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Greenville Kennel Club News

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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.

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A message from our President

Blake Roulette



Dear Member,
I would like to say we had a very successful RDOD and a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make the day. It was good to see so many groups working together for the benefit of all dogs And what was better was that they all want to continue this activity which says a lot

for all the work that went into this day and to the people behind it. I would list them but would probably leave someone out and this I do not want to do.

So to everyone that worked so hard

THANK YOU.

Do not forget our meeting on Oct. 21 at 7:30pm
See everyone then.

Blake

Membership Committee

Eleanor Moore

Laura Tate and **Tecla Tyner** were voted into membership at the September meeting.

Laura is a breeder of Bulldogs and Thecla breeds Vizslas and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Both are active in conformation and Thecla participates in AKC obedience too.

Correction to our Last Newsletter

Editor

The Correspondence Secretary was incorrectly listed. **Margaret Norkett**, was elected to the position.



Responsible Dog Ownership Day 2008

I'd like to say a very loud and appreciative Thank You to Fallon, Eleanor and their husbands (David and Darren) as well as Cindy Brothers (Gville County Rec Dept) for all of their tireless efforts in pulling this event together. Thank you to each of our volunteers that came out Friday night to help set up (in the rain... LOL) and staying later Saturday to help break down everything. It's never easy working as individuals but as with any team effort working towards a common goal our hard work paid off! We had a great turnout not only by the general public but from our club as well. We received some of the best reviews from our participants for the set up as well as the planned activities with a few suggestions for improvements for next year.

Please remember that as members of the Greenville Kennel Club as well as the American Kennel Club, we are all Ambassadors within our communities subject to more critical reviews by the general public in regard to animal rights and legislation. It is by our participation and support within our select community activities that we distinguish ourselves as the leading authority on matters relating to purebreds. Many members of the community with differing opinions on and about animal rights were present and very well pleased and impressed with the community outreach, concern and professionalism displayed by all members of the Greenville Kennel Club in attendance. This was only the beginning of our efforts as an AKC Member Club to promote responsible dog ownership year round through public education. Anyone with ideas and suggestions, or a desire to participate in our educational efforts should contact Fallon Hill (our Education Chairperson at hillcavaliers@charter.net) for more information.

Thanks again to everyone that came out and showed support through their hard work and demos for our club!

Chuck Floyd
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RDO Brag from Eleanor Moore

As I was in charge of the demonstrations for RDO day I need to brag that the best one was performed by our very own members. Bobbie Fairbanks, Janet Phillips and Carol Morgan put on the Rally demonstration. We were so lucky that Janet could provide us with beautiful signs and they set up a true course for the crowd to see. After they showed how to do it with Collies, Whippets and an Aussie these ladies mentored interested spectators and their dogs through the Rally ring. Luckily, I had two rings to work with and had our next demo in the big ring because no one wanted to leave the small ring without giving Rally a try!

While other GKC volunteers were not forced out in front of the crowd, we really appreciated all the wonderful help and support all of you provided. There was not one second that something did not get done because there was always several people ready to assist and take on the job. We got fantastic feedback from the organizations, rescues, clubs and businesses that set up booths! Comments like, "excellent show, great event, wonderful activities, great displays and demonstrations, good vendors and we would love to come back next year" were plentiful. Thank you to everyone who helped make Greenville Kennel Club's 2008 RDO day a success!!!



Recent Legislation Updates

Katrina Starwyck

South Carolina

Rock Hill - York County - (9/21/08) - York County officials need to address the issue of whether the county should bar dog owners from keeping their dogs chained. But, as county officials note, that is only one of many issues concerning animals in the county, and the time has come for a more comprehensive approach in coming weeks, the county will hold a workshop for staff members to outline plans for updating the county's animal policies. No specific changes have been recommended, but officials expect to analyze everything from vaccination requirements to animal control fees. County officials also will examine what other growing counties have done in the way of animal ordinances. While county officials have not specified which issues they will address, tethering, already a hot issue in the county, is likely to come up for debate; also, the county will consider limiting the number of animals in an individual household. Reference made to incident of keeping 13 dogs as house pets, as occurred in one local home recently. But without official limits, the county is powerless to do anything about it. At some point, undoubtedly, the public will be invited to comment on proposed changes in the animal ordinance. This is guaranteed to be an animated discussion; few things get people worked up as much as a debate over what they can and can't do with their pets.

Spartanburg - (9/30/08) -City Council **unanimously passed final reading** of an animal control ordinance Monday. (9/29/08)

The ordinance requires cat owners to comply with a licensing provision that previously applied only to dog owners.

All dogs and cats more than 4 months old that have been in the city limits for 30 days or more must be licensed. Council approved a \$6 annual or \$40 lifetime license fee for altered dogs and cats with proof of rabies vaccination. Residents 60 or older are required to pay \$5 and \$25 for annual or lifetime licenses, respectively.

Owners of fertile dogs and cats must pay \$25 annual license fee and aren't eligible for a lifetime license.

The ordinance requires owners of more than five dogs or cats more than 4 months old to purchase a multiple animal permit that allows officers to inspect the premises where the animals are kept when a 24-hour notice is given.

Owners of animals deemed "vicious," those that have attacked or injured any person or domestic animal without provocation, are required to meet certain specifications.

The ordinance restricts the time that an animal can be tethered or tied to a stationary object to 12 hours in a 24-hour period.

Livestock, wild and exotic animals are also prohibited unless the animal has been previously registered with the city. Prohibited animals include horses, donkeys, mules, swine, sheep, goats, cattle, chickens, geese, turkeys, guineas, pheasants, emus, ostrich and other domesticated fowl.

North Carolina

Forsyth County - (9/22/08) - Forsyth County commissioners voted 7-0 to amend the county code that covers recognizing, registering, owning and dealing with dangerous dogs, as well as shortening the holding period for unlicensed dogs and cats that are brought to the shelter. The board decided not to single out specific breeds in judging a dog to be dangerous, but to look at a particular dog's behavior.

Macon County - (9/25/08) - Macon County has been in the process of developing an animal control ordinance for nearly four years, since the county commission appointed the formation of an animal control committee headed by Commissioner Bob Simpson. Pending new changes to a proposed ordinance, the committee is close to reaching the county's goal of presenting the ordinance to commissioners. The ordinance will be complaint driven & will work to improve the identification of animals and the responsibility of pet owners. Set to meet on Oct. 1, the committee

has moved the next meeting date up to Monday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. If changes made to the ordinance are satisfactory to the group, they will present the proposed ordinance to commissioners at a 6 p.m. meeting the same night.

New Hanover - (9/23/08) - New Hanover County is cracking down on people who operate dog kennels, targeting backyard breeders and puppy mills. "It's a great step working toward reducing animal cruelty and neglect by breeders who's main concern is profit without welfare of the animal," said Beth Mathews, the founder of the community animal protection team. Mathews watched as county commissioners approved a new law requiring breeders who produce more than four litters a year to get a permit. Violators could face up to a \$500 fine. Animal control officers will meet with the board of health sometime in the near future to discuss the amount of the fines. After that is decided, the law will be enforced.

Orange County - (9/22/08) Orange County currently restricts the length of a tether, but doesn't have a time restriction on tethering. If approved, a proposed amendment would allow for a period of public outreach and a warning period similar to Durham County's. The amendment includes the following:

- No more than a total of three hours of tethering within a 24-hour period.
- A specification of the types of collars and equipment.
- A requirement for minimum kennel size.
- An exemption for certain organized and lawful animal functions, such as sporting or hunting events.

Members' Brags

Kari Hill

Atlanta for three days of dog shows, Cora was WB for a major on Fri, then she won 2 more points on Sunday.



Christmas Party

December 16

Tuesday, December 16th, has been reserved for the GKC annual Christmas Party at the Brick Street Cafe in Greenville. The menu will be similar to what we had last year, a choice of 4 entree's and choice of 3 dessert's. A fruit and cheese platter will be available with

pre-dinner cocktails at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10-ish present for our gift exchange. That is always a lot of fun. Festive attire is suggested. Formal invitations will be mailed out in November to each GKC member.



Details from Your Delegate

Linda Knorr



TWO AKC/USA TEAM MEMBERS WIN INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALS AT 2008 AGILITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

-- AKC/USA Team Triumphs in Large
and Small Dog Individual Competitions
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New York, NY- The American Kennel Club(r) is pleased to announce that two members of the AKC/USA Agility World Team have won Individual Gold Medals in their respective jump heights at the 2008 FCI Agility World Championships. Marcus Topps of Garland, TX and his Border Collie MACH2

Peak's Juice ("Juice") triumphed in the Large Dog Individual competition while Marcy Mantell of Foster City, CA and her Shetland Sheepdog MACH Plail's Few And Far Between, CDX PT MXF ("Wave") came away with the top prize in the Small Dog Individual competition.

Held September 26-28 in Helsinki, Finland, the Agility World Championships was attended by more than 360 dog and handler pairs from over 30 countries. The AKC/USA Team sent 13 competitors to Finland, comprising Small, Medium and Large Dog teams. Over the three days, AKC/USA team members completed two team runs and two individual runs.

Topps and "Juice" completed four clear rounds over the competition period and had the fastest time,

vaulting from fourth to first place after their last run. Mantell and "Wave" moved from eighth to first place after turning in a 30.93-second final run.

"We are thrilled with the victories of Marcus, Juice, Marcy and Wave at the recent Agility World Championship," said AKC Agility Director Andy

Hartman. "Their years of hard work and dedication to the sport have definitely paid off. We'd also like to congratulate the rest of the determined and seasoned team members that competed in Finland. And of

course, this successful trip would not have been possible without the support of I Love Dogs, Inc. We thank them for their help in everything from tryouts to travel home."

After a parade of countries, Topps and Mantell were presented with medals while the National Anthem played. As winners of Individual Gold Medals, the two will have a guaranteed spot in the 2009 FCI Agility World Championships and a chance to defend their titles next September in Dornbirn, Austria.

For more detailed coverage of the event, please visit

<http://www.akc.org/events/agility/world/2008/>

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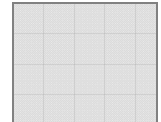
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