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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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Ken Walker

## A Message from our President

First, I want to take a moment to keep all affected by the recent flooding in our thoughts and prayers. This is the type of emergency that the AKC Disaster Relief Trailer, our club has sponsored, will be used for. I recommend each of you go to the "AKC REUNITE" webpage <http://www.akcreunite.org/petowner/petemergencyguide/> and review "How to be prepared in case of an emergency".

Since our last meeting, our club helped cover the lunch costs, for a week-long training workshop for K-9 deployment instructors from several states. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office was very grateful to the Greenville Kennel Club for our support.

**COME TO OUR OCTOBER MEETING (Tues, Oct 20) FOR A PROGRAM BY THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND MEET "RICK" – The CANINE SPONSORED BY THE GREENVILLE KENNEL CLUB!**

If you missed the September Membership Meeting, you missed a great presentation on "Pain management and rehab", by Dicki Kennedy DVM. We plan to offer a program of this caliber every month. If you have suggestions for future programs, please contact Program Chair, Sam Metzger or any Board member.

Our Annual Match was held September 19th and was a success. Thanks to all who supported with their labor and entries.

Topping off this exciting month, our AKC Delegate Linda Ayers Turner Knorr, has been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the AKC. Congratulations Linda, we are all proud of you!

Our Board of Directors has been meeting to create a set "Working Rules" for the club. This will include the function of each committee and procedures that are not included in our Constitution and Bylaws. Once completed, these guidelines will offer consistency in the day to day operations of the club, and the transition of board and committee positions.

One more thing ... Ask yourself what have you contributed to your club. Most of us volunteer to help at the show each year, but how about the rest of the year. Please contact any of our committee chairs and volunteer your services. It's our members that make this club great.

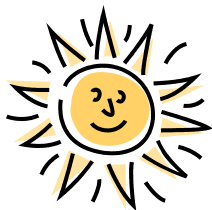
Ken Walker

## September Meeting Agenda

Greenville Kennel Club – Membership Meeting Agenda  
 Tuesday October 20, 2015 7:30PM  
 Comfort Inn Millennium 2756 Laurens Rd, Greenville, SC 29607



- Welcome Guests / Roll Call Brags
- Program
  - Greenville County Sheriff Department with Special Guest "Rick" the newest K- 9 member. Purchased by the Greenville Kennel Club.**
- Minutes of September 15, 2015 Membership Meeting – **Gloria Askins**
- Report of the President – **Ken Walker**
  - Summary of Board Meeting Sept 22, 2015 & October 15, 2015
  - Next Board Meeting
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary – **Dawn Demauex**
- Report of the Treasurer – **Ken Spiegel**
- Report of the AKC Delegate – **Linda Ayers Turner Knorr**
- Introduction of Committee Chairs for 2015-2016
  - Program – **Necia "Sam" Metzger**
    - **November Program**
  - Club Hospitality – **Jeanette Stribling**
    - **Christmas Party – December 15, 2015**
  - Match – **Debbie Walker / Jamie Hootman**
    - **September 19, 2015 Match Report**
  - Sunshine – **Becky Ward**
  - Training Coordinator – **Bob Vandiver**
    - **Show Training Classes**
  - Police Liaison – **Blake Roulette**
    - **Workshop for K-9 deployment instructors**
  - Publicity – **Bob Vandiver**
    - **Publicity from k-9 Unit – dog and workshop support**
  - Membership – **Bev Crosby**
  - Website – **Ken Spiegel**
    - Website updates
    - New Membership List
  - Trophy – **Dawn Demauex**
    - List of merchandise club members can order
- Old Business
  1. Status of 2013 & 2014 cups – **Dawn Demauex**
- New Business



## 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](mailto: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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## Members' Brags

### Andrea Hagen

WINDJAMMERS FAME AND FORTUNE, aka PATSY. Daughter of GCH NORTHWINDS JUST JACK and sister of CH WINDJAMMERS FOURTUNE 500, aka FORBES... Patsy won best in sweeps at the Michigamme Specialty following THE 2015 ES NATIONAL!!!! Love this baby girl! Presented beautifully by Kristen showing her superb movement and breed type!



## **October Meeting Program** *Blake Roulette*

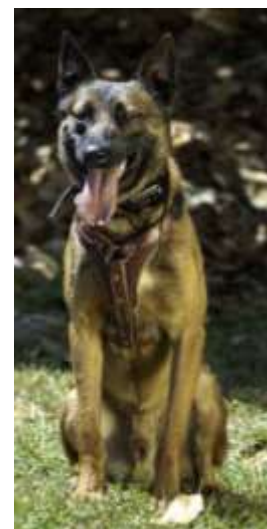
ALL MEMBERS

THEY ARE BACK with a very special guest.

The Greenville Sheriff K-9 Unit is our program for October. As everyone knows this is one of our club's most popular programs. The program committee encourages all members to make every effort to attend. This is also a good time to bring family, neighbors and friends. It will start with a video of the recent training the club sponsored then on to full discuss of the K-9 Unit.

Let's fill the meeting room with people so they can see the benefits of the unit and our reasons for being so supportive of this unit.

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## **Show Training Classes** *Bob Vandiver*

We will start the classes for show training dogs next **Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM** at Speedy Paws, 630 Keith Dr, Greenville, SC 29607. There will be 5 classes. The classes will be held each Wednesday with the last one on November 18.

We will offer the classes only if there are at least 6 exhibitors involved. We can accept up to 10 exhibitors maximum. The fee for the classes is \$25 for all classes. Classes are not offered on an individual basis. The fee is per exhibitor, not per dog. An exhibitor can work two dogs. One dog can work for half the class, then be exchanged for another dog for the remainder of the class. Dogs must be at least 6 months of age.

The classes will be for training and socializing dogs, not for training handlers. It will be conducted in as a typical show with typical ring procedure. We will offer handling tips if we see something that you may want to improve.

You can make a reservation by sending me your name, dog, breed, and name of the dog(s). The space and time at Speedy Paws is limited. If there is a high demand, I will take the first 10 reservations, and put any others on a list for the next group of classes.

Since our first class is the night after our October meeting, you can pay for the classes at that meeting. That will be convenient, because the treasurer will be there to accept the payments.

Any questions, please email me.

Bob Vandiver

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## Match Report - Ken Walker

The GKC Sanctioned "B" Match was held at Pavilion Park, Greer SC on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed with beautiful weather and temperatures in the mid 80's. The entry included 54 conformation dogs and 13 obedience entries.



Judge **Rachel Murphy** awarded Best Puppy to Giant Schnauzer "Skansens the Devine Miss M" owned by **Winn Holley** from Columbus, NC.



Ms **Rachel Murphy** awarded Best Adult to Shetland Sheepdog "Ali" owned GKC Member **Debbi Mclees** from Piedmont, SC.

Thanks to our Judges: **Kris Harner, Thecla Tyner, Camille Gagnon, Al Pertuit, and Rachel Murphy** for making this an enjoyable experience for all the exhibitors. And a BIG THANKS to all our members who helped with set up and tear down, entries, stewarding, etc.



**More Match Photos**



## Details from Your Delegate

Linda Knorr



### September Chairman's Report

Every September, we take to our local communities with the rallying cry of responsible dog ownership and host over 600 RDO Day events across the country. Together with our participating clubs, we educate the public about everything we can offer them to put them on the path to being the best dog owners they can be:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen Training.
- Pet Insurance from our sponsor, PPI.
- Micro chipping and enrollment in AKC Reunite.

But sometimes, even responsible owners have trouble meeting the needs of their pets. The plight of domestic violence not only threatens the lives of women and children, but places many pets at risk too. Nationwide studies have revealed that between 71 and 85% of women entering domestic violence shelters reported that their partner had threatened, injured or killed the family pet. In a landmark study by the University of Denver, more than 70 percent of battered women reported that their abusers had harmed, killed or threatened animals. Evidence has since shown that as many as fifty percent of battered women have delayed their decision to leave their abuser, or have even returned to that abuser, out of fear for the welfare of their pets. It is a tragedy to see a woman's health and dignity sacrificed in the face of the powerful human-canine bond. No one should be forced to choose between one's safety and one's pet. As one survivor told one of our grant recipients: "Leaving my dogs was never an option. Family is family."

Over the past several years, the AKC and the AKC Humane Fund have sought to chip away at the barriers that prevent victims of domestic abuse from seeking and finding shelter with their pets. It has been said that only about three percent of domestic violence shelters permit pets, primarily due to a lack of resources to care for and house them. In response to this generally unmet need, the AKC Humane Fund provides financial awards to not-for-profit shelters that can demonstrate a need for funding for the care of residents' pets, or the intention to build infrastructure for pets. Even shelters that can't house pets on site are eligible to seek support if they have fostering arrangements with local not-for-profit organizations.

To date, we have awarded 187 multi-year grants to domestic violence shelters in 33 states, totaling over \$190,000. As our grant recipients have reported again and again, keeping survivors with their pets is the first step toward healing for so many victims of domestic abuse.

In a twenty-four hour survey, the National Network to End Domestic Violence found that U.S. domestic violence programs served more than sixty five thousand victims and answered more than twenty three thousand crisis hotline calls in one day alone. We don't know the number of victims who didn't come forward because their pet was their primary concern.

But if one in four women will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in her lifetime and 54.4 million households own dogs in this country we can all do the math: there is a great need to pay attention to pets in the context of domestic violence.

Around this time of year, we all start to see our mailboxes fill up with requests. Occasionally we get something that makes us reflect on the power of a small good deed. A handwritten letter came recently to AKC which said, "I would love to thank you from the bottom of my heart for saving my dog. The Crisis Center in New Braunfels, Texas provided me with shelter out of a sixteen-year domestic-violence relationship. I didn't want to leave my dog. But I was able to take him with me. Now he is healthy and happy, and I am too. I am so blessed for this act of kindness and I will pay it forward." To all the friends of the AKC Humane Fund, know that your support has made a difference.

## Details from Your Delegate - Continued

Responsible Dog Ownership Days don't end in September. Next month, America observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

You can play a role by talking about this issue with your club membership. Remind them about the prevalence of domestic abuse and the sobering fact that many women can't escape violence at home when they own pets. Your club can reach out to local women's shelters and tell them about the AKC Humane Fund grant. Encourage them to apply for funding so that they can open their doors to pet owners in need. Tell them about your club's rescue services, to forge fostering relationships if they are needed.

The best thing we can do as dog lovers is to shine a light on this important issue, and create a dialogue within our communities. It is said that domestic violence thrives in silence, so let's speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you.

AKC Chairman, Ronald Menaker

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**The next meeting of the GKC is on October 20, 2015**

**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, **Gloria Askins**, [askgja@gmail.com](mailto:askgja@gmail.com)

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