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A Word from the President

Treva Faires

Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!!

I want to thank everyone for giving willingly of their time to help make the Sunflower Cluster a success. The Sunflower Cluster does not just happen. It takes a lot of planning and work before, during, and after the Cluster weekend. We have been fortunate to have all our volunteers that give endlessly and make our Cluster weekend happen.

I have enjoyed being the Sunflower Cluster Coordinator for the past four years! You all have made my job easier, and NOBODY appreciates the sacrifices you have made more than me! I look forward to helping Kim Jennings, your new Cluster Coordinator, in the coming year. I know she will have all your support and our Cluster can only grow better and bigger.

Treva



⌘⌘⌘ **May 2011 Membership Meeting** ⌘⌘⌘

Speaker: Dr. Larry Snyder, DVM

Topic: Stem Cells and Reversing Aging of Dogs

Time: 7:30 PM

When: Monday, May 9, 2011

Where: Wichita Kennel Club, 3448 North Emporia



May General Meeting

**Monday
June 13th
7:30 PM**

Topic: Canine First Aid



AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund Accepting Donations for Disaster Relief in South

In light of the recent tornadoes across the South, many fanciers and concerned dog owners have asked us how they can help the companion animal victims of these storms.

If you are interested in offering your assistance, we encourage contributions to our [AKC Companion Animal Recovery Canine Support and Relief Fund](#). Started in the wake of 9/11, the fund has donated more than \$3 million to search and rescue teams and for companion animal relief during natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

Funds will be used to address the needs of companion animals in the area and/or donated to appropriate relief organizations.

NEW WKC MEMBER APPLICANTS

Three new applicants for WKC membership have fulfilled their membership requirements. The prospective members are:

Denise McKee – Borzoi and Bedlington Terrier
Gail Wilson – Chinese Crested
Amber Applegate-Crist – Bernese Mountain Dog

Sunflower Cluster Kiddy Booth Thanks

THANKS to everyone who helped make the show a success! We had all sizes and manner of dogs in the 'Kiddy Booth' this year, and all got tons of love and attention. Thanks for making my job look easy!

**Kat Farres
Kids Corner Coordinator Sunflower Cluster**

◆◆◆ Member Volunteer Opportunity ◆◆◆ **Microchip Clinic**

The Wichita Kennel Club is conducting another **Microchip Clinic** on Sunday, May 22nd from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. The cost is only \$20 per dog, so bring all of your dogs to be chipped.

Jenny Sullivan, DVM and Theresa Burks have volunteered again this year

If you haven't been able to participate in the other activities of the WKC this year, this is an opportunity to fulfill one of the required member projects.

Please contact Tom Chase (wkctreasurer@aol.com), phone 316-788-7616, if you can volunteer.

Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2011

Minutes were unavailable at publication date.



SUNFLOWER CLUSTER MEMBER BRAGS



From Doug and Jacque Matson: On Saturday April 9, 2011 during the Hutchinson Kennel Club show, judge Mrs. Judith Goodin awarded Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a five-point Major to our Kansa's Vittorio del Veneto. Vito is owned by Laura Hulke of Dobestarr, and it was his very first time in the ring with his new handler Dawn Honaker.

Vito will soon join his littermate, CH Kansa's Luciana del Ligouria owned by Judy Schmelig. Both of these puppies will be and are the first American Kennel Club Champions for their sire, Italian Champion and Italian National Specialty Winner Quillam Qasim del Citone SCH I

Congratulations to Vito, Laura, & Dawn.

From Tom and Leanne Chase: Our Berger Picard Missy (Fille Reve de la Vallee de Riviere) tried her paw at herding during the 4 Corners Herding Association of Tulsa herding instinct test. She passed both tests needed for her certificate by herding sheep for two different judges on Saturday. She did a great job, even though she'd never seen a sheep before in her life.

AKC Grand Champion Program Adds Achievement Levels

-- Grand Champions Can Now Earn Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Designations --

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce a new enhancement to the Grand Champion program – Achievement Levels. Beginning May 11th, in conjunction with the implementation of the 2011-2012 [AKC Point Schedule](#), Grand Champions will have the ability to earn the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows.

The Bronze Grand Championship will require 100 points, the Silver Grand Championship will require 200 points, the Gold Grand Championship will require 400 points and the Platinum Grand Championship will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, owners will receive a special recognition medallion and certificate, and the AKC website will be updated monthly with the names and breeds of all Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum dogs.

“We are happy to highlight the highest achievers in the Conformation ring with the creation of the Grand Championship Achievement Levels,” said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. “Many exhibitors brought their Champions back into the rings to complete the Grand Championship or continued showing when they normally would have stopped after obtaining a Championship title. The Achievement Levels give them an opportunity for continued recognition and achievement.”

The online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at www.akc.org/grandchampionship/

Grand Championship judging will remain the same: all Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points at no additional entry fee, and points will be awarded, at the judge's discretion, to Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. Once a dog completes the Grand Championship title, points will continue to accrue as it reaches the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; there is no reset. If a dog has already accrued 100 or more Grand Championship points since the beginning of the Grand Championship program, the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designation will be awarded retroactively. For assistance with determining point totals, view our [Grand Championship Point Counting Document](#)

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