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WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC. NEWS FOR THE DOG FANCIER

*Happy St.
Patrick's Day!!!*

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A Word from the President

Mike Williams

ALL ABOARD!!! ALL ABOARD!!!

The Wichita Kennel Club Kennel Express is now boarding for the Month of March 2023. Get your tickets ready. ALL ABOARD, ALL ABOARD!!!

Our first stop in this joyous month of March is to clean scent work items on March 11th. Our work train will be pulling in to the WKC depot at 1:00 PM. This job seldom takes over an hour. While we put water in our steam engine, we can get these scent items all ready for the upcoming Scent Trial. Starting work time is 1:00 PM on March 11th.

ALL ABOARD!!! ALL ABOARD!!! Time to move onto our second stop for this wonderful month of March. We will be stopping by March 12th at the Mike and Susan Williams poor farm depot at 3:00 PM to put up re-bar post, some chain link fence, and the FastCAT shade cloth after a long winters rest. This should not take more than an hour and a half. Start time again is 3:00 PM on March 12th. While at the Williams's poor farm, we put more water in to our steam engine so we can move our train on down the tracks. It's like Uncle Sam says on his poster: **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

ALL ABOARD!!! ALL ABOARD!!! Our train engine has now been rested and greased up and is ready to head out to the Mike and Susan Williams poor farm depot on Monday, March 20 at 4:00 PM. Yes, at 4:00 PM. on March 20th to set up for our FastCAT practice. Practice start time is at 5:00 PM. Don't be late, as we might be closed at 8. Again, set up for practice runs starts at 4:00 PM. Practice runs start at 5:00 PM and will run until we have everyone run or until we have all collapsed.

Wondering how you are going to get supper that night? No worries, pilgrims. Paul Winzer is bringing his new cooker on a trailer and will back up to the door and cook hot dogs and hamburgers. He will practically be giving them away. You can have supper here on site. Just like a family picnic. This will be fun. Thank you, Paul. Our stomachs will appreciate you!!!

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⌘⌘⌘ March 2023 Membership Meeting ⌘⌘⌘

Speaker: Kim Matzen-Kutilek

Topic: The French Bulldog Breed

Time: 7:00 PM

When: Monday, March 13, 2023

Where: Wichita Kennel Club, 3448 North Emporia



April General Meeting

**Monday
April 10th
7:00 PM**



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ALL ABOARD!!! ALL ABOARD!!! We are now leaving for the Wichita Kennel Clubs March Scent Trial. We will be pulling our train right up to the Wichita Kennel Club depot at 1:00 PM on March 23rd to haul all scent work items to the S&P Sports Complex. This should not take long, as we have flat cars and box cars on our train, and we are only moving our train a short city block.

Then our WKC express train moves slowly about a block on March 24th to the S&P Sports Complex front door, and barring any rail impediments, we should pull up to the front door just in time on the 24th of March through the 26th for the scent trial. While we are here, you all can compete in this this magnificent scent trial which by the way I heard is full, and while you are getting Q's and ribbons, we will pull some maintenance on our train engine.

Also, Paul Winzer is cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, and he is almost giving them away. He has a new set up on a trailer so no need to help unload. This guy has a system and cooks up a mean burger! Didn't bring a brown sack? No worries, Paul will be there to the rescue. The WKC is also furnishing food. Last year Tom Chase brought in the worker's food, and it was great!

ALL ABOARD!!! ALL ABOARD!!! Moving along now, the train is slowly moving out of the depot at the Scent Trial and is heading toward the depot at Mike and Susan's farm for our WKC FastCAT Trial. We will be pulling in to their depot on March 30 at 5:00 PM to put everything like tables, chairs, pop ups, and miscellaneous items like a back drop for our photographer on site so we don't have to hassle with these items the day our trial starts. This should not take over an hour. Again, set up for FastCAT will be at 5:00 PM on March 30th.

Our Wichita Kennel Club Express Train will pull in to the Mike and Susan Williams depot at 7:00 AM on March 31st for final set up and preparations for our second ever FastCAT Trial. Our train will be here on site from March 31st through April 2nd for our WKC FastCAT Trial. This hour should give us plenty of time for final preparations. Like Uncle Sam used to say, "WE NEED YOU".

Well, are you excited about the Month of March yet? I am SOOOO excited I can't stand it. March is going to take an all-out effort, but we CAN DO IT.

I am reminded of the 1st Infantry Divisions motto: "No Mission Too Difficult. No Sacrifice Too Great. Duty First." While I realize our kennel club is not the US Army, I do realize that we, too, have many tasks placed on our plate, and it seems like it is every month and in particular this coming month.

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And I fully realize that to complete our tasks it takes many sacrifices from each of you in order for our planned events to be successful. Please know that your sacrifices are appreciated very much. And I know, too, that you and your family and your dogs come first in all that we do. We need you, and we love to see you at our work days, and we fully understand that each of us have family and dog commitments at times that have to be met. Your help at our trials and events is what makes our club the success it is. Without your help and commitment we would not have the successes we have experienced.

I want to express to each of you my very heartfelt thanks for your hard work and commitment to our events, our trials, and our Cluster Shows.

Mike

WKC PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Christie Dalman of Kechi has completed most of the requirements for membership. Christie has a German Shorthair Pointer, a Border Collie, and a Dalmatian.

Matt Huhnke of Wichita has met most of the requirements for membership, including two projects. Matt has an English Springer Spaniel.

Maria Ciski of Wichita has submitted a membership application which was approved by the WKC Board in February. Maria has a Doberman Pinscher.

Please get to know Christie, Matt, and Maria.

RING STEWARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Treva Faires, Chief Ring Steward, needs volunteers to be conformation ring stewards on Thursday, June 8th, and WKC's day, Friday, June 9th.

Lunch is free for working at least ½ day!

Training: Not sure you know how to ring steward? The Hutchinson Kennel Club will hold classes Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Hutchinson Kennel Club building. There will be a pizza lunch. Ruth Lloyd is teaching. Ring stewarding is fun and educational.

Treva needs both inside and outside stewards for full-day or half-day. Please give her a call at (316) 644-5568 or e-mail her at trevafaires@gmail.com, if you would like to help out.

HUTCHINSON KENNEL CLUB JUNIORS TRAINING

For those who may have nieces and nephews, or kids/grandkids, interested in junior showmanship, the Hutchinson Kennel Club is offering a junior showmanship workshop, once again with pizza, on April 8th, 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Cost for the Juniors workshop is \$10. It will be instructed by Rylie May, K-State student and former successful Junior who also works part-time for handler Dylon Kipp Keith. I think Rylie will make the workshop fun for the kids and give them some valuable handling skills.

To sign up a kid for the workshop, the parent or Guardian would need to contact Ruth Lloyd. Some of this is to determine how many kids we need to order pizza for, but also to make sure we don't have more kids than Rylie is able to work with effectively.

Ruth Lloyd email kansasiberians@gmail.com

Imagine This: "There's No Such Thing As The Poop Fairy"

For those of us who frequent the WKC building, we've found that the amount of poop in the south yard is overwhelming. While the dog down the block likes to visit our site for his deposits, not all of the poops can be attributed to him.

Last year WKC acquired a poop station to give users a place to deposit their dog's bagged poop. We even provide the bags. Please use it!

Instructors, please remind your students that they are responsible for their dogs. Many of the WKC classes are over now, but we need to remind the users of our building and land to respect others by picking up their dog's poop.

PROPOSED WKC BYLAWS CHANGES

Here's the summary:

Proposed revisions to WKC Bylaws

Please review the proposed changes to the Wichita Kennel Club Bylaws and be prepared to vote on them at an upcoming general monthly meeting. The WKC Board has already reviewed and approved these proposed changes. We now need membership approval before sending the changes to AKC for final approval.

There are two proposed changes:

- (1) In 2018, WKC amended the Bylaws to change the length of term of Club Officers and Directors from one year to two years. However, we have still been holding an election for these posts every year. The proposed change to the Bylaws would just clarify that the term of office is indeed two years and that we will hold an election only in even-numbered years. So we will not have an election in 2023.
- (2) The proposed changes would streamline and clarify the process by which new members are admitted to WKC. For instance, the current Bylaws mention that before a prospective new member is reviewed by the Board, the member sponsoring the new member would fill out a Sponsor's Application Questionnaire with details about the prospective new member. In reality, we haven't used such a Questionnaire for many years. The proposed Bylaws changes would eliminate that step. The current Member Application has all the information we need.

There are also a few other minor changes or updates that are being proposed. For instance, where information is to be sent out to the membership, we propose to change the word "mail" to "communicate" since we don't actually send many paper letters through the US Mail any longer. We mostly use email now. We are also clarifying that the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary positions need not be held two different people, but when desired, one person can do both jobs.

Attached to this newsletter email is a file with the current bylaws marked up with the changes.

These changes will be discussed and voted on during the March business meeting. Please read the document over before the meeting.

Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

Attendance at this meeting was 16 members and 5 guests.

The business meeting began at 7:40 PM.

President, Mike Williams – Mike asked if everyone had seen a copy of last month’s minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously. FastCAT practice is March 20th at 5:00 PM and then the Scent Work Trial is on March 24-26th. After that will be the FastCAT Trial on March 31st - April 2nd.

Corresponding Secretary – Nikki Winzer – Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary – Nikki Winzer – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Tom Chase – The Snif N’ Go went well! We had about 30 dogs! Thank you Mike and Susan Williams for letting us use your property. WKC gave them a gift card in appreciation.

Committee Reports:

Leanne Chase mentioned that the Scent Work Trial is close to being full. We have 14 detective dogs. The Scent Work Trial will be held near the club at a school that Tom Chase used to attend. Lori wants to have an NQ Raffle for the Scent Trial in March and asked anyone who would like to donate items to the raffle to let her know. Paul will be cooking again at the Scent Trial.

Karen Clausing has started the conformation classes and is working with Lisa Smith. We have about 10-13 students. The class is held on Tuesday at 6:30 PM for novice and 7:30 PM for advanced.

Leanne said that we have our FastCAT and stand-alone Detective Trial approved by AKC. The detective trial will be held on July 15 and 16. It is a one day trial. The next day Deanna Butler will have a scent work seminar. The working spots are going to fill up fast. This will be great!

Mike says that there is a lot of interest in Barn Hunt. We need someone to chair this event, and Charlotte volunteered to help. We have a place to have the Barn Hunt. It is \$8 a bale to rent straw. We also need rats and someone that can raise them. It was suggested that we could do a rent-a-rat.

Mike says we are changing our by-laws and updating them to be able to have new members join easier and quicker. We will need to vote on it. The changes will have to be approved by AKC.

President Mike Williams asked if there was any unfinished business or new business to come before this meeting. There being none, a motion was made by Tom Street and seconded by Charlotte Norris to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nikki Winzer
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.,
Recording Secretary



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UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS! WKC March 2023 Scent Work Trial

The March 2023 Scent Work Trial at S&P Sports Complex information is now available on the WKC and AKC websites! The dates are Friday, March 24, to Saturday, March 26.

The trial is now full.

WKC FastCAT Trial

Where: Mike & Susan Williams' Farm

When: Friday – Sunday, March 31 – April 2, 2023

Who: Kymberly Jo Burch-Ryan is our Operator

Chair: Charlotte Norris

WKC July 2023 Detective Only Trial

Where: S&P Sports Complex

When: Saturday – July 15, 2023

Who: Deanna Butler, Judge; Leanne Chase, Chair; & Terri Rothwell, Secretary



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