



JUNE BARKER 2012

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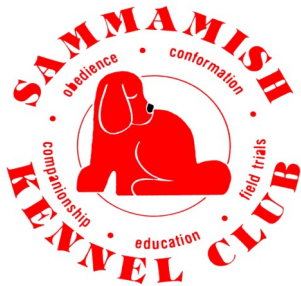
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Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner

It seems that May is a favored month for National Specialties. The Scottish Deerhound Club of America is no exception. We rotate our Specialties through the 3 regions of the Country and this year it was in the Midwestern Region in Michigan. It was held in Frankenmuth, which is a theme city similar to Leavenworth, Washington. It is Xmas 365 days a year. We thought we had beaten the odds with the weather, until Saturday, Best Of Breed day when all the Specials are piped into the ring by a real live Bagpiper in kilts and all. THE RAINS CAME! Not only rains [read that as Downpour] but Thunder and Lightening! Deerhounds are ALWAYS shown outside! We had a huge Tent but because it was too dark under the tent for the video camera to get the shots from across the 100 x 100 ft! ring. The dogs were sent out [in the pouring rain] to do their down and backs and once around. They all survived, didn't melt, DHs are made of sterner stuff. Of course Sunday the sun returned as we all said good-bye.

This week as I write this the Borzoi National is in process in Richland Washington. So Jan, Patty and Don, and Barbara O'Neill are all over there for the week. Wishing them all good luck, good weather.

I am going to reprint the proposed Federal Rule from the Agriculture Department. We should all add our 2 cents in comments to save ourselves before it is too late.

No minutes in this issue. As there was no meeting in May. This may also be a slim issue. I have been suffering from "Editor's Block". You know I do take suggestions for articles. Anything we "borrow" from other publications just need an ok to use. Most are quite willing to share their articles of interest.

So until June 13th, 2nd Wednesday, keep safe and hug your dogs.

Rusty

Friendship is like a bank account You cannot continue to draw on it without making deposits

Author unknown



[Thursday, May 17, 2012]

Yesterday, a proposed change to how the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) may administer federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations affecting “Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions” was published to the Federal Register. Comments on the proposal are now being accepted by APHIS.

The American Kennel Club continues to believe that the proposed changes have the potential to significantly impact AKC breeders, and encourages all interested parties to review the proposed rule and offer comment.

[Click here to view the proposed rule.](#)

[Click here to view a USDA Fact Sheet about the proposed rule.](#)

Background: The AWA exempts from federal licensing and regulations “retail pet stores”, which are defined as anyone selling puppies directly to a final customer for use as pets. It is this exemption that enables most small or hobby breeders to currently avoid being licensed and regulated by the USDA.

The new proposed rule rescinds the exempt “retail pet store” status of anyone selling pets at retail to buyers who do not physically enter the breeder’s facilities in order to personally observe the animals available for sale prior to purchase and/or to take custody of the animals after purchase. The primary purpose of this rule is to regulate breeders who sell puppies online. The changes in the rule mean that breeders or others who sell puppies sight unseen, by any means, would now be regulated under USDA regulations.

The proposed rule also increases from three to four the number of a breeding females that a person may maintain on his or her premises and be exempt from the licensing and inspection requirements in the AWA, regardless of how the offspring are sold.

The AKC has a number of concerns, including:

- In many cases, geographic distance makes it difficult for a purchaser to personally visit or pick up the puppy at the breeder’s kennel. Such scenarios are particularly common for breeders and fanciers of rare breeds and others who may be purchasing a second pet from the same breeder or already have an established relationship with a breeder. Requiring such individuals to comply with regulations designed for large commercial may not be appropriate.
- The term “breeding female” is not defined. It is unclear at what age a female dog might be considered a “breeding female”.
- The AKC believes, based on its own experience in kennel inspections and breeding operations that the Regulatory Impact Analysis provided in the proposed rule vastly underestimates both the number the of individuals who will be impacted and the expense to occasional breeders to establish commercial-level facilities.

Changes to regulations differ significantly from legislation. Unlike legislation, where entire new laws can easily be developed, the proposed rule (regulations) may only address a narrow scope of how an existing law—the AWA—may be administered by the government. This means that the options for impacting regulatory outcomes are very limited compared to options for impacting legislation. **The primary recourse for impacted parties for regulatory change is to provide specific expertise and comment on the proposed rule – which may or may not be accepted by the executive author by the executive authority interpreting the law**

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The USDA is seeking constructive comment on the proposed rule or alternatives to the recommendations. Individuals concerned about the proposed rule change for retail pet stores have until Monday, July 16, 2012, to comment on the rule. Comments may be made:

Online at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001>.

- Via postal mail to:
Docket No. APHIS–2011–0003
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737–1238

AKC encourages you to respectfully share your thoughtful comments through the official public comment site. The AKC will also pursue a multi-pronged approach:

- 1) In addition to encouraging you to share your concerns directly with APHIS, AKC GR is also interested in your concerns and questions. You may send these to doglaw@akc.org. We will share the most common concerns directly with APHIS (leaving off your contact information). These will also help to inform AKC’s response to these regulations.
- 2) We will provide formal comments regarding AKC’s position on the regulation.

Please note, federal regulations do not supersede state licensing laws: If you meet the requirements for licensing at both state and federal levels, you would be responsible for obtaining both licenses. Some states do not require breeders to be licensed by the state if they are already federally licensed. This is an issue that varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Individuals should check with their state/local authorities to determine how they would be impacted.

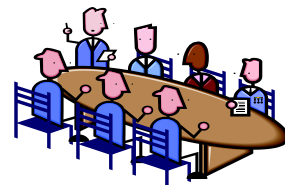
For more information, contact AKC’s Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720, or email doglaw@akc.org.

MEETING INFORMATION

we are set up for **Station 26** for the following dates:

- June 13th 2012
- October 10th 2012
- November 14th 2012

As the month of September our date is taken, We are set up for **Station 22** for the following date: • **September 12, 2012**

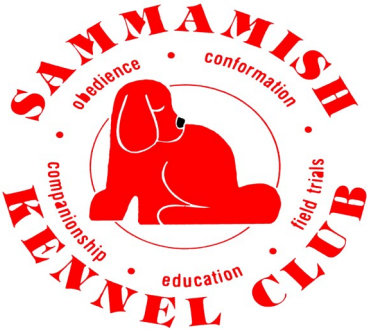


I will send directions for this Station when the notice comes out in the Barker.

**REMEMBER THAT JULY IS THE PICNIC AT MARYMOOR PARK,
THE 2ND WEDNESDAY JULY 11TH.,**

AUGUST of course , is the SUMMER SHOW at MARYMOOR PARK.

JUNE 2012



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NEXT MEETING 2ND WEDNESDAY IN JUNE

JUNE 13TH

BOARD MEETING AT 7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING AT 7:30 PM

FIRE STATION 26 ROSE HILL, KIRKLAND

Meeting Place

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

North Bound Take exit 18 [85th Ave] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right onto 85th Str. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left, Continue to just before 100th. Which is the next signal light. Turn right into parking area in front.

South Bound Take exit 18 [85th Str] East . Continue along 85th to 124th and follow the directions above.