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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO KENNEL CLUB

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Pat Lester, Editor

General Membership Meeting Location Change – BYOC!
Our new SCKC Training Center is operational, being used for classes, and will now become the location for our monthly general membership meetings. The only problem is lack of seating!! Which means that for the next couple of months, or until we are able to secure enough chairs for our group, we are asking all members who attend the meetings to BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair! Thanks to everyone who helped in getting the building ready. For those of you who haven’t had a chance to see the training center, please attend the October 20th meeting, at 7:00 pm, and get your first look at our new facility.

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SCKC Schedule

October 20, 2009 – General Membership Meeting, SCKC Training Center, 715 N Grand Ave.; 7:00 pm, Bring Your Own Chair!

November 3, 2009 – Board Meeting. 6:30 pm


November 17, 2009 – General Membership Meeting, SCKC Training Center, 715 N. Grand Ave.; 7:00 pm, Bring Your Own Chair!
Tails From Our Past
By Milli Goodman

A heartwarming story was told in the *Pueblo Star Journal and Sunday Chieftain* on February 21, 1954. The headline read “Animal Lover Gives Shelter At Canon City To County As Refuge For Good Friends’ and it really caught my eye. It seems that prior to that, there was no successful animal shelter in Fremont County. A previous effort to provide a permanent shelter had failed, in part due to local property owners’ protests “because of the noise.” The city was providing only “wire cages under a viaduct for the penning of stray cats and dogs” and they were often left uncared for.

That prompted a group of local citizens to organize the Humane Society of Fremont County. Ralph J. Wann, president of the Royal Gorge Bridge Co., a well known businessman throughout the Southwest, had a modern animal shelter built, “valued at considerably more than $30,000.” He then turned it over to the Canon City community in memory of his long-time companion, Tippie. Tippie was a Shepherd pup in 1931 when he and Mr. Wann first met. It was a bond that grew and lasted for 21 years, so close that the dog “stopped eating out of loneliness for his master” when Wann sent on a trip to Europe. He was reportedly informed by cablegram of Tippie’s decline and returned home early. Tippie’s health “was regained immediately, showing the sorrow in the heart of this dog at being away from his master.”

This is just one story of many, mostly untold, of why people have done extraordinary things in support of the 4-legged critters that we love so much. I say THANK YOU to all of them, past and present.

And let us continue their work, as there is always more to do.

Getting Involved
By Lauren Hay-Lavitt; from Dogs In Review – June 2009
This article is of special interest to all of our junior members.

Having been involved in dog shows for six years now, I have developed a passion for, and a commitment to, this sport that has allowed me to meet many of my goals in Junior Showmanship. Now that I’m retired from juniors and am more focused on a future in professional handling, I’ve become increasingly alarmed by the continual efforts by animal rights extremists to pass legislation across the country that would ultimately destroy the sport of purebred dogs, among many other things. Because of this, I am launching an effort to engage young people from all aspects of AKC activities, as well as from other organizations such as 4-H and FFA, to fight these extremists and protect our future interests.

PETA, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other group[s have already managed to spread their messages, using celebrities, scare tactics and emotional hype to convince people to support them. What they are lacking is factual information; when the facts don’t fit their message, they simple distort the truth. Most people accept them at face value. My goal is to spread the work about those groups’ ultimate goals, and to get the truth out to the general public. PETA and others like them have gone so far as too take their campaigns into schools, targeting young people with their propaganda. We need to fight back! With the help of some of my peers, I plan to make available facts and statistics that will refute the extremists’ message and my hope is that you juniors can help us spread the word. We need to make sure that people of all ages, in all walks of life, understand the reality of these groups and their goals, and can make educated decisions about what to support with their opinions, their donations and their votes. I will be creating a website that will provide resources that each and every one of you can utilize, including letters that can be copied and sent to politicians, so that hopefully the voters in your families can also get involved.
We’re going to need a lot of help in this effort. For those of you who are creative, good at computers, have innovative ideas, etc., let’s see if we can all put our heads together and come up with fun and enticing ways to get a bigger grassroots movement going! The time is now! I can’t do any of this alone; I need all of your help. We have to join together and help preserve what we love. I would like to have a representative from every state who can help so that the word is spread throughout the U.S. Please contact me, so that we can get this off the ground! I welcome any comments, suggestions or opinions as this project begins. Lauren Hay-Lavitt; quailrdgk@cs.com.

**Vestibular Disease In Dogs**

*By Vetsuite Veterinarians*

**Neurology**

The vestibular system is primarily responsible for keeping the head and body in the correct orientation with respect to gravity, thus maintaining balance. The vestibular system is comprised of the receptor organs within the inner ear, the vestibulocochlear nerve (cranial nerve VIII) and the vestibular nuclei. Parts of the cerebellum also are responsible for similar functions. Diseases that affect the vestibular system usually result in disorders of balance and coordination.

Disorders of the vestibular system and commonly divided into those affecting the central vestibular structures (brain stem or cerebellar components) or those that affect the more peripheral vestibular structures. These peripheral structures include the vestibular nerve and its receptors within the middle and inner ear.

The clinical signs of vestibular disease include ataxia, falling, head tilting and nystagmus. Clinical signs of a lesion in the central versus peripheral vestibular systems may be similar. With a central lesion, however, a vertically directed nystagmus, a nystagmus that changes in direction when the head is positioned in different directions, and associated problems with conscious proprioception in the limbs are important clues to the central location of the lesion. As the disease processes that affect the central versus the peripheral vestibular structures are different, deciding the location of the lesion is imperative for appropriate patient management.

Differentiating between central and peripheral vestibular disease based on clinical examination findings alone can be difficult. Definitive diagnosis may require a thorough diagnostic evaluation including otoscopic examination, advanced imaging studies, and cerebrospinal fluid analysis.

**Diagnosis of Vestibular Disease Etiology and Risk Factors**

**Causes** – Peripheral vestibular diseases can occur without obvious cause (idiopathic) but can be caused by aminoglycoside ototoxicity, otic chlorhexidine toxicity, middle ear polyps, neoplasia of the ear otitis interna/media, and trauma. Geriatric vestibular disease of dogs is a unique peripheral vestibular disorder. Congenital peripheral vestibular disease has been reported in certain breeds of dogs. Central vestibular disease is often associated with neoplasms, trauma, encephalitis, metronidazole toxicity, hydrocephalus, thiamine deficiency, and cerebrovascular disease.

**Risk Factors**

Age – Vestibular disease can affect any age of dogs. Congenital vestibular disease usually results in signs in animals less than six months of age. Geriatric vestibular disease typically affects older dogs (>10).
Breed/genetics – Usually, there is no breed predilection for vestibular disease. However, congenital peripheral vestibular disease has been found in German Shepards', Doberman Pinschers, English Cocker Spaniels, Beagles, and Aikitas.

Sex – No known risk

Geographic/environmental – No known risk

Other medical disorders – Studies have revealed a weak association between idiopathic peripheral vestibular disease and hypothyroidism.

Prevention – Vestibular disease usually cannot be prevented. However, appropriate use of metronidazole can prevent vestibular signs associated with metronidazole toxicity. Early treatment of otitis externa can prevent the development of otitis interna/media.

More detailed information is available on the Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic website” www.loomisbasinvet.vetsuite.com

Book Review
By Diana Werner

This book, named after the author’s blog, tells the story of Charlie the coyote and Shreve, a photographer and writer from New York, transplanted to Wyoming. When Shreve’s boyfriend, a government-paid coyote hunter, takes pity on the tiny survivor of an executed litter, he presents the cub to Shreve. It is up to her whether the cub lives or dies; if she doesn’t want it, he will euthanize it. She chooses life for the cub.

This begins the year-long chronicle of Charlie’s growth to adulthood. Charlie and Shreve must accommodate wildness to civilization. It is only a limited success. Bonded to his human pack and untrained for survival, Charlie cannot be returned to the wild. But on several occasions his wild instincts endanger Shreve. Even so, the evocative descriptions of Wyoming, the be-here-now awareness of nature that Charlie awakens in Shreve, and the delight of knowing a wild creature as an individual, make a fascinating tale.
Southern Colorado Kennel Club  
General Meeting 9-15-09

Begin 7:02 p.m.


Correction to July general membership meeting minutes: Ginny Carson attended July Meeting. Verified on roll sheet Motion/seconded/approved minutes with correction.

Treasurer’s report: Awards have been purchased for November show. Some money has been turned in for vendors. Donations are being accepted for the new building. Motion was seconded and approved to accept treasurer’s report.

Application for first reading: Josh and Katie Pope. They have Aussie and German Shepherds. They are interested in obedience, rally, and conformation. Pam Houston has Yorkshire Terriers and is interested in obedience and conformation.

Old Business: Changes to proposed standing rules were presented and will be posted on the website and in the newsletter. We will be discussing the proposed changes at the October meeting. Standing rule changes were tabled for the September meeting.

Committee Reports:

Show

Our show is posted on the Onofrio website. Show dates are November 7th and 8th. Help is needed for a couple days leading up to the show for tasks such as mapping of the grooming spots and taping them. Grounds chairman is Tim Messersmith. Help is needed to put up signs for various parking and designated areas. Friday is the B match. Tina is chair. Help is needed for the B match for registration, ring stewarding, and other duties. C Match is rally and obedience. Pat Hill is chair. Help is needed for C match for registration and other duties. CERF clinic will be going on during the show. Crystal is heading up the CERF clinic. We still need someone to do judges transportation. We will need to have several people on Sunday to help with judge’s transportation to the airport. We also need ring stewards for conformation. If you are new, people are paired up with experienced stewards, contact Felicity Holloway. We also need stewards for obedience. Contact Pat Lester. Stewards are needed for rally, contact Flo Andrews. Sign up sheets are available for each area and also the show committee chair information is on the website. Premium lists are not quite ready to be viewed. Renee encouraged the members to sign up to help and also to sign up for our Breeders Referral List.

Our breeder referral list is on the website. Board will approve the breeder referral and will be able to assist in helping others with questions about breeds. The form for breeder referral can be downloaded from the website. Connie Smalley is heading up the breeder referral program.
New Business:

Building – A new building was secured for the meetings, classes, and storage. The building is at 715 N. Grand. The rent is $400.00 a month and the club pays the gas and electric. A year lease was signed. Rings and mats are set up. The plumbing is being fixed currently. All equipment was moved from the storage unit to the new building. Classes can be offered at various times and days instead of just Wednesday nights. Renee encouraged everyone to pitch in to make the new building a success. Some money has been spent in order to cover upfront costs and other supplies such as tables. Donations will be accepted to assist in the success of the building. Chairs and a refrigerator are needed among other things. A wish list will be posted on the website and in the Barker. There is no parking on the street side of Grand Ave. The parking is at the back of the building and there is an entrance in the rear of the building. There is a commercial carpet on the floor in the building that needs to be cleaned. It is 4,000 square feet area. Flo and Crystal are obtaining quotes for the carpet cleaning.

Registration for the classes is at 6-7 p.m. tomorrow night, 9/16 at the new building. Information about the classes will be posted on the website. A sign up sheet was passed around to help with the classes. A suggestion was made to send St. Peter’s church a thank you note for allowing us to use the building for our meetings.

Pictures can be sent to Will from the summer outing to be put onto the website

Correspondence:
Invitation to Smooch and Pooch Dog Wash and Grooming Salon grand opening – Saturday Sept. 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Julie Hughes, acting secretary.
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September/October/November Calendar of Events

October 24th – Whisker Ball, Pueblo, CO

November 7th and 8th – Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Pueblo, CO. Breed, Obedience, and Rally, Onofrio, Supt.

November 27th to 29th – Southern Colorado Agility Club, AKC Agility, Latigo Arena, Elbert, CO (719-596-7715)
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