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WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC. NEWS FOR THE DOG FANCIER

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BEST WISHES FOR 2017!



❖❖❖ January 2017 Membership Meeting ❖❖❖

Speaker: Laurie Vickery

Topic: K-9 Search and Rescue of Kansas

Time: 7:00 PM

When: Monday, January 9, 2017

Where: Wichita Kennel Club,
3448 North Emporia

Some of us met the members of K-9 Search and Rescue of Kansas at the bake sale at the Augusta Tractor Supply last year.

Laurie will be at the club to discuss what her organization does.



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

Please see the membership form at the end of this newsletter.

You still have time!

Membership renewals were due by 12/31
Please send your renewal and \$20 per person dues to:

**Wichita Kennel Club
C/O Bev Benjes, Treasurer
2704 Tyler Street
Hutchinson, KS 67502**

**February General
Meeting**

**Monday
February 13th
7:00 PM**



WKC 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2016 WKC Christmas party was a huge success. We had over 40 attendees. Jackie Storrer conducted a raffle that raised over \$250 for the club. Many thanks to all those who provided food and drinks. A big thank you goes to prospective members Michael and Lorraine Fulton who decorated our tables (see below).

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2016 Service Award and Breeder of the Year Award. Bob and Pat Behrns received the service award, and Sally Fletcher and Leslie Weber received the breeder award for their standard poodles.



The AKC Introduces Junior Showcase Events

By: Samantha Seymour

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of **Junior Showcase** events meant to promote and increase youth participation in the sports of agility, obedience and rally.

“**Junior Showcase** events provide clubs the option to limit entries to junior handlers only and to tailor the events to their interests. Our experience with junior events has shown this setting promotes camaraderie and provides an enjoyable experience,” said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility.

“Many AKC clubs have a relationship with local youth organizations. **Junior Showcase** events are an opportunity for these clubs to provide meaningful events that appeal to young dog owners,” said Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. “We encourage clubs to invest in the future of the sports by hosting these events.”

“The AKC is committed to promoting youth involvement in our sports. Like AKC’s successful Junior Showmanship program, Junior Showcase events will provide another visible symbol of this commitment,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports and Events. “Many in the fancy have a deep interest in providing opportunities for youth. We encourage suggestions. Please email them to Juniors@akc.org.”

SUNFLOWER CLUSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Treva Faires, Chief Ring Steward, needs volunteers to be conformation ring stewards on Thursday, April 6th, and Friday, April 7th. She needs both inside and outside stewards for full-day or half-day.

If you would like to help, please e-mail Treva at trevafaires@gmail.com.

WKC CONFORMATION CLASSES

Kim Jennings has scheduled the next conformation classes to begin on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM.

Classes will be held at the Wichita Kennel Club Building, 3448 N. Emporia, Wichita.

If you are interested in attending, volunteering, or have any questions, please contact Kim at 316-304-6142 or e-mail her at tandavakj@att.net

Match Volunteers Needed

The annual WKC B Match is on **Saturday, April 8**. If you would like to volunteer to help with the day-of-match registration, ring stewarding, or judging, please contact Leanne Chase at 316-650-8463 or by e-mail at lrc4620@aol.com.

The match will include FSS and Miscellaneous breeds. Please note date change!

Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2016

Mike Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Guests: The Fletchers and the Fultons (Lorraine and Mike)

Minutes from the November General Membership Meeting were accepted as published.

Mike Williams reminded members that dues are due January 1st.

Officers and Board of Directors for 2017 are as follows:

- President--Mike Williams
- Treasurer--Bev Benjes
- Corresponding Secretary--Pat Deshler
- Board Members--Deborah Bartlett, JoAnn Fletcher, Patricia Holmes, and Jackie Storrer
- Vice President--Tom Chase
- Recording Secretary--Kim Jennings
- AKC Delegate--Trevia Faires

Members voted to accept the slate of officers.

The Service Award was presented to Bob and Patty Behrns.

The Breeder Award was presented to Sally Fletcher and Leslie Weber.

Jackie Storrer held a basket raffle to benefit the WKC. Raffle baskets were won by Mike Fulton, Patricia Holmes, and Deborah Bartlett.

Three surprise gift bags we auctioned off. The first was sold to Mitch Mitchell for \$20; the second was sold to Dane Jennings for \$20; and the third was sold to Patricia Holmes for \$25.

President Mike Williams presented each member of the 2016 Board of Directors with a holiday gift. The poinsettia table decorations were given to those who had a ticket taped to the bottom of their chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM.

Kim Jennings
Acting Recording Secretary



AKC Forms Club Development Department to Assist Clubs

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the formation of a Club Development Department. Clubs are the cornerstone of AKC events and have a major impact on the success of AKC sports. On occasion, unique issues arise that can be difficult for a club to address on its own. The AKC has created a new unit in order to provide assistance when needed. Its purpose will be to work cooperatively with clubs to address challenging situations and enhance their ability to hold quality events.

The functions of the Club Development Department will include:

- Champion the Best Practices being developed by Delegate Committees and communicate the successes being experienced by other clubs.
- Proactively reach out to clubs when trends or feedback indicates assistance may be helpful.
- Develop educational material to pass on the knowledge needed by new event committee members.
- Work with clubs to address issues regarding the loss of show sites or cluster partnership problems.
- Assist clubs in exploring the feasibility of adding special attractions or complimentary events. This can range from adding 4-6 month puppy classes, NOHS or Open Shows to dock diving, Fast CAT or other new events AKC has in the works.
- B-Matches. Assist clubs in developing pre-event publicity and follow-up with success stories.
- Mentor new clubs during their start-up process or when adding new event types.

The Club Development Department will be led by Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support. Working with Glenn will be Guy Fisher, Club Development Manager.

One of the first special projects to be undertaken by the Club Development Department is to re-emphasize the importance of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

“Sportsmanship is essential to the long-term health of our sports,” said Ron Menaker, Chairman of the Board of Directors. “We must never compromise our commitment to fairness, respect, and a sense of fellowship.”

Superintendents will be provided large poster boards with the Code of Sportsmanship to be displayed at events. A smaller size will also be available. Interested clubs may obtain these free of charge by contacting the Club Development Department.

“Creating an organizational champion for clubs will provide the resources and focus that is consistent with the importance that clubs have to our future,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. “If your club is facing challenges or is seeking advice, please feel free to contact the Club Development Department at ClubDevelopment@akc.org.”



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**Wichita Kennel Club
3448 N. Emporia
Wichita, KS 67219**

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Happy New Year!

The Sunflower Cluster Dog Show is Moving!

Yes, it's true! We are moving to a new location in downtown Wichita for our 2017 shows, to be held on our usual dates, April 6-9, 2017



Century II Convention Center

Our 2017 Shows will be held in Century II Convention Center in downtown Wichita. Century II is a modern show facility with many great features:

- Fully climate-controlled, heated and air conditioned
- Larger, cleaner restrooms
- All conformation rings in one hall
- Obedience and rally in a separate hall in the same building
- Plenty of auto parking right out the front door
- RV parking a block south of the building
- Reserved crating and open crating available
- Free electricity for exhibitors in crating areas
- All rings will be matted for good footing
- Close to many excellent restaurants and other local activities
- Indoor dog bathing areas close to crating areas
- Vendor booths in conformation hall
- Ample outside grassy areas open to dogs

For more information on Century II, including maps, parking, directions and a 360 Virtual Tour of Expo Hall and Convention Hall, visit the Century II website at <http://www.century2.org>.

More details about our 2017 shows will be coming out soon. Stay tuned!