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President's Message ...

Well, I hope everyone is as excited about the "Gold Rush Cluster" as I am. We are up 500 entries over the four days from last year. As of now we have 130 RV's. This is moving in the right direction.

We have some great vendors coming, so don't forget to get in the shopping mood.

Our second session of classes is underway. Thanks to Mary Barrett for taking over part of this session while Linda is out of town.

Don't forget to watch the dog legislation and help where you can.

CDOC is planning on filing a lawsuit in Los Angeles and asking for help.

See you at the show. Till next month,

Bruce

Who's Who in STKC??

Here is your 2008 Board of Directors and Officers for the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, along with ways to contact them. (Note: all terms will expire the end of 2008)

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Obedience Class Updates

The month of April brings the end of the 2nd series of obedience, puppy and rally classes to a close. The sessions have gone well, with Rally becoming quite popular.

We are reaching out to the local community and beyond, since some of our students are coming from as far away as Oakdale and Murphys. Our instructors strive to keep the classes interesting and informative.

Mary Barrett will be teaching half of the CGC classes in April during Linda's absences. Mary recently passed her CGC Evaluator Test, and has been assisting for several years. We are still looking for assistants who may want to teach a class. It is hard on the current instructors to teach time after time.

Graduation was held on March 5th and we had a great turnout, with the normal BBQ'd hotdogs and sodas. Thank you, Rocky, for always doing a great job with the BBQ.

Here are a few photos from that fun event:



Puppy Class
(where are the puppies?)



Test #10 - Isolated supervision



CGC Test #1



Stay and Recall

March Meeting Highlights ~ ~

Next Meeting --

April 21, 2008

Location -

Humane Society of

Tuolumne County,

Conference Room

10040 Victoria Way,

Jamestown

Here are some of the highlights of the March 17th meeting:

- ⇒ Work party at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 22. We'll start at the trailers at the Humane Society, then move to the shed.
- ⇒ The new Club polo shirts were handed out. It was determined to wear the green shirts on Saturday and the tan shirts on Sunday

- ⇒ Jo-Ann had the "STKC Friends and Memorial Boards" at the meeting. New photos will be included as Jo-Ann gets them.
- ⇒ All the Rally stewards for both days will be from STKC Club members. Cherie had a workshop for the Stewards and members present.
- ⇒ The lunch menu will be cold cuts, salads, rolls, desserts and beverages. If the weather

is cool, soups will be added.

- ⇒ The hospitality items for both Clubs will be paid out of the Cluster account, which will be a savings for both Clubs. Extra items can then be shared between the days, so there is no waste or duplication.
- ⇒ We will have 4 STKC RV-ers staying at the show.



CLASSIC PEANUTS® / by Charles Schulz



The Standard of The Breeder/Owner/Handler

.....occasional
stiffness due to
leaning over large
dogs or crouching
behind small dogs
is permissible.

General characteristics: The ideal is an energetic, far-sighted creature with the courage and perseverance of a hound and natural antipathy for losing. He should appear neither clumsy nor awkward, as a certain amount of speed and agility is essential while doing his thing. He is usually found in packs at dog shows.

Size: Overall balance (mental and physical) is of more value than absolute size.

Head: The width between the ears varies with wins and losses. Surmounted by a topknot of long or short hair, either flat, wavy or rather curly, on occasion may be thinning at the top or completely bald, but the latter is rare in females. The male is sometimes bearded—again, this is rare in females, but not unheard of.

Nose: A pinkish ting during the summer months. This should be penalized on an otherwise good specimen.

Ears: In proportion to the head. Ability to listen while in the company of the elder and wiser breeders is greatly desired.

Mouths: Large enough to put foot in. A slight bulge in the jaw denotes a liver bait.

Body: Short-coupled variety: usually plump and well panned in hindquarters, flabbiness to be penalized. Long-coupled variety: lean and sinewy. Extra size being no disadvantage in either variety provided it does not interfere with freedom of action.

Shoulders: Never drooping. Broad enough for slapping or crying on.

Back: Muscular and strong—however, occasional stiffness due to leaning over large dogs or crouching behind small dogs is permissible.

Chest: Plenty of room for heart.

Forearms: Flexible and well-muscled, caused by lifting crates, putting up tents, carrying dogs and much grooming.

Hands: Working specimen will have short, chewed nails—signs of length of loss shall be penalized accordingly.

Legs and Feet: Very muscular and flexible. Endurance is not of great importance. Knees well bent and pitted by small stones from kneeling outdoors.

Color: Immaterial. Green color denoting envy or red color denoting hate is a disqualification.

Temperament: Aloof and dignified, even elegant while working. A cheerful, spirited and tractable disposition desired when in the company of the pack. Shyness among strangers is not considered a fault; however rumor mongering and viciousness in any degree is a disqualification.

General Faults: Over-grooming; tardiness in arriving for ring call; bad sportsmanship and backbiting.

If I didn't have dogs...

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several furry bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would have money and no guilt to go on a real vacation.

I would not be on a first-name basis with six veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grandkids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading "mud" season.

I would not have to answer the question "Why do you have so many animals?" from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How EMPTY my life would be!



"GOLD RUSH CLUSTER" - APRIL 3-6, 2008

Well, our entries closed at Noon on March 19, 2008 and now we wait until "Show Time". We ended up with 1076 entries on Saturday and 1053 entries on Sunday. This is a huge increase for the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club alone, and it is an average increase of 505 dogs over the four days. With the current fuel costs and people being uncertain about their jobs and financial responsibilities, we should be very pleased with these numbers.

Some of the bigger entries for this year are: Bouvier des Flandres—27 on Saturday, Australian Shepherds—31 on Saturday, Golden Retrievers—26 on Saturday, Rhodesian Ridgebacks—29 on Saturday. Sunday's entries were very close to Saturday's entries.

The Golf Carts will be delivered to the fairgrounds on Monday, April 1, by Golf Carts, etc., located in Jamestown. They will have a "display model" at the fairgrounds during the show in exchange for some of the transport fees of hauling the carts back and forth. We also have approximately 15 vendors signed up, with 4 food/beverage vendors included.

The Polo Shirts have been received and look very professional. They were handed out at the March meeting.


There was a walk-through meeting at the Merced County Fairgrounds attended by Bruce and Linda from STKC, and Lynne Rosebrock and Deb Franklin

from YKC. Some of the items that STKC Club members requested, such as dividers or drapes around the food area were discussed.

A meeting with the Yosemite Kennel Club was held on February 22nd to start hiring judges for 2009. The judges that we contacted were all available and they are as follows (pending AKC's approval).

Houston and Toddie Clark
Dr. Pritchard
Sandra Goose-Allen
Betty Leininger
Ray Bay
Donald Booxbaum
Neil Graves

This is a huge increase for the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club alone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Class #4 Mary—Lead CGC	3 Gold Rush Cluster	4 Gold Rush Cluster	5 Gold Rush Cluster
6 Gold Rush Cluster	7	8	9 Class #5 Linda—Lead CGC	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Class #6 Mary—Lead CGC	17	18	19
20	21 STKC meeting H.S. 6:00 p.m.	22	23 Class #7 Mary—Lead CGC	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Graduation 			

New Law Prohibiting Spectating at Dog Fights

State Assembly member Pedro Nava will announce a legislative initiative combating dog fighting today, in a move that would effectively make it a felony to watch the canine sport in California.

Accompanied by the U.S. Humane Society West Coast Director Eric Sakach, Nava - who represents the 35th District, which includes Isla Vista - will announce the introduction of dog fighting legislation at a press conference at the State Capitol today. In a press release, Nava said California should further prosecute dogfight spectatorship.

“It is imperative that California join the 19 other states which have made it a felony to be a spectator at a dog fight,” Nava said.

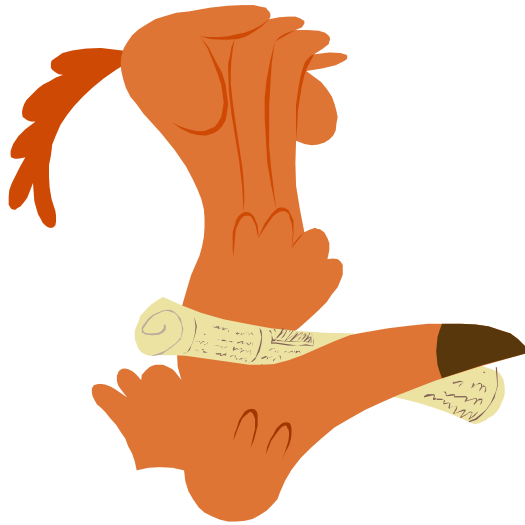
U.S. Humane Society President and CEO Wayne Pacelle said in a press release that the Humane Society commends Nava for his efforts to crack down on what they have referred to as “a despicable and indefensible practice.”

“Spectators finance dogfights through admission fees and gambling, and California’s law is deficient in handling these people who cheer and enable this cruelty,” Pacelle said. “The Humane Society strongly backs Assemblyman Nava’s efforts to crack down on the entire cast of characters involved in dog fighting.”

Nava has cited the recent number of high profile cases dealing with dog fighting as motivation for introducing the legislation.

It is estimated that 40,000 people are involved in organized dog fighting with an additional 100,000 individuals partaking in unorganized street-level dog fighting. This level of activity equates to an estimated 250,000 dogs dying annually, according to the press release.

In addition, studies have shown a direct correlation between those arrested for animal abuse - which includes dog fighting - and those arrested for violent crimes against other people, the press release said.



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