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A Word from the President **Mike Williams**

I cannot believe August is almost upon us. The year has really flown by. A successful dog show, successful handling classes, air conditioners fixed, very successful Cluster Meeting, and our Meet the Breeds is planned, Micro Chip Clinic is planned, Picnic is planned, and our September Cluster meeting is planned.

I am excited about the strong possibility we will have CGC testing at our spring dog show and a three-day AKC scent trial. And we could have some dog therapy testing and a barn hunt as well. There is active talk and things happening behind the scenes that are positive.

I signed the Sunflower Cluster/Century II contract and the down payment money has been paid. All three clubs, HKC, SKC, and our club, came to terms on the three-year club agreement, and the agreements have all been signed.

Dates to remember:

September 1st, 2018 – Meet the Breeds
September 22nd, 2018 – Cluster Meeting in Salina, KS
September 23rd, 2018 – Micro – Chip Clinic
October 8th, 2018 – WKC Annual Picnic

Details on the above in the August or September newsletters. Watch for them.

If you know of a company or individual that you think would donate to our spring dog show, please communicate the information to Pat Deshler, and she will send them a letter.

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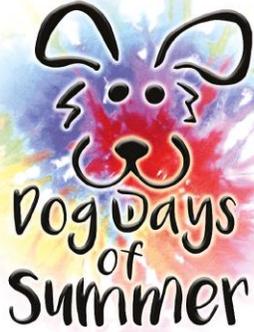
⌘⌘⌘⌘ **August 2018 Membership Meeting** ⌘⌘⌘⌘

Guest: Lori Mitchell DVM

Time: 7:00 PM

When: Monday, August 13

Where: Wichita Kennel Club, 3448 North Emporia



A Word from the President Continued

I am happy to see our building being used by dog groups to promote the fancy and to help people with their dogs. We have great handling classes, we have Love on a Leash working with a lot of new dog owners, and we have had AKC scent classes, and I hear more are planned. If you are out at the building when these events are happening, please do introduce yourself and welcome these folks to our facility. You never know, they may be outstanding candidates to join our Kennel Club.

Our July general membership program was interesting. The Stop the Bleed program is being presented all over the state of Kansas by a 17 year veteran of the highway patrol and two trauma nurses from Via Christi hospital.

I want to thank each of you for all the work you do to make our kennel club the success it is. It takes everyone doing what they do best when they can do it to help us accomplish our goals. Thank you!!!

Mike

September General Meeting

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



🏆🏆🏆 WKC MEMBER BRAG 🏆🏆🏆

From Charlotte Norris: At our only July trial Indy was working under a handicap, so I am particularly proud of him! We went to Council Bluffs to the Nebraska Kennel Club's AKC SW trial, and I have to shout out and thank this very friendly, welcoming, and enthusiastic group for putting on such a wonderful trial!

Indy did me proud, and I got a lot of helpful tips and games to improve our training! My boy got his first two Advanced Elite Element titles in Exteriors and Interiors, got his first 3 element titles in Excellent (Containers, Exteriors, and Interiors), and was High in Trial for Excellent on Sunday! I was especially pleased that he finished his Advanced Elites with a bang, placing first and second for his 10th legs, and he started his Excellent runs equally well, stepping right out with a first place in Exteriors.



Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes July 9, 2018

Mike Williams started the business portion of the meeting at 8:08 PM after the Stop the Bleed program.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the June general meeting were approved as published.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Pat Deshler was absent, but Mike checked the corresponding secretaries' file, and there was nothing in it.

Report of the Treasurer: Bev Benjes was absent, but Mike reported that we have over \$9,000 in our checking account and all bills are paid. Mike reported that just today we received a show sponsorship check in the amount of \$500 from Legacy Bank courtesy of Jackie Storrer's hard work and tenacity. Jackie challenged all members tonight to visit with their personal bankers and ask if they would like to support our dog show and keep it in Wichita.

Report of the President: Mike reminded everyone that our Meet the Breeds event this year will be held on September 1st at Century II in the concert hall foyer. You may come in and set up your crates at 11:00 AM, and the event will run from Noon to 4:00 PM. We have to exit the facility by 5:00 PM. We ask for a \$25 donation from the club you personally represent to help defray the cost of the facility.

Mike reported he mowed the grounds at 4:00 PM today. He will weed eat and edge, when he has his machines repaired.

Mike and Tom reported that the Micro Chip Clinic will be held on September 23rd at our WKC facility, and we will begin with sandwiches for the workers at Noon and begin the clinic at 1:00 PM. We will chip dogs until we are either out of dogs or out of chips. Mike Williams will contact Dr. Teresa Burks and Jenny Sullivan at Blair Doon Veterinary Hospital to help us this year.

Mike gave a short report on what was accomplished at the Cluster Meeting recently held and said we were looking for someone to step up to be the point person for the Barn Hunt and Therapy Dog work. Mike reported we have someone step up to do the CGC testing, and Mike asked Charlotte Norris tonight if she would be in charge of the scent work at our show. Charlotte said she would be happy to do so. Mike reported he received a contract in the mail from a Missouri group that can come put on a barn hunt for the April 2019 dog show, but they want to do the hunt indoors. Mike will try to find a suitable place outside and see if something can be worked out.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

Layna Landers volunteered to be the PR person for the dog show in April and to contact the local TV and radio stations to get the word out about our April dog shows.

Mike reported that our picnic this year will be the regularly scheduled meeting in October this year, as our September calendar is full and perhaps it will be cooler in October. We have approached someone to be the manager for this event, and they are thinking about it. As in the past the club will furnish the chicken and biscuits and each member will be asked to bring a dish.

Jackie Storrer brought a picture that is very nice and large and has in the back ground under a table a little West Highland White Terrier. She wanted to give our members that own West Highland White Terriers a chance to purchase this fine picture before it goes in to the raffle at the show.

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Get your Brood Bitch in Top Shape to Give Birth

By Hilarie Erb

Jul 11, 2018

As a breeder, you choose your potential brood bitch carefully, probably earning conformation and/or performance titles with her and making sure she has all the health and genetic testing recommended for the breed. Extensive research goes into choosing a worthy sire that has been through the same process. You might even have an experienced mentor who will share his or her knowledge.

Your mom-to-be should already be in good physical condition. She should be at least 2 years old, and no matter how good she looks, before breeding she should have a pre-pregnancy veterinary exam that includes testing for brucellosis (the sire should be tested for this, too). All vaccinations should be up-to-date; you want to do your best to avoid any potential health issues during pregnancy.

Before the heat cycle, her diet should consist of a highly digestible and palatable food that is at least 29 percent protein and 17 percent fat. She should be at her best weight. Being underweight or overweight can hinder the breeding success.

She needs enough muscle and body fat reserves to get her through the demanding task of whelping and lactation. Her dietary needs are not much greater than normal during the first few weeks of pregnancy, but you will need to gradually increase her food 15 to 25 percent by whelping time.

Malnourishment compromises the immune system of puppies and mothers; if the dam's reserves are insufficient, her condition will decline quickly when she is nursing a litter of puppies. Toward the end of pregnancy, it's normal for the mother's appetite to lessen because the puppies are taking up a lot of room, so frequent, smaller meals are required to make sure she gets what she needs. Some breeders feed free choice at this point.

Supplements are not usually recommended when you feed a high-quality diet. Too much calcium or vitamin D can be harmful and even cause birth defects. Lactation does take a lot of calcium but supplementing with it before the birth does not prevent a deficiency during lactation.

After whelping, it may take a few days for the bitch's appetite to return. But at the peak of lactation, her food requirement will be about three times what it normally is. This is when she is at the highest risk for undernourishment. Be sure she is getting high-quality growth/lactation food that's appealing to her. Eclampsia, caused by insufficient calcium, is a serious risk. Eclampsia is more common in small breeds or bitches that have large litters. If you see the dam panting excessively, acting restless, nervous, and/or acting or moving with loss of coordination, get veterinary care for your girl right away.

Weaning is physically stressful, too; it's a sudden switch from peak lactation to mom's milk no longer being needed. Reducing her food right before and during weaning will help to slow milk production and may reduce the risk of mastitis, a very painful mammary gland infection that requires treatment with antibiotics or even surgery in severe cases.



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Treva Faires, Cluster Coordinator has reported there will be another Cluster meeting in October in Salina, KS. Place and time to be announced at a later date.

Charlotte Norris and Leanne Chase announced there will be another round of AKC scent work classes conducted soon. Start date and time to be announced. Those that attended the last session will be contacted to see if they would like to continue and enroll.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Storrer
Recording Secretary

**Report of Nominating Committee
NOMINATIONS FOR 2019-20 WKC BOARD**

The 2018 Nominating Committee proposes the following candidates for two-year terms effective January 1, 2019. Each person nominated has given their consent.

- President - Pat Deshler AKC Delegate - Treva Faires
- Vice President - Jackie Storrer
- Treasurer - Tom Chase
- Recording Secretary - Mike Williams
- Corresponding Secretary - Bev Benjes
- Board of Directors - Leslie Weber Stephanie Sexton
- Sheryl Wineburner Patricia Holmes
- Joann Fletcher

Respectfully submitted,
Treva Faires
Nominating Committee Chair

Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate.

WKC Conformation Classes

Sally Fletcher has scheduled the next conformation classes to begin on Thursday, September 20th 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 Sally at 316-258-4161 or e-mail her at shampoodle@earthlink.net

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