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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 Phoenix Center 130 Industrial Dr. (Turn off Laurens Rd at Fairway Subaru.)

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A Message from our President



Dawn DeMauex

Hello Everyone!

RDO Day is just around the bend on May 6th!!! Hoping to see everyone come out to Astro Kennels for a really fun day. Jeanette and her team have worked very hard and I know this will be a huge success. PLEASE PLAN TO COME!!!!

Additionally, our annual picnic will be in May – Hope you will each be there and bring a friend!! It's a great time to get to know everyone in a wonderful casual setting along with some pretty great food too!! We are planning a special presentation of the long-awaited trophy cups – my sincere thanks to all who have waited so patiently!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting and the presentation by our own Bob Vandiver on his judging trip to China. See y'all there!!!

Until next time – Hug your pups!!!! Dawn

April Meeting Presentation

Be sure to join us on **Tuesday, April 18th at 7:30 PM** at our new meeting location, The Phoenix Center, 130 Industrial Drive.

This month's program will be a slide presentation by **Bob Vandiver**. He will discuss the history of dog shows in China, the status of shows today, the difference in their shows and ours. He will have slides of the dogs at both the Beijing show and the Xian show. Of course, there will be slides of "other stuff" that he and Nancy did in China.



Greenville Kennel Club –Membership Meeting Agenda**Tuesday April 18, 2017 7:30PM****The Phoenix Center 130 Industrial Drive Greenville, SC 29607**

- **Welcome Guests / Roll Call / Brags - *Dawn Demaux***
- **Minutes of February Membership Meeting – *Gloria Askins***
- **Report of the Corresponding Secretary – *Jeanette Stribling***
- **Report of the Treasurer – *Ken Spiegel***
- **Report of the AKC Delegate – *Linda Ayers Turner Knorr***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Club Hospitality – *Jeanette Stribling***
- **Program – *Sam Metzger***
- **Sunshine – *Becky Ward***
- **Website & Newsletter – *Ken Spiegel***
- **Membership – *Bev Crosby:***
- **Training Coordinator – *Bob Vandiver***
- **Publicity – *Lance Wick***
- **Law Enforcement – *Blake Roulette***
- **Annual Awards (Trophy Cups) 2013-2015 – *Dawn Demaux:***
- **Annual Awards 2016 - *Thecla Tyner***
- **RDO – *Jeanette Stribling***
- **Show – *Kris Harner***
- **Trophies – *Dawn Demaux:***
- **Judges Selection – *Bob Vandiver***
- **Match – *Jamie Hootman:***
- **Legislation/Education – *Kate Hodges***
- **Historian – *Ruth Turner***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Lure Coursing equipment donated by Sam Ross:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Vote on revised wording in bylaws for Jr Membership process – *Gloria Askins***
 - 2 **Board recommendation to change meeting time to 7:00pm permanently**
 - 3 **Picnic May 16th – *Ken Spiegel***
 - 4 **Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm at **Stax Omega 72 Orchard Park Drive, Greenville, SC.****
Any member is welcome to attend, however if you have business you would like the Board to address, it must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to the meeting. Meeting minutes are published on the Club's website.
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Sharon Spiegel Memorial Picnic



Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6pm – Dark

Butler Springs Park

301 Butler Springs Rd.
Greenville, SC 29615

The club will be providing Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst and Grilled Chicken.
Ken Spiegel will be manning the grill again this year.

Come and enjoy fellowship and good food with your club members.
Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.
Leashed dogs are welcome. You may want to bring a lawn chair.

Contact Ken Spiegel, kspiegel@greenvillekc.org (864-409-0922) with the number attending and what dish you are bringing by Fri. May 12th.



Members' Brags



Thecla Tyner

Ky's Vizslas

On March 23-25, Rosie, Ch Ky's Wynn'N Gold Rose competed in Raleigh needing 7 points to finish her Grand championship. She is owned by Thecla Tyner, Electra & Brian Westmoreland. Handled expertly by Kaci Davis. On Thurs., she earned 3pts going Best of Op, on Friday she earned 2 pts for Select and on Saturday captured the rest of the points she needed going Best of Op for 4pts. Finishing her GCH with 5 major wins, 9 times with Champions defeated. I am so Proud of my new Grand Champion, pending AKC approval! Since I co-own her it was great being ringside and witnessing her finish! Now, a full sister from a different litter will be hitting the Rings! Can't wait to see how she does!

Paula Ford

Bainwood Collies

Bainwood Lady Liberty made her debut in the show ring at both of the Monroe Kennel Club Shows to pick up her first points from the 6-9 mos. Puppy class to go WB/BOS. Owner handled.

Trish Mitchell

On April 1st,2017, Koukla's T'Choupi Blue Moon, owned by Isabelle Graham & Trish Mitchell, won Winners Dog, out of the Bred By Exhibitor class, at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club show, for 2 points. T'Choupi is loved and handled by Trish and spoiled by Izzi. T'Choupi is a Samoyed.



Details from Your Delegate *Linda Knorr*



Preventing the Spread of Disease at AKC Events

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer, American Kennel Club

Part of the Mission of the American Kennel Club (AKC) is to “advance canine health and well-being.” My role as Chief Veterinary Officer of the American Kennel Club, is to assist that mission. As an AKC judge, I am especially interested in this topic.

A recent extensive study published in September 2017 in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (September 2016) provides a guide for how we can promote the health and well-being of dogs at AKC events. The study, titled Risk reduction and management strategies to prevent transmission of infectious disease among dogs at dog shows, sporting events and other canine group settings, was conducted by veterinarians from a variety of locations, including The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. This study was funded, in part, by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation. It's an important study by veterinarians, and as AKC judges, we should all take note.

As the study points out, the “opportunities for transmission of infectious diseases are amplified when dogs are brought together in a shared environment. Infectious agents introduced into these group settings may lead to disease outbreaks. This effects not only the dogs at the event, but has the potential to further spread into communities where these dogs reside, putting many dogs, and potentially humans, at risk.”

The study found that “Some factors found to reduce pathogen spread was the practice of hand hygiene between handling of dogs and the use of effective disinfectants, must complement event-level procedures, such as policies and availability of disinfectant and hand hygiene products.”

According to the study, “hand hygiene plays an important role because of the close contact between people and dogs, the likelihood for an individual person to have contact with multiple dogs, and the environmental stability and ease of transmission characteristics of many pathogens of concern.”

A simple way to think about this: Would you want your doctor to come in and touch your child without washing his hands after examining another child? Would you go back to a veterinarian who examined your dog without cleaning his or her hands from their previous patient? Is that acceptable to you?

Washing between dogs is nearly impossible. However, using hand sanitizer between classes is a step in the right direction. Another way is to minimize hand to mouth direct contact on examination of bites. Asking handlers to present the bite to judges would help, along with hand sanitization, in trying to accomplish the goal of minimalizing disease spread.

I personally have tried to implement this in my past year of judging and have met no obstacles, either from dogs, owners, or handlers. It may take some adjusting, but familiarity or complacency are not reasons to not change for a larger cause.

We must also strongly consider that this study was supported by the Canine Health Foundation. According to its Mission statement, “The Foundation is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease.” The study, performed by a major Veterinary College, does just that.

To completely ignore the suggestions in this study would be wrong. We must recognize the expertise of those conducting the study and the reality of today's global environment where disease outbreaks can quickly become epidemics, endangering the health of dogs (and potentially people) worldwide.

Embracing this simple recommendation would also be a major step toward getting the veterinary profession to view our sport and life as one that offers assistance, not just to our fancy, but to the general dog and human population at large.

As I said at the beginning, all of us have the similar missions. Working together, we can help achieve our mutual goal of advancing the well-being of dogs and the people who love them.

Sunshine Committee

Becky Ward



The Club sends its deepest condolences to **Tracy Iffland** and her daughter **Jaime** on the passing of Tracy's Mother and Jaime's Grandmother.

Kris Harner recently had a very dear friend pass away.

The husband of **Miriam Nell** of Tally -Ho kennels recently passed away

Ruth Turner's cousin passed away in New Jersey

Bobbie Fairbanks is recovering from a quick stay in GHS after having some dizzy spells at home but she is doing well.

Also, **Bev Crosby** and **Jeanette Stribling** each had a dear family fur baby member pass over the Rainbow Bridge and we all know how difficult that is for the family.

Please keep all of these members and families in your thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time.

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.

The next meeting of the GKC is on April 18, 2017

Established in 1939 **Greenville Kennel Club** An AKC Member Club

The Greenville Kennel Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Phoenix Center, 130 Industrial Drive. (Off Laurens road near Haywood Road)

Meetings start at 7:00PM, (Nov.-Feb.) 7:30PM (Mar.-Oct.)

For more information on our meetings or scheduled programs, please contact the Recording Secretary, **Gloria Askins**, askgja@gmail.com

All items to be included in the newsletter are due on the Wednesday before our monthly meeting.

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