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MEETING NOTICE

October General Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society

8929 Fort

Omaha, NE

PROGRAM

"Canine Rehabilitation and Wellness"

Presented by

Dr. Michelle Backlund



(For more information, see page 5)

---Meeting will follow program---

---Members are encouraged to attend, and guests are always welcome to the meetings---

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR NOVEMBER GROWLER: FRIDAY, Nov. 6, 2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday September 16, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

Dr. Jessica Larson of Midwest VET presented a video of 10 cases demonstrating the function of Midwest VET.

President, Jenni Toebben called the business meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

The June General Membership Meeting Minutes had been published in the Growler. A motion was made by Dona Rosales and seconded by Sandy Orr to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.

Secretary, Barbara Hill, reported that there was no correspondence.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley was absent

1st Vice President, Marv Crawford, advised that the October 21st program will be Michelle Backlund, Canine rehabilitation and Wellness.

The new member application for Kim Mason who was present was read.

AKC Delegate, Marv Crawford advised the membership that the Group Realignment proposal as been tabled.

Steve Kattar, 2009 show chair, summarized the 2009 show for the membership.

Jenni advised the membership that no decision as been made for 2010 show.

Community Outreach – Walk for the Animals will be held September 27, 2009

Dona Rosales, Education Chair summarized these activities.

Sharon Bourke reminded everyone that the deadline for the next Growler is October 9, 2009.

Shelly Rehmeier reminded everyone that the Herding Trial is September 19 and 20th and volunteers are still needed.

Sandy Orr, Legislative Coordinator indicated that anti dog legislative has been less active recently but urged all to continue to monitor this activity.

Shelly Rehmeier advised that the Tracking Premium is out and Jane Larson has agreed to help with the raffle. She is lining up her volunteers and is looking for a photographer.

Conformation Training Class commenced September 14th at Bonafide Dog Academy.

Old Business: None

New Business: Marv Crawford proposed a new Monthly NKC Meeting Schedule as follows:

1. January - Nominations
2. February – Annual Meeting

Delete March - cold/snow
3. April - show planning
Delete May - weather too nice
4. June - show kick off
July and August - usual summer break
5. September - fellowship
6. October - End of summer
Delete November due to Thanksgiving
Delete December due to Christmas

Members are urged to contact the Board with their input on this proposed change.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dona and seconded by Sandy. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Attending: Sue Volkmer, Anne Kelley, Pam Swisher, Jenni Toebben, Steve Kattar, Chuck Casanova, Marv Crawford, Tim Bourke, Debby Stokley and Barbara Hill

Absent: Elly Rensink and Shelly Rehmeier

President, Jenni Toebben called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

A discussion was held to determine if it is financially feasible for NKC to enter into the Qwest Contract for 2010 after analyzing the 2009 show report.

A motion was made by Marv Crawford and seconded by Sue Volkmer to ask Qwest what the cost would be for renting only Hall C which contains approximately 97,820 sq. ft and if they could give us an estimate of the Qwest Services Expense based on the reduced space. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Debby Stokley and seconded by Tim Bourke to call a Special Board Meeting for September 30, 2009 to decide if NKC will hold a show in 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

September 30, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

Attending: Jenni Toebben, Elly Rensink, Chuck Casanova, Sue Volkmer, Marv Crawford, Steve Kattar, Tim Bourke, Debby Stokley, Anne Kelley, Barbara Hill and Pam Swisher.

Absent: Shelly Rehmeier

President, Jenni Toebben called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 17, 2009 had been e-mail to the Board.
No motion was made.

Pam Swisher had provided the board through e-mail the most recent proposal from Qwest Center. Discussion followed on how to proceed for 2010.

Elly moved and Debby seconded a motion to enter into a contract with Qwest Center for Halls B & C. Discussion followed.

An amendment to the motion was made by Barbara Hill and seconded by Tim Bourke that a contract for Hall C be signed with an option to rent Hall B if the conformation entry reaches 1,200 and/or additional space is needed for booths.

A second amendment was made by Tim Bourke and seconded by Marv that the option to rent Hall B can be exercised with a majority vote of the Board.

The motions were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ that a Special Board Meeting to plan the 2010 July show be held October 14, 2009 beginning at 7:30 pm.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

OCTOBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Cancelled

NEWS & NOTES

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every **Monday** evening except **major** holidays.

LOCATION: Bonafide Dog Academy, LLC,
14840 Grover Street,
Omaha, NE
(One block south of 149th & Industrial Rd, on northeast corner of 149th & Grover Street)

TIME: 7 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per Junior Handler
3.00 per puppy
5.00 per adult dog (over 12 months)

NOTE: Classes may be divided depending upon class size that evening.

The following Training Cards are offered for 1 year:

- 5 training sessions for adult dogs at a discount of \$22.50
- 10 training sessions for adult dogs at a discount of \$45.00
- 5 training sessions for puppies at a discount of \$13.50
- 10 training sessions for puppies at a discount of \$27.00

- 5 - Each punch represents 1 dog per session.

There will be no refunds for lost cards.

In case of bad weather, please check the NKC website for class cancellation information.



OCTOBER PROGRAM

r. Michelle Backlund is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Lincoln and 2007 graduate of Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. In 2008, she complete certification through the Canine Rehabilitation Institute. She returned to Omaha to join the staff at Backlund Animal Clinic as the first Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist in Nebraska.

CONTACT THE GROWLER EDITOR

- ◆ If you have something to contribute for the betterment of the dog fancy that you would like published in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have a show win that you would like to brag about, information regarding an upcoming dog event, or poem, etc. to share with others, **please contact the Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you are the Chair of an NKC committee and would like to inform the membership of the committee's activities, **please contact the Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have a photo of your dog to put in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have something for the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**: Sharon Bourke, 391-5069, or e-mail: omahasb@aol.com



“Happy Howloween!”

HELP WANTED

Nebraska Kennel Club's 2009 Combined TD/TDX Test

It is that time of year again when folks want to be out enjoying nature and all her beauty. What better way than to come and help out at the Tracking Test coming up Sunday, November 8, 2009, at Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154 St., Omaha, NE.

This year our judges are: Dian Quist-Sulek, Bob Willoh and Jerry Lewis.

If you are interested in the premium list or an entry form to enter our test, please go to the club's website: www.nebraskakennelclub.com or contact me.

Entries Close Monday, October 26, 2009.

We have a variety of jobs for volunteers:

- *tracklayers,
- *flag carriers,
- *hospitality,
- *raffle
- *drivers
- *photographer, etc.

We would like volunteers to be available for Saturday and Sunday if possible, but not necessary. We do have jobs that we can split up the times and days. If any of these sound like something you would like to try, please call or email me

at (402) 779-2080, shellyrehmeier@cox.net.

Experience for most of these jobs is not necessary.

It is a great opportunity to learn about Tracking.

Hope to see you there.
Shelly Rehmeier
Tracking Test Secretary

HELP WANTED

TROPHY ROOM



Ch. Jubilee Katushka Ebel (Dinah) – Borzoi

Owner/breeder/handler: Cindi Gredys

July 12, 2009	Nebraska Kennel Club	BB & Group 1
September, 2009	Lake Elmo Kennel Club	BB & Group 1

(She has been the #1 Borzoi All-Breed since March)

Jubilee Tadbit O’Brindle Mist (Tad) – Borzoi

Owner/breeder: Cindi & Amelia Gredys

May, 2009	Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty	BW 5 pts. (Handled by Amelia Gredys)
May, 2009	Borzoi Club of America National Specialty	3 rd in BBE

Ch. Bohem Some Like It Hot, JC (Satine) – Whippet

Owner: Cindi & Amelia Gredys, Bo Bengtson

Sept. 2009	Greeley Kennel Club	Group 4
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(This is Satine’s third year of being in the American Whippet Club Top Twenty – even with having litters the last two years! Satine is always owner handled)

Jaybriar’s Clouseau (Jack) – English Cocker Spinel

Owner: Cindi & Amelia Gredys, Judy Corbett

July 11, 2009	Nebraska Kennel Club	Group 4
July 12, 2009	Nebraska kennel Club	Group 4

(This was Jack’s 4th show weekend and in the previous weeks he garnered a 3 pt. & 5pt. major and a 5 pt. reserve. He went to his 5th show weekend in Lompoc, CA and went BOB over the Top 5 special and BOW the next day. Jack is always handled by Cindi & Amelia)

---Submitted by Cindi Gredys

CONGRATULATIONS!!

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

By Marv Crawford

A VICTORY IN LOUISVILLE

A few years, the city of Louisville and the Jefferson County in Kentucky passed a very restrictive dog ordinance. The Louisville Kennel Club sued Louisville/Jefferson County and a recent ruling by a U. S. District Judge (described as "an esteemed Constitutional scholar") in Louisville overturned the ordinance. The following is AKC's summary of the decision

Late Friday, United States District Court Judge Charles R. Simpson, III, of the Western District of Kentucky issued his decision in the case of the Louisville Kennel Club, Inc. v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government. A significant victory for the Louisville Kennel Club, the judge's decision features two key rulings that may also prove to be of great importance for dog owners nationwide.

First, Judge Simpson held that there was no rational basis why owners of unaltered dogs should be treated differently than the owners of altered dogs. This declared the part of the ordinance that required owners of unaltered dogs to get the Director's written approval for those dogs' enclosures (owners of altered dogs did not have such a requirement) as an unconstitutional violation of Equal Protection and Substantive Due Process.

Reiterating another court's earlier decision that recognized that dogs are personal property, the judge further held Louisville's seizure and requirement as an unconstitutional violation of procedural due process rules. This requirement, which required anyone accused of animal cruelty to post bond for the care of their seized animals, would have resulted in the forfeiture of animals if they were not able to pay for the bond regardless of whether or not they were later determined to be innocent.

"We congratulate the Louisville Kennel Club and their co-plaintiffs on their leadership in opposing the Louisville ordinance," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of the American Kennel Club. "We are confident that this decision will encourage communities to consider the interests of responsible dog breeders and owners when making changes to their animal ordinances."

Puppy Classes

Beginning July 1, 2010, show giving clubs will have the option of dividing the current 12-18 month puppy class to two classes, 12-15 months and 15-18 months.

Title Medallions

AKC will offer Title Medallions to all owners whose dogs have earned AKC titles. The medallion is modeled after the original AKC Silver Championship Medal that was offered to AKC champions of record in 1910. The medallions will cost twenty-five dollars and can be purchased for any dog with an AKC title. The will be available for order in December through the AKC's online store.

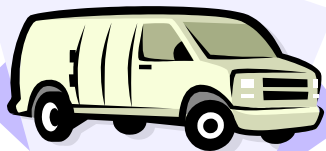
Helping a Friend

By Cindi Gredys

I was helping a friend that had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She had to rehome her Borzois and I had offered to take them to CA. The cost to rent a van large enough and the gas was prohibitive as my friend has limited income because of the illness. I didn't feel comfortable driving 1800+ miles by myself in a van that wasn't mine and didn't have cruise control.

I sent emails to some people and dog lists. One came back recommending Uship.com, telling of her story with a move and how she shipped her 2 dogs this way. When I looked up Uship.com I decided to see if anyone would bid on the job. It was easy to list the information. I received 3 reply's and had some dialogue with each carrier.

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Eric's (ericmaui) route and timing worked out perfectly. So after some more communication, which he was so prompt and courteous about, I accepted his bid which was extremely reasonable. The site said it was about half the normal bid for that kind of job but it was about 1/4 of the cost of renting and driving out myself, not to mention my time involved. I was a little bit nervous shipping 3 beloved pets that weren't mine, with someone I didn't know. They are a giant breed, very friendly but not common and a non-dog person might find them overwhelming.

Once Eric was at the house and we introduced him to the dogs and got them loaded I was totally confident it was going to be a good trip. Eric expressed some ideas that told me he was thinking ahead of time about the safety and comfort of the dogs. That put me at ease right away. He called me the next day and reported on how they were doing, how many times he'd stopped, and where he was on the road. Also, that he was ahead of schedule and was going to be there early. That meant the dogs were in their new homes sooner, less upheaval for them is a good thing.

I'm considering asking Eric if he'll take me and my dogs to CA for a show and back home! I'll use Uship.com again and tell others too!

Breed Standard for a Pumpkin

General Appearance – Round and orange. The history of the pumpkin goes back to ancient times. Pumpkins appeared in the drawings of the ancient Egyptians, often next to dogs that have been described variously as obvious ancestors to either the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel or the Pharaoh Hound.

The pumpkin's claim to ancient origin is also upheld by its mention in great classics of literature such as "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater" and "Cinderella." As befitting such an ancient and storied gourd, the pumpkin should present an impression of size, strength, and graceful symmetry to the observer.

Size, Proportion, Substance – The bigger the better sums up the question of size nicely. Proportion is most important as the stately gourd should sit firm and stable while presenting an easily carve able face. Pumpkins are filled with a rather stringy orange substance. This should be removed before showing.



Head – Pumpkin expression is left open to the whim of the carver. Plain triangle eyes and nose to be severely penalized.

Neck, Topline, Fore and Hindquarters – Pumpkins possessing any of these features must be disqualified. Judges will call for an exorcist at their discretion.

Color – A shiny, deep orange the color of the University of Tennessee's football team uniform is most desirable. Pale, washed out color must be severely penalized.

Gait – A pumpkin of proper balance and proposition will roll with smoothness and grace. Out-of-round movement to be penalized to the extent it interferes with being stolen by vagrant teens, rolled down the driveway, and smashed to smithereens on the road.

Temperament – The pumpkin is a stoic and stationary fruit, not given to fits of needless exercise.

---Wichita KC Newsletter, and The Flatiron Press

Editors Note: For free pumpkin carving stencils of favorite dog breeds go to:

<http://www.bhg.com/holidays/halloween/pumpkin-carving/pumpkin-carving-stencils-of-favorite-dogs/> or http://crafts.suite101.com/article.cfm/free_dog_breed_pumpkin_carving_stencils_for_2009

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NKC **2009 Calendar of Events**



October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 8	Tracking Test
November 18	General Meeting
December 2	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor



WOOF, WOOF,
Please bring dog/cat food,
pet food coupons, and
kitty litter for the
American Red Cross to the
October NKC Meeting!

DON'T DELAY...

Contact Shelly Rehmeier, (402) 779-2080
or shellyrehmeier@cox.net to volunteer
for the
NKC 2009 combined TD/TDX Test

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