

THE

HOWLER



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Notes from the President ---

Our September AKC Agility trial is right around the corner. This year we will be at a whole new location – Standard Sports Complex. It is very exciting to be at such a wonderful location.

Our Annual November AKC Show and Obedience Trial is not happening this year, but we still need to look to next year. I have had several emails from disappointed exhibitors who want to be sure we have a show next year. With all the hard work we do to put on that show, it is nice to hear that people really do appreciate and enjoy our show(s).

Our last session of Dog Obedience classes for 2004 will be starting shortly. The students we have had this year have been wonderful and it is a great pleasure to provide them with the instruction that they need to have great dogs. We've had some heart warming "rags to riches" type transformations in some of our students. One especially comes to mind that was in the last class. The dog came to class the first night, not putting her front feet on the ground; always up on her hind legs, bouncing up and down. The owner was the daughter of the previous owner, who had spoiled the dog horribly. Although it was a small dog, it would not let anyone touch it, let alone get a collar on its neck. Well, the owner came every week, practiced faithfully, and graduated with her Canine Good Citizen. The dog was socialized, happy, walking politely on leash, sitting, staying and all of the other things good dogs do.

That is what it is all about,

Until next month,

Linda

Information from the AKC Gazette

During the month of March, the registrations of 51 litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of 59 registered dogs and rendering 157 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. 4 were cancelled for impure breeding, and 47 were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.



During the month of April, the registrations of 53 litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of 88 registered dogs and rendering 161 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration.

2 were cancelled for impure breeding, and 51 were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.

During the month of May, the registrations of 89 litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of 149 registered dogs and rendering 297 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. The 89 litters were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage Evaluation.

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

T-Shirts	\$10.00 XL: \$14.00
Tank Tops	\$8.00 (XXL: \$10.00)
Sweatshirts	\$17.00 (XXL: \$20.00)
Hooded/Zip Sweatshirts	\$25.00

Contact Linda or Mary Kennedy

General Membership Meetings -

2004

August 16th – Pat Barnes

September 20th – Jerry & JoAnn Gritz

October 18th – Fred & Pat Helmbold

November 15th – Rebekkah and Louis Mastro

December 20th – Holiday Party

2005

Let Linda know which month(s) you would like to host a meeting.

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2004
Meeting Hostess – Linda Grant
Start time – 6:03 PM

Members attending – Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Patti Martlew, Ann Brown, Carol and Jim Frazier, Al and Mary Kennedy, Jennifer Slater, Carrie Stroble, Sharlene Craig.

Guests –

Leslie McCulloch – ACD, BC X Voted into Club
Bonnie Belisle – soon to be Aussie owner

President's Report – Linda:

The May-June Howler was passed out.
Thanks were given to all helpers at this past weekends Trial.
Emails were read from exhibitors.

Secretary's Report – Cherie

Flyers were passed around for several upcoming events.

Treasurer's Report – Fred:

There are still a few more bills to come in, but the profit for the Trial looks good.

Class Reports:

Basic – Linda: There are 16 students in this session. Flyers were passed out for the next session which will start on August 118th.
Rally – Cherie: There are 3 "advanced" and one new student.
Puppy – Cherie: There are 13 puppies and owners.

Agility Field update – Fred:

The field has been graded and a few small trees removed, so work is going forward.

Membership – Pat H./Mary:

No report

Publicity – Sydney:

No report
Linda commented on the good coverage.

Sunshine – Mary:

No ones in the hospital. All is well.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie:

All scrapbooks will be on display next month at the General Meeting.

NADAC/ASCA/AMBOR Trial – Round Robin:

Show Chair – Bruce: All went well. There were lots of new people that really helped. There was lots of positive feedback.

Show Secretary – Linda:

There were a number of problems with DogEventsOnline. Everything else went well.

Scorekeepers – Linda: Had awesome helpers both days, Carrie, Barbara, and Ed & Nancy Wyllie. There were consistent data entries, with minor glitches. All data has been submitted to NADAC, via electric format and hard copy.

ASCA's will be mailed off on Wednesday.

Hospitality – Carol/Jo-Ann: The sandwiches worked out well. The cost was \$4 each which included all condiments, chips, and ice. The mornings were done for under \$100.

Jerry and son were a fantastic help.

Crew/Worker Assignments – Jim: All worked well, with special Thanks to our new helpers, Leslie and Gene.

Grounds/Equipment/Course Building – Cherie: Grounds were wonderful, with green grass. I would like a shadow at our September Trial as I will retire from this position next year.

Judges Dinner – Linda: It was enjoyed by those that attended.
Set Up /Break Down/ Wrap-up – All: We were all done by 3:00. Fred's crew stayed for final put away, a great help. The Judges were so accommodating. The exhibitors loved the 1st place and Q rosettes.

Old Business:

Fred – Need approval from Club to loan some Rally Equipment and ½ ring of baby gates to Grand Canyon Bernese Mountain Kennel Club. He will deliver and be responsible for the equipment. Carrie/Sharlene/Passed

New Business:

Sharlene – 1. Camellia Capital and Donner Kennel Clubs would like STKC to help them put on an Agility Trial.. We would train and furnish the equipment. This request was sent to the Board for study. 2. A new association is being formed for Kennel Clubs to join. It would be the AKC National Kennel Club Association. Would STKC be interested? This also needs further study.
Carrie – She is now carrying Solid Gold products in her shop.

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
Monday, July 19, 2004
Meeting Host – Cherie Gessford
Start time – 6:04 PM

Braggs:

Sharlene & Sassy - got a Group 1 Non Sporting in a Match at 3 months old.

Sharlene is now a real estate agent with ReMax.

Al and Mary & Fella – A Q in Open JWW and Open Standard at TRACS for AKC. At our Trial for NADAC/ASCA he got a 3rd place and Q in Novice Regular and a 4th place and Q in Novice Jumpers to earn his Novice Jumpers Title.

Fred & Pat & Grindle – They have 7 puppies, 4 females and 3 males. All doing well.

Linda & Pandi – At Northern California Australian Shepherd Club she got 2 Majors in Altered Conformation. Went Winners Bitch/Best of Winners on Sunday and Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Breed over 4 Specials on Monday.

Linda & Dexi – Got 3 Q's and all 2nd Places in Open Jumpers for his Open Jumpers Title at our Trial.

Jennifer & Julia -In CPE at Turlock one 1st.

Jennifer & Keeper – At the CPE Nationals, at level 6, two 1st and one 2nd, one 4th, for a total of 6 Q's. In Turlock at CPE, went 6 for 6 Q's.

Jennifer & Jack Flash – In 6 runs got 4 Q's at the CPE Nationals. At CPE in Turlock he was 3 for 3 Q's.

Jim & Emmy – At our Trial, 4 Q's, with a 1st, a 2nd, a 3rd, and a 4th. In NADAC at Elk Grove, 3 Q's, a 1st and two 3rds. She now has her Novice Titles in Regular, Gamblers, Jumpers, and Tunnelers.

Ann & Libby – In AKC on 6-5&6 got her NA and NAJ, with all Novice legs with placements. In NADAC at our Trial, She got her NJC Title and 7 Q's in 9 runs, with 6 placements.

Ann & Holly – Earned her Working Certificate from the Golden Retriever Club of America on 6-20.

Bonnie Belisle – Retired after working 39 years and living fulltime in retirement house in Groveland. Her husband, Warren, has bought 5 dog training books to read before bringing home their new Aussie pup.

Cherie & Mori – Has earned 2 Elite Gamblers in the last two weeks.

Cherie & Moon – At Ready 2 Run she earned her Veterans Novice Jumpers Title. At WAG she earned her Veterans NADAC Agility Trial Championship #4! Champaign was served. At our Trial she earned her 3000 Point Award, V-Open Regular-Superior Title, and V-Novice Jumpers-Outstanding Title.

Meeting adjourned :

7:21 PM Fred/Carol/Passed

Next Month's meeting at:

Cherie Gessford's house on July 19th.

Members attending – Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Pat Helmbold, Ann Brown, Sydney Seiver, Pat Barnes, Carrie Stroble

Guests- Bonnie Belisle, Aussie, Kiah

Presidents's Report – Linda:

The "Howler" was not sent for July because she was busy with the Agility Premium. It will be combined with the August issue. If someone would like to try their hand at doing the "Howler" it would be appreciated.

Vice President's Report – Bruce:

Information about bill SB1548 was passed out to members. This is about ear cropping which was tacked onto the bill at the last minute. Carrie asked if we could donate \$2000 to the fight. It was decided to donate \$250 to Dr. Anthony DiNardo who is spearheading the fight. Bruce/Pat H./Passed

Secretary's Report – Cherie

The above information on SB 1548 and about Chinese Crested request split in classes by coat.

Treasurer's Report – Fred:

No report.

Class Reports:

Basic – Linda:

There are 16 in the classes. Flyers and business cards were passed out for members to get out to vets etc. Graduation will be on July 28th starting at 5:15 PM. We need helpers, they can join in the hot dog graduation feed.

Rally – Cherie:

Five participants are in the class. Most will be able to compete in January.

Puppy – Cherie:

There are 14 puppies in the class. Most are doing extremely well. They are so much fun to watch.

Membership – Pat H./Mary:

Not much to report.

Publicity – Sydney:

She keeps trying to get reporters out to our events.

Sunshine – Mary: No report.

No report.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie:

The scrapbook from 2000 to the present is being passed around.

AKC Agility Trial – Linda:

1. Explained the situation at Standard Park. Pictures will be on our website.
2. Entries are coming in, so far there are 13 dogs entered. Entries close August 27th. If any of you are going to an AKC Trial, please take premiums to put on the check-in table. Only one out of over 200 premiums that were mailed out have returned due to incorrect address.
3. There will be a photographer and Agility in Action videos taken.
4. Everyone will have the same worker positions they had at the NADAC Trial unless they speak up.
5. These are the positions: a. Chief Ring Steward – Jim Frazier – this entails getting scribes, timers, runners, leash movers, tunnel fluffers, pole setters, gate stewards. This is a big job. b. Score Table – Pat H. and Carrie c. Judge's Gift – Pat H.- Will do the same bags as last time. d. Hospitality – JoAnn and Carol – Will be breakfast only, until 10:00 AM, as the concessionaire at Standard Park will do lunch. We can use their equipment and ice. We will do our own hotdogs on Friday for set-up. We have to guarantee 40 worker lunches at \$5.00 each. e. Course Builders – Cherie – Needs a shadow as this is her last Trial for this position. f. These are the positions that need to be filled - 1. Parking Coordinator – Carrie volunteers. 2. Grounds Coordinator – Carrie volunteers. 3. Probation Department Coordinator – need an assistant to Fred as he will be timing.
6. Snowshoe will not be able to accommodate us because of a large birthday party. Looking at getting the Peppery. Fred will contact owner.
7. We will be running one ring at a time. So not so many workers are needed at any one time. But it does take just as many for set-up and take-down.
8. We have plenty of ribbons left over from the last Trial. Gifties will be scarves, dog cookies, and plastic bags.
9. A tentative set-up time on Friday will be 8:00 AM.
10. Raffle – Louis – Bring your donations to Pat B.'s house. She will call the Mastro's to make sure they come.

Old Business:

1. ASCA records have been processed as Linda has already received titling certificates. NADAC takes a lot longer. Linda is still getting positive feedback via Emails about the Trial.
2. The Dog Park has been approved. We need someone from the Club to help draw up plans.
- 3.

New Business:

None.

Brags:

Sydney – She entered 100 things in the Fair, won 20 Firsts, 33 seconds, and 27 third places for a total of 80 ribbons. Fred and Carrie participated in the Arnold 4th of July Parade with their Berners, Abby and Cane, the Westie, Fancy, and 2 visiting Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Their carts were dressed in red, white, and blue. They won 1st Place. Cherie – got a new Aussie Puppy, his name is Woodstock's Wild N Scenic "Clavey".

Meeting adjourned :

7:35PM Bruce/Pat/Passed

Next Month's meeting at:

Gene and Pat Barnes house in Sonora on August 16th.



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Researchers studying Collies have discovered that breed's family tree includes not only several herding dogs but sight hounds as well. Nine related breeds, top row, from left are Collie, McNab and Shetland Sheepdog. Middle row, from left are, Australian Shepherd, English Shepherd and Miniature Australian Shepherd. Bottom row, from left are Longhaired Whippet, Old English Sheepdog, and Silken Windhound.

Collie bloodlines turn up surprising relatives Study: Herding dogs may be closely related to sight hounds

The Associated Press

Updated: 12:33 p.m. ET Aug. 3, 2004

WASHINGTON - Hardworking Collie dogs, graceful Longhaired Whippets and roly-poly Old English Sheepdogs may have more in common than meets the eye.

Researchers studying a single mutated gene in Collies have discovered that breed's family tree includes not only several herding dogs, but a couple of sight hounds as well, tracing back to a single animal that lived in England prior to the 1870s.

Collies, traditional herders but also one of the most popular family dogs, can suffer a potentially fatal reaction to 20 commonly used drugs. The affected dogs have a single mutated gene called MDR1 that makes them susceptible to drugs ranging from antibiotics to cancer drugs, steroids and heart medications.

A team of researchers led by Mark W. Neff of the University of California, Davis, studied 4,000 samples from purebred dogs and discovered the mutated gene in several other breeds as well as Collies, suggesting some previously unexpected family relationships.

Divergent breeds share same mutation

Just over half of tested Collies — 54.6 percent — had the mutated gene, the team reports in this week's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

But it also turned up in 41.6 percent of Longhaired Whippets, 25.9 percent of miniature Australian Shepherds, 17.9 percent of Silken Windhounds and smaller percentages of Australian Shepherds, English Sheepdogs, McNabs, Old English Sheepdogs and Shetland Sheepdogs.

Before the time of dog shows and strictly controlled breeding to keep breeds separate, dogs tended to exist in regional varieties depending on terrain and working style. Many traditional varieties began to be neglected in the late 1800s, and dog shows and breed registries were established to preserve the various dogs, with the Collie, Old English Sheepdog and Shetland Sheepdog among the first, the researchers say.

They suggest that the several herding dogs with the mutated gene probably shared it before the time of formal breeds, when sheep owners tended to use a variety of dogs to tend their flocks.

Tracing the gene to the Longhaired Whippet and Silken Windhound, both hounds that hunt by sight, is another story, the scientists report.

The Silken Windhound was developed in the 1980s by crossing several breeds, including the Longhaired Whippet, they report, making the Whippet the probable source of the gene in the Windhound.

Where did the Longhaired Whippet get the gene? Two possibilities.

The Longhaired Whippet is an ancient variety that was restored in the 1950s by a single breeder who also raised Shetland Sheepdogs, which could have been the source. But it has also been suggested, the researchers say, that the gene could have come to the hounds by crosses between Collies owned by Queen Victoria and Borzois, another type of sight hound, given to her by Russian Czar Nicholas II.



Subject: ACTION ALERT:

CA EAR CROP BAN 6/19/04

(From email sent by Bruce Bertholf on August 4th)

The ear cropping portion of SB 1548 was amended out of the bill at the hearing today. I was listening to it on the internet. You should have heard the noise when the bill author said that she wanted to take the ear cropping portion out. The chair had to admonish the crowd for the outburst. There were breaks in the audio coming over the net and I didn't get the Senator's name but one of them thanked the author for pulling the ear cropping so that they could support the bill. We have won the first round with this but I'm sure that PETA will be back.

Sunshine Chair - Mary Kennedy
Recovering from Surgery

Carol Frazier



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