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MEETING NOTICE

September General Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society
8929 Fort
Omaha, NE

PROGRAM

"How MidWestVET can help you (both referring doctor and owner): Case Presentations"

By Dr. Jessica Larson

(For more details, please see page 6)

---Meeting will follow program---
---Members are encouraged to attend, and guests are always welcome to the meetings---

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR OCTOBER GROWLER: FRIDAY, Oct. 9, 2009

SECRETARY'S REPORT

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday June 17, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

President Jenni Toebben called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The May General Membership Minutes had been published in the Growler. A correction was made to clarify that it is NKC Members that continue to support the Red Cross for the pet food emergency program. Motion was made by Marv and seconded by Donna to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley read the Treasurer's report and indicated she would e-mail a copy to the secretary.

1st Vice President, Marv Crawford advised the membership that Dr Jessica Larson, Canine Internal Medicine Specialist will give the program at the September General Membership meeting.

AKC delegate, Marv Crawford, requested that the NKC web site be clarified that the changes to the Bred By Exhibitor class are coming from AKC. Jenni volunteered to contact the Web Master.

Steve Kattar, 2009 show chair advised that Agility has filled and all booth spaces are rented. Steve advised that Col Robert Booth notified Pam Swisher that he would not be able to complete the assignment due to health. Steve advised he will wait until the entries close and then fill this vacancy.

Barbara Hill moved and Marv Crawford seconded the motion that NKC sell catalogs for $6.00 at the July 2009 show. The motion carried.

Sandy Orr advised that the Bedlington Terrier Club of America needs 2 Ring Stewards for their Friday event. Barbara Hill volunteered to be inside ring steward and will ask for a second volunteer from the list of ring stewards volunteering for the Saturday and Sunday events.

Guest, Valarie, of The Creative Promotional Consultants, gave a brief explanation of her business and distributed to those in attendance a brochure and business card. She is one of the booth vendors at the July 2009 show.

NKC has received from Douglas County Visitor Promotion Fund a $6000 grant.

Sandy Crawford has prepared a listing of the community contacts she has made by distributing posters with dollar off coupons. She has also shared this with Paula Presents.

Editor, Sharon Bourke advised that the deadline for the next issue of the Growler is September 4, 2009.

Shelly Rehmeier advised that she has hired a 2nd judge for the Tracking Trial.

Legislative Liaison, Sandy Orr continues to follow the numerous anti dog legislative issues proposed throughout the US.

Elly advised that conformation training classes have been well attended.

Old Business – None

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New Business – None

Motion to adjourn made by Donna and seconded by Marv. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

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JULY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 1, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

Attending: Steve Kattar, Marv Crawford, Sue Volkmer, Jenni Toebben, Chuck Casanova, Annie Kelley, Shelly Rehmeier, Pam Swisher, Elly Rensink, Debby Stokley, Barbara Hill.
Tim Bourke arrived at 8:30.

President, Jennie Toebben called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Secretary, Barbara Hill, had e-mailed the June Board Minutes to the Board Members. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Elly and seconded by Sue to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved. The club had received a letter from Dr.Alvin Grossman promoting his seminar "Secrets of Exceptional Breeders". The board tabled the discussion of doing an educational seminar until after the July 2009 show is complete.

Treasurer, Deb Stokley, circulated the Visa Bill which contained the charges for the Agility Ribbons and the New Title Ribbons. She also read a summary of NKC's balance sheet which reflects current assets and show income received to date.

1st Vice President and AKC Delegate, Marv Crawford had nothing new to report.
2nd Vice President, Elly Rensink reported she had no new member application at this time.

A motion was made by Elly and seconded by Chuck that Elly is to send a letter to the members who have not renewed and indicating NKC will reinstate their membership if renewal dues are received by September 1, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Steve Kattar, show chair, up dated the Board on the status of the 2009 event. A discussion took place as to printing the show floor plan on the back of the judging schedule. No motion was made.

Pam Swisher is to check on the availability of the Humane Society meeting room on July 15, 2009, to be used to hold an "after show review". Pam is to advise Secretary Barbara Hill if the room is available to enable notices to be sent.

A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Steve that copies of all future contracts are to be forwarded to the club secretary. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Debby to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Hill, Secretary

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AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 5, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

Attending: Steve Kattar, Tim Bourke, Marv Crawford, Sue Volkmer, Anne Kelley, Shelly Rehmeier, Jenni Toebben, Pam Swisher, Debbie Stokley, Ellie Rensink, Barbara Hill

Absent: Chuck Casanova

President Jennie Toebben called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Secretary, Barbara Hill, had e-mailed the minutes of the July Board Meeting to all Board Members. A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Marv to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

1st Vice President, Marv Crawford – Marv has prepared a proposed new monthly NKC meeting schedule which he will present to the general membership at the September meeting

Treasurer, Debby Stokley read a draft of the July treasurer's report. The bank statement is not yet available and not all bills have been received from the most recent show.

AKC delegate, Marv Crawford – nothing new to report.

2009 show chairs met with the Qwest Center after the show. Items discussed: attitude of the Qwest personnel, need better communication for in/out parking. Qwest advised that the new contact person will be Ashley.

The board reviewed in detail the available financial information on the 2009 show.

Old business: none

New Business: Tim Bourke submitted a draft of 3 proposals to share the 2010 show with Platte Valley Kennel Club. A motion was made by Marv and seconded by Ellie that Tim Chair a committee to meet with Platte Valley to discuss the proposals. The motion passed unanimously. Members of the committee are: Tim, Pam, Debby and Jenni.

Shelly advised that the entries for the herding trial are coming in. Shelly is looking for someone to organize and run a raffle at the Herding Trial. Shelly also advised that Jane Larson has volunteered to organize and run the Tracking Trial raffle.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sue and seconded by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort
Omaha, Nebraska

Attending: Jenni Toebben, Marv Crawford, Steve Kattar, Tim Bourke, Elly Rensink, Sue Volkmer, Chuck Casanova, Barbara Hill

Absent: Anne Kelley, Shelly Rehmeier, Pam Swisher and Debby Stokley

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

Secretary, Barbara Hill, had e-mailed the minutes to the Board.
A motion was made by Ellie and Seconded by Sue to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley had e-mailed the Treasurer's Report to the Board.

1st Vice President, Marv Crawford, nothing new

2nd Vice President, Elly Rensink, advised that she had received membership renewals from Gary & Kathleen Platt, Melody Falcone, Christine Ward-Weber and Dawn Pieke.

AKC Delegate, Marv Crawford, advised that there is substantial amount of discussion on the Delegates List about the proposed group re-alignment.

Tim Bourke summarized the meeting held with Platte Valley Kennel Club about clustering in 2010. Attending: Tim Bourke, Jennie Toebben, and Pam Swisher representing NKC. Medora Harper, Mary Olson, Sandy Orr and Mike Backus represented PVKC. PVKC is to discuss this with their members and get back to NKC next week. It is the goal of NKC to make a decision on the 2010 show by the end of September, 2009.

Old Business: None

New Business: Marv Crawford moved and Steve seconded the motion to allow agility chairs to enter and run their dogs at NKC's Trials. The motion was approved with one abstention. Jenni Toebben is to contact Cheryl Dikeman and ask her to serve as Agility Chair for 2010.
Marv Crawford moved and Sue seconded the motion to rent a smaller storage space which would decrease the monthly expense from $44 per month to $27 per month. The motion was unanimously approved.

Elly moved and Marv seconded the motion to adjourn at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

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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

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.

GROWLERS GAZETTES FROM THE PAST

In this issue of the **Growlers Gazette**, you will find a word puzzle on page 7 that was in the July, 1978 issue of the newsletter. In future issues of the **Growlers Gazette,** I am going to reprint some of the fun and interesting information that was enjoyed by NKC members many years ago. I hope you enjoy the past.

---Sharon Bourke, Editor

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Dr. Jessica Larson, board eligible in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine), joined the medical staff at Midwest Veterinary Specialty Hospital in August, 2008. She has a very large and diverse caseload and helps veterinarians and owners daily.

Dr. Larson earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Western Michigan University in 1995 and her DVM from the University of Tennessee in 2004. She completed a small animal rotating internship at Michigan Veterinary Specialists in 2005 before pursuing her residency in Internal Medicine at Michian State University, which she completed in 2008. Dr. Larson is eager to work with veterinarians in the MidwestVET referral area. "I look forward to introducing myself, answering questions from referring veterinarians, guiding case management and offering additional diagnostic tools such as endoscopy, rhinoscopy and ultrasonography," she says. "When general practitioners and specialists work together, we can help pets live longer and better lives. It is amazing to be part of something so positive."

Dr. Larson, husband Chad Hendrickson and daughter Elise have two cats, Siegfred, and Josie and a dog, Ellie. Josie and Ellie were rescued and adopted during dr. Larson's years in veterinary school.

--Submitted by Dr. Jessica Larson

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

Volunteers Needed

2009 Nebraska Kennel Club Herding Trial
September 19 and 20, 2009
Sunshine Farm
11092 240th Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Judges: Brian Wistrom and Terry Workman
Test Secretary: Shelly Rehmeier
(402) 779-2080
shellyrehmeier@cox.net

Entries are closed

If you are interested in being a volunteer for the trial, please contact Shelly Rehmeier shellyrehmeier@cox.net or Gerianne Darnell geriannedarnell@aol.com

Last Chance to volunteer…

You can get directions to Sunshine Farm at www.sunshineobedience.com We have a very nice entry this year, and we are hopeful that we will break even or make a small profit. In order to have a successful event, we need club members, herding folks in general, and any of my friends that I can twist their arms to help! We need help tarping the arena, timing, scribing, running score sheets, wrangling ducks and sheep, and bringing food items for lunch. We will also have a raffle each day to help defray expenses, so if you have an item you'd like to donate, we'd be happy to take that as well. This year the club will be providing lunch and also keeping any profits as well as feeding lunch to the volunteers, so let me know what you can bring. I could pick up a sandwich tray for each day, and other things we will need are potato salad, chips, cookies or bars, donuts in the morning, and bottled water and ice. Or let me know what better idea you might have!

The first dog will be on the line at 8:30 each morning, but on Saturday we need people there by 7:45 AM to help get the tarps up. I anticipate it will be an early afternoon, we will hopefully be done by 3:00 or 3:30 on Saturday, and probably a little earlier on Sunday. So far I have a timer and scribe for Saturday, and I still need a scribe for Sunday. Please let me know what day(s) you can help, and what you'd like to help do. I KNOW that Sue Volkmer is excited to handle ducks again!

---Submitted by Gerianne Darnell via Shelly Rehmeier

CANINE MIXUP PUZZLE

By Heidi Schuette
(She had Boston Terriers)

Here's some fun! Hidden words are printed in a straight line, but may read from top to bottom, at a diagonal, or backward from right to left anywhere in the diagram. The words are breeds of dogs and are listed below.

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Pointer
Dachshund
Chow Chow
Basenji
Collie
Pug
Poodle
Puli
Briard
Corgi
Beagle
Husky
Great Date
Blood Hound
Saluki
Boxer
Gordon Setter
German Shepherd
Weimaraner
Golden Retriever

-July, 1978 Growlers Gazette, Editor Sandy Crawford

October Dogfest

The **Platte Valley Kennel Club** of Fremont, Nebraska is hosting a **DogFest** on Sunday, October 11, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Christensen Field, 1710 W 16th Street, Fremont, NE. Lots of events are planned for the day.

There will be a sanctioned B/OB match – conformation, obedience and Junior Showmanship – entries close at 10:30 a.m. the day of the match and judging will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Wendy A. Ware, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology), Professor, Iowa State University will conduct echocardiograms. The cost is $185.00. Advance reservations are required (deadline for reservations is October 7, 2009). For more information/reservations contact:

Sandy Orr
(402) 571-0389
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There will be **"Meet the Breed" booths,**
Rescue group booths,
Vendors and
Leader Dogs for the Blind

For more information contact:
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AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

By Marv Crawford

The hottest topic at the upcoming Delegate meeting is sure to be Group Realignment. There doesn't seem to be a consensus on the proposal. The idea of a Northern Group seems to be generally accepted but there is opposition on the remainder of the realignment. At least one Delegate has stated that he plans to introduce an amendment that the question be split between the Northern breeds portion and the rest of the proposal. It remains to be seen how many other amendments will be offered and what if anything is adopted.

A new conformation title, Grand Champion, is being proposed by AKC. This title will be based on judging at the breed level where "Grand Champion points" will be given for BOB, BOS, etc. See more details on the next page.

The September issue of *AKC Gazette* highlights the 125th anniversary of AKC. Included in this issue is a brief history of each breed.

Grand Champion Title Concept

Dear Delegate,

The Grand Champion Title Procedure will be presented at the Delegate Parent Club Committee Meeting, the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee Meeting, and the All Breed Delegate Committee meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009. In addition, the concept will be presented at the Delegates' Forum on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

The Grand Champion title concept is an effort to provide our exhibitors with an additional venue to participate in with dogs that have obtained their Championships while assisting AKC Clubs with increasing their entries. It will continue exhibitor participation and camaraderie in our sport while emphasizing breed judging by recognizing quality and breed type.

The development of a "Grand Champion" concept is consistent with the ongoing objective to encourage the exhibition and, ultimately, the breeding and registration of purebred dogs. It is also consistent with the structure of exhibition at other livestock events.

This Grand Champion concept proposal parallels and is an extension of the traditional system to earn an AKC Championship title on a dog. It is simple, similar in format to that used to finish a dog, and, because it focuses exclusively on competition at the breed level, it will add minimal time to the current judging process.

While the "Grand Champion" concept does require a rule change, it would add a new dimension that offers exhibitors enhanced participation for an additional conformation venue to compete in at this time. The "Grand Champion" title bar is set higher, but not out of reach for the average exhibitor to obtain in a reasonable time period. This concept provides the Best of Breed, the Best of Opposite Sex and Select Winners the ability to accumulate "Grand Champion" points.

All Breed, Limited Breed, and Specialty Clubs, Superintendents and AKC will realize additional revenues due to the increase in entries while exhibitors participate with one entry fee for both Best of Breed and "Grand Champion" title competitions. This concept should not only provide revenue increases, but insert new excitement and quality of achievement. The fancy will be able to participate in a new venue with realistic expectations that are obtainable.

In summary, the Grand Champion Program's attributes include:

- Keeping people competing beyond the championship level and recognizing dogs of quality in breed competition
- An opportunity for additional recognition without having to campaign and advertise heavily
- Keeping the people coming back to shows to enjoy the sport and people in it and the camaraderie offered
- Increasing the emphasis of the breed – it highlights breed competition
- Increasing entries for clubs

NKC Standing Committees

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NKC
2009 Calendar of Events

September 16	General Meeting
September 19 & 20	Herding Trial
October 7	Board Meeting
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 September NKC Meeting!

To everyone who helped to make the July Nebraska Kennel Club Shows a hugh success!!!!

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