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WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC. NEWS FOR THE DOG FANCIER

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A Word from the President

Treva Faires

I am working on getting some educational programs for our monthly meetings. Please let me know if you have any ideas!

I cannot believe we are already in 2010. It will not be long until the Sunflower Cluster Shows are here. Mark your calendars for April 9-11 and let Kim Jenning or myself know how you are willing to help! There is a place for everyone! It takes a lot of dedicated members and workers to put on a show. If you are interested in ring stewarding, please contact Dane Jenning, Chief Ring Steward.

I hope to see you all there!

Treva



February 2010 Membership Meeting



Annual Westminster Dog Show Garden Party

Time: 6:15 PM

When: Monday and
Tuesday, February 15
and 16, 2010

Wichita Kennel Club
3448 North Emporia

This is our annual garden party, and all members are invited to celebrate at our club building. We will have a satellite hook-up to televisions throughout the club building. Guests are welcome.

Bring a covered dish, favorite TV snack, or dessert to share. Sandwich building items, plastic ware, paper plates, and drinks will be provided.

Monday's Groups: Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting, & Herding. Tuesday's Groups: Sporting, Working, Toy & Best in Show.

Please RSVP to Diane Kilts by Feb. 12 at 744-1022 or e-mail her at wyndsong@cox.net

****[See more details on Page 3.](#)****

Reminder: We now have a “personalized ring” on our phone at the WKC building. So if you are **AT THE BUILDING AND THE PHONE RINGS TWO SHORT RINGS**, feel free to answer it. The number is: **832-2363**



*March General Meeting
Guest Speaker:
Beth Erickson*

*Monday
March 8th
7:30 PM*



WKC MEMBER SUSAN WILLIAMS

Friday, January 29, Susan Williams, long-time WKC member, underwent extensive open heart surgery at St. Francis Hospital. At press time Susan is doing well and is in ICU. We wish her a full recovery. Our thoughts are with Mike and the Williams family.

**WICHITA KENNEL CLUB INC.
MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME!**

Membership renewals were due December 31st!

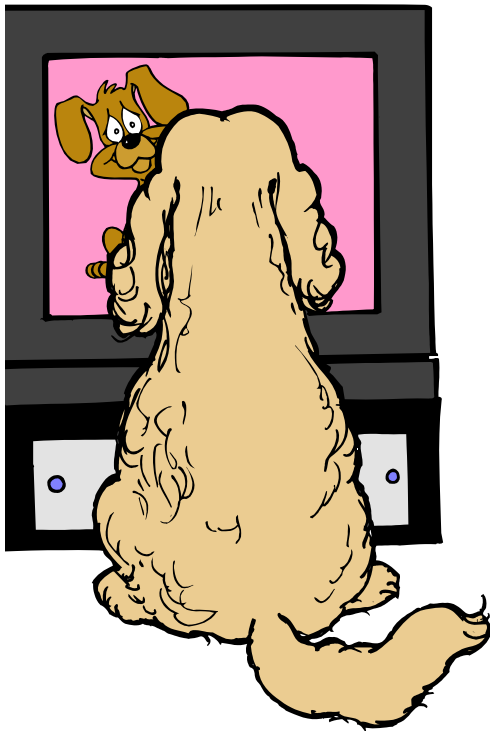
Please send your renewal to:
**Wichita Kennel Club
3448 N. Emporia
Wichita, KS 67219**

🏆🏆🏆 **WKC Member Brag** 🏆🏆🏆

Phoenix and Virginia Street finally finished their MACH on Sunday, January 24. Phoenix now becomes *UGRACH TC Sanroyale's Classical Renaissance CD, RE, XF* and joins her sister to become the second Tervuren AKC Triple Champion.

We wish to extend special thanks to the physical support of Deb Towndrow CMT, Lori Mitchell DVM, Heather Owen DVM, Susan Williams, Joyce Guthrie and others that provided physical therapy after a serious accident threatened to end Phoenix's career. Also, this would not have been possible without the learning and experience we gained with Lady and Joker. Look for Phoenix to still play in FAST.

Virginia & Tom Street



WKC GARDEN PARTY

We'll be having the TV viewing of the Westminster KC both nights, Feb. 15th & 16th, at our WKC building, 3448 N. Emporia. Guests are welcome! Members might want to bring their own dog show chairs or floor cushions, as all we have are our folding chairs.

We'll have the broadcast going in several of our meeting rooms so that you'll have a choice of where to watch. We'll again have a chance to "buy" a dog that is competing. So bring your quarters. It's great fun! Plan to be there!

We'll convene at 6:15 - 6:30, so that you should have time to fill your plates & find the best seat in the house before the broadcast begins at 7 PM.

Monday's groups are Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. Tuesday's groups are Sporting, Working, and Toy followed by Best in Show.

Please RSVP by Feb. 12 to Diane Kilts at 744-1022 or e-mail her at wyndsong@cox.net.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM AKC CANINE PARTNERS

We are pleased to inform you of a decision made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting, which will enhance the [AKC Canine Partners](#) program. This exciting new program allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

After taking into consideration staff recommendations; compelling feedback from dog owners, clubs and fanciers; and the long lead time for event applications, AKC decided it was best to move quickly and change the program format so a majority of clubs would have the option to take advantage of the opportunity to allow mixed breeds to compete in existing Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning April 1, 2010.

This positive step forward for AKC and dog owners enables us to share our passion for dogs and our commitment to responsible dog ownership with an even greater audience. It will simplify the planning and management of club events, while benefiting mixed breed dog owners by giving them more opportunities to participate in events in their local areas.

Please contact [AKC Canine Partners](#) if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

Email - akccaninepartners@akc.org
 Penny Leigh - 919-816-3749
 Sydney Suwannarat - 919-816-3521

◆◆◆ Member Volunteer Opportunity ◆◆◆

If you are able to inside or outside ring steward at least ½ day for Conformation Friday through Sunday, April 9-11, at the **Sunflower Cluster**, lunch is **FREE!**

The meals are provided for workers and judges at the Sunflower Cluster.

Interested? Please contact Dane Jennings, Chief Ring Steward, at 316-733-9344 or e-mail hannakj@roseam.com.



WKC Hosts SCART Training Event

By Milli Dold

Members of SCART (Sedgwick County Animal Response Team) met at the WKC building on Sunday, January 10, 2010 for their Quarterly Training Event on Psychological First Aid. This course is a basic requirement for all Sedgwick County Animal Response Team volunteers.

We were told that 63% of area residents have at least one pet. What first responders have learned from Greensburg, Katrina, and other disasters is that people are extremely reluctant to leave their homes without their pets. So to have a successful evacuation, plans must be in place to have safe and secure pet shelters so that the people can be moved on to shelters, hospitals, etc.

We can all be thankful that Dr. Christen Skaer and her SCART group are "light years ahead" of what is going on at the FEMA level. SCART is very structured. You must have taken the required courses, be accredited, and have full IDs before working in a disaster. Part of the problem at disasters is that all sorts of people show up "to help," including those looking for drugs, to steal property, and to steal children and pets. Some even have car decals or ID badges identifying themselves as "emergency workers."

Courses can be taken "on-line" as well as in area classes. If interested, contact Bob Livingston, Volunteer Coordinator, at bliving@cox.net

The WKC Board has tendered our building to use as a shelter, if necessary.

American Kennel Club Announces Most Popular Dogs

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

For the 19th consecutive year, the Labrador Retriever is the most popular purebred dog in America, but could this be the last year for the Lab's reign?

According to American Kennel Club® (AKC) 2009 registration statistics released today during a press conference at Grand Central Terminal in New York City, the German Shepherd Dog overtook the Yorkshire Terrier last year and is now ranked second most popular in the nation for the first time in more than three decades.

An American favorite since the time of Rin Tin Tin, the German Shepherd Dog became the number one breed of the 1920s, but then slipped in popularity until after World War II.

"Labs have been America's top dog for nearly two decades due to their loyal and gentle nature," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "But the German Shepherd Dog has gained ground recently, quite possibly due to the increased attention they receive for their security efforts at home and abroad. Hailed as the world's leading police, guard and military dog, this energetic and fun-loving breed is a loyal family pet, ideal companion and dependable K-9 partner when duty calls."

2009 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Yorkshire Terrier
4. Golden Retriever
5. Beagle
6. Boxer
7. Bulldog
8. Dachshund
9. Poodle
10. Shih Tzu

Three New Breeds at Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show 2010

IRISH RED AND WHITE SETTER - Sporting Group

Despite its name, the Irish Red and White Setter is a distinct breed, not just a different colored version of the Irish Setter. Bred primarily for the field, they should be strong, powerful and athletic, with a keen and intelligent attitude. The coat's base color is white with solid red patches. Known in Ireland since the 17th century, the Red and White is thought to be the older of the two Irish Setters. However, it was nearly extinct by the end of the 19th century. During the 1920s, efforts were made to revive the Irish Red and White Setter and by the 1940s, the breed began to reemerge in Ireland. (www.akc.org/breeds/irish_red_white_setter)

NORWEGIAN BUHUND - Herding Group

Once the cherished companion of Vikings, the Norwegian Buhund is a versatile farm dog from Norway that herds livestock, guards property, and has been used for hunting game. The name means farm-dog --"Bu" in Norwegian means homestead or farm and "hund" means dog. The Buhund is a double-coated, squarely-built spitz, a little under medium size, with mobile prick ears, a tightly-curved tail carried over the center of its back, and dark, almond-shaped eyes with an intelligent, friendly expression. This working breed has a lot of energy, strength, and stamina, but is also known to be independent. (www.buhund.org)

PYRENEAN SHEPHERD - Herding Group

The Pyrenean Shepherd is also known by its French name, Berger des Pyrénées, but fanciers of the breed in America often shorten his name to "pyr shep." Herding has been and remains the mainstay of the economy of the High Pyrenees, and the Pyrenean Shepherd is the traditional working companion of the larger dog, the Great Pyrenees. Together they aid the shepherd in his everyday workings with his herd of sheep or other livestock. Outside his homeland of France the breed is rare, but in France his popularity as a wonderfully devoted family companion has grown considerably since the early 1970s. Although small in stature and weight, it is said, "pound for pound, he has few equals in both herding or guarding." (www.pyrshep.com)

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January 11, 2010

President Treva Faires called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Visitor: Maureen Gamble

Recording Secretary: Absent

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer’s Report: Leanne Chase submitted two bills for \$8.80 and \$11.04 for newsletter expenses.
Tom Chase submitted a bill for \$38.22 for binders and dividers and \$13.73 for batteries.
Arleen Berry motioned to pay all bills, Becky Burt seconded, and motion approved by attending members.

President’s Report: Conformation classes start Tuesday, Jan. 26. She reported that she had a lot of inquiries. She thought she would have to split the class into two classes due to the number of interested parties.

Art Show at the Dog Show Committee: Pat Deshler reported that Tom Chase is preparing a Power Point presentation for the Preview Party with will be held Jan. 17 at 2:00 PM. Both Liz Cowman and Tom had been working very hard getting the entries processed.

No new or old business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Maureen Gamble presented the evening’s program.

Treva Faires
President

Sunflower Cluster Catalog Advertising

It’s that time of the year again. I would like to encourage all members to advertise in the catalog this year. It’s an extremely effective and cheap way to let the general population know of your breeding program or your business.

Many people come to the shows to find a new dog for their family, and they buy a catalog in the hopes to find a breeder they can contact. Other people buy the catalog to find area dog businesses. Whether you are a breeder, trainer, groomer, pet specialist or have your own business, this is a good opportunity to get your name seen. It’s amazing how a few bucks and an ad in the catalog can reach such a wide range of people.

We are one of the top dog shows in the nation. Many will pay attention to the advertising in the catalog. As a member you have the privilege of receiving a discount on the ad rates.

The current rates for members are: Full page \$38.00
½ page \$20.00

(Please use the Onofrio guidelines for advertising.)

All ads must be provided to me no later than February 21st. Checks must be made out to the Sunflower Cluster Dog Shows.

Please pass this along to other clubs’ members.

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(316) 304-6142 – Cell

E-mail: hannakj@roseam.com

2010 Art Show Opportunities

Great things are happening in the way we will manage shipping, unpacking, and judging the 2010 Art Show at the Dog Show!

Nothing much will change concerning the actual display of the work. We'll still have approximately 2/3 of the work displayed at CityArts and 1/3 displayed at Century II.

We have been invited to utilize the great spaces in Century II for the receiving, storage, unpacking, and judging of the art.

John d'Angelo, who many of you have met in our years with CityArts and before, invited us to consider using Century II for those aspects of our show. A group of us met with him last week, and the tour was very interesting!

We will again have two unpacking dates. The Century II staff will accept the art work and take it to storage in a locked room on the Exhibition Hall balcony. Here the works will be held until our unpacking parties: Friday, February 19th and Thursday, February 25th.

On our judging day (Saturday, Feb 25th) we will utilize the huge Exhibit Hall Balcony/Mezzanine with floor to ceiling East-facing windows, which provide natural lighting for the judging.

As always, we will have food at the events. On the unpacking dates February 19th and Friday February 25th, we will have sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks, and desserts.

The really fun parts of this change are: We will be allowed to park in the basement of Century II and use the elevator directly to the balcony/mezzanine in Exhibit Hall. We may leave the unpacked art in the locked rooms where they will await judging. This does away with the need to move it around to be out of the way of the employees.

We plan to have posters to tell you where to go after parking in the basement for the unpacking. We will also furnish you with cell numbers of several of our committee so that we may help you if needed. If you prefer, you may also use metered street parking which is available in the street area outside Exhibition Hall, or perhaps we can arrange for parking passes outside in the curved drive area outside of Concert Hall and the administrative offices.

When we are ready to move the artwork to the dog shows, we will no longer have to worry about inclement weather.

Dates for your Calendar:

1st Unpacking Day: Friday, February 19, 2010 anytime after 4:30 PM

2nd Unpacking Day: Thursday, February 25, 2010 anytime after 4:30 PM

Judging: Saturday Feb. 27, 2010 beginning at approx 10 AM

Sunflower Cluster Meeting: Saturday Feb. 27th – 3 pm – Balcony/Mezzanine Exhibition Hall

Hanging Party Century II: Monday, March 1st

Loading the artwork for its move to the KS Coliseum: Wednesday, April 7th

I hope you will be as excited about these improvements for the Art Show at the Dog Show as the group that took the original tour.

See You Soon!
Pat & Liz

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**Treva Faires
244 Fairway Circle
Andover, KS 67002
Phone 316/733-5855**

Your weight circles will support the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Art Show at the Dog Show. That means funding for the health of Dogs and supporting the Sunflower Cluster's project, the 24th annual Art Show at the Dog Show.



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