

GREENVILLE KENNEL CLUB

JUNE 2008

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A message from our President

Blake Roulette



Dear Member,

We are moving closer to our show days and it is time for all members to decide what they would like to do to make this a better show than the last. It takes the work of everyone to make anything a success and it is especially true of a show as great as ours.

Our meeting is on the 17 of June and I hope everyone will planned to attend our meeting now. The nominating committee has been set consisting of Chuck Floyd, Debbie Miller and Nancy Vandiver anyone interested in serving in a position or wanting to suggest a person for position should contact either of the three. Also Kris Harner was appointed to the Judges' selection committee so we now have a third person for your judges request. Hope to see everyone at the meeting

Blake

GREENVILLE KENNEL CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30PM AT THE QUALITY INN AT HWY 385 & PLEASANTBURG DR.



Our next meeting is on June 17, 2008

Notes from AKC

May 2008

Spread Awareness of Responsible Breeders through a Letter to the Editor

Unfortunately, from time to time reporters focus on irresponsible breeders and anytime the media writes about a family who bought a sick puppy, a hoarding case or a seizure of dogs from an irresponsible breeder, this can paint all breeders in a bad light. It is important to show your local media and community that your kennel club is a source of knowledge about responsible breeding and dog ownership that the public can turn to. The next time you see a disheartening article that highlights the tragedy of irresponsible ownership and breeding practices, this is a great way to show your community that your club and its members are there to lead by example. Go to the following link to access a template the AKC has prepared for our us to combat poor publicity. http://www.akc.org/pdfs/clubs/responsible_breeder_ltr.pdf

Information to be included in the GKC Newsletter should be submitted to the Editor at Majorki@aol.com no later than the 5th day of each month. It is the intent of the Editor to have the GKC Newsletter ready for print by the 10th of each month.

Thanks for your help!

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Linda Ayers Turner Knorr



American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation Debut Podcast Series

- Topics highlight Breeders Symposia and CHF grant recipients -

RALEIGH, NC – The American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation are pleased to debut their new podcast series, featuring lectures from the highly successful AKC-CHF Breeders Symposia. Future podcasts will also provide responsible breeders and pet owners an inside look at the work being done by the AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Launched four years ago by the AKC and the AKC CHF, the Breeders Symposia target novice and expert breeders alike. They offer an ideal opportunity to learn about sound breeding practices and advances in genetic health tests. Presentations include basic and applied genetics, anatomy and physiology, breeding techniques and updates on the AKC and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The podcasts will feature leading scientists and researchers who have spoken at AKC-CHF Breeder Symposia as well as CHF grant recipients. New podcasts will be released every two weeks and can be accessed from either the [American Kennel Club](#) website or the [AKC Canine Health Foundation](#) website – click on “Podcasts.” They will also be available on Apple’s iTunes®.

Currently posted podcasts are:

- Matthew Ellinwood DVM, PhD discussing how the field of genetics can assist in developing the tools necessary for responsible breeders.
- Sharon Center DVM talks about the research being done to correct some common genetic liver disorders.

“The podcast series will be the AKC Canine Health Foundation’s audio portal to exciting presenters, researchers, and investigators demonstrating their expertise and experience in the fight against canine health disorders and disease,” states Cindy Vogels, president of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. “AKCCHF-funded researchers and experts will offer their keen insight and findings on research studies involving those diseases which are of greatest concern to the dog-owning and breeding communities and we’re proud to feature them in this way.”

“The American Kennel Club is pleased to support both the Breeders Symposia and the podcast series, which will enable anyone interested in better breeding to access this important information,” states Ron Rella, the American Kennel Club’s Director of Project Administration. “Future podcasts will include overviews of AKC initiatives such as Public Education, Companion Animal Recovery, Government Relations, and Veterinary Outreach among others. We hope to offer an ‘inside view’ of the AKC and its outstanding programs and services which truly make us the ‘dog’s champion.’”

From The Editor...

Chuck Floyd

Recently I was discussing old times with a dear friend I haven't seen in awhile. We talked about times past and some of the interest we have shared over the years...one being *rescue*. It is disheartening when we see those pets in need of rescue, but even more disheartening when we witness breeders that will not rescue their own dogs. Equally disturbing is the indignity these so called responsible breeders display when confronted with the phrase "**Don't Rescue - Don't Breed**". What message would be sent to the community at large if we as responsible breeders and members of the Greenville Kennel Club would agree to, and sign a pledge to do just that! What message of responsible pet ownership would this promote? Just a thought...

JUST OUT OF

CURIOSITY...

DO YOU

RESCUE WITHIN

YOUR BREED?

Legislative Updates

Katrina Starwyck

Interesting link to a blog spot with information about NY animal control workers being armed. <http://bluedogstate.blogspot.com/2008/05/armed-volunteers-w-eapons-mace-and-body.html> <<http://tinyurl.com/3u45bf>>

YOUR OPINION

ON THIS IS

GREATLY

APPRECIATED

SB833 (the anti tethering and crating bill) has been sent back to recommittee and is currently considered "dead". However, with elections coming up soon, it is possible that it will reappear. Link to the latest version of the bill is at: http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/bills/833.htm

AND WILL BE

COMPILED AND

SHARED IN A

FUTURE

NEWSLETTER!

- Cary NC council members are currently looking into mandating a mandatory spay/neuter or \$100 altered pet permit ordinance.

- HB5010 (pit bulls and designation of other breeds as dangerous) has also been sent to the judiciary committee but as above, will probably reappear in the next session.

- Anderson SC dangerous breed ordinance (Under the proposed ordinance existing pit bulls must have a fenced yard, you must be at least 18 year old to walk the dog, and it must have a muzzle on its mouth. Also, owners must have a \$1,000.00 dollar insurance policy. Also, pit bulls must have their tags and shots.) On 4/28/08, the council appointed a committee to further research.

SEND OPINIONS

TO THE EDITOR

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- Dillon city council passed approved an ordinance on 5/12/2008, that defines pit bulls as dangerous (it also includes dogs that look like Am Staffs and bull terriers). Pit-bull owners must register their dog with Dillon Police. If the dog is walked within the city limits it must be on a four to five foot leash. A fence is also required and any owner that violates the new ordinance could face fines, legal charges up to a misdemeanor and the dog could even be put to sleep.

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- Lancaster County is working on a vicious dog ordinance. Breed specific language was taken out of the ordinance. Last vote will be taken next month.

Link to WBTW News 13 story about children avoiding dog bites. http://www.scnow.com/scp/news/local/grand_strand/article/special_report_avoid_dangerous_situations_when_it_comes_to_dogs_children/6361/#fra

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Orange Co, NC - Orange County proposes to limit the time a dog can be tethered to 3 hours out of a 24-hour period. In addition, the county is regulating kennel sizes; 1-35 pound dog must have 80 sq.ft. PER DOG; 36-75 pounds must have 100 sq.ft. PER DOG; 76 pounds and up 120 sq.ft. PER DOG. In order to keep a second dog in the kennel, an additional 50 percent of space must be added. Hearing on this was 5/20/2008, I have not heard of the outcome, but will continue to research it.

*Membership Notes...**Eleanor Moore*

EVERY MONTH

I WILL BE

FEATURING A DIFFERENT

BREED OR A

"WHAT BREED AM I"

COLUMN.

IF YOU ARE

INTERESTED IN HIGH

LIGHTING YOUR

BREED, WITH

INTERESTING

NOTES OR LITTLE

KNOWN FACTS

THEN WRITE IT

UP AND

SEND IT TO:

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO

KEEP YOUR WRITE UP TO

A MAXIMUM OF 300

WORDS.

Please help me update your addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. If your information has changed in the past year please email your new information to me at bugsylazer@msn.com with GKC membership in the memo line. Even if you think we have it right send me an email anyway.

We also had two new applicants at our April meeting, Marguerite Keenan and Tracy Iffland, please make them feel welcome and answer any questions for them as needed.

*It is too hot! Ele... (lol)**Breeder Referral**Sonja Hewitt*

Please remember to call and let me know if you have puppies available. Also, please let me know if you are willing to be a source of education for people seeking information about specific breeds, I have on many occasions been asked for more information on a particular breed than I know. Who is more qualified to answer those questions than a responsible breeder? Thanks!

*Sunshine Corner**Becky Ward*

If you hear of a Member that is ill or just in need of a kind word of support, please contact Becky at (864) 288-6206 or email at wardbk@charter.net. Remember, a simple word spoken in kindness can make a world of difference for a friend in need.

Jan & Richard Keith - Jan has suffered a broken ankle, Richard has been hospitalized for heart problems. Please keep both in our thoughts and prayers!

Barbara Dendy - is doing much better now after having some eye problems. Let's all call and wish her well - as well as keep Barbara in our prayers too!

Nominating Committee Notes...

The Nominating Committee consist of the following members:

Chairperson - Debbie Miller

Nancy Vandiver & Chuck Floyd

We will accept nominations for Officers of the GKC and meet to discuss and select the slate which will be presented at the July meeting. Please contact any of us to make your desires known.

Thanks... Debbie



If you have recently attended dog shows, boarded your dog(s) or frequent dog parks, please be aware of the following...

Subject: keep an eye on your dogs for this illness

Date: Sat, 31 May 2008 15:03:10 -0400

Please share with all. This came to me from the vise president of our rescue group who lives in WI. Margie, kindly send out to all on out contact list. Thanks, Terry

Please be aware of a health alert that has affected two Humane Societies in Wisconsin. The disease started as outbreaks in Las Vegas and Miami Florida and is now in Waukesha Wisconsin. The illness is called streptococcus equi zooepidemicus and is caused by a bacteria. It can be treated by penicillan or amoxycillan if caught within the first hours of symptoms. The shelter was able to successfully treat 2 extremely ill dogs, and currently are treating all of the dogs with anitibiotics as a preventative.

It is unknown how illness is spread. In Waukesha, they had 7 dogs die from an extremely fast moving illness. It initially presents as kennel cough, but rapidly leads to high fevers -- 106 or 107, labored breathing and then death. From start to finish it's about 10 hours -- which is very scary. Dogs who were seemingly heathy are deathly ill and then dead by the next day.

Tissue samples were sent to the state lab, necropsys was done on 2 dogs, and samples were sent to other labs throughout the US before it was diagnosed.

I was informed today that kennel cough is making it's way through Chicago area boarding facilities and doggie parks. Keep an eye on your dogs.

July 2008 Trophy Update

Katrina Starwyck

Big and hearty thanks to all who have stepped forward to sponsor trophies for our July 2008 show, especially large thanks to Sharon and Ken Spiegel for their time, effort and talent on the lovely quilts and dog blankets that they are providing. Unfortunately, now comes the yicky part . . . I gotta collect the money guys ! If you are unsure of your total, feel free to e-mail me or I will have list at the June meeting. Please make checks payable to Greenville Kennel Club. If you are providing your own trophy, please make sure that you have it ready and in good order. I will provide a card notating the information to be displayed with your trophy on the trophy table the day of the show. If you need any information please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you all again for the very generous donations.

A note on Science Diet Dog & Cat Food...

Effective July 1st, Hill's Science Diet Dog and Cat Food will raise prices by an average of 13.2 %. They said the reason for the increase is higher fuel cost (+49%), commodities (+52%) and labor (+3.5%). If you use Science Diet, stock up during the month of June.

Thanks Kari, for passing this on!

For Sale...

Booster Bath

New - never used!

51" x 24" x 33"

Weight 24 lbs.

200 lb. capacity

New

(as listed in June 2008 Pet-Edge catalog)

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The Greenville Kennel Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Quality Inn at Hwy 291 and I-385. Meetings start at 7:30PM. The Board of Director's meet every other month.

For more information on our meetings or scheduled programs, please contact the Club Secretary, Debbie Miller at: debshihztzu@cs.com or call (864) 895-2858.

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The next meeting of the GKC is on

June 17, 2008

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