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Letter from the President

It is hard to believe that our Winter obedience graduation will be this week. We had a great session this time, even with having to postpone one class due to the storm. The Basic, Puppy, Rally and Conformation classes all went well, and we already have signups for the next session, which will be starting March 24th.

I've included a copy of the AKC's "Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows" form. This explains, in detail, what we need to do to maintain our AKC sanctioning. Please read it.

If you haven't thought of how you can help at the upcoming trials, please give it some thought. We can always use helpers in every area. Plus it gives you an opportunity to get out and visit with other members.

Your Board of Directors has been very busy trying to keep the workings of the Kennel Club going. Please give them any input in any areas you wish discussed or if you have any ideas that you think the Club could pursue.

And always remember that your Club is only as good as the members who make it that way.

Until next month,

Linda

There are many STKC-Logo items available for purchase (some sizes not available in all styles)

T-Shirts (SPRING IS COMING!)	\$10.00 (XXL: \$14.00)
Tank Tops (SUMMER IS COMING!)	\$8.00 (XXL: \$10.00)
Sweatshirts	\$17.00 (XXL: \$20.00)
Hooded/Zip Sweatshirts	\$25.00

Contact Linda or Mary Kennedy

Information from the AKC Gazette

During the month of December, the registrations of 40 litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of 52 registered dogs and rendering 103 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. The 40 litters were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.



General Membership Meetings

March 15th – Al & Mary Kennedy
April 19th – Rebekkah & Louis Mastro
May 17th – Jim & Carol Frazier
June 21st – **Open!!!**
July 19th – Cherie Gessford
August 16th – Pat Barnes
September 20th – Jerry & JoAnn Gritz
October 18th – Fred & Pat Helmbold
November 15th – Rebekkah and Louis Mastro

**** Safety Tidbits ****

Some good web sites to check:

<http://www.vetinfo.com/dencyclopedia/deindex.htm>

<http://www.uexplore.com/health/healthproblems.htm>

Next obedience classes will be starting Wednesday, March 24th, 6:00 p.m., Mother Lode Fairgrounds – we are offering Basic/CGC, Puppy, Rally/Intermediate, and Conformation Classes. Sign up forms on the website – www.stkc.org

OBEDIENCE INFORMATION BUSINESS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Have you often met someone who needed information about dog obedience classes and had nothing to give them, no paper to write the website address on, or anything???

Well, business cards have been printed up with the information on the upcoming classes! They have phone numbers, website address, location, etc.

If you are interested in having some cards handy to pass on, please contact Linda.

Sickness and Illness

New Sunshine Chair - Mary Kennedy

Cherie Gessford lost her two Aussies, Shadow and Lichen, within 2 days of each other.

This is an amendment to AKC Herding Regulations upon the February 2004 approval by The AKC Board of Directors.

Effective: April 1, 2004
CHAPTER I SECTION 3

(changes noted in bold) – note: nothing was bolded!

Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs.
(new 4nd paragraph)

Pyrenean Shepherds (9) months of age or older, that have been recorded with the Foundation Stock Service (FSS), or that have been granted an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) shall be eligible to enter Herding Tests. Pyrenean Shepherds (9) months of age or older, that have been recorded with the Foundation Stock Service (FSS), or that have been granted an Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) may enter Herding Trial classes as Exhibition Only Entries as specified under Ch. 1, Section 12, part (D)

St. Patrick's Day Pat-My-Head Pupovers

Bakes 6 top-o'-the morning treats.

'Tis a glorious thing to be an Irish Wolfhound. Tuck a shamrock in me collar, bake up a oupover and watch me appetite's a-Dublin.

1 egg

½ cup skim milk

½ cup white flour

½ tablespoon vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 475 degrees

In a mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, and sifted flour and mix thoroughly with an electric beater.

Add oil and beat for another minute.

Grease custard cups and fill half full. Bake for 15 minutes then reduce eat to 350 degrees for an additional 25 to 30 minutes.

A few minutes before removing from oven, prick each popover with a fork to release the steam. Allow to cool and store in a sealed container in the refrigerator.

New Rally Regulations have been published in the AKC Gazette. Copies are available on-line at

www.akc.org

Copies also available from Cherie or Linda

This should make you stop what you are doing and get down on the floor with your dogs. The years go so very fast and before you know it that romping pup is old and grey muzzled and they have sat by our sides while we read, watch TV, and work on our computers. Every so often they come and lay their heads in our laps, toss our elbow with their muzzle or gaze into our eyes and wait for us to notice them. Take a moment now to commune.

I am your dog, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise. It

always seems like you are running here and running there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle. You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time? That is all I ask. To slow down, if even for a few minutes, to be with me.

So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land. I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "one more day" with me.

Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have NOW, together. So come, sit down here next to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer" or even "Mom or Dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am.

I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet" -- I know what you are and who you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still. Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper into my ears. Speak with your heart,

with your joy, and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow, but we do have today, and life is oh so very short. So please--come sit with me now and let us share these precious moments we have together.

Love, on behalf of canines everywhere.

Your Dog

**Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2004**

**Host: Bruce Bertholf, held at Linda Grant's house
Start time: 6:09**

Members present: Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf. Fred and Pat Helmbold, Sydney Seiver, Al and Mary Kennedy, Jim and Carol Frazier, Pat Barnes, Jo-Ann Gritz, Rebekah Mastro, and Cherie Gessford.

Guest: Carrie Stroble – Bernese Mountain Dogs, Shih Tzu. Westie.

President's Report – Linda:

1. June 12 – 13, 2004 – NADAC/ASCA/AMBOR Agility Trial, Summerville High School. Approval has been received from NADAC. Paperwork has been received from NCASA (Northern California Australian Shepherd Association) and will be submitted this week. We learned the CPE Nations were the same date as our Trial, they are being held at Starfleet in Elk Grove. This will cut down on our draw. We discussed the no fee for RV's at the site will help.
2. September 11 – 12, 2004 – AKC Agility Trial, Standard Park. Total approval from AKC. When the weather clears some pictures will be taken of the field and sent to the judge. Hospitality is still up in the air because we have not met with vendor yet.
3. November 6- 7, 2004 – AKC All Breed Show, Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Judges being lined up.
4. 2004 Meeting Hosts – Pat Barnes will take August, Cherie July, Rebekah November, with June still open.
5. Handouts on micro-chipping and registrations, and "He just wants to say hi" by Susan Clothier.

Secretary's Report – Cherie: Read a letter from Clark's, judges from our Big Show.

Treasurer's Report – Fred: End of year report was passed around. Mary had a question, reports will be sent to Board Members to study.

Classes – Linda - CGC: Graduation will be March 3rd. We will have the usual graduation hot dogs sodas, etc. We will

need assistants that night. Micro-chipping will be on the 7th week, outside under cover at the far end.

Cherie – Rally: The 7 students are doing well.

Cherie – Puppy: All 13 puppies are progressing.

Linda – Conformation: There are 8 students. She will ask the instructors this week if we will have a session later in March.

Linda/Cherie – Agility: Nothing happening yet.

Membership – Pat H.: Gave us the renewing Membership list.

Publicity – Sydney: She can't put up flyers in the Library anymore. Linda passed out more business cards to everyone.

Sunshine – Mary: She has bought cards, but hopes she doesn't have to use them. If anyone hears of a member with an illness, injury, or hopefully not, death, please call her.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mary: She has a friend that grooms and bathes all dogs at the Humane Society. She passed out a flyer so that people can donate and help to spay/neuter these dogs.

Linda: Reminder that we give out free class certificates each session of classes.

Bruce: Reminded us that Molly is on the Board there. Maybe we could work through her to get better participation.

Fred: He will talk to new manager about our program.

Braggs:

Bruce & Velvet - Velvet got an AWARD of Merit at Westminster

Cherie & Mori – After getting another point at Kingsburg, he now has 7 Conformation points.

Cherie & Moon – The latest Aussie Journal had Moon listed in the top of Open Preferred.

Linda & Maci – At her first Show, Maci got a 2nd and a 4th in a very large 4 to 6 Month Puppy Class.

Linda & Pandi – At Kingsburg also, Pandi got two Reserves and Winners Bitch.

Next Meeting: Will be at the Kennedy's on March 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06.

M/S/V Al/Fred/Passed

Address and Phone Changes:

Pat and Gene Barnes – biggenol@sbcglobal.net

Bruce Bertholf – cell phone: 209-840-1676

Make note in your Membership booklet

Upcoming Events:

March -

Every Weekend: NADAC Agility – WAG, Elk Grove (entries have closed)

20 – 21: AHBA Herding, Oxford Ranch, Lodi

24: Obedience Classes, STKC, Sonora

27 (one day): All Breed Fun Match, Conformation & Obedience, Doberman Club, Rancho Cordova

April

3-4: AKC – Agility/Conformation/Obedience – Yosemite KC, Merced

3-4: AKC – Agility – Davis DTC, Dixon

3-4: ASCA – Herding – Oxford Ranch, Lodi

10-11: NADAC, Agility, Ready 2 Run, Reno

10-11: AKC, Agility, NorCal Golden Retriever Club, Hayward

17-18: NADAC – “Pepper Memorial” Agility – Carson City (event has filled, but donations to Morris Animal Foundation still accepted)

24-25: AKC Agility, Sacto Club, WAG, Elk Grove

30-May2: NADAC, Agility, Ready 2 Run, Carson City



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