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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The summer is almost over and soon we will be into the hustle and bustle of fall and winter. We should remember all the great things that this Club has done this year so far – the ATTS test in April, supported the Aussie Nationals in May, June was the ASCA/NADAC agility trial, August we had a booth at the Humane Society's dog adoption day, September AKC Trial and supported the Golden Gate Corgi Club's ASCA/NADAC trial, on-going obedience & agility classes, and then in November we'll have our Big Show. It takes many, many hours to put all of these events on, so "Thank You" to everyone who has helped out.

Linda

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 19, 2002

President Linda Grant called the meeting of the Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club to order at 6:15 pm. This month's meeting was held at the home of Fred and Pat Helmbold, Sugar Pine.

Members present were: Linda Grant, Cherie Gessford, Lindsay Stark, Fred & Pat Helmbold, Bruce Bertholf, Mary & Al Kennedy, Patti Martlew, Mary Phoenix, Nancy Wyllie, Mark and Holly Azevedo

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-Linda: A nomination committee was formed for the November board nominations, which will be Cherie Gessford, Holly Azevedo and Sydney Seiver.

It was M/S/P by Fred and Lindsay that any old equipment that the Club votes to be outdated or no longer useful will be put up for auction in the *Howler*. The minimum bid is \$1.00 and bids will be accepted for 1 month either to the P.O. box (PO Box 1256, Soulsbyville, CA 95372) or to Linda Grant's email (tyedyed@sonnet.com). The winning bid will be announced in the following *Howler*.

New Seminars: It was decided that any new seminars should wait until next spring. Seminar proposal requirements were outlined as follows: Whoever wishes to organize a seminar for the club, must make a written proposal to the club with the following information included: Instructors qualifications, fees, and seminar date. How many people may attend, how many may audit and what their cost would be.

SECRETARY'S REPORT-Lindsay: premiums were

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shared and many AKC rule updates. Please check the AKC website (www.akc.org) for rule changes, there are plenty of them! One of the new regulations is that clubs will have AKC signs at all events. It was M/S/P by Pat and Al to purchase a 3x8 sign if we in fact need to do that. There is some gray area there that Lindsay is going to verify first.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Fred: P/L breakdowns for all the classes to date and the NADAC trial.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

OBEDIENCE, BASIC-Linda: 18 students

OBEDIENCE, PUPPY-Lindsay: 15 puppies. It has been requested that we have an additional puppy class this year. It was M/S/P by Fred and Holly to have the class no matter what. Then Bruce had some comments to make and people wanted clarification. It was then M/S/P by Al and Linda to rescind the previous motion. After much more conversation it was M/S/P by Nancy and Al that the class be given as long as the Club did not lose any more that \$200.00

AGILITY-Linda: Next classes will start 9/12

SUNSHINE-Holly: No report

PUBLICITY: Flyers for new classes have been sent and the class has been listed in the Democrat.

Constitution/Bylaws-Lindsay: The Constitution has been sent to AKC for their approval, no word yet.

TROPHY-Holly: All ribbons are in and the November trophies are done at Wilson Studios.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AKC TRIAL Sept. – Lindsay: We are about ¾ full. Mary Phoenix will do hospitality and Pat will do

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Next General Meeting

September 16, 2002, 6:00 p.m.

SYDNEY SEIVER'S HOUSE AT:
22109 PARROTTS FERRY ROAD
COLUMBIA, CA 95370
209-533-8494

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7 – 8, 2002

AKC AGILITY TRIAL

Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California

Judge ~ Ann McQuillen from Placerville area.

SEPTEMBER 21 – 22, 2002

GOLDEN GATE PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB

ASCA/NADAC AGILITY TRIAL

Club will be providing NADAC agility equipment and key position. Judges will be Tammy Weibe and Judy Boone.

NOVEMBER 9 – 10, 2002

SIERRA TUOLUMNE KENNEL CLUB

AKC ALL BREED CONFORMATION AND OBEDIENCE

Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, California

Club will be hosting the annual "Big Show" which includes all breed conformation and obedience trials.

PELGER-HUET ANOMALY (PHA)

Pelger-Huet Anomaly (PHA) is a blood disorder caused by a dominant gene. It is lethal to homozygotes. Heterozygotes almost never have any problems related to it, but they can be identified with a blood smear.

The homozygotes, which have two copies of the dominant form of the gene, will die before or soon after birth. If this happens early enough in gestation, they

may be reabsorbed. Otherwise the puppies will be stillborn or die soon after birth. The net result is abnormally small surviving litters.

It is not a problem for a dog owner, because the homozygotes never live long enough to become someone's dog. It is a problem for a breeder and the best approach is to look at it the same way we do merle: If you don't want problems, don't breed two heterozygote carriers together. I see no reason not to breed an animal solely because it is PHA positive, so long as you don't breed it to another positive.

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the Score table. Please call Linda or Lindsay if you are available to help.

BIG SHOW November-Linda: The NORCAL Stewards have agreed to do our show. Cherie requested that the obedience stewards be compensated equally for their services since they are not included with NORCAL. M/S/P by Lindsay and Fred that their compensation be equal to the other stewards.

BRAGS

Bruce and Velvet (Doberman): Earned 2 legs towards her AKC CD in Santa Cruz

Fred and Maverick (Bernese MT. Dog): Reserve Winners Dog at Santa Cruz

Linda and Dexi (Australian Shepherd): At Carson City he got 2 first places, and 1 second place in Novice Standard for his Novice Standard title in NADAC/ASCA. He also went Winners Dog for 1 more point at Santa Cruz (11 total points out of the 15 needed for Championship). He also sired a litter of Aussie puppies born 8/18 – 4 girls, 5 boys (blue merles and black tris).

Cherie and Mori (Australian Shepherd): 1 double Q in MX & MXJ = MACH points

Cheri and Moon (Australian Shepherd): In Carson City she got 8 of 8 runs for a perfect weekend! Earned her ASCA superior Veterans Elite Jumpers Title, was HIT Aussie, HIT Veteran overall and got her ASCA ATCh. WAY TO GO MOON!!!!

It was M/S/P by Fred/Al to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

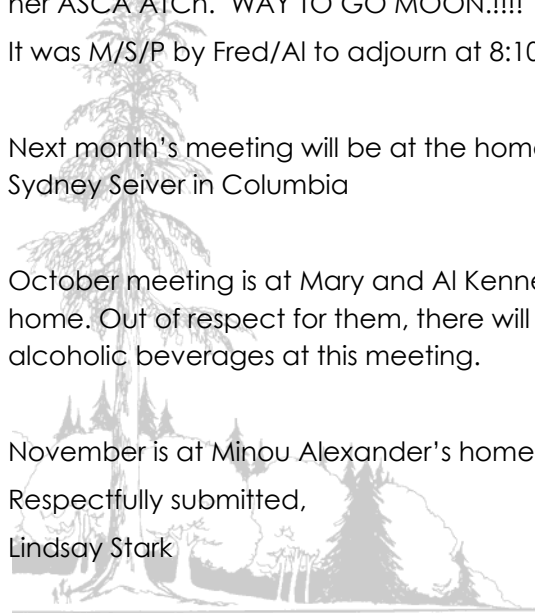
Next month's meeting will be at the home of Sydney Seiver in Columbia

October meeting is at Mary and Al Kennedy's home. Out of respect for them, there will be no alcoholic beverages at this meeting.

November is at Minou Alexander's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Stark



So, how do you find out the status? A blood smear is all that is required. There are a couple ways to have it evaluated. It can be sent to a lab to be viewed by a veterinary pathologist or your own vet can consult a pathologist to learn how to evaluate the smear and then do it himself or train his techs to do it. If a dog is positive, it is a carrier for PHA. All it's offspring that are to be bred should be screened before breeding to determine their status. If the offspring is clear, there is no reason to screen its offspring unless the other parent was a carrier.

If you have an animal that sometimes throws very small litters, or sometimes has stillbirths or pups that die very early, you might want to have that dog screened. It probably will not happen on every litter because if the mate is not a carrier, the litter will be normal.

If you learn that you have a dog that is closely related to a PHA carrier and you don't know the status of your dog's parents, it would be good to have it screened.

This is something you can live with. You just need to be aware of it and proceed accordingly.

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AUCTION ITEMS

Watch this spot in the future for silent auction items

The minimum bid will be \$1.00 and bids will be accepted for 1 month either to the P.O, box (PO Box 1256, Soulsbyville, CA 95372) or to

STKC Hikes

"STKC Hikes" will be on the Sunday after the General Meeting. Contact Minou at 532-1727 or Cherie at 532-9118 or lichen@mlode.com to

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If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can do all these things,

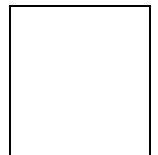


THEN YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG

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