Task Force on Canine-Human Aggression. This group published several years ago, in the Veterinary literature, "A Community Approach to Dog Bite Prevention." I have felt for all of my professional career that the Emergency Departments of this state and its Animal Control facilities have a connected mission in attending to the public welfare, the public safety, and, frankly, public education.

Wearing all these hats, I strongly support the construction of a new shelter. It's badly overdue and the council is to be congratulated for getting behind this effort.

We also support both hiring more personnel to staff the shelter, as well as expanding field operations and greater community outreach for education and expanded spay neuter. These are all necessary improvements that will advance the best interests of King County residents, both people and animals.

On the other hand, while I strongly encourage working with rescue organizations and other humane groups and societies, I do not believe that it is in the best interest of the country to privatize its shelter. To reemphasize, municipal shelters have a vital role to play in protecting public health and safety, in enforcing cruelty laws and in providing shelter for the county's homeless animals. We have a very diverse population, and it is with the input of citizens that ordinances and statues are developed. We do not believe that any part of this role should be delegated or contracted to an outside body that operates from its own mission. To do so would violate the chain of command from animal control officer to the elected officials who oversee them. Private organizations operate from a mission which would likewise be compromised if brought under the umbrella of government.

Finally, the recommendation includes mention of an oversight "job/shadower" position. While I can't honestly say I understand what that position is, I want to urge that the \$85,000 that is budgeted for that position be spent instead on animal care staff or further renovations to facilities. The record of this sheltering organization over the last 30 years is a good one and should be bolstered by more staff and other resources.

Bo Gloster, MD (Robert C. Gloster)

American Board of Internal Medicine

American Board of Emergency Medicine

NAIA Representative

Sammamish Kennel Club

Mount Rainier Working Dog Club

Subject: AKC Chapter 11 Modification

Approved April 8th

Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Chapter 11, Section 8

Robin Stansell and Bobby Birdsong, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by

Mrs. Schaefer, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia and Mr. Goodman) to revise its policies on

"Change in appearance by artificial means" to include the use of substances or drugs. The revised policy is as follows:

When the judge of a sweepstakes or futurity finds that a dog is ineligible to compete under this section, the dog should be excused.

A dog may only be disqualified in a sweepstakes or futurity under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A. A dog is considered changed in appearance by artificial means if it has been subjected to any type of procedure, substance or drugs that have the effect of obscuring, disguising or eliminating any congenital or hereditary abnormality or any undesirable characteristic, or that does anything to improve a dog's natural appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

Even procedures, substances and drugs which are absolutely necessary to the health and comfort of a dog shall disqualify that dog from competition if the former had the incidental effect of changing or even improving the dog's appearance, temperament, bite or gait.

There may be cases in which a veterinarian has prescribed some drug as being necessary for the health of a dog. In such cases, the veterinarian's advice should be followed, but the dog should be withheld from competition in dog shows or obedience trials until all possible effects of the drug have worn off.

Procedures that would in and of themselves be considered a change in appearance by artificial means and make a dog ineligible for shows include, but are not limited to:

1. The correction of entropion, ectropion, trichiasis or distichiasis.
2. Trimming, removing or tattooing of the third eyelid (nictitating membrane)
3. The insertion of an eye prosthesis
4. Correction of harelip, cleft palate, stenotic nares, or an elongated soft palate resection
5. Any procedure to change ear set or carriage other than permitted by the breed standard
6. Restorative dental procedures, the use of bands or braces on teeth, or any alteration of the dental arcade
7. The removal of excess skin folds or the removal of skin patches to alter markings
8. Correction of inguinal, scrotal or perineal hernias
9. Surgery for hip dysplasia, O.C.D., patellar luxation and femoral head restriction
10. Alteration of the location of the testes or the insertion of an artificial testicle
11. Altering the set or carriage of the tail



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