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Happy Halloween!

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A Word from the President

Jackie Storrer

This year we have weathered the last of Winter, a Spring full of more restrictions that you could shake a stick at, and a Summer just to survive and enjoy what we could attempt to salvage of a hoped-for fun and safe play time and safe events. And now we are entering into a beautiful Fall season that we have all been waiting for with the anticipation of less virus and more normal talk and actions. Getting outside and enjoying all the color and amazing sights that Mother Nature can throw at us.

The milder temperatures are just wonderful opportunities to engage with our furry friends. Long walks, dog parks, some training that has started to feel a little more normal in these non-normal times.

We held our first board meeting Wednesday, Sept. 30th, and it went quite well. We talked about the Cluster meeting set for this Sunday afternoon at Hutchinson. All are encouraged to attend, but if you can't and want to bring something up, let one of us know and we will do it for you.

The Toy Club will be meeting at WKC Building for the next six months with all precautions taken.

Scent Work classes are starting up, and we'll see how they go and when we can bring conformation classes back.

The Scent Work Trial is November 21 and 22 at the Old Cowtown Museum.

I encourage all show Chairmen to check the Premium list and let Monty know of any changes that are needed so we are on time with all our paperwork.

We have not planned for any future meetings, Board or Membership, depending how the rest for weeks shake out.

Leanne will keep everyone posted, as we will be having the slate of officers for the coming year and of any nominees from the floor in November. We will get everything worked as safely as possible.

Stay tuned, God bless, and be safe.

Jackie

◆◆◆ **OCTOBER 2020 Membership Meeting** ◆◆◆

Cancelled until further notice. Please stay home and safe.



**Future General
Membership Meetings
To Be Announced
Stay Tuned**



SUNFLOWER CLUSTER MEETING

We will have a Cluster meeting Oct. 4, 2020!

Where: Hutchinson Kennel Club, 131 S. Washington, South Hutchinson, KS 67505

When: 2:00 PM

I am asking every President and all Sunflower Cluster Chairs to attend, if at all possible!

If you are going and/or have items for the agenda, please contact Treva Faires at 316-644-5568

We will be asking everyone to social distance and wear a mask!

Treva

🏆🏆🏆 WKC Member's Brag 🏆🏆🏆

Best in Show Winners! Congratulations to Arleen Berry and Janet Osterbauer for a wonderful win at the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club.

Arleen's bearded collie, GCH CH Now and Ten Watermark Cruisin at Kelkary, was awarded Best in Show by Mrs. Terry L Berrios on Sunday, Sept. 27th.

LOOKING FOR NEW CHAMPIONS AND WKC MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET UPDATE

The December membership meeting is the annual awards banquet. Even if we don't have an in-person meeting, we want to recognize all new champions and update our membership booklet, please send in your write-ups about your new champions for 2020 and any address updates.

The deadline for your champion write-ups and information updates is December 1st. Send them to Deborah Bartlett, 2253 S. Elpyco St., Wichita, KS 67218 or e-mail her at bartlett_deborah@yahoo.com

US Congress: Problematic Breeder Mandates Bill Introduced in Senate

By AKC Government Relations

October 02, 2020

Earlier this week, Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) introduced a bill that would make changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act to mandate arbitrary new requirements for certain professional and small hobby dog breeders. S. 4757 – the “Puppy Protection Act of 2020” – is a companion measure (with the same language) to HR 2442 introduced last year by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1).

In recent months, animal rights or “protection” groups have been pressuring members of Congress to sign onto the measure ahead of elections. More than 150 legislators have signed onto the bills as co-sponsors.

Arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure.
- Mandated unfettered access from dogs’ primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it “allows dogs to extend to full stride”. This creates a potentially dangerous environment for dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain kennel types.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make such decisions.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.

Further, it prohibits the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, *arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates*. Arbitrary, one-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that allow expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding.

These measures would apply to anyone who is subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 “breeding females” (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and sell or transfer even one of the offspring “sight unseen”. “Breeding females” include *any combination* of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.

Most members of Congress want to do the right thing for dogs, but they are not experts in this area. It’s likely they do not understand the nuances or unintended consequences of arbitrary legislation that may “sound good” to a non-expert. They also hear a lot from animal rights/protection groups, and they also rely on hearing from constituents. Unless we help educate our lawmakers, we will be subject to bad laws.

Please contact your member of Congress and your U.S. Senators today. Visit AKC’s Legislative Action Center and type your address in the “Find Your Elected Officials” box to find out who represents you and get their contact information.

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NOVEMBER SCENT WORK TRIAL

Where: Old Cowtown Museum, 1865 W. Museum Blvd., Wichita

When: Saturday and Sunday, November 21 & 22, 2020

Two Trials per Day to Run Concurrently

Judges: Deanna Butler & Khara Schuetzner

Elements: Buried, Handler Discrimination, and Detective

Fees: \$25 Buried & Handler Discrimination, All Classes, \$25/Run
\$75 Detective/Trial

The premium is available from both the WKC and AKC events websites!

Join us this November for a fun trial at historic Old Cowtown Museum. Saturday there will be museum guests in attendance who may wish to observe, and on Sunday we will have the museum grounds to ourselves.

The trials will run concurrently to keep people and dogs moving with as little wait time as possible.

Crating will be from vehicles. We will be able to park near the entry gate in the employee parking lot. This is to protect not just the historical site but also limit the number of people congregating due to COVID.

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