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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Well, we made it through 2002! The Club made some major changes and we have more on the way – new dates for the Big Show (November 1 – 2, 2003), new signs/numbers will be made for the rings at the Big Show, By-Law Revisions, Conformation classes and more I can't recall.

I want to thank everyone who stepped up and helped out at our events. I never realized how much people enjoy our events until we tried to change the dates. Boy, I got so many emails about that, it surprised me.

2003 looks to be another challenging year, but I know this Club can get through it.

Linda

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 19, 2002

President Linda Grant called the meeting of the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club to order at 6:10 pm and then we ate dinner. Gift exchange and levity ensued and a fine time was had by all!

EDITOR'S NOTE

January, 2003

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to good things in the New Year. I apologize for being late with this month's edition of the Howler. I was having some technical difficulties - the computer was being a pill.

That said, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask if there is anyone else in the club who would be interested in editing the Howler? As most of you know, Ed and I are building a new home and we are going to be incredibly busy for the next several months. I know some of you are so busy you make me look like I'm standing still, but I know my limits. Any takers? Email me at wyllie4@pacbell.net.

Respectfully,

Nancy





POISON ALERT! Grapes and Raisins

The ASPCA run Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) is trying to get the word out to people that raisins and grapes are toxic to dogs. This fact came to light through analysis of the APCC AnTox™ database. Almost 500,000 animal-related medical conditions are described in this database.

In the late 1980s, a trend was recognized; nearly all dogs who had eaten grapes or raisins developed kidney failure. The grapes and raisins came from varied sources, including being eaten off the vine directly. The dogs exhibited gastrointestinal signs including vomiting with a few hours of ingestion, diarrhea, and then onset of severe kidney signs about 24 hours after ingestion. The ingested amounts varied considerably, from over a pound of grapes to as little as a single serving of raisins. The cases weren't from any specific region, but instead came from all over the United States.

Although the APCC has been unable to point the exact cause of the kidney failure, they have been able to identify the treatment necessary to prevent failure in dogs that have eaten grapes or raisins. Therapy includes inducing vomiting, stomach pumping, and administration of activated charcoal followed by intravenous fluid therapy.

Many dogs have been treated to a few grapes now and then with no signs of distress. It seems reasonable to stop feeding grapes and raisins, but just as reasonable not to panic if you forget and feed your buddy a bite of an oatmeal and raisin cookie. If however, your buddy is a counter cruiser and you find that a bunch of grapes is missing, you should watch closely for toxic reaction and call your vet.

Please spread the word to family and friends: grapes and raisins are for people only!

Thank you to Barbara Broad for sending this article which appeared in "Aire-Ing the News", newsletter of the California Airedale Terrier Club, Inc.

Bibliography:

"The Wrath of Grapes", by Charlotte Means, DVM
Grape and raisin poisoning in dogs from vetinfo.com



***For Sale
Weber Barbecue
Decent Condition -- needs new
home. Cook not included. Any reasonable
offer accepted. Contact Linda or Fred.***

Board of Directors and Officers Meeting January 7, 2003

Members present: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Lindsay Stark, Bruce Bertholf, Mark Azevedo, Ann Brown and Fred Helmbold.

Guests present: Pat Helmbold, Patti Martlew, Sydney Seiver

President Linda Grant called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Show Dates are scheduled for next year:

NADAC June 14-15, 2003 (pending)
AKC Agility Sept. 6-7, 2003 Craig French judging
Big Show Nov. 1-2, 2003

2. Obedience Classes: There was much discussion on what the basic class should cover and how it should be taught. Some think it needs to be geared more towards more structured 'obedience' while others believe that most pet owners are not interested in the perfect heel position. No resolution was met on this issue.

Also much discussion on how classes should be run. It is felt by some that having 2 instructors can be confusing to some students. Linda and Cherie are going to try to see if they can divide the classes so that only one person is instructing at a time.

3. Bylaws: There was much discussion again about the Bylaws being in place and which ones are the legal ones at the moment. Bruce questioned why the club bothered to make any of the changes that AKC suggested since they said our Bylaws were acceptable as we had written them. While this may be true, the club voted at the October meeting to go ahead and make the changes that AKC recommended before voting the new Bylaws in. The biggest issue with everyone seems to be communication via E-mail. Our club relies on E-mail to communicate most of the time, but AKC stated they did not want meeting notices sent via E-mail. While this was not resolved, perhaps it can be discussed before the vote at the general meeting. May I add that AKC just sent out a mass E-mail regarding changes in their organization!

Bruce also brought it to our attention that even though AKC has accepted the Bylaws as written, the club has not yet voted them into effect. This means that unless we vote them in before our elections, we can not have additional Board Members this year.

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4. Alcohol at meetings: Linda suggested that we refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages until after the meetings. It is felt that meetings are getting very long and that perhaps alcohol is adding to the side conversations etc. that are happening more and more.

It was M/S/P by Ann and Cherie that alcohol only be served after the meetings with dinner if the host is agreeable. Motion passed with 5 ayes, 2 nays.

5. Insurance Update-Fred: Board of Directors Insurance is in place. All board members are covered up to a million dollars
6. Remake ring signs: It is felt that our ring signs for the Big show are in need of being replaced. Many ideas were kicked around and the Board made suggestions that Cherie will play with. Cherie will remake them based on these suggestions.

7. New Business:

A.) The Board is in agreement to try to keep general meeting to 1 hour not including brags. We would like to be able to conduct all our business in a more expedient manner allowing for more fun at dinner.

B.) It is strongly felt that we need a Sergeant at arms. A bell could be provided to help get peoples attention back on the meeting.

M/S/P by Lindsay and Fred to adjourn at 8:10pm. A break was held from 7:15-7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Stark

We Have a Secret

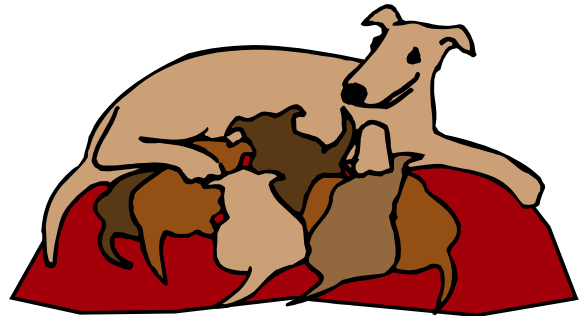
We have a secret, you and I
That no one else shall know,
For who but I can see you lie
Each night in fire glow?
And who but I can reach your paw
Before we go to bed
And feel the living warmth of you
And touch your silken head?
And only I walk woodland paths
And see ahead of me,
Your small form racing with the wind
So young again, and free.
And only I can see you swim
In every brook I pass
And when I call, no one but I
Can see the bending grass.

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YOUR 2003 DUES ARE NOW DELINQUENT!!

Reminder that your 2003 Membership Dues are due! There is an application attached in this month's "Howler"

Non-renewal causes your name to be removed from the stkc@yahoo.com email listing and the "Howler" mailings. Don't risk not being kept informed of upcoming events! Renew today!!



From the AKC Gazette

During the month of October 2002, the registrations of 51 litters were canceled, resulting in the cancellation of 85 registered dogs and rendering 215 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 33 because of impure breeding, 17 as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation, and 1 at the request of the litter owner(s).

Note: STKC has a subscription to the Gazette. If you are interested in reading more about statistics, new judges in all areas, new rules being proposed, etc. please contact Cherie Gessford for the current issue(s). Sign-out forms are available on our website: www.stkc.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 14 – 15, 2003

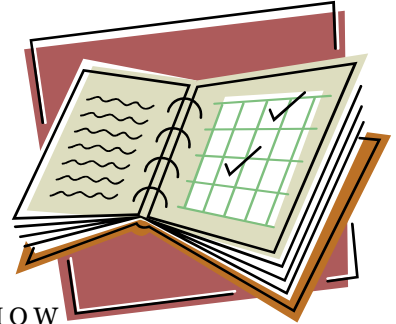
MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS
ASCA/NADAC AGILITY TRIAL

SEPTEMBER 6 – 7, 2003

MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS
AKC AGILITY TRIAL

NOVEMBER 1 – 2, 2003

MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS
AKC ALL- BREED CONFORMATION SHOW
AND
OBEDIENCE TRIAL



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(IF YOU CANNOT HOST THE MEETING YOU SIGNED UP FOR, PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN GET ANOTHER MEETING HOST)

JANUARY 20, 2003
Cherie Gessford

JULY 21, 2003
Minou Alexander

FEBRUARY 17, 2003
Rudy and Carol Leeman

AUGUST 18, 2003
Jim and Carol Frasier

March 17, 2003
Ann and Ken Brown

SEPTEMBER 15, 2003
Sydney Seiver

APRIL 21, 2003
Arline and Bob Proebsting



OCTOBER 20, 2003
Fred and Pat Helmbold

MAY 19, 2003
JoAnn and Jerry Gritz

NOVEMBER 17, 2003
Lindsay Stark

JUNE 16, 2003
Al and Mary Kennedy

DECEMBER 15, 2003
Christmas Party



The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends, so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are arm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together....

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