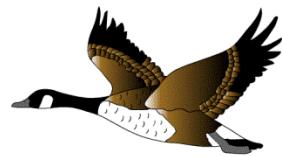




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Jersey Skylands LRC Newsletter



Spring, 2012

~ President's Message ~

Hello All,

Okay, months have passed...I have no idea where time goes, but Fall came and went, we skated through Winter and now we are well into Spring! It's been a while since the last newsletter, so I'll try to re-cap what's happened and review what's coming up. Remember you can always check our website, Laura Dederding does a fabulous job of keeping it current.

We've had a change to the Board, Tom Flaherty needed to resign, but Laurie Muirhead agreed to come back and take his place...thanks Laurie!

Our Holiday Party was great fun. There were so many home-made goodies, Pete's wonderful music and good friends to spend time with. It's always so nice to have a night to just kick back and enjoy. My thanks to Eve Regalia for pulling it all together despite just having surgery!

Once again JSLRC hosted the Labrador Booth at LVKC's Canine Learning Experience. Patty Snow put together an informative board and Sherri Mattheis did another outstanding job of putting together our booth.

The Winter Health Clinic was another success, we had quite a few new workers manning the tables as well as some of the usuals. I'd like to thank Cathy Murch, Dottie Martin, Phil Hess, Andrea Skarra, Maryann Czerwinski, Donna Sevchuk, Hallie Sherck, Tamara Karabinus, Patty Snow and Stephanie Forte for all their

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~ JSLRC Leaders ~

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~ President's Message ~

help, you guys worked your butts off and we wouldn't be able to have a successful clinic without you, so thank you again!

Our members have been busy as evident of all the awards given out during our Awards Ceremony. Desire Cougle did another lovely job on the certificates. Check out the Awards tab on the website and in this newsletter for this year's honorees.....Congratulations to all!

This year is the club's 20th Anniversary, so in honor of that, we have decided to use the August date, which was typically our back to back match shows, for a Club Party. The plan is to have a BBQ on August 19th at Memory Park in Newton. Stephanie Forte and Laurie Muirhead are coordinating. The club will supply the burgers & hot dogs and they will be soliciting members for salads and drinks, so please get in touch with one of those two ladies and plan to attend. Hopefully we'll have a great summer afternoon to just sit back and chat! We're also planning to have a cake in honor of our 20th anniversary at our specialty show on Friday.

A few more points of interest:

Our Spring Health Clinic is the 29th of April; contact Karen Lolli and/or Sharon Celentano to offer your assistance.

JSLRC will be supporting the entry at Taconic Hills Kennel Club on Friday, June 8th, we're looking forward to a nice entry, especially since NY is now in our division and the point schedule has been revised DOWN! Get out and show your dogs!

Our back to back Specialties will be held in conjunction with Newton Kennel Club on August 31st and September 1st. Please note one day is in the current calendar year and one is in the new calendar year, so if you need to work an event to qualify for extra privileges, see Sharon Celentano and/or Laurie Muirhead and be sure to work the Friday.

Our match show has been moved to October 7th, still at Memory Park, hopefully that date will boost entries. Details will be forthcoming.

And last, but not least....we have a new Newsletter Chairperson, Michael Silva! So please send any and all newsletter pertinent information to Michael. I'd also like to thank Leslie for the GREAT job she's done as Newsletter Chair!

I apologize for this lengthy report, I'm sure I forgot something....hopefully nothing too important! Hope to see you all at one of our upcoming events.

Best,
Donna



JSLRC Supported Entry !!!

Jersey Skylands LRC is proud to announce and invite you to our supported entry at Taconic Hills KC in Yorktown, NY at FDR State Park.
Breeder Judge: Nancy Talbott (Belgold, USA)

Superintendent: MB-F {Entries close 5/23}

Taconic Hills KC offers Rosettes for BOB, BOS, WD, RWD, WB, RWB, SEL Dog/Bitch and first place in all regular classes. Jersey Skylands LRC offers prizes for: BOB: Lenox Woodland Vase; BOS: Lenox Posey Vase; BW: Lenox Posey Vase; WD & WB: Lenox Votive



In The Dog House... With Michael Silva

Season Come And Seasons Go...

As I sit at my desk in my office and look across the drive at my dogs frolicking about in their paddocks, I am lucky enough to watch the seasons come and go just like anyone else. Well, almost anyone else.

When I talk to the folks in our area the conversation is of the Winter snow and plowing driveways, the Spring and all of its greenery and how many cuts of the lawn have occurred or will occur, the Summer sun and how to battle the humidity and the changing color of the Fall leaves and how long it will take to pick them up.

When I talk to my dog friends, however, the conversation is typically of Winter snow and how the cold yields the best double coats, the Spring and who is and isn't attending Potomac and how many cones there will be, the hot Summer sun and how much dang coat the dogs have lost and how much of it each of us vacuums up in the house and in the dog kennel, and finally, the Fall and the number of specialties we will all attend.

Funny, I am never worried about the yard work that I will have to perform or the amount of hours it will take to plow the drive as I find these tasks quite enjoyable.

On the other hand, I am completely worried about how much hair I will have to clean and whether my dogs will be in good enough coat for the string of specialties I want to attend.

I find myself torn between the two paradigms yet I am comfortable with both. I do mistakenly, however, cross converse and end up talking about coats, specialties, etc. with my non-dog friends. Frankly, once the words come out of my mouth it is like looking at a deer in the headlights. Then I realize they just don't get it. But then again... Why would they?

So alas, I do find myself more comfortable with one set of friends than the other. As dogs have

been and will always be a huge part of my life. I do find that my dog friends not only can converse about dogs, but the so called "normal" stuff in life as well. It is then that the light bulb goes off and I realize the depth of my dog friends. You see we can relate and can be a part of both paradigms. I can only deduce after this realization that our brain capacity is bigger than our regular friends. Well, that is what I think anyway!

For that one fleeting moment I am so proud of my dog friends and believe we are the superior group. Then the realization hits me...

While our non dog friends are sitting in front of the fire on those cold Winter mornings, we are out feeding and chipping away at poop that is frozen to the ground. While our non dog friends are attending farmer's markets and Spring Skiing, we are packing the van, washing the dogs, and driving like Lemmings to live in a Holiday Inn parking lot in Frederick, MD. While our non dog friends are enjoying the Summer sun lounging by the pool and sipping umbrella drinks or enjoying an ice cold beer, we are frantically making sure are dogs are cool in the heat and humidity and are praying we will not get splattered with mud as the rain falls. And finally, while our non dog friends are visiting wineries and enjoying the Fall colors and long rides in the countryside, we are heading off most weekends to a second rate hotel and to watch humans and canines at a fairground location run in a circle in hopes of having a finger pointed at us.

Yet, after all of this, I can only conclude, as crazy as it seems, I'd take my dog friends and our seasons over my normal friends and their season any old day!

~ Sunshine News ~

- ~ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Patty Snow in the passing of her father.
- ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with Olin Jennings as he is battling cancer.





~ Brags & Wags ~

BISS GCH Shadowbrook's McSteamy

- ~ Best In Specialty Show 2012 LRC Piedmont Specialty #1 Breeder/Owner: Michael & Kimberlee Silva Handler: Brynne Silva

"CH" Preton Garbo

- ~ New Champion !!! Winner's Dog 2012 Big Apple Sporting Dog (Judy Chambers - Ghoststone, USA)
- ~ Winner's Dog/Best of Winners 2012 LRC Supported Entry/Maryland Sporting Dog (Michael Wiest - Beechcroft, USA)
- ~ Winner's Dog/Best of Winners 2012 LRC Piedmont Specialty #1 (Brian Parrott - Lougin, UK)
- ~ Winner's Dog/Award of Merit 2012 LRC Piedmont Specialty #1 (Valerie Walters - Ranbourne, Canada)
Breeder: Alexandre Chanan Owner: Michael & Kimberlee Silva & Alexandre Chanan

Preton Olga

- ~ Reserve Winners Bitch LRC of the Piedmont Specialty {Day 1} Breeder: Alexandre Chanan Owner: Michael & Kimberlee Silva & Alexandre Chanan

Can CH Cedarmarsh Brookberry Mahogany Storm

- ~ New England Sporting - Day 1 - 2nd Open Choc
- ~ New England Sporting - Day 2 - 4th Open Choc
- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 - 4th AmBred Choc
Breeder: Sherri Mattheis & Tyler Mattheis
Owner/Handler: Stephanie & Donna Forte & Sherri Mattheis

GCH/Can CH Brookberry's Perfect Impression, RN

- ~ Maryland Sporting - Day 2 - Select Dog
- ~ Big Apple Sporting - BOB
- ~ New Brunswick KC -Supported Entry - BOS
- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 - Final Cut in BOB
Breeder: Donna & Stephanie Forte & Kathy Mines
Owner/Handler: Stephanie & Donna Forte

Forestwood's Undeniable Elroy

- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 - 4th 6-9 yellow sweepstakes
Breeder/Owner: Leslie Plank

BearPaw's Dancing in Black, JH, "WCI"

- ~ Best Bred By San Diego LRC Specialty (Pluis Davern - Sundowner, USA)
- ~ WCI DFWLRC Working Certificate Series
Breeder/Owner: Sue Malone

BearPaw's Mockingbird, CD, JH, "WCX"

- ~ WCX DFWLRC Working Certificate Series
Breeder/Owner: Sue Malone

BearPaw's Riverdance, "WC"

- ~ WC DFWLRC Working Certificate Series
Breeder/Owner: Sue Malone

Brookberry Wagging Wonder NAP "NJP" NFP RE CGC

- ~ NEW NOVICE JUMPERS PREFERRED TITLE!
- ~ Dauphin DTC Agility Trials:
 - Qualified--2 legs of Novice Jumpers, 1st place
 - Qualified Open FAST—1st Place
- Owner/Handler: Fran (& Bill) Pidgeon

Ancroft's Gentlemen Power

- ~ 3rd BBE Big Apple Sporting Dog Society (Judy Chambers - Ghoststone, USA)
- ~ 1st BBE New Brunswick Kennel Club (Judge - Christine Calinari)
- ~ 2nd BBE New Brunswick Kennel Club (Manuel Queijeiro - Queijero, Mexico)
Breeder/Owner/Handler Ann DeGraw

Ancroft's A Tiffany Design

- ~ 1st 12-18 mos Big Apple Sporting Dog Society (Judy Chambers - Ghoststone, USA)
- ~ 2nd 12-18 mos New Brunswick Kennel Club (Manuel Queijeiro - Queijero, Mexico)
- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 - 2nd Sweeps (Sheree Paskert - Cornerstone, USA)
- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 - 2nd Reg (Marilyn Prior - Priorise, UK)
Breeder/Owner/Handler Ann DeGraw

Am/Can CH Brookberry Bluerock Braden

- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 4th Veteran Sweeps (Marion Daniel - MarMoye, USA)
- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 1st Veterans 7 - 9 yrs Reg (Michael Woods - Waterdog, Canada)
Owner: Tom & Marie Davidson

Woodhull Sky Farm Muddy The Waters

- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 1st 9-12 Choc. Bitch (Marilyn Prior - Priorise, UK)
Breeder/Owner: Corey Anger

CH Woodhull's Frankly My Dear

- ~ LRCPotomac 2012 4th- 9-11 Veteran Sweeps (Sheree Paskert - Cornerstone, USA)
Breeder/Owner: Corey Anger

You Didn't Ask, But...

By Dorie Crowe
From the MB-F Newsletter 2000



You didn't ask, but here's what I think:

- Every exhibitor who drives a motor home or RV to a dog show should have to work the parking at their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who drives to a dog show and unloads tack, crates and dogs should have to work the unloading area at their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who comes through the admittance gate at a dog show should have to work the gate at their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who chooses to bathe, dry, scissor and/or clipper their dogs at a show should have to clean up the grooming area after their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who roams the grounds or building with their dog should have to work pick-up at their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who believes they should let their dog lift its leg anywhere it chooses should have to help (1) break down the equipment at their local shows at least twice, and (2) help clean up the boxes, barrels, flowers, etc., after their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who complains about the stewards at a show should have to work as a steward at their local shows at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who complains about their judging time should have to write a judging schedule at least twice (taking into account club requests, the 27 requests to be first in the eight rings, the 32 requests for an early time, short-nosed dogs, black-coated dogs, meetings and lunches, judges' planes, dogs that need much grooming vs dogs that need little grooming, separating the varieties, separating certain breeds, etc., etc., etc.).
- Every exhibitor who complains about a judging panel should have to work on the committee that chooses judges for their local shows at least twice. (This does not mean choosing judges that benefit you, but judges that will benefit the club with a good entry and benefit exhibitors with good judges, keeping within the club budget, working around all the various schedules and needs of the judges and needs and wants of members and friends.)
- Every exhibitor who complains about a substitute judge should have to try to find an approved judge who can take 175 dogs of different Groups who can be on the grounds by 8:30 on show morning. You should have to do this at least twice – once beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the day before the show and once beginning at 6:30 a.m. the morning of the show.
- Every exhibitor who complains about a show grounds or show building should have to be part of the site committee of their local shows at least twice – once for an indoor show and once for an outdoor show – and be responsible for finding the ideal (or just plain adequate) site for their shows.
- Every exhibitor who complains about the restrooms at an indoor facility should have to keep them supplied and clean during the show and then clean up that restroom at the end of the show - at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who complains about a typo in their entry information or their ad should have to process entries or ads at least twice (taking into account the entry forms that have been chewed on by the dogs or crossed out one dog's info and adding another, been spilled on, etc., and the ads written in crayon on paper towels, no identification on the photos, etc.).
- Every exhibitor who stays in a hotel/motel with their dog should have to clean the rooms of other exhibitors at least twice.
- Every exhibitor who does actually work at their local shows, devoting their time exclusively to helping the club(s) should be thanked at least twice.



Breeder Referral Listings

www.jerseyskylandslrc.com/BreederReferral.htm



~ Litter Listings ~

Yellow Male Puppies

Born: March 7, 2012

Sire: Ch. Hedgelawn Sharp Dressed Man WC
OFA Hips Excellent, Elbows Normal, Heart Echo Normal;
Eyes ACVO Feb. 2011, Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: Orion's Run Cassiopeia
OFA Hips Good & Elbows Normal; Heart Auscultation
Clear; Eyes CERF Feb. 2012, Optigen Normal/Clear

Contact: Glenn & Desiree Cougle (908) 852-2082
desiree.cougle@verizon.net

Black and Yellow Male Puppies

Born: April 11, 2012

Sire: Am.Can. Ch. Brookberry's Storm Trooper
OFA Hips Excellent, Elbows Normal, Heart Echo Normal,
Optigen B, Eyes CERF Feb. 2012; EIC Normal/Clear

Dam: Walkabout Gingerbread's Lucy
OFA Hips Good, Elbows Normal, Heart Echo Normal,
Optigen A, Eyes CERF Feb. 2012.

Contact: Dottie Martin (973) 702-1208
ginspinlabs@embarqmail.com

~ Adults & Older Pups~

A photograph of a yellow Labrador dog, likely a female, sitting in a grassy field. She has a white blaze on her chest and is looking towards the camera.
2 Year Old Yellow Spayed Female ~ "Kale'a" is house-trained and crate trained, wonderful with children and other pets. She walks nicely on leash. She is a very easy going sweet girl with a wonderful temperament. Current on all vaccines and micro-chipped.

Sherri Mattheis 908-689-5865
cedarmarsh@comcast.net

JSLRC Calendar of Events

May 30th, 2012 {Wednesday}
Board Meeting ~ 7:30PM

June 27th, 2012 {Wednesday}
Board Meeting ~ 7:30PM
General Meeting ~ 8:00PM
Officer Nominations From The Floor

July 25th, 2012 {Wednesday}
Board Meeting ~ 7:30PM

August 31st, 2012
Last Day of Current Club Year

September 1st, 2012
Club Membership Dues Due

2012 JSLRC Specialty Show!!!

JSLRC BACK-TO-BACK SPECIALTY SHOWS *

** Pending AKC approval*

Sussex County Fairgrounds
37 Plains Road, August, NJ 07822

Friday, August 31st, 2012
{Enter in conjunction with Newton KC}

Patricia Lanctot (Ebonylane); Regular Classes
Ann Maynard (Kimleigh); Sweeps Puppy/Veterans

Saturday, September 1st, 2012
{Enter in conjunction with Newton KC}

Michael Lanctot (Ebonylane); Regular Classes
Heidi Herman (Paradigm); Sweeps Puppy/Veterans

**Deadline for our
Summer Newsletter
~ June 30th, 2012 ~**



2012 Awards for 2011 Accomplishments !!!

Every year, Jersey Skylands members are recognized for their achievements in conjunction with the Labradors they own. The following certificates were awarded at the March 28, 2012 meeting.

~ New Title Certificate Awards ~

Brookberry Ace of Hearts RN WC

RALLY NOVICE & WORKING CERTIFICATE
Owner/Handler: Fran and Bill Pidgeon

CH Brookberry's American Dream

AKC CHAMPION
Owners: Philip & Susan Hess and Stephanie Forte

GCH/Can CH Brookberry's Perfect Impression RN

GRAND CHAMPION & RALLY NOVICE
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Donna & Stephanie Forte

Can CH Brookberry's Secret Storm

CANADIAN CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Donna & Stephanie Forte

Brookberry Wagging Wonder RE NAP NFP

NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED
Owner/Handler: Fran and Bill Pidgeon

Can CH Folklaur Abracadabra

CANADIAN CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner: Laura Dederding

Am/Can CH Folklaur Ghostwriter WC

WORKING CERTIFICATE
Breeder/Owner: Laura Dederding

Am/Can CH Folklaur Neverending Story

AKC CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner: Laura Dederding

Can CH Folklaur Secret Desire

CANADIAN CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner: Laura Dederding

GCH Rockycreek's Delightful Dilemma

AKC GRAND CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Geraldine, Kathryn and Janice Mines

CH Rockycreek's Double Dipped CD RN JH

AKC CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Geraldine, Kathryn and Janice Mines

CH Rockycreek's Finest Brandy RN

AKC CHAMPION
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Geraldine, Kathryn and Janice Mines

Rockycreek's Jewel of the Nile RN JH WC

RALLY NOVICE & WORKING CERTIFICATE & JUNIOR HUNTER & Awarded DOG FOR ALL REASONS at the National
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Geraldine, Kathryn and Janice Mines

Rockycreek's Maker's Mark RN JH WC

JUNIOR HUNTER & WORKING CERTIFICATE & RALLY NOVICE
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Geraldine, Kathryn and Janice Mines

Rockycreek's Tia Maria WC

WORKING CERTIFICATE
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Geraldine, Kathryn and Janice Mines

Startop's Blaze of Glory RE NAP

NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED
Owner/Handler: Fran and Bill Pidgeon

~ Competitive Awards - Conformation ~

Top Winners Dog

Am/Can CH Folklaur Neverending Story
Total of 80 dogs defeated
Breeder/Owner: Laura Dederding

Top Winners Bitch

CH Brookberry's American Dream
Total of 162 dogs defeated
Owner: Philip and Sue Hess and Stephanie Forte

Top Specials Bitch

GCH Rockycreek's Delightful Dilemma
Breeder/Owner Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines
Total of 606 bitches defeated



2012 Awards for 2011 Accomplishments !!!

~ Competitive Awards - Obedience ~

Top Preferred Agility Bitch

Brookberry Wagging Wonder RE NAP NFP

Owner/Handler: Fran and Bill Pidgeon

Top Rally Dog

Brookberry Ace of Hearts RN WC

Highest Average: 94.7

Owner/Handler: Fran and Bill Pidgeon

Top Rally Bitch

Rockycreek's Jewel of the Nile RN JH WC

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines

Highest Average: 91.3

~ Outstanding Achievement Awards ~

All Around Producing Bitch

Am/CAN CH Oswicks Folklaur Storyteller

Dam of 3 dogs who achieved titles in 2011

Am.Can.Ch. Folklaur Ghostwriter WC

Am.Can.Ch. Folklaur Neverending Story

Folklaur Love over Gold WC

Owner: Laura Dederding

All Around Producing Bitch

Can CH Folklaur Secret of the Maze

Dam of 2 dogs who achieved titles in 2011

Can.Ch. Folklaur Secret Desire

Folklaur My Secret Love Affair CD BN RE JH

Breeder/Owner: Laura Dederding

All Around Producing Bitch

Rockycreek's Finest Brandy RN

Dam of 3 dogs who achieved titles in 2011

Rockycreek's Maker's Mark RN JH WC

Ch. Rockycreek's Double Dipped CD RN JH and All Around Retriever

Rockycreek's Tia Maria WC

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines

All Around Producing Bitch

CH Willcare Rockycreek Kahlua CGC

Dam of 2 dogs who achieved titles in 2011

Ch. Rockycreek's Finest Brandy RN

GCh. Rockycreek's Delightful Dilemma

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines

Agility Fast Novice Preferred

Brookberry Wagging Wonder RE NAP NFP

3 Scores of 95, 100 and 100

Owner/Handler: Fran and Bill Pidgeon

Hunting

Rockycreek's Maker's Mark RN JH WC

5 straight passes

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines

Junior Hunter

Rockycreek's Jewel of the Nile RN JH WC

Awarded Dog for all Reasons

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines

All Around Retriever

CH Rockycreek's Double Dipped CD RN JH

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn, Geraldine and Janice Mines

~ A Note From The New Editor ~

While I must admit, I was reluctant to take on the task of Newsletter Editor I have found it quite enjoyable {Did I say that!} putting together my first edition for all of you.

As the builder of club news this communication vehicle can only be as good as what I am provided. As such, I challenge each of you to get engaged and provide me with events, thoughts, triumphs, and yes, tribulations of this passion of showing and breeding Labradors.

Finally, I cannot complete this first edition without paying tribute and thanking **Leslie Plank** for all of her hard work, dedication and devotion in getting the newsletter built and out to us so that we can keep up with the news and events of JSLRC.



~ JSLRC Committee Chairs ~

Awards
Breeder Referral
Club Communications
Club Equipment

Conformation Matches
"B" / PARTS - Winter
"B" - Fall

Constitution & By-Laws

Education

AKC Canine Ambassador

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Canine Learning Experience

Ethics:

Health Clinics:

Winter

Spring

Historian

Holiday Party

Judges Selection

Meeting Hospitality

Meeting Site

Membership

NJ Federation of Dog Clubs

Alternates

Newsletter

Editor

Publisher

Nominations

Obedience

CGC/TDI Test

Match

Planning

Point Show

Grounds

Hospitality

Raffle

Trophies

Policies/Procedures

Programs

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Sunshine

Website

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Laura Dederding
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Glenn Cougle
Stephanie Forte (Asst)

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Elisabeth Henry

Phil Hess

Gerie Mines

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Donna Forte

Dot Martin (Asst)

Karen Lolli

Sharon Celentano (Asst)

Tambra Flaherty

Eve Ragalia

Maryann Czerwinski

Eve Ragalia

Fran Pidgeon

Fran Pidgeon

Delegates

Stan Domozyk

Lorene Connolly

Frank Murch

Cathy Murch

Michael Silva

NEEDED

Donna Sevchuk

Fran Pidgeon

NEEDED

NEEDED

Marie Davidson

Sharon Celetano

Laurie Muirhead (Asst)

Kathy Mines

Donna Sevchuk

Corey Anger

Ann DeGraw

Laura Jennings (Asst)

Phil Hess

Patty Snow-Estrada

Jennifer Fenimore

Janice Mines

Laura Dederding

NEEDED (Asst)



~ JSLRC 2012/2013 Officers ~

* Proposed Slate *

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President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Donna Forte

Laurie Muirhead

Fran Pidgeon

Sharon Celentano

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Class of 2011-2013

Class of 2012-2013

Donna Sevchuk

Sherri Mattheis

Glenn Cougle

~ Happy 20th Birthday JSLRC ~



Who Will Go to the AKC Open Show?

By Christi McDonald

Visit dog shows in other parts of the world and one of the conclusions you may quickly draw is that exhibitors at American dog shows take their hobby very seriously. The atmosphere is usually more intense at an American show than at shows in Europe and elsewhere.

Even at the venerated Crufts dog show, British exhibitors appear much more relaxed than those competing at even a 1,000-dog show in an average Midwestern American city. This is in keeping with what is often described as the American mindset – we want it bigger, better and faster, and we’re fully committed where any competition is at hand.

The American Kennel Club recently approved several new initiatives designed to increase participation at dog shows and to give newer exhibitors a venue in which they might have greater success, and thus be more inclined to stay interested in the sport. One of these, the 4-to-6 Month Beginner Puppy class, was covered on BISD a couple of weeks ago in “Bringing Out the Baby.” The second of these is the open show, a concept that may at first seem illogical, and perhaps not that enticing, to America’s competitive exhibitors.

The AKC calls the open show, approved to begin in July 2012, “an upgrade from the Sanctioned Match,” and says it is “more receptive to exhibitors, FSS and Miscellaneous breeds.” Based on information from AKC sources, the intention of this type of show is to give new and less experienced exhibitors a venue in which they can be successful with their dogs. In theory, it will increase the chance that they’ll want to continue to go to dog shows. It is also designed to give the average owner-handler a greater chance to “win big.”

Will American exhibitors support a dog show where no championship points are available – and no professional handlers are allowed?

As with the 4-to-6 month class, professional handlers (“any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers’ organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay”) are not allowed to exhibit at open shows, not even to show their own dogs. In another twist, no AKC champions are allowed.

In addition, no AKC championship points will be awarded at open shows. However, as in the 4-to-6 class at regular dog shows, Certificate of Merit points will be awarded to winners under the same system by which they are currently available to Miscellaneous and Foundation Stock Service breeds, as explained in “Bringing Out the Baby.”

The Miscellaneous and FSS breeds in particular may benefit from this type of show, because at open shows the classes for each subset of breeds is considered a “Group.” Therefore, the Best in Show lineup will include the winners of the traditional seven Groups – Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding – plus the Miscellaneous class winner and the FSS winner.

How It Works

Any dog club approved to hold a regular show is also eligible to hold an open show. All-breed clubs must offer classes for all AKC-recognized, Miscellaneous and FSS breeds, and must offer the 4-to-6 Month class in addition to all regular classes.

To hold an open show, a club must apply to AKC at least 90 days prior to the date of the event and must include the judging panel with the application. However, entries can close any time prior to or on the day of the show. Regulations require that a premium list flier be published 30 days prior to the show.

Clubs may hold two open shows per year in addition to their regular shows.

Incidentally, to distinguish the open show from the dog show where AKC championship points can be obtained, the shows that exhibitors have attended for years will now be called “championship” shows.

Open shows, like the 4-to-6 Beginner Puppy class, must be judged by an AKC-approved or provisional judge – anyone with an AKC judge’s number – but the judge doesn’t have to be approved for the breeds he or she will judge at the open show. The speed at which the judging will proceed at open shows is reduced from 30 dogs per hour – the standard at current shows – to 20 dogs per hour, to allow extra time for puppies and inexperienced exhibitors.

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Who Will Go to the AKC Open Show?

By Christi McDonald

Several additional changes will be seen at open shows. In the new 4-to-6 Months class, a puppy is never disqualified or excused except for attacking another dog or a person. A male puppy in this class without two fully descended testicles will remain in competition, but the situation must be noted in the judge's book.

In every other class at the open show, a male puppy without two fully descended testicles is not to be disqualified, but is to be excused and the judge's book marked appropriately. Any dog with a disqualifying condition based on the AKC breed standard will also be excused for the day, instead of disqualified as it would be at a championship show. The only disqualification at an open show is for a dog that attacks another dog or a person.

Will the Open Show Catch On?

Will exhibitors in the U.S., where in every kind of sport imaginable participants are ultra-competitive, spend their money and time to compete at an open show? Perhaps a certain number of people love dog shows but are tired of competing with professional handlers, but one wonders whether the inability to earn championship points will keep those exhibitors away. The new concept has the potential to attract exhibitors who currently attend UKC shows, as open shows will, in theory, be more relaxed and perhaps more family-friendly, a popular aspect of UKC shows.

Open shows could create a venue where, once and for all, owner-handlers can compete with their dogs on a more level playing field. AKC has reported that more than 80 percent of dogs at their shows today are exhibited by their owners. The open show will provide a venue at which quality dogs shown by their owners and breeders – although not those that have already earned their championships – can win Groups and Bests in Show without having to contend with the inevitable politics inherent when popular professional handlers and highly advertised dogs are in competition.

Great Britain has long offered both open and championship shows, with twice as many well-attended open shows than championship shows each year. An open show, as the name implies, is open for any Kennel Club-registered dog to attend, but no challenge certificates (by which champions are made up in the U.K.) are available. CCs are only available at championship shows.

In 2010 clubs in Britain held 1,460 all-breed and single-breed open shows, as opposed to just 38 General and Group championship shows (those equivalent to U.S. all-breed and Group shows). There were 564 championship shows for individual breeds, equivalent to our specialty shows. That's 1,460 open shows vs. just 602 shows where a championship could be earned.

The same number of quality dogs are shown in the U.K. as in the U.S., yet British dog shows seem less intense and more relaxed than American shows.

Britons clearly enjoy showing their dogs simply for the joy of the competition, as reflected by the number of shows held that do not offer the CCs necessary for a championship. Open shows in the U.K. are popular with both new and veteran exhibitors. But as previously mentioned, attitudes are different in the U.K. Dog shows feel much more relaxed, and exhibitors seem to take a more casual approach to dog shows. It's almost as if they get more sheer enjoyment from dog shows than their American counterparts.

We must also consider another major difference in the British system versus the AKC system: in Britain, champions are shown in the classes, thus one must defeat champions to earn challenge certificates, the equivalent of our points. Therefore it is much more difficult to earn a championship there. A seasoned show dog that in the U.S. might be ready for the specials class, may not earn its championship in the U.K. until much later. However, that dog in the U.K. would be a contender at an open show, whereas, in the U.S., he would likely be a champion, and thus not eligible for the open show.

In any case, one hopes that American clubs and exhibitors will give the open show a chance. Many a long-time exhibitor can be heard to lament the fact that the puppy match is a thing of the past, and the cry from owner-handlers for a more level playing field has been heard for decades. Perhaps a place exists here for the open show. Perhaps the AKC open show will revive a passion among dog people for spending the day with others of their ilk, enjoying the dogs, without the pressure of having to compete against the sport's professional handlers.

~ Ways To Kill Your Club ~

1. Don't come to meetings, but if you do, be late.
2. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
3. Find fault with the work of your officers and members.
4. Never accept an office, for it's easier to criticize than to do things.
5. If asked by the chairman or director to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say after the meeting, tell everyone how things ought to be done.
6. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their abilities to help others along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
7. Hold back your dues as long as possible or don't pay at all.
8. When a banquet is given, tell everyone money is being wasted on blow-outs and parties.
9. If no banquets are held, complain that the organization is dead.
10. If you don't receive a bill for your dues, don't pay.
11. If you receive a bill for your dues, resign.
12. Always keep your eyes open for something wrong.
13. When you attend a meeting, vote to do something and then go home and do the opposite. Agree with everything said at the meeting and disagree with it outside.
14. Get all the organization gives you, but don't give it anything in return.

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