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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



Hello to All,

Hope this finds everyone well and ready for the meeting on Tuesday the 21st. This meeting is just 4 days

before our show. Everyone should have their show times, and know when they can volunteer some time during our show. Sharing the load makes it easier on everyone.

Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Blake

GKC Sponsors K-9 Training Seminar

Bob Vandiver

Greenville Kennel Club sponsored the majority of the cost of having two master trainers from the North America Police Working Dog Association present a 3 day seminar for the Greenville County K-9 officers. Clemson Kennel Club assisted with a portion of the contribution. As the seminar neared, it was decided that the attendance could be offered to other area Police Working Dog officers. It was a great decision with the attendance from 3 states and multiple counties and cities within the states. All of the officers brought their canine partner, and all of them worked for two days through procedures in crime fighting with a trained dog. Attendance is listed below.

Agency	State	Number Attending
Greenville County Sheriff's Office	SC	10
Greenville Police Department	SC	3
Travelers Rest Police Department	SC	2
* Greenville Kennel Club *	SC	2
Lexington County Sheriff's Office	SC	1
Hendersonville Police Department	NC	1
Henderson County Sheriff's Office	NC	4
Buncombe County Sheriff's Office	NC	2
Transylvania County Sheriff's Office	NC	1
Cobb County Sheriff's Office	GA	2
Dorville Police Department	GA	1
Total:		29

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As you can see, there was widespread attendance and the information and training presented will help the officers train their dogs to an even higher level of performance. This is an investment that is very worthwhile for the Kennel Clubs, because it is totally dog related, helps counter society's most significant problems (drugs and other crimes), and helps to keep us safe.

The officers were very grateful for the contributions that allowed this to occur. Below is an email that I received from Sgt. Mike Kellett, who is in charge of the Greenville County K-9 Division:

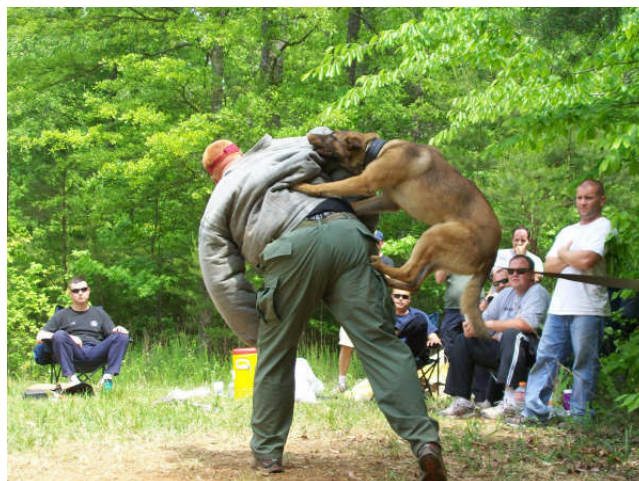
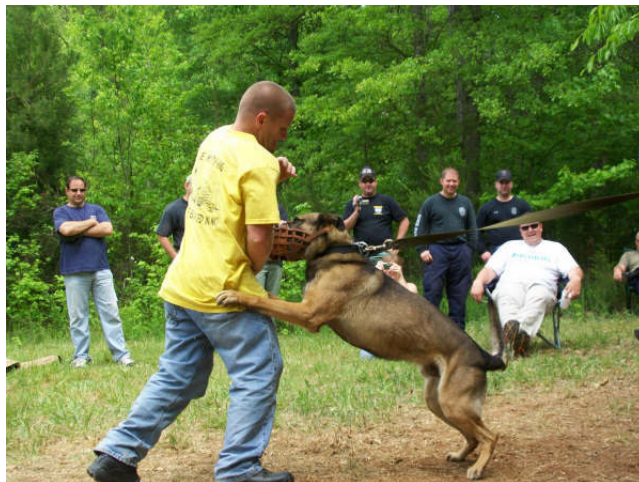
Hi Bob,

Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know how much myself and the entire team learned from the training this weekend. I was so happy to see you guys attend the class so you could see first hand how your money is being used to benefit the unit and the citizens of Greenville County. To see a group of people so dedicated to helping make the Sheriff's Office K-9 program be the best is seldom seen. I, like Chris McBee, have attended many training programs and have never seen an organization such as the Greenville Kennel Club work to help law enforcement like your club does. Again "Thank You" from myself and all of the guys and their K-9 partners.

*Sgt. Mike Kellett
K-9 Services
Greenville County Sheriff's Office*

Another email from Officer Chris McBee states:

I just wanted to let both of you know how much we appreciate what the G.K.C. does for our program. It is always gratifying when someone takes such a profound interest in what we love and what is providing such a necessary service to our community as it does. Thanks to the G.K.C. and its members, you are investing in your own community by seeing that the Police Service Dog Community is well-trained and well-equipped. This was demonstrated through the funding provided for the N.A.P.W.D.A. Decoy Skills Seminar 2009. Not only was it funded by the G.K.C., but your attendance also represented a true interest by auditing this training in hot, rainy weather, in the company of "gritty" (lol) police officers from around the region. In my years as a deputy sheriff I have trained across



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the country, attended numerous demonstrations and fund raisers and have been around individuals and groups who have shown interest in law enforcement function, and specifically, Police Service Dogs. I will say that The G.K.C. has shown more true support and interest in this journey than I have experienced in a long while. For that, I thank you on behalf of the K-9 Services Unit.

From a personal standpoint, this was a session that delivered great value. It was clear that the officers were learning information and procedures that they had not had in the past. Also, to do a little bragging on our team, it was clear throughout the event that Greenville County has a program that exceeds anyone in the area. We can be proud that we have these guys protecting us and that the help that we offer them is a good investment for the club and the community.

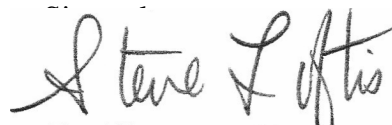
Bob Vandiver

A Letter to Blake Roulette from Greenville County Sheriff, Steve Loftis:

Dear Mr. Roulette:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation and let you know how successful the decoy school was. The training was received by 12 different agencies from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia regions. Each of these K-9 teams attended this training at no cost to their agency and received training in K-9 defensive tactics, tracking and handler protection. Without your help and assistance this would not have been possible.

If we can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.



Sheriff Steve Loftis

**Breeder Referral**

Members who have puppies available are reminded to contact **Sonia Hewett**.
(864) 895-6854

June Meeting Minutes *Katrina Starwyck*

The Greenville Kennel Club met on June 16, 2009, at The Quality Inn, 540 N. Pleasantburg, Greenville, SC.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Blake Roulette at 7:41 p.m. Roll was submitted by written list. Present were 26 Members, 1 Junior Member and 4 Guests. Introductions, Wags and Brags were given by those present.

President Blake Roulette reported that the picnic held in May was a great success and thanked the Hills again for hosting the event. He also stated that he was reported to see such a wide variety of experience and areas of participation in the membership and guests present. He also expressed that club members consider education of new enthusiasts to the sport.

Corresponding secretary Margaret Norkett reported no correspondence.

Recording secretary Katrina Starwyck reiterated that the minutes were sent electronically as well as being published in the club newsletter and available in hard copy at the meetings, therefore, reading of minutes was dispensed. She also requested that all members assure that they are on the e-mail listing.

Blake Roulette informed club members that due to difficult financial times, the club newsletter would be distributed electronically only unless otherwise specified by the member in June. This was a financial decision only and he congratulated newsletter editor Ken Spiegel on a continued wonderful job. Club members wishing to continue to receive a black and white hard copy of the newsletter should contact Ken directly.

Sandra Campbell presented the Treasurer's Report.

Membership Secretary Eleanor Moore requested that any changes or updates in each individual member's information be made as a new roster will be going to print shortly. Readings were done on new potential members Robbie Hughes (sponsor, Bob Vandiver), Corrine and Larry Johnson (sponsor, Bob Vandiver), and Lee Evans (sponsor, Jamie Iffland). All potential members will have their second reading after obtaining a second sponsor and home/kennel visit by sponsoring member. She also reported that dues notices will be sent shortly or may be paid at this meeting. Dues are payable by August meeting, at which time those members not current will not be allowed to vote at the annual meeting.

Blake Roulette informed the membership that AKC Delegate Linda Knorr was not available this evening.

Education Secretary, Fallon Hill, had no report.

Eleanor Moore reported that AKC will not be available at the July 2009 show; however, they will send literature to be available at the education booth. She also reported that Greenville Technical College will be holding a Pet Festival July 18, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She is in need of members to man an education booth there. Eleanor also reported that Responsible Dog Owner Day will be held in conjunction with Clemson Kennel Club and Greenville Parks and Recreation Department. Greenville Kennel Club will host rally events, Clemson Kennel Club will host carting events. Eleanor also stated that there will be vendors at this event.

June Meeting Minutes *Continued*

Legislative Liaison Katrina Starwyck reported that the Greenville County Public Safety Committee had recently met with Greenville Humane Society to discuss ways in which to curb the number of unwanted pets in the area. They approached the topic mandatory spay neuter as a means to this. After discussion, it was determined that she would send notes to each involved committee member and invite them to attend the July show as a means of education. Member Garry Coulter stepped forward as a previous council member and volunteered to act as escort and to answer any further questions that interested Safety Committee members might have.

Trophy Chair Katrina Starwyck asked that club members with an outstanding trophy balance please contact her for a total and make arrangements for payment as soon as possible.

Show Chair Bob Vandiver reported that all preparations for the July 2009 show are going smoothly. He also reported that the club did lose a significant amount on the February 2009 show; he believes that this is due to the new Indianapolis show cluster the same weekend and that this should not be an issue with the July show. He also reported that most shows appear to be off in attendance by about 15-20%. He did raise the possibility of an increase in the entry fee at the next show as a means of offsetting these financial losses. He did report that vendors were full this show. Bob also reminded club members with working dogs that there is a new working dog club locally and they will be having a match the Thursday evening of the July show cluster weekend. Please contact Bob for more information regarding this.

Match Chair Pamela Rubinstein reported that the match is moving along very well. If any club member needs a match judging assignment or knows of someone who does need one, please let her know. Match fliers will be available at the July show.

Board Liaison for the Nominating Committee Eleanor Moore introduced Pam Rubinstein and Thecla Tyner as the current nominating committee. She asked that any member interested in serving either as a board member in the upcoming year or on a committee please let her know by July 1, 2009. Election will be held at the August 18th meeting.

Blake Roulette reminded every one that the July 2009 meeting will be the last before the show and that a sign up sheet for working assignments at the show will be available at that meeting. Eleanor Moore also noted that stewards and workers are needed in the rally and obedience rings at the July show as well.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Fallon Hill, seconded by Ingrid Christensen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Starwyck
Recording Secretary, Greenville Kennel Club

Details from Your Delegate Linda Knorr

Chairman's Report July 2009

-- AKC Companion Animal Recovery Public Service Second to None --

The American Kennel Club is proud of its affiliated not-for-profit organizations including AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR), the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the AKC Museum of the Dog and the AKC Humane Fund. Since AKC is celebrating its 125th Anniversary milestone this year, I'd also like to congratulate AKC CAR on its recent enrollment milestone and other initiatives that are helping owners, companion animals and clubs across the country.

AKC CAR, the nation's largest not-for-profit pet recovery service, recently enrolled "Peaches," a 5-month-old German Shepherd Dog as its four millionth enrollee when his microchip identification number was added to its database. A few weeks later AKC CAR added a significant recovery to its growing number – more than 360,000 to date – when "Dopey" the 9-year-old cat was reunited with his owner after a six-year absence thanks to local animal control who scanned him and the dedicated pet recovery specialists at AKC CAR who contacted the family with the good news.

AKC CAR continued to expand their enrollment services to pet owners this year. The Lost Pet Alert connects pet owners with a virtual community of owners, animal shelters, veterinarians and related businesses if their pet is ever lost or stolen. With the Pet Poison Hotline, a call to AKC CAR will give pet owners and their vets access to the best toxicology resources available. The newest product coming to market this month is the Spotlight GPS Pet Locator. Spotlight is the only product of its kind that couples the tracking services provided through GPS with the recovery services of AKC CAR.

In the area of disaster relief and preparedness AKC CAR through the Canine Support and Relief Fund has just established the "Albers Award" to recognize the outstanding disaster relief and preparedness efforts conducted by AKC-affiliated clubs and their members. We thank our hard-working volunteer club members with this distinguished award. For more info go to:

http://www.akc.org/news/disaster_preparedness/relief_award.cfm

AKC CAR continues its commitment to AKC clubs by offering discounts to clubs holding microchip clinics either at parent club national specialties or as part of their AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events in September. For more info visit: www.akccar.org

Whether enrolling, reuniting or helping displaced companion animals during disaster as well as working side-by-side with AKC clubs, no other pet recovery organization offers so much customer service and then gives back even more as a public service. Well done!

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

Dog Logic *Submitted by Kari Hill*



The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

Members' Brags

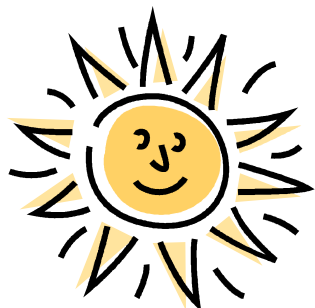


Reiner & Carolyn Gerdts

Jerdans Gone With The Wind (Scarlett) finished at 13 months with two five point majors and four best puppy in Sweeps. Scarlett is a Great Dane

Becky Ward

My fawn bitch, "Maria's Balmar Lil' Red Korvette" (Boxer) went WB,BOS on Sun.6/14/09 in Waynesville, N.C. and WB, BOW, BOS, on 7/11/09 in Huntington, WVA , and on Sun.7/12/09 (in Huntington) she went WB, BOW, BOB and Group 4! Thanks so much to all the judges!



Sunshine Committee *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 wardbk50@yahoo.com. Remember, a simple word spoken in kindness can make a world of difference for a friend in need.

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Established in 1939 Greenville Kennel Club An AKC Member Club

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 Directors meet every other month.

For more information on our meetings or scheduled programs, please contact the Recording Secretary, Katrina Starwyck:
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All items to be included in the newsletter are due on the 7th day of each month.

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**The next meeting of the GKC
is on
July 21, 2009**

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