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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 Comfort Inn Millennium, 2756 Laurens Rd at I-85.

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A Message from our President

Blake Roulette



Greetings,

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a great New Year.

Time sure flies when you are having fun. We just finished celebrating the

Holidays and now a start of a new show season. I pray everyone is ready for the shows and our meeting this month.

It's seems a long time since we were together. I hope to see everyone at our meeting and ready to go into working mode for the club.

Until our meeting,

Blake

Sportsmanship Award presented to Tracy Iffland

At our annual Christmas Celebration at the Poinsett Club, American Kennel Club delegate **Linda Ayres Turner Knorr** presented the prestigious AKC Sportsmanship Award to **Tracy Iffland**. Previous recipients are President **Blake Roulette**, **Sandra Campbell**, **Bobbie Fairbanks** and **Margaret Norkett**.



January Meeting

Our next meeting is on January 21st at 7:30 PM.

Don't forget about our new meeting location (same as November):

Comfort Inn Millennium

2756 Laurens Rd, Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 288-6900

Directions:

Traveling North or South Bound on I-85: Take Exit 48B (276 West towards Greenville). Merge onto Laurens Road to take an IMMEDIATE LEFT into the hotel which is located just before the Drive Time Dealership. LOOK FOR THE COMFORT INN SIGN.



Sunshine Committee

Becky Ward



Please keep **Debbi McLees** in your thoughts and prayers. Debbi has been visiting our club and is waiting for her membership application to be read and voted on. Debbi suffered with severe pneumonia and spent Christmas at Greenville Memorial Hospital. She has now gone home, but still needs our prayers as she recovers from her illness.

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.

Will You Be Coming Home to Your Dogs Tonight?

Thanks to Bobbie Fairbanks for providing the link to a great article. The full article can be seen here:

<http://dogknobit.com/2013/08/13/will-you-be-coming-home-to-your-dogs-tonight/>

Below is a condensed version:

Today I write not about making long-term provisions for your animals, but about the first 24 hours after you're incapacitated (God forbid). Right now, I'm asking you what happens if you don't go home tonight?

Before the day is over, make sure your cell phone has an ICE entry on your call list. I.C.E. stands for "in case of emergency" and should include the phone numbers of at least two people who have access to your home and are comfortable caring for your pets. EMTs, firefighters and emergency room personnel know to look for this I.C.E. entry on cell phones, and if you're unconscious, it may be the only way your friends, family, or even a neighbor is notified and your pets cared for.

As for your pets, every time you leave the house you should consider their "what ifs" as well. Dogs can go awhile without food, but they need water. It's never a bad idea to have a water system in the dog area, but even that is pointless if you keep your dogs crated when you're out of the house. There are pros and cons to crating dogs during your absences, but if you do crate them, it's especially important that you carry ICE contact information and leave a way for someone to get into the house to let them out.

There are a lot of clever ways to hide a key, but in addition to the key itself there should be a slip of paper indicating where pet instructions can be found. Those instructions should include common sense information:

- A picture of each pet with his or her name below;
- Food – where it's kept, how much is given and how often pets are fed;
- Medications;
- Veterinarian contact information (as well as the name and number of an emergency clinic in case your regular veterinarian isn't available), and a signed and dated note giving permission for the pet sitter to take your pet to your veterinarian in an emergency;
- Where leashes can be found;
- Mention your dog's favorite hiding place in the house. Dogs who feel stress, detect change, or are frightened of a stranger will often hide. Where will that be?
- What words do you use to tell the dogs it's time for a potty break, to go for a walk, or get into their crates? Little things are helpful not only to the person helping your pets, but also to maintain some normalcy for the pets.

Once help arrives, remember that this person may be a stranger to your dogs. Depending upon the dog(s), leaving dog treats near the door enables someone to "bribe" their way into a dog's trust, or at least break the ice.

No one plans to have an accident, and few of us leave our homes thinking we won't be coming back, especially if it's a quick run to the store – or a bike ride. Take a few minutes to think about your pets' first 24 hours without you.

Members' Brags

Sam Metzger

Joys & Metzgers Holly Golightly, French Bulldog, went WB and BOS at the Clemson Kennel Club's Sunday show.



Roger Brown

Roger Brown and Linda Shipley's Afghan Hound, "Sharja Sands Of Time", "Vanner" won Winners Dog and Best of Winners, at the Central Florida Kennel Club Show. "Vanner", won Winners Dog and Best of Winners, at the Suncoast Afghan Hound Club of Florida Specialty Show, and finished his championship.

Fran Marron

At the Saturday Clemson KC show my little girl, Winter, aka Marchwind's Winter solace @ MarLord went WB for her first point. This was her first show.

Tim & Lana Dorn

Bahari Siberians

2014 is starting off as a great year from our boys!

Clemson KC

Sat Jan 4, 2014 Judge: Bob Slay

One of our new puppy The George, DiamondT's BBBB Bad To The Bone won WD from 6-9 mos puppy for his 1st 3 point major

Sun Jan 5, 2014 Judge: Carmen Battaglia

Our puppy Cartman- Bahari's Respect My Authoritah! won WD from BBE for his 1st 2 points.

Golden Triangle KC of Mississippi

Sat Jan 11, 2014 Judge: Houston Clark

Again our puppy, The George- DiamondT's BBBB Bad To The Bone won WD/BOW from 9-12 mos puppy for 2nd 3 point major in back to back weekends.

Our special Token- CH. Snofyre- Bahari's "Book'Em, Danno" won BOS for 4 GCH points

Sun Jan 12, 2014 Judge: Toddie Clark

The George won RWD.

Token won Best of Breed to finish his AKC Grand Championship. Breeder Ginger & Jay Aldrich has their 2nd GCH.



Members' Brags -Continued

Bobbie Fairbanks
Rough Collie

Azalea Hills Keowee Sand Storm won 2 legs in Rally Excellent in Clemson.

Azalea Hills Midnight Lace won 2 legs in Rally Novice in Clemson to complete her rally novice title and was high scoring one day.

Paula Ford

Paula Ford and her sister, Donna Pack's 6 month Collie puppy made his debut at the Clemson Kennel Club by winning the puppy herding group at the Friday night match and then going Winners Dog/Best Opposite Sex on Sunday for his first 2 points.

Loretta Anders

Ch. Jade East Mission Into Space
Presented By: Frank Murphy
Best of Breed and Group 3
Eukanuba - Orlando, Florida



Details from Your Delegate*Linda Knorr***December Chairman's Report***-- The Way Forward in 2014 --*

Everyone who has ever produced a litter of puppies knows this time of year brings holiday cards from puppy buyers with heartwarming photos and most-welcome news about the progress and antics of those puppies during the year. The cards are both informative and inspiring as the breeder considers their accomplishments and what they hope to achieve in the year to come.

With that as my guidance, I will first share some news about this year. As I mentioned in my November report, this has been a year of relentless positive action. The dozens of initiatives and innovations outlined in that report, along with a number of others throughout the year, have yielded growth in several areas. Assuming December achieves budgeted levels, we expect to have stronger revenue than 2012 – reaching \$58 million this year. Staff managed expenses extremely well which should yield an operating profit also stronger than 2012 and should be approximately \$7 million for 2013. Our balance sheet has also strengthened due to good investment performance and prudent protection of cash flow.

The American Kennel Club has grown in participation by clubs and exhibitors during 2013.

46 new clubs chose to join with the AKC bringing the total to 5,090 licensed and member clubs.

Those 5,090 clubs created 341 new events for a total of 22,750 events this year – the largest number in the history of the AKC.

Exhibitors participated more than ever, bringing 25,323 new entries through October for a projected total of about 3.2 million this year – the largest number in the history of the AKC.

Breed recognition continues to grow with fully recognized breeds and varieties up by three for a total of 190 and FSS added one for a total of 64.

However, as good as our overall performance has been this year we do have several significant areas of concern.

Participation in Conformation, Obedience and Rally declined in the past year. As I stated in my November report, the issues impacting our sport today have been clearly identified and discussed. They can be collected into three categories – societal, economic, and legislative. While the apparent reasons are simple to discover, the solutions are significantly more complex. It will take very sophisticated marketing to achieve our goal of bringing more participants to our events and more members to our clubs. We are not only up for addressing it - we are capable of delivering it.

Our litter and individual dog registrations continue to decline - although at a much reduced rate. Some progress is being made, but we still have much work to do.

We have initiated some programs to help breeders and we have several in development. The AKC Breeder of Merit program now has more than 10,000 participants. These are breeders who are members in AKC clubs, participate in AKC events, adhere to the health test guidelines of their parent clubs, and register their litters with AKC. This program has contributed significantly to helping slow the decline of litter registrations. We are currently evaluating programs that will impact the other 80% of breeders who register litters with AKC, but do not qualify for the Breeder of Merit program. In addition, we added Breeder of the Year recognition for 12 sports this year – a clear demonstration of the importance of breeders.

Details from Your Delegate

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An important aspect of litter registration is expanding the base of educated breeders. Today marks the inaugural AKC Breeder-to-Breeder Seminar – an opportunity to learn from the experts as they share the thinking behind their successful breeding programs. The workshops are live today and will be available on AKC.org in the near future.

In addition to mentors, the most valuable resource a breeder can have is a veterinarian with an expertise in reproduction. We have formed a strategic alliance with the Theriogenology Foundation and the Society for Theriogenology to help ensure future repro vets for breeders by funding the first ever residencies in small animal reproduction in the United States. We currently have proposals from Auburn University, the University of California-Davis, and the Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania for residencies beginning with the 2014 academic year.

Helping breeders find homes for their puppies and buyers find puppies for their homes is the goal of the newly expanded effort behind the complete redesign of the AKC online breeder classifieds making this resource the go-to place for prospective puppy buyers. We will be launching the new site, complete with a new name and a strong marketing program, later in 2014.

Making individual dog registration more desirable to the general public is a primary focus. We know that communicating AKC's Good Works increases the likelihood of registration by about 4%. We will continue to tell that powerful story as part of the registration process. In addition, we are exploring a new concept that adds value to registration - one which has a direct benefit to the dog and owner beyond participating in events. We will be testing that idea in 2014.

We are reaching out to the 99 million dog owners who have not discovered us yet through a variety of communication opportunities. This year we added a million friends we didn't have before through our efforts on Facebook and our AKC Dog Lovers blog. We are beginning to drive our story through exciting new content, including videos and Woofipedia by AKC – a new website (www.woofipedia.com) aimed squarely at the 99 million. As we persevere for responsible and reasonable dog legislation, our new friends will help protect our rights to own and breed our dogs. We have begun to see that in the number of legislators who have signed up to be Honorary Chairs for AKC Meet the Breeds in New York – up 25 this year to 113.

Our way forward in 2014 demands delivering true customer focus for both our current and potential customers; unleashing greater innovation throughout everything we do; creating relevance and motivation in everything we offer; and continuing and improving on our Good Works. We plan to use every effort to do all that by challenging ourselves every day to do the right thing, not the easy thing, in everything we do.

I am positive we can do that. And as Ellen DeGeneres says, "It makes a big difference when you stay positive."

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome at atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,



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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 Comfort Inn Millennium, 2756 Laurens Rd. at I-85. Meetings start at 7:30PM. The Board of Directors meets every other month.

For more information on our meetings or scheduled programs, please contact the Recording Secretary, **Margaret Norkett**,
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All items to be included in the newsletter are due on the Wednesday before our monthly meeting.

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