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# HOWLER



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## Letter from the President ~~~

### Happy Spring!!

We did receive some "news coverage" with the article in the Union Democrat on Monday, March 22. There was no contact by the Democrat with any member of the Kennel Club for a response. The article also did not identify us by actual name, just the "Kennel Club".

We have started our next series of obedience classes and have a great bunch of dogs and handlers in this session. Several said they heard about us through the newspaper. The Rally class continues to gather more interest and more Kennel Clubs are offering it as a class at their trials (non-regular until 1/2005).

The agility trial in June is coming together. Entries are coming in. With the ability to put the premium list on our website and send people to it to print their own copy, has saved a considerable amount of postage and paper for the Club, let alone manpower.

With the warmer weather, many members will be out in the show rings with their dogs. Good luck to everyone this spring. Keep the brags coming!

Until next month,

*Linda*

### General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.



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### Information from the AKC Gazette

During the month of April, the registrations of 41 litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of 64 registered dogs and rendering 124 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 3 litters were cancelled for impure breeding and 38 litters were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.



### STKC Board of Director's Meeting

January 29, 2004

Linda Grant's home

Start time 6:05

Present: Linda Grant – President, Bruce Bertholf– VP, Fred Helmbold– Treasurer, Cherie Gessford– Secretary, Board – Ann Brown, Pat Helmbold, Mary Kennedy, Carol Frazier, Al Kennedy.

1. Carol – Seems like a few members do all the work. Al – We need to draw other (non-competitive) people into club. Get pet people involved. Sponsor a dog walk would be one way.  
Cherie – Who wants to volunteer to do it?  
Fred – Discussed a Dog Park. New head of Humane Society wants to broaden what they do.  
Linda – Float in Parade, Home Show, Fair are some ideas.
2. Fred – Update on training facility. Pursuing a joint venture with the Humane Society for Obedience and Agility.

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

Pros and cons were thrown around, grading, water, grass, fencing, and training of Volunteers were discussed.

3. Cherie – Rally has been passed by AKC for a Regular event, starting January 2005. Will the Board approve it as a non-regular event at our November Show? This was discussed. M/S/P Mary/Cherie/Passed.

Linda will contact AKC to apply to have Novice Rally.

4. Carol – Wants common courtesy to be followed at the meetings.

5. Ann – Read a quote from the 9/23/03 Board meeting about what was said about the "Ringworm Discussion". There followed a lively discussion, hopefully all was resolved

6. Linda – There was a discussion of using Jennifer Slater's field for practice. Tabled.

7. Cherie – It was suggested to have some sort of "Year End Awards" at our Christmas Dinner for Club Members. This was discussed. A committee will be set up to consider it. Carol volunteered to help.

8. Linda – Big Show update. Judges are being hired. Other small items were brought up.

9. Bruce – Has been hearing fees to AKC for Shows are going up. Linda will call AKC to find out exactly when and how much. We may need to adjust this in our entry fees.

10. Fred – Would like to give a deposit and get the contract from the Fairgrounds as soon as the date is firm with AKC.

M/S/V Al/Fred/Passed

11. Linda – AKC Agility update. Negotiations were discussed with the Rec Department. They are going very well.

12. Linda – NADAC/ASCA/AMBOR Agility Trial update. NADAC sanctioning done, ASCA and AMBOR in the works.

13. Linda – Asked Pat to print up a current Membership roster.

14. Linda – Clarification with Al on "New Business" at General Meeting.

15. Ann – Table Sponsorship Form.

16. Linda – Class Committee meeting will be set at a later date.

Next Meeting set: Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Adjourned: M/S/P Bruce/Pat/Passed at



***STKC Board of Director's Meeting***

March 10, 2004

Mother Lode Fairgrounds

7:22 PM starting time

Present: Linda Grant – President, Bruce Bertholf – VP, Cherie Gessford – Secretary, Fred Helmbold – Treasurer, Ann Brown, Pat Helmbold, Mary Kennedy, Carol Frazier, Al Kennedy – Board Members.

Agenda items:

1. Instructors/Assistants for Obedience Classes

a. Mary – The question is, does a Student Instructor get a free class? According to the Policy Manual, they do. Past practice was otherwise. So this was clarified, they will get a free class.

b. Cherie – The proper place for an instructor to start is at the Student

2. Instructor level

a. Linda – Student Instructors should have taken a class with STKC, or waived on a case by case basis.

b. Fred – Suggests that we add a "c" to Instructors description as to progression.

c. Cherie – Makes a motion to add "c" to Lead Instructor – c. Must have been an Assistant Instructor, and add "c" to Assistant Instructor – c. Must have been a Student Instructor.

d. M/S/V Carol/Fred/Passed

e. To be presented at March meeting, to be voted on at April meeting.

3. Big Show – Job Assignments

a. Cherie and Ann – Obedience, Stewards – Sydney, Pat Barnes?, Patti, Jennifer, Galen and friend.

b. Parking – with the understanding of job constraints at that time.

c. Carol – to shadow Linda.

d. Education – need a volunteer

e. Obedience Judge – Karen TenEyck for regular and Rally.

4. NADAC June Trial – Job Assignments

a. Bruce – Chair

b. Linda – Secretary

c. Pat – Score Table

d. Linda – needs XP upgrade on laptop for scoring. M/S/V Fred/Pat/Passed

e. Fred – Equipment

f. Cherie – Chief Course Builder

g. Jo-Ann and Carol – Hospitality

h. Fred – work release people to help – Fred needs and assistant to help when he is busy, Al - tentatively

5. Report from Rec Dept – Carol - There was some mixed up communications with the Rec Dept and Soccer. We do have the date and a signed contract.

6. AKC Breeder Referral – Linda – This is such a difficult task to accomplish. We decided to get every Parent Club listing as they will have a better idea of who is a good breeder.

7. Year End Figures – Fred

a. Copies of the End of the Year figures were passed to all present for us to go over.

- b. Mary – What happens to the 30% that goes to the Club from Classes?
- c. Fred – under the 2003 method, the Club picked up the costs of grounds and utilities, under the 2004 method, this comes out of instructors money.
- d. Linda – Conformation Classes are a drain on the Club because mostly Club Members, with the Instructors getting a free class, with the Club paying their fee. It was decided to only offer 2 classes a year, and try to recruit new attendees.

8. New Business: All

- a. There are many ways we are trying to cut costs this year, many positives.
- b. There have been major steps with the Agility Trials this year, cheaper grounds, meals, no supervising judge, etc.
- c. Trying to get some provisional judges for Big Show.
- d. More entries because of the one week move up on the calendar will be offered. The weather was better last year.
- e. There is better Board communication since we have gone to "Reply All" in our E-mail notices.

Next Meeting –Linda - To be set at March's General Meeting.

Adjourned – Linda – 8:55 PM M/S/V Fred/Al/Passed

*General Membership Meetings -  
2004*

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Rebekkah & Louis Mastro

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Carol Frazier

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Linda Grant

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Cherie Gessford

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Pat Barnes

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Jerry & JoAnn Gritz

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Fred & Pat Helmbold

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Rebekkah and Louis Mastro

## You know you're an agility person when....

You dress like a lawyer on weekdays and someone who needs a lawyer on your days off.

You plan your pregnancy around the show season so you won't miss trials during the eighth and ninth months.

You buy clickers by the case, and carry them in your pocketbook, your briefcase, and the console of your car.

You'll drive an hour in a snowstorm to get to class, but God forbid you have to drive 1/2 hour to a friend's house for dinner.

Your friends no longer ask to get together with you on a weekend afternoon because they know you'll say -- "I can't, I have to train."

You consider a golf course as a waste of a good show site.

Your boyfriend/husband complains that you love your dog more then you love him and you answer: "And your point is?"

Your husband does something nice for you and you say "good boy" and pat him on the head.

No one wants to ride in your car because they'll get dog hair all over their clothes...that's OK because then you'd have to rearrange all the crates to make room for them, anyway!

You trade your yuppie mobile for a van, so you can better accommodate your dogs.

You give directions to your house and say, "It has a tunnel and a bunch of poles in the front yard."

You pull change from your pocket at work, and treats fall all over.

The real estate agent asks what kind of house you want and you say "One with an acre of flat land".

You have the class and show schedules in your head, but frequently miss the kid's piano lessons, girl scouts, or changing the oil in the car.

Your tax refund is targeted to buy an A-frame, not the family vacation.

You leave work feeling stiff, tense, with a stomach or headache, and all those feelings disappear the minute you get to agility class.

You hate posing for pictures unless you're with your dog.

Your idea of a social outing is the Saturday night agility trial dinner.

You spend more time riding in your car going to agility classes and events than you spend at home.

The concept of sleeping in on the weekends has long since faded from your memory.

You know more about canine nutrition than human nutrition – and it shows.

You've forgotten what a vacation is, because you spend all your paid time off (re)painting equipment, visiting the vet, going to shows, etc.

The only thing your friends, colleagues, passing acquaintances can think of when they see you is "How are the dogs?" or "How many dogs do you have now?" or "How did you do at the last show?"

You go on a diet, not to be more attractive, but to be a better handler.

You drive by ANY field ANYWHERE and judge its qualities as a training site.

You feel tired all day at work and then go home and train 3 dogs.

The first bills you pay each month are all trial fees.

Your first priority when moving or traveling is to locate the nearest training facility.

You gladly move A-frames and dog walks around, but make the kids carry in the groceries.

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## *Illness and Injury*

*Sunshine Chair - Mary Kennedy*

Carol Leeman – former Club member recovering from surgery

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## *Phone Changes:*

Linda Grant – cell phone: 209-840-1677  
Make note in your Membership binder

## **U P C O M I N G      E V E N T S :**

### **A P R I L**

- 3-4: AKC – Agility/Conformation/Obedience – Yosemite KC, Merced
  - 3-4: AKC – Agility – Davis DTC, Dixon
  - 3-4: ASCA – Herding – Oxford Ranch, Lodi
- 3-4 ASCA – Conformation/Obedience – Delta ASF, Turlock
  - 3-4 UKC – WAG, Elk Grove
- 10-11: NADAC, Agility, Ready 2 Run, Reno
- 10-11: AKC, Agility, NorCal Golden Retriever Club, Hayward
  - 10-11: AKC Conformation, Sacramento KC, Cal Expo
- 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

### **M A Y**

- 1-2: ASCA – Conformation/Obedience (mixed breeds allowed in obedience) - CVASC, Kingsburg
  - 7-8: ASCA – Conformation/Obedience – PASA, Santa Nella
- 7-8: AKC – Conformation/Obedience – Camellia Capital KC, Woodland

## *Easter Morning Heavenly Manna*

**Bakes up to 12 squares of saintly goodness**

Whether your dog is a Saint Bernard or a Holy Terrier, he'll be praying for these on Easter Morn

6 slices white bread  
8 ounces low fat cream cheese, cubed  
4 eggs  
1 ¼ cup skim milk  
½ cup honey



- 🐾 Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- 🐾 Tear bread slices into cubes and toss lightly with cream cheese cubes
- 🐾 Place in an 8 x 8 inch greased baking pan and set aside.
- 🐾 In a mixing bowl, beat eggs together and add milk and honey. Stir well.
- 🐾 Pour over bread mixture and bake for 30 minutes. Cool, and then cut into squares. Store leftovers well wrapped in the refrigerator.

### **STKC General Meeting**

Monday, March 15, 2004  
Meeting Host's Al and Mary Kennedy  
Start time: 6:05 PM

Members attending: Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Ann Brown, Carol and Jim Frazier, Al and Mary, Patti Martlew, Jo-Ann Gritz, Pat Barnes, Louis and Rebekah Mastro.

Guests: Jennifer Slater and Carrie Stroble.

#### President's Report – Linda:

1. A proposed change in the Policy Manual was handed out. It adds a "c" to the Lead Instructor and Assistant Instructor on page 5. They read - "Must have been an Assistant Instructor with STKC for at least one session." and "Must have completed one

STKC session as an Student Instructor." These changes will be in the Howler and will be voted on at the April meeting.

2. The Howler had the Eligibility Requirements in it for AKC, this was to inform the Membership. Also the form for AKC "Statement of Compliance..." that has to be filled out each year
3. June NADAC/ASCA/AMBOR Agility Trial – the premium is made, need approval from ASCA, the new form has been sent in, and acceptance is expected shortly.

4. The Website is updated.

#### Secretary's Report – Cherie:

1. Read a flyer about a Liver Seminar.
2. Told about the new program from Front and Finish for Agility and Obedience Awards.
3. Read Carrie's Application.
4. Voted on Jennifer. Voted into the Club.

#### Treasurer's Report – Fred: None

#### Obedience/Rally/Puppy/Conformation Report:

1. Basic – Linda: Graduation was March 10th, one week later than expected due to the storm. We had 8 dogs micro chipped by Molly. There were 12 that attended and 11 that passed. Many Club members helped which was appreciated a lot.
2. Session is March 24th at 6:00 PM, with the first night held behind the John Muir and Sierra buildings on the lawn. We have 8 signed up already, and lots of phone calls.
3. Rally – Cherie: It will be held at 4:45 before Basic. There are several returnees with a few from Basic.
4. Puppy – Cherie: This class will be at 6:00 at the same time as Basic. Never know until that night how many will show up.
5. Conformation – Linda: The Board has decided to have only two sessions a year. The instructors come from the Rocklin area, it is a long drive for them.

We also need to promote this class to get more handlers involved besides mostly Club Members.

6. Conformation – Carrie: She was wondering if a show and go might be practical after Basic. We could all help each other. We will consider it after the time change.

Agility – Linda and Cherie:

We need to schedule a work party for the equipment during April or May. The slats have to come off the A-frame for NADAC. Bring your calendars next month.

Membership – Pat H.: Will bring books for new and perspective members next month.

Mary – She passed out 4 membership applications at Graduation.

Publicity – Sydney: She had the radio announce the new class info on the air. She suggested we attach our business cards to the bottom of the flyers where they are displayed.

Sunshine – Mary: Two cards were sent to Cherie for the loss of her two oldest dogs within 48 hours of each other. The Leeman's lost there Doxie and Carol suffered a stroke.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Mary and Al – Propose to use their horse arena for Agility Fun Runs. This will be presented to the Board at their next meeting for approval.
2. Jo-Ann – Wanted if the Club could give a class scholarship to a friend. She was told that the Humane Society rarely gives out their free class certificates, maybe she could get one there.
3. Set Board meeting – Linda: On April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Linda's house.

Braggs:

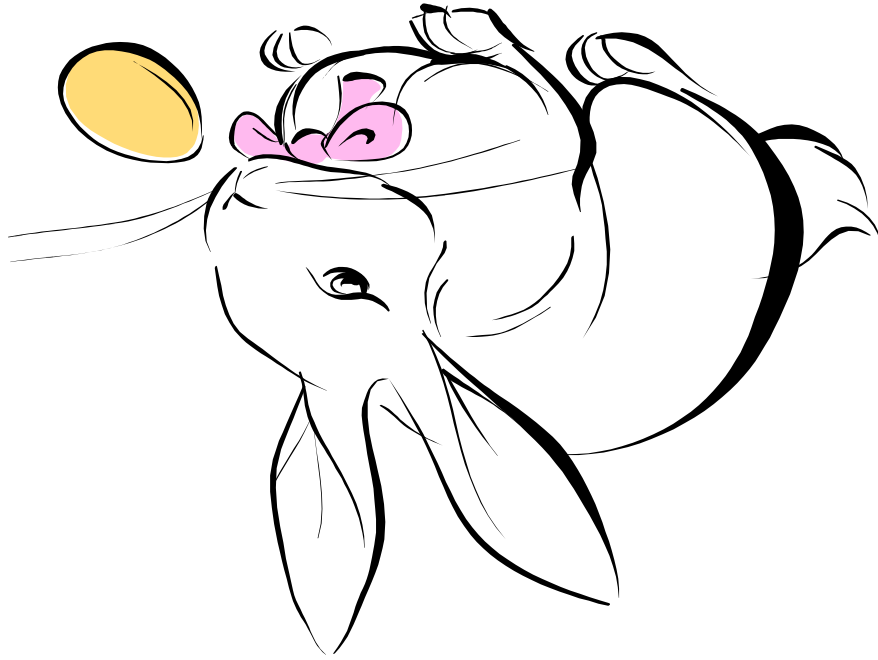
1. Jennifer & Keeper – 2<sup>nd</sup> High in Trial in CPE Trial in February. Finished CD at ASCA Delta Show in

March also. At a NADAC Trial at Starfleet she got 4 Q's including 2 in Elite Gamblers.

2. Jennifer & Jack Flash – Finally after 2 years he is recovering from foot surgery. At Elk Grove he ran 4 times with 4 Q's, 3 firsts and a second.
3. Carrie & Cruiser – Attended his first conformation match, tried 4 times on down and backs, eating Carries shoes the whole way. But did manage to get BOS to a 12 month old.
4. Fred – Got a wonderful table saw. Maverick and Abbey are carting.
5. Linda & Pandi – was awarded 7<sup>th</sup> in Open Preferred JWW in USASA for 2002, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open Preferred Standard in USASA for 2002
6. Linda & Dexi – at Tulare at an ASCA Herding trial, Bruce and Dexi got a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Started Ducks for his title, and a leg in Open Sheep for his title. Dexi is getting closer to the ASCA Versatility title (VCH).
7. Linda & Dexi – Ranked titled at 16<sup>th</sup> place for Started Cattle in 2003 for USASA (Top 20 listing).
8. Cherie & Mori – Earned his Elite Jumpers – Outstanding Jumpers Title. Received an award from United States Australian Shepherd Association for Excellent A Jumpers with a 6<sup>th</sup> place national ranking.
9. Cherie & Moon – She received two awards from USASA for 8<sup>th</sup> place for Novice Preferred Standard and Jumpers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

Next month's meeting will be hosted by Louis and Rebbeka Mastro on April 19<sup>th</sup>.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

