**Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!!**

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**A Word from the President**  
*Treva Faires*

JOIN THE FUN...There is a place for everyone.

The Sunflower Cluster is just around the corner!

This is your show and I hope you will step up and help. There are multiple areas where we still need people to volunteer. If you can spare some time, get with Kim Jennings, Chair, (733-9344) or myself (733-5855). We will be glad direct you to an area that you could help in. Lunch is served to all that volunteer for at least four hours.

I hope to see you all there!

Treva

PS. Please see the attached letter from Charles Robinson on a Federation of Kansas Dog Clubs.

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***March 2009 Membership Meeting***

**Topic:** To be Announced

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**When:** Monday, March 9, 2009

Wichita Kennel Club, 3448 North Emporia
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 new number is: 832-2363

EYE CLINIC AT THE SUNFLOWER CLUSTER
Sponsored by the Wichita Kennel Club

For members of the Sunflower Cluster Clubs only and only their dogs, the CERF eye clinic will be available Friday afternoon. Dr. Al Quinn (retired OSU) will be our examiner. Please remember to bring information concerning your dog’s AKC number, birth date, microchip, and/or tattoo number with you. The eye clinic is located at the north end of Pavilion II (where the working and herding breeds and obedience are judged).

Cost: $10.00 per dog
When: Friday, April 3  Time: 3:00 PM

Member Volunteer Opportunity

If you are able to inside or outside ring steward at least ½ day for Conformation Friday through Sunday, April 3-5, at the Sunflower Cluster, lunch is FREE!

The meals are provided for workers and judges at the Sunflower Cluster. Interested? Please contact Treva Faires at 316-733-5855 or e-mail trevassharpeis@aol.com

Member Brag

Lisa Smith Reports: I took my Dobermans Zoe and her 10 month old puppies to the St Joseph, MO shows. There was a major in bitches Saturday and Sunday and in dogs on Sunday.

Friday: Out of the Bred-By class Rio won Winners Dog for 2 points and took Best of Opposite Sex to Zoe's Best of Breed. He beat a dog Special for the BOS! It was a thrill to have them BOB & BOS. Zoe made the cut in a very competitive Working Group. Mya took first in the Bred-by Class.

Saturday: Rio won Winners Dog and Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. It was a major in bitches so he took a major there, and he beat the special again which made it a major in dogs, too. But of course only one counted... Mya won her class and took Reserve Winners Bitch.

Sunday: Rio won Winners Dog and Best of Winners for his SECOND MAJOR!

Rio picked up 8 points with 2 majors that weekend. He now has those elusive majors out of the way. He shows like his MAMA and moves like a dream!
Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009
Not available at this time

2009 Westminster Show Winners

Best in Show with Sussex Spaniel:  Fatima Crump

**Sporting Group:**
1. Sussex Spaniel:  Fatima Crump
2. Golden Ret:  Milli Dold
3. English Springer:  Milli Dold
4. Labrador Ret:  Fatima Crump

**Hound Group:**
1. Deerhound:  Milli Dold
2. Irish Wolfhound:  Liz Cowman
3. Bloodhound:  Arleen Berry
4. Wirehaired Dach:  Monte Faires

**Working Group:**
1. Giant Schnauzer:  Laura Blankenship
2. Boxer:  Liz Cowman
3. Alaskan Mal:  Milli Dold
4. Tibetan Mastiff:  Tom Chase

**Terrier Group:**
1. Scottish Terrier:  Milli Dold
2. Sealyham:  Becky Burt
3. Norwich:  Greg LaMar
4. Min. Schnauzer:  Arleen Berry

**Toy Group:**
1. Brussels Griffon:  Russ Burt
2. Pug:  Russ Burt
3. Pekingese:  Milli Dold
4. Pomeranian:  ????

**Non-Sporting Group:**
1. Standard Poodle:  Russ Burt
2. French Bulldog:  Greg LaMar
3. Bulldog:  Monte Faires
4. Bichon Frise:  Leanne Chase

**Herding Group:**
1. Puli:  Monte Faires
2. Bouvier:  Arleen Berry
3. Rough Collie:  Leanne Chase
4. Old English Sheepdog:  Fatima Crump

2009 Art Show Unpacking & Hanging at Century II

We want to thank all who turned out to help with the unpacking!

The next opportunity to help is **Wednesday, March 4th**, to work on the display at Century II. We’ll need several vans to transport the work, many hands to load and unload, and all the folks who are expert at tying fishing line and carting the work in the hall ways at Century II.

Please plan to be at CityArts at 4:30 PM to help with the transport and be sure to let us know, if you have a vehicle available. We understand that not everyone can make the CityArts time, but hopefully you can get there to help at Century II. Please let us know if you can come, so we’ll have better guess of how much pizza to order. Our phone number is 744-0057 or e-mail - wichitapudel@aol.com

Thanks again for your help and support! Pat & Liz
CARDBIAC CLINIC AT THE SUNFLOWER CLUSTER
Saturday, April 4, 2009

Heart examinations by Board Certified Cardiologist, Kevin Christiansen DVM DACVIM
Auscultation heart exam with OFA form (9-11 AM) - $25.00
Echo heart exam with report (11:00 AM- Noon & 1:00 – 3:00 PM) - $175.00
Echo & auscultation with OFA forms - $190.00
Echo exams by appointment only. Call or e-mail to schedule.
No appointment necessary for auscultation exam.
Payment by cash or check only.
Location: Kansas Coliseum Livestock Pavilion II, Valley Center, KS
Contact Person: Maureen Gamble
E-mail: dnatest@cox.net – Phone: (316) 524-8985 – Fax (760) 495-7208
URGENT: Oklahoma Measure Would Restrict Movement of Breeders and Allow for Unreasonable Search and Seizure (From AKC Website)

[Tuesday, February 17, 2009]

The AKC is extremely concerned about provisions in Oklahoma House Bill 1332, as written, and urges all Oklahoma dog fanciers, owners and breeders to contact their representatives to express their concerns.

The AKC promotes responsible dog ownership, responsible breeding practices, enforcement of cruelty laws, reasonable inspection programs and nuisance regulations. However, HB 1332 does not improve the welfare of animals and would punish fanciers, breeders and responsible owners who participate in dog sports and/or breed in Oklahoma.

The AKC is disappointed that although the bill's sponsor agreed to address concerns about this measure voiced by the AKC and its federation prior to bringing the measure to the floor, these discussions have not yet taken place.

Provisions of HB 1332 would:

1. Duplicate existing federal laws and also require that anyone who is a breeder, person, firm, corporation or other association that qualifies and is certified as a breeder, dealer, animal rescue, out-of-state dealer/breeder, shelter, or retail pet store that sells, gives away, or transfers a cumulative total of 25 or more animals of any age in any one (1) calendar be subject to licensure and inspections that mirror USDA standards. This includes all animal rescue organizations that utilize foster homes if they transfer more than 25 animals per calendar year, but excludes all shelters.

2. Stipulate that out of state breeders cannot transport animals in Oklahoma without a state license. Although substitute bill provisions allow for the exclusion of those who participate in dog shows and field trials, it does not cover those who travel into Oklahoma for other dog-related events such as training sessions, matches, hunting activities and public education events that are not classified as a dog show or field event.

3. Require the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture to develop and implement regulations pertaining to this bill, but does not guarantee public input or representation from stakeholders. Experts and responsible breeders should be consulted in the development and implementation of such regulations.

4. Provide for warrantless search and seizure by poorly-defined enforcement personnel. The measure states, "Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry personnel and agents shall have the right to enter the premises of an individual or facility and conduct inspections." The bill language does not define an "individual". This appears to leave the door open for those that do not qualify to be subjected to unwarranted searches and seizures. The legislation should state specifically that inspections/searches pertain to only those that are applicants and/or licensees.

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5. Provide no element for public education or consumer protection and attaches all the responsibility to breeders. It provides no incentives for those who follow ethical guidelines established by parent breed clubs, or obtain health and genetic testing to ensure consumers have healthy quality family pets. Responsible breeders follow ethics guidelines and existing federal laws. Rather than to bring substandard kennels up to par, HB 1332 will cause them to hide from regulators, making identification and enforcement nearly impossible.

HB 1332 continues to impose punitive measures that duplicate federal efforts. This bill will have a negative impact on responsible breeders with valid USDA licenses, those that visit Oklahoma for recreation and legitimate organizations that provide a valuable rescue services to animals. The AKC and its federation encourage animal advocates to look for solutions to community pet issues. However, HB 1332 as amended cannot solve the issues of producing healthy pets for consumers and eliminating substandard breeding practices.

What You Can Do:

- Contact your representative in the Oklahoma General Assembly and ask him or her to oppose HB 1332. To find out who represents you in the Oklahoma State Legislature select the address tab found at: http://www.okhouse.gov/Members/MemberListing.aspx

- For a sample letter to personalize, please go to: http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/OK_Sample_Letter_2009.doc

- For more information and tips on contacting your representative, please view the following AKC publications at www.AKC.org:
  - Disagree Diplomatically
  - Make Your Contact Count
  - Preparing For Action

Getting Warmed Up for Training/Showing

Getting Warmed Up For Training/Showing, presented by Lisa Cushing PT, on Sunday, February 22 at 1:00 pm. at the Wichita Dog Training Club, 6201 North Seneca St., Wichita, KS 67204.

Proper stretching techniques to prevent injuries for the "Human" training partner.

Lisa will cover proper stretching techniques, both static and dynamic, along with balance and simple strengthening and core training for people. Please wear loose fitting clothes and tennis shoes. Bring a mat or blanket for floor exercises. No dogs.

Cost: Free to WDTC Members, $10 for non-members. No advance sign-up.

If you have any questions please email Vicki Schmidt vickischmidt9@sbcglobal.net
MATCH TIME  ½ Hour after Best in Show
ENTRY FEES  $8.00 Pre-Entry, $10.00 On Site
PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE  Monday, March 30, 2009
ON-SITE ENTRIES  12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
CONFORMATION CLASSES  3-6 mos, 6-9 mos, 9-12 mos
Open, Miscellaneous, FSS, Junior Showmanship
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.
SEND PRE-ENTRIES TO  Arleen Berry
8310 Brookhollow
Wichita, KS  67206-2308
INFORMATION  Arleen Berry  or  Cathy Robinson
(316)686-8558  shilohkennel@yahoo.com

NOTE:  JUDGES WILL JUDGE ALL BREEDS WITHIN A GROUP, THEN THAT GROUP.
RIBBONS FOR BIM ADULT, BIM PUPPY, AND TOP JUNIOR HANDLER ONLY.

PRE-ENTRY

BREED_________________________ CLASS___________________________ SEX ________
DATE OF BIRTH_________________________________ REG # _____________________________
NAME OF DOG________________________________________________________________
NAME OF OWNER_____________________________________________________________
OWNER’S ADDRESS____________________________________________________________
CITY_________________________________________ STATE________ ZIP______________
PHONE #___________________________ E-MAIL____________________________________
I (We) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.
Signature ____________________________________________________________________________
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The benefits of feeding Purina brand dog foods go beyond great food and nutrition. Now, by simply clipping the weight circles on Purina bags you can support the valuable programs and research projects of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the annual Art Show at the Dog Show.

You can participate in this valuable program by collecting weight circles and sending them to:

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 21st annual Art Show at the Dog Show.

◆◆◆ Member Lending Library ◆◆◆

Do you like to read mysteries or bodice rippers while you are waiting at the dog show? Paperbacks are getting so expensive that we now have a self-tending shelf in the Library for your use. Please feel free to pick up a book or two—just remember TO BRING THEM BACK to the building, when you finish so that others can enjoy them as well.

Help us add to the library by cleaning out your paperbacks and adding them to our start-up collection.

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To: All Officers & Directors of Kansas Dog Clubs

Dear Fellow Dog Fanciers:

As you know the dog communities are under attack by the Animal Rights Activists.

We believe it is not if but when a similar bill or bills will be introduced in our state legislature that are currently being battled in Oklahoma, Illinois, and Indiana.

The Animal Rights folks are urging legislators nationally, statewide, countywide, and perhaps even in your own communities to enact unfriendly dog legislation. We must be prepared to fight the next onslaught.

We, the Officers and Board of Directors of the Wichita Kennel Club, are prepared to take a leadership role in organizing a “Federation of Kansas Dog Clubs.” So far we have gone to AKC to ask for the addresses and contact information for all recognized Kansas dog clubs and will be hosting an organizational meeting at our 2009 Sunflower Cluster the first weekend in April. We will also request organizational packets from the AKC to assist our group in this endeavor. I would suggest that you visit the American Kennel Club’s website (www.AKC.org) and search Government Relations to see what they are doing for the fancy and what they may do to help us in the future.

At the meeting we are inviting one of our own, recently retired head of the Government Relations department at AKC, Walt Bebout, to counsel with us and assist us in our efforts to get organized.

Our meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2009 shortly after Best in Show judging of the Wichita Kennel Club show. We request that each of the Kansas dog clubs send a representative(s) to listen, learn and prepare for the day that Kansas dog clubs are fighting unfair legislation. We plan to convene this meeting at approximately 5:30 PM (15 to 30 minutes after the conclusion of Best in Show judging) in our judges/stewards hospitality area. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in this important project!

Sincerely,

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