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WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC. NEWS FOR THE DOG FANCIER

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*Happy
Halloween!*

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A Word from the President

Mike Williams

Many thanks again for the workers who came out and helped clean up our WKC facility. You are to be commended.

I worry each year if we will have exhibitors at our Meet the Breeds event, and then when I have worried enough about that I worry about how many spectators will show up. This year we had 26 people and over 40 dogs and for that I am thankful and I hope you exhibitors had as much fun as I did. The spectator count was off from last year but we had some spectators. There was no other event really going on at Century II so that hurt our attendance. Joann Fletcher arranged to have one of the K9 units of the Wichita Police Department bring a narcotic dog to our event this year and do a demonstration. Officer Nail and his dog Nash did a great job. It was one of the finest demonstrations I have seen. It was very much liked by our exhibitors and spectators. Thank you Joann for arranging this demo.

I arranged for Beth Ericson to come out to our Meet the Breeds event and do an obedience demonstration. She and her dog Bender put on quite a show. Beth is one of the finest trainers in this country if not the finest and Beth and Bender played to our children's audience and did an outstanding job. Thank you Beth for greatly enhancing our Meet the Breeds event.

Our Microchip clinic was a huge success. This year we chipped 117 dogs. Thank you Tom Chase for all your hard work putting this clinic together, your advertising on Facebook, the free lunch for the workers, and for making this clinic go smoothly without incident. And thanks, too, to our two vets Jenny Sullivan and Teresa Burks. They too did a great job. And I want to thank each and every one of you folks for coming out on a Sunday afternoon and making our microchip clinic a huge success. We could not hold a successful clinic without you all working and devoting your time and talents.

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◆◆◆ OCTOBER 2017 Membership Meeting ◆◆◆

Speaker: Nadine Conner
GPSK9s.org

Topic: Human Remains Detection

Time: 7:00 PM

When: Monday, Oct. 9, 2017

Where: Wichita Kennel Club
3448 North Emporia

Great Plains Search and Rescue K9s, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit ground search and rescue (SAR) team that utilizes K9s in a search capacity. We are known as GPSK9s. All deployable team members are certified to meet state and federal standards, through national organizations. GPSK9s members are required to have extensive Incident Command Systems training.



MICROCHIP CLINIC THANK YOU

A big "Thank You!" to all of you who volunteered to help out at this month's microchip clinic. We helped protect 117 dogs from being separated from their loving owners.

It's a lot of work, but if even one of those dogs gets lost and is returned home because of our microchip, the work will have been worth it.

If any of you run into our vets, Teresa Burks and Jenny Sullivan, please thank them. We couldn't do this without the help of our volunteer vets!

Tom

November General Meeting

7:00 PM

**Monday
November 13th**



WKC PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

The following prospective new members have met all of their requirements including home visit and two projects.

Michael and Lorraine Fulton of Eastborough have standard schnauzers.

Please make these folks welcome and get to know them.

🏆🏆🏆 WKC Member's Brag 🏆🏆🏆

From Sheryl Wineburner: Besides getting her first point this year, Sizzle went on to gain her "International Championship" in June. Multiple Group 1's and 2's. Off to mommyhood, and then we hit the ring again next spring!



Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2017

President Mike Williams called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Mike reported there were no minutes taken at the August meeting, as we had a rather lengthy program. So there was no business meeting held.

Corresponding Secretary: Pat Deshler reported there was nothing received other than junk mail.

Recording Secretary: Deborah Bartlett was absent so Mike Williams took the minutes for today's meeting.

Treasurer: Bev Benjes is recovering from surgery. Please remember her in your prayers. Bev did report that all bills are paid, and we have a total of \$5,275.08 in our checking account as of July 26, 2017.

President's Report: Mike Williams thanked all members who came out and worked for the cleanup day yesterday. Those helping were Tom Chase, Mike Williams, Pat Deshler, and Jackie Storrer. Mike reminded everyone of the Meet the Breeds event that will be held at Century II in the Concert Hall Foyer next Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017. We have 26 different breeds of dogs exhibiting. Mike asked for Layna Landers to report on her advertising for our Meet the Breeds Event as well as our Microchip Clinic on Sunday.. Layna has talked to and will be representing our Kennel Club and telling about the Meet the Breeds and the Microchip Clinic on local channels 3, 10, and 12 as well as three radio stations.

Micro Chip Clinic: Tom Chase reported that he has 195 dogs signed up, and it will be held on September 17th. Tom asked the workers to show up at noon for a free lunch, and clinic will start at 1:00 PM. We will chip dogs until we are done. He reported that Jenny Sullivan and Teresa Burks will be our vets on site to do the actual chipping. Tom went on to report that most of the sign-ups had come from the efforts of Facebook. He asked the local Eagle Newspaper to put an ad in the paper, but they did not do it. The Eagle laid off the lady that organized the pet page.

Temperament Test: Mike Williams reported that our planned Temperament Test might have to be delayed on account of difficulty in finding sufficient testers. More to follow on this test. It was recommended that we send a letter to all local specialty clubs telling them about our Temperament Test. Pat Deshler agreed to do this.

David Greer reported that McAlister's restaurants in Wichita are now doggie friendly.

There being no further new business or old business to become before this general meeting of the Wichita Kennel Club, Inc. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, and the motion carried.

Mike Williams
President

LOOKING FOR NEW CHAMPIONS

The December meeting is the annual awards banquet. Please remember to send in your write-ups about your new champions for 2017. The deadline for your champion write-ups is December 1st. Send them to Tom Chase, 12626 SW 160th St., Rose Hill, KS 67133 or e-mail him at tdc4620@aol.com



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Our Temperament test has been delayed until after our Spring Dog show. The date and time will be announced soon.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to our Central States Regional Top Junior Handler Scholarship Fund please send your check to Bev Benjes at 2704 Tyler Street, Hutchinson, KS 67502. We were pleased to have 18 qualify and compete for the 2017 awards. For more information on our juniors program call Pat Deshler at 316-744-0057 or e-mail her at wichitapudel@aol.com. Pledges and contributions received before November 1st, 2017 will be acknowledged in our premium list as supporting the Central States Regional Top Junior Handler Scholarship Fund. Donations in any amount are welcome!

Handling classes started again on Thursday night, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Many thanks to Sally Fletcher and Leslie Weber for doing this very worthwhile activity. Classes are \$65.00 for the entire six week period and \$55.00 for Kennel Club members. Sally reports we have nine dogs in this class. Yea, Sally and Leslie!!!! Thank you for your hard work.

Our program for our general meeting on the 9th of October at 7:00 p.m. will be a search and rescue person, Nadine Conner, who has a dog that searches for dead bodies. We have had bad storms this year and the sad thing is sometimes people are misplaced and die in these storms. We have had rescue groups that have dogs that search for lost people that are still alive but we have not had a program where the speaker has a dog that searches for bodies. Come out Monday night and hear Nadine's story about her dog. It promises to be interesting.

Again, my thanks to each of you for your hard work and commitment to our Kennel Club's activities.

Mike

Match Volunteers Needed

The WKC B Match is on Saturday, April 7, 30 minutes after Best in Show. Please note the day change. 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.



The Nose Knows: Put Your Dog's Amazing Sense of Smell to Work in a New AKC Sport

Penny Leigh | August 11, 2017

Smell is a powerful sense for canines — 10,000 to 100,000 times more acute than the human sense of smell. That ability has benefited man in many ways, from tracking fugitives to detecting bombs.

Dogs love to use their noses, and dog sports that put their sniffers to the test are popular, including tracking and nose work. The AKC obedience class of utility includes the scent articles exercise, in which a dog finds an item touched by its owner among a pile of similar items.

Soon dogs can earn titles in the new sport of AKC Scent Work, which mimics the task of working detection dogs -- such as narcotics dogs or explosives dogs -- to find a specific scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found.

AKC Scent Work trials launch Oct. 1, 2017. Dogs will search for a hidden odor, which is either an essential oil or their handlers' scent, depending on the class. Searches will take place in a variety of environments, with classes called: containers, interiors, exteriors, and buried.

"I was thrilled when I learned that AKC was adding it as an event. I plan to pursue all levels of AKC Scent Work titles," LeRoy said. "I'm a member of a specialty club, and we've signed up to hold trials, and I hope there are many."

Any dog of any breed, size, or age can be successful at scent work. LeRoy found the activity while looking for something to keep her 11-year-old Border Collie, Rain, busy.

"I felt that agility and herding were getting too hard on his bones. Okay, admittedly maybe too hard on my bones, too. I wanted a sport that wouldn't be hard on him physically."

AKC Breeders of Merit Tom and Chris Levy have produced champion Pumik for 18 years under the Abiqua kennel name and have shown dogs, including Miniature Schnauzers and German Shorthaired Pointers, for 45 years.

They strive to add titles to both ends of their dogs' names and were intrigued when a puppy buyer told them about a sport her Pumi enjoyed called nose work. They decided to try it and now have several nose work titled dogs, including one that has earned the top level K9 Nose Work-3 Elite designation.

Competitions will offer four levels for each element — novice, advanced, excellent, and master — and will vary factors with the level of difficulty, such as the size of the search area, the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known or unknown to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for the detective class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments.

"AKC Scent Work is a modern-day performance event in which bred-for traits such as working drive, concentration, and response to distractions are redeployed into roles relevant for the 21st century," said Doug Ljungren, AKC vice president of sports and events. "While the sport of scent work will not prepare your dog to be a working detection dog, we hope it serves to demonstrate to the public the value that these purpose-bred dogs can provide to the security of our nation."

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