

# GREENVILLE KENNEL CLUB

MAY 2008

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## *A message from our President*

*Blake Roulette*

Fellow Member,

It is that time of year again---- Our annual picnic. Make your plans now. This is a time of fellowship and great food. A time to spend with other members and get to know each other better. A Big Thank You to the Hills for hosting this event again. They have great place for us to use and we have room to enjoy everything that is planned.

I hope everyone will make a special effort to attend. I'll see everyone on May 20 at the picnic. Be safe and careful!

Always,

*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  
May 20, 2008  
This is our annual Picnic & will be held  
at Man's Best Friend!  
(see page 5 for details!)**

*Notes from AKC*

*April 2008*

### **You Spoke, We Listened!**

The Government Relations Department received many requests to issue our newsletter more often than bi-monthly. We decided to do better than that. Soon, *Taking Command* will evolve from a newsletter into a blog. Covering not only the latest developments on the legislative front nationally, but also the latest in news, policy, and ideas, the revolutionary Taking Command Blog will allow the Government Relations Department to provide you with a steady stream of thought-provoking, and hopefully action-inspiring, information. Look for the news announcing the launch of the Taking Command Blog in your e-mail inbox soon, and be sure to return to the [Government Relations Department's home page](#) to check it out!

***Information to be included in the GKC Newsletter should be submitted to the Editor at [Majorki@aol.com](mailto: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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*Notes from our AKC Delegate...*

*Linda Ayers Turner Knorr*



**AKC WELCOMES  
DOGUE DE BORDEAUX TO WORKING GROUP**  
Six Breeds to Join the Miscellaneous Class

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to welcome the Dogue de Bordeaux as the 158th AKC registered breed. The Dogue de Bordeaux, sometimes referred to as the “French Mastiff”, will be eligible for full AKC® registration and competition in the Working Group at shows held on and after July 1, 2008.

The Dogue de Bordeaux is among the most ancient of purebred dogs, with many theories surrounding its origin. The breed was named in 1863 following its first appearance at a canine exhibition at the “Jardin d’Acclimation” in Paris, France. The Dogue de Bordeaux could often be found guarding the vineyards or butcher shops in France; however they were also used for hunting large game such as bear and wild boar. It wasn’t until the 1960’s that the breed made its first appearance in the United States.

The loveable face and personality of the Dogue de Bordeaux was brought to public attention by the 1989 movie, *Turner and Hooch*, starring Tom Hanks. In this comedy the Dogue de Bordeaux is portrayed as a stubborn, slobbering mischief-maker with a heart of gold. “This is probably a very accurate description,” said George Brown, President of the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America. “Despite the breed’s massive size and intimidating stature, they are extremely loveable and devoted dogs with a laid back attitude.”

For more information about the Dogue de Bordeaux, visit the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America at <http://www.ddbsa.org/>.

On the same date, six breeds that are working towards full AKC recognition will join the AKC Miscellaneous Class:

- Bluetick Coonhound
- Cane Corso
- Cesky Terrier
- Icelandic Sheepdog
- Leonberger
- Norwegian Lundehund

Breeds in the Miscellaneous Class may compete and earn titles in Companion Events and also select Performance Events. Miscellaneous breeds are also eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship. They may compete at conformation shows, but are limited to competition in the Miscellaneous Class and are not eligible for championship points.

*From The Editor...*

*Chuck Floyd*

Once again I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing great and loving their pets to the max! Our next meeting will be held at Man's Best Friend and will be a fantastic picnic. Hopefully everyone can attend and enjoy the fellowship of other dog enthusiast! As usual Kari promises a lot of fun for everyone. There are a few changes that need to be mentioned...Tom Hill will assume the duties of "Grill Master" instead of the GKC providing the meat and due to the Rottweiler Nationals in Minnesota this year coinciding with our picnic date Eleanor will not be able to administer the CGC testing/evaluating as planned.

We've been fortunate to have many new visitors expressing interest in joining the GKC as well as *new members* that have recently joined. It's always good to see the GKC not only grow but also be afforded the opportunity to help educate and spread the word on responsible ownership throughout the community. Remember, being a member of any kennel club or holding ties to the AKC is not just about ourselves and what we can gain from these entities...it's also about education! Each time we speak to someone about joining the GKC we are afforded the chance to promote the ideals that our sport was built on! Remember our Code of Sportsmanship? Take the time to sit down with some of our older members to learn about the history of not just our club but the AKC itself. Recently I was surprised after sitting down with our AKC Delegate (Linda Knorr for our new members) to find out how entwined in the history of *southern kennel clubs* her family was and still is. How many other members have a personal or family history such as this? Imagine how much we can learn from each of these members...it kind of reminds me of the time spent not only with my Grandparents but also the Great Grandparents just talking about the past! It's great to be young and full of zest but there is that unmistakable wisdom that only comes with age.

*Legislative Updates*

*Katrina Starwyck*

### **Anderson council names committee to study vicious dog issue**

By [Heidi Cenac](#) ([Contact](#))

Monday, April 28, 2008

ANDERSON — The Anderson City Council continued its investigation into vicious dogs Monday night, appointing a seven-member committee to continue to look at the issue. Jose Fernandez, a doctor at Magnolia Veterinary Hospital, Duff Leuder of K-9 Pet Dog Training, Herbert Ervin, the city's animal control officer, Angela Wallace, vice president of the Anderson County Humane Society, and City Councilman Tony Stewart will serve on the committee. A second council member and a member to be elected by the committee also will be appointed to serve. Stewart said the council purposely selected representatives from several areas to ensure that the city gets well-rounded, solid advice. "My main thing is making sure our community stays safe," Stewart said. City officials have been bombarded with information since the issue of banning pit bulls came up last month. Mayor Terence Roberts said he's received magazine articles and information packets about breed-specific legislation. After the committee meets to add its last member, public forums will be scheduled at City Hall.

More Information on this and follow up can be found at: <http://www.independ entmail.com/news/2008/ apr/28/anderson- council-names- committee- study-vicious- dog/>

***Editors' Note - All members should be aware that any threat of Breed Specific Legislation left unchecked can eventually "backfire" on us! If you are not involved or in touch with Katrina, please take the time now to find out what you can do to help before it's too late!***

JUST OUT OF

CURIOSITY...

WHAT MAKES

FOR A VICIOUS

OR BAD DOG?

IS IT BAD

BREEDING, BAD

OWNERS OR

SOMETHING

ELSE?

YOUR OPINION

ON THIS IS

GREATLY

APPRECIATED

AND WILL BE

COMPILED AND

SHARED IN A

FUTURE

NEWSLETTER!

SEND OPINIONS

TO THE EDITOR

AT

MAJORKI

@AOL.COM

*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](mailto:bugsylazer@msn.com) with GKC membership in the memo line. Even if you think we have it right send me an email anyway.

Please take the time to welcome Sheri (Rose), Patti (Pennington), Cathy (Novak) and Michelle (Hansen) as the newest Members of the Greenville Kennel Club! 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.

For new applicants, the GKC picnic is not an official meeting so therefore 2nd reading of applicatons will take place at the June meeting.

*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](mailto:wardbk@charter.net). *Remember, a simple word spoken in kindness can make a world of difference for a friend in need.*

Just for fun... how many of us remember "word power" from Reader's Digest as well as Middle School? Our word is "lexophile". It means a lover of words!

Police were called to a daycare where a three year old  
was resisting a rest!

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off?  
He's all right now!

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a  
Small medium at large!

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months!  
A backward poet writes inverse!



# May Picnic



*Greenville Kennel Club*

May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Man's Best Friend Pet Resort

8100 Augusta Road also known as US 25. 1 block south of Hwy 86

All members and their families are invited

All pets are welcome!!!!

*Entertainment provided by:*

*Deanna Klingel and her freestyle dancing dogs!*

*Tom Hill will be our Grill Master*

Please bring either a salad, side dish or dessert

Last name beginning with A thru I: Side Dish

Last name beginning with J thru P: Dessert

Last name beginning with R thru Z: Salad

Other items to bring: Chairs, Serving Spoons, Fold up tables

See reverse side for more details

RSVP with # attending & item to share by May 14

Call Kari Hill at 616-8882 or

email [Charthill@yahoo.com](mailto:Charthill@yahoo.com)

“Foo foo juice” aside, the most important are the basics (protein, energy and mineral levels) and I have found a few economical choices. I flipped over thirty bags of food from at least eight manufactures. My goal was to find a great food at a great price that the average person can find in their city. Just because a dog food is expensive does not mean it is the best food for your dog. **Science Diet** is **NOT** on my list for the following reasons. First they use BHA and BHT instead of Vit E (mixed tocopherol). Secondly, they don't use a great protein source. In the puppy food I looked at the only protein in the top five ingredients was chicken by product meal and in the adult formula they use Soybean meal. Lastly, they are too expensive for what they provide. Their crude protein ratio looked fine, but do to their poor ingredients I feel that is not what the dog actually will get. They have excellent marketing and name recognition and get \$33.49 for the 40 lb bag of puppy food at PETSMART. That comes to **\$0.052/ oz**. While **Pedigree** and **Purina Puppy Chow** are definitely less expensive they both fail too. **Pedigree** for using BHA and BHT and while **Purina Puppy Chow** uses the healthy mixed tocopherols as preservatives but unfortunately they use too much corn and Soybean meal. The best value is **Authority Large Breed Puppy** (in a red bag) **found only at PETSMART**. PETSMART has both dog and cat food made specifically for their stores. They have four types made for them to compete with different “markets“ and corresponding prices those consumers will pay. They go from worst to best: Grreat Choice, Award, Authority and Premier. Grreat Choice is just cheap and just as crappy. Award competes with the Pedigree and Purina markets. Authority is their answer to Eukanuba and Iams. The Premier is “oven baked” and has excellent ingredients and is competing with the specialty foods. PETSMART keeps the cost down by buying in bulk and low to no advertising costs. The **Authority Large Breed Puppy with Real Chicken** has chicken meal, brewers rice, ground corn, animal fat with mixed tocopherols and chicken in its top 5 ingredients. It lists 24% crude protein, 14% crude fat and 4% crude fiber. It goes on to list its calcium and phosphorus amounts 1.2% and 1.0% respectfully. Additionally, it shows its Omega 6 and Omega 3 fatty acid percentages as 2.0% and 0.18%. It sells for \$19.99 per 33 lbs which is **\$0.0379/oz** (\$0.35 if priced per 1000 kcal of energy). For a little more, I would suggest the adult **Premier Oven Baked with chicken** for our Rotties. Its top five ingredients are chicken, wheat flour, rice flour, chicken meal and corn gluten meal. It lists 25% crude protein, 14% crude fat and 3% crude fiber. It has 1.11% calcium and 1.0% phosphorus and a higher amount of Omega 6 and Omega 3 fatty acids, 3.5% and 0.4% respectively. It is \$21.99 per 30 pounds and that brakes down to **\$0.0418/oz**. It is actually a great deal. Real chicken meat as its first ingredient and the grains in flour form (the smaller the particle size the more digestible). This is the “**adult**” formula, but it mimics what you need for a large breed puppy the best.

**Iams Large Breed Puppy** comes in a very close third at \$27.00 for 40 lbs breaking down to **\$0.044/oz**. If you want “foo foo” dust and fairy wings then feed **Eukanuba Large Breed Puppy** at \$38.99 for 40 lbs (**\$0.061/oz**) or **Nature's Recipe Purebred Working Dogs**. This one is \$19.99 for 17.6 lbs and breaks down to a whopping **\$0.071/oz**. Both of these have chicken as the first of many fine ingredients and go on to include brewers dried yeast, glucosamine, fish meal in one and salmon oil in the other for the Omega 6 and 3 fatty acids and other “foo foos”.

I feed my dogs Pro Plan (the adult food is around \$26.00 / 37.5 lbs) and weaned the puppies onto **Pro Plan Puppy Large Breed Formula**. It goes for between \$35.00 and \$39 for a 37.5 lb bag (**.0583 - .065/oz**). It has chicken as the main ingredient, fish meal, egg, glucosamine, and DHA as it's advertised “foo foos”. If you buy your food from **PETCO** for every ten bags bought you **get one free** if you are on their card program. Like Iams is to Eukanubas, a cheaper but good line, Purina One is Pro Plan's. It is a good food and you can find it at almost any grocery store. You can get Purina One from \$29 to \$32 for a 37.5lb bag (**.048 - .053/oz**). It has the same protein, calcium and phosphorus but lacks the “foo foos”.

Again, currently if you shop at **PETCO** you can get a bag free every so often. So there is the healthy puppy feeding gamut. It must be blazingly obvious I enjoy this stuff so if you run into another food you would like me to evaluate send it my way.

**Please note that part 3 of this series will be the “reading” or “deciphering” of this panel! It will be published for information only, the name and manufacturer of the food will not be publicly disclosed. This series is meant to help educate all of us as dog owners in how to pick a food that is best for our dogs as well as how to get the most bang for our buck!**

Is this a “good” food? I currently use this food for our Yorkies and am including this as an example of what should be presented to Eleanor to allow her the opportunity to “decipher” and explain for those of us wanting to know more about what we are feeding our dogs. I feel we have chosen wisely, but we have learned a few things from the previous article. Thanks again Eleanor, for sharing your knowledge with all of us... *Editor*

Guaranteed Analysis

|                       |           |         |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Crude Protein         | 24.0%     | Minimum |
| Crude Fat             | 14.0%     | Minimum |
| Crude Fiber           | 3.0%      | Maximum |
| Moisture              | 10.0%     | Maximum |
| Sodium                | 0.3%      | Maximum |
| Zinc                  | 150 mg/kg | Minimum |
| Selenium              | 0.4 mg/kg | Minimum |
| Vitamin E             | 300 IU/kg | Minimum |
| Omega-6 Fatty Acids * | 2.2%      | Minimum |
| Omega-3 Fatty Acids * | 0.4%      | Minimum |

\* Not recognized as an essential nutrient by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profile.

Calorie Content: 3,593 kcal/kg (336 kcal/cup) Calculated Metabolizable Energy.

AAFCO Statement: Animal feeding tests using Association of American Feed Control Officials procedures substantiate that \*\*\*\*\* provides complete and balanced nutrition for the maintenance of adult dogs.

Ingredients

Chicken, turkey, chicken meal, ocean fish meal, cracked pearled barley, whole grain brown rice, oatmeal, millet, white rice, chicken fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols), potatoes, egg product, tomato pomace, duck, salmon, flaxseed, natural chicken flavor, choline chloride, dried chicory root, kelp, carrots, peas, apples, tomatoes, blueberries, spinach, dried skim milk, cranberry powder, rosemary extract, parsley flake, yucca schidigera extract, L-carnitine, Enterococcus faecium, Lactobacillus casei, Lactobacillus acidophilus, Saccharomyces cerevesiae fermentation solubles, dried Aspergillus oryzae fermentation extract, vitamin E supplement, iron proteinate, zinc proteinate, copper proteinate, ferrous sulfate, zinc sulfate, copper sulfate, potassium iodide, thiamine mononitrate, manganese proteinate, manganous oxide, ascorbic acid, vitamin A supplement, biotin, calcium pantothenate, manganese sulfate, sodium selenite, pyridoxine hydrochloride (vitamin B6), vitamin B12 supplement, riboflavin, vitamin D supplement, folic acid.

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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: debshitzu@cs.com or call (864) 895-2858.*

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