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## Notes from the President ---

The September AKC Agility Trial was a success for the exhibitors. We had great compliments, even to the point of an exhibitor calling the Parks and Rec Dept to thank them for letting us have the trial on the grounds.

We had lots of hard workers who came out on Friday to help set up and we hosted the traditional hot dog lunch. Saturday and Sunday was another busy day, but we got done early both days. And the final clean up and removal of equipment was done within a few hours by those that stayed and helped out.

The Club is looking at a few months of no events, but it doesn't mean that work still doesn't continue forward on future trials and shows.

Our last event of the year will be the Obedience Class Graduations on October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are free and would like to come out for an hour or so to help, it would be appreciated. We have a larger than normal fall class and many are planning on graduating that night.

Next set of classes will be starting January 12, 2005 – puppy, Basic/CGC, Rally/Intermediate. If we have enough interest, a conformation handling class will be held. Please let me know.

The Nominating Committee is actively getting nominations together and they will be presented in the next few months. Actual voting will take place at the January 2005 meeting, which is our Annual meeting.

The Club needs hosts and hostess for 2005. Please sign up!!

Until next month,

*Linda*

## Information from the AKC Gazette

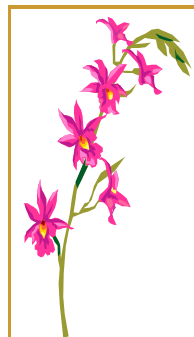
During the month of June, the registrations of 165 litters were cancelled, resulting in the cancellation of 171 registered dogs and rendering 490 dogs, members of these litters, ineligible for registration. One litter was cancelled for impure breeding, and 164 were cancelled as a result of the DNA Parentage 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



Word has been received that *Eugenia "Gena" Parker* passed away in Sloughhouse, CA on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing we have no details on her services or what her family's wishes are. Gena was one of the Club's founding members, and held the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. She had lived in Sonora for many years and moved to Sloughhouse to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law.

## Dogs 'sniff out' bladder cancer



**Dogs can be trained to sniff out bladder cancer, the first controlled experiments published claim.**

There have been anecdotal reports of dogs spotting cancer in

their owners, but now researchers say they have proved this phenomenon scientifically.

The scientists at Amersham Hospital, Buckinghamshire, ultimately hope to build a tool that is as good at discerning these smells as dogs' noses.

Their findings appear in the British Medical Journal.

*They were having to pick out smells for bladder cancer amongst the hundreds in urine and that's no mean feat*

Lead researcher Carolyn Willis

In 1989, researchers wrote a letter to the Lancet medical journal about how a woman claimed to have sought medical help as a direct result of her dog's inordinate interest in a skin lesion that turned out to be skin cancer.

Similar anecdotal claims have been made about cancers of internal organs like the breast and lung.

Cancers are thought to produce distinctive odours.

Even when present in minute quantities, it is possible that dogs, with their exceptional sense of smell, might be able to detect these odours.

Dr Carolyn Willis and colleagues conducted a carefully controlled experiment to see whether dogs could be trained to spot bladder cancer based on the odour of urine samples.

Over seven months, they trained six dogs of varying breeds and ages to discriminate between urine from patients with bladder cancer and urine from patients without bladder cancer.

On nine different occasions, each dog was offered a set of seven urine samples, of which only one came from a patient with bladder cancer.

### Highly-tuned noses

Overall, the dogs correctly selected the bladder cancer urine on 22 out of 54 occasions.

This success rate of 41% was significantly more than the 14% that could be expected by chance alone.

*Spaniels did the best...but we are still keeping an open mind as to what breed of dog might be best for the job*

Claire Guest, the dogs' trainer

Also, all of the dogs indicated one of the "bladder cancer free" samples as positive. This patient had been investigated prior to the study and no tumour had been found.

The patient's doctor was sufficiently concerned by the dogs' behaviour to do further tests.

These revealed a tumour in the patient's right kidney which had escaped diagnosis by usual medical tests.

Lead researcher Dr Willis said: "We are very excited because this is the first time this has been scientifically proven.

"Dogs have these fantastic olfactory abilities. .

"They are recognising a signature smell of cancer which is very difficult to pick up by any chemical methods.

"They are not just detecting a single chemical.

"They were having to pick out smells for bladder cancer amongst the hundreds in urine and that's no mean feat."

### Signature odours

The dogs' trainer Claire Guest said it was a bit like naming the ingredients of a soup.

"We looked at a whole range of dogs. The spaniels did the best...but we are still keeping an open mind as to what breed of dog might be best for the job."

The researchers hope to be able to identify the exact cocktail of chemicals the dogs were smelling.

Then they might be able to design a medical device to detect these signature odours and pick up cancers in patients. They will also investigate whether dogs can detect other cancers in a similar way, starting with skin cancer.

Cancer Research UK's Professor David Neal said: "Using sniffer dogs to detect the minute traces of molecules associated with cancer is a fascinating concept.

"Many cancer patients do have abnormal proteins in their blood and urine.

"The dogs might be smelling proteins from inflammation rather than the tumour itself, although the researchers have tried to minimise this possibility."

He questioned whether it would be practical to use dogs to detect cancers in real life, but said it might be possible to develop other detection methods based on future research in this area.

## General Membership Meetings - 2004

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Fred & Pat Helmbold  
November 15<sup>th</sup> – Rebekkah and Louis Mastro  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party

## 2005

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

**Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Monday, August 16, 2004  
Meeting Hosts – Pat and Gene Barnes  
Start time – 6:10 PM**

Members attending – Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Ann Brown, Carol and Jim Frazier, Sydney Seiver, Al and Mary Kennedy, Pat Barnes, Jennifer Slater, Rebekah Mastro, Jo-Ann Gritz, Carrie Stroble, Leslie McCullouch, and Bonnie Belisle.

Guests- Bonnie Belisle - Aussie

### Presidents's Report – Linda:

1. Vote on Bonnie for Membership. Voted in.
2. Delta is having an Obedience Trial in conjunction with an Aussie Show in Turlock in September.
3. Information about Clean Run was presented.

### Vice President's Report – Bruce:

The bill was amended to remove the ear cropping portion. The bill then passed. Our donation was acknowledged.

### Secretary's Report – Cherie

"Born to Win Seminar" flyer was passed around.

### Treasurer's Report – Fred:

The "to date" summary was passed around.

Class Reports: Next session starts August 18, 2004

Basic – Linda: 8 students are pre-registered.

Rally – Cherie: 2 students are pre-registered.

Puppy – Cherie: 4 students are pre-registered.

### Membership – Pat H./Mary:

There are two new members, so address sheets will be available at the next meeting.

### Publicity – Sydney:

1. The phone # mistake was too bad, but will be corrected free because it was the paper's mistake.
2. Bring pictures of your agility dogs to be considered for an article for the upcoming Trial.

### Sunshine – Mary:

Quiet this month with no need for cards.

### Historian/Librarian – Cherie:

No activity.

### AKC Agility Trial – Linda:

1. Entries are coming in, with 47 dogs so far for 81 runs. Entries close August 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. A work party needs to be set to put slats on the A-frame. Monday, Labor Day, September 6 at 9:00 AM was chosen.
3. If you had a job at the NADAC Trial, it is assumed you will have the same job again. They are as follows:
  - a. Chief Ring Steward – Jim Frazier
  - b. Score Table – Pat H. and Carrie
  - c. Judge's gift – Pat H.
  - d. Hospitality – Jo-Ann and Carol – mornings only
  - e. Course Builders – Cherie – needs a shadow to take over next year
  - f. RV Parking Coordinator – Carrie – only 3 signed up so far
  - g. Probation Dept. Coordinator – Carrie
4. Raffle – Louis and Rebekka – will be taking items tonight – going well.
5. Judge's Dinner – Fred – no group menu but we will be able to order off the menu.
6. Two rings will be set up, but only running one at a time.
7. The Judge will measure.
8. There are plenty of ribbons on hand. There will be small gifties of scarves, bags, and dog biscuits.
9. Pools will be set up.
10. Set-up will be at 9:00 AM on Friday. Fred's crew will be there.
11. Club members should be there at 6:30 AM on Saturday.
12. The Trial will start at 8:00 AM on Saturday.
13. There will be a photographer and a video photographer at the show, Off the Beaten Path and Agility in Motion.

Old Business:

1. Ann – Karen TenEyck hadn't been told yet about our November Show being cancelled. Linda would see to it.
2. Fred – No new information on the dog park. Grants are being worked on.

New Business:

1. Carol – Darcy has a new foster dog and needs a large crate if we knew of one.
2. Bonnie – knows of a couple that would like a rescue Aussie. Cherie will contact the rescue group in Nevada.
3. Carrie – wondered if our AKC Club name can be used for NADAC Trials. Linda had done research and it can.

Braggs:

Jim Frazier & Emmy – On July 23-24 at the Bay Team Trial in Sunnyvale she got 3 Q's with placements, a chicken leg from outside the ring during a run, and Jim won a contact trainer.

On June 26-27 in Gardnerville, NV, she got 4 Q's and 7 placements out of 8 runs.

Pat H. – They are keeping a girl puppy out of their litter that is a Show potential.

Sydney & Miles – he finally got a qualifying at Rally Obedience.

Sydney – got a new black kitten named Catcher and he gets along well with the three dogs.

Ann & Libby – At Napa Valley KC in Dixon she was in Open for the first time and got 2 legs with a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> placement. She is very fast and loves agility.

Fred & Abby – On July 16<sup>th</sup> in Williams, AZ she earned her Novice Draft Dog Title and did a demonstration of Open and passed.

Fred & Sugar – On July 17<sup>th</sup> she was third in Veterans Sweeps and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Veterans. On July 17<sup>th</sup> she was again 3<sup>rd</sup> in Veterans.

Al and Mary & Fella – In Placerville he earned three Q's with a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Standard and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Jumpers for his Open Jumpers with Weaves Title. In Dixon he got 3 Q's with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Jumpers and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Standard for his Open Title.

Jennifer & Keeper – At the Bay Team in Sunnyvale she got 3 Q's in Elite Regular with two 1sts and a 2<sup>nd</sup>, also one 1<sup>st</sup> Elite Gamblers Q with a 1st and one Elite Weavers Q with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Open Touch N Go she finished her Open Title and Open Versatility Award.

At WAG in CPE she Q'd in Fullhouse, Colors, and Jackpot at Level 6 with all first places. And at Level 5, she Q'd in Snooker Wildcard, and Standard with two 1sts and a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jennifer & Julia – At the Bay Team she got 2 for 2 in Jumpers and finished her Veterans Novice Jumpers Title.

Jennifer & Jack Flash – At the Bay Team he earned two Novice and two Novice Jumpers Q's. At the CPE Trial he

Q'd in Fullhouse Level 4 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Colors Level 3 with a 1st place, and Jackpot Level 3 with a 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Jennifer & Dutchess – Q'd in Fullhouse and Wildcard at Level 4.

Cherie & Moon – At PASA in Prunedale she received High in Trial Novice.

Cherie & Mori – At Feather River ASC in Placerville he earned 2 Altered Best of Winners and an Altered Best of Breed in Conformation.

Cherie & Clavey – At his very first Conformation Show, he was in the 2-4 Month Puppy Class with 4 in the class. He earned one 1<sup>st</sup>, two 2nds, and a 4<sup>th</sup>. Then he earned a Best Opposite to his sisters Best Puppy.

Meeting adjourned: PatB./Pat H./passed at 7:25 PM

Next Month's meeting at:

Jerry and Jo-Ann Gritz

**Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club  
Board Meeting**

**September 6, 2004**

**Jamestown Humane Society Parking Lot  
8:40 AM**

1. Linda – We received a letter about the excess funds left over after the ear cropping portion of Bill 1548 was removed before it was passed by the legislature. Over \$56,000 was collected. A motion was made to leave the excess of our money in a fund that would be sent to NAIAT for future needs.  
Bruce/Fred/Passed One Abstain

2. Linda – Carrie left a message with Linda that she and Sharlene Craig would be willing to be Co-Chairs for our next "Big Show". They will try to change the Show date. Linda will be in hovering mode if they need assistance. A motion was made to change Chairs.  
Carol/Cherie/Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.



**Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club  
Board Meeting  
September 22, 2004  
Pole Barn, Mother Lode Fairgrounds  
7:25 PM**

Meeting opened by President Linda Grant.  
A Nominating Committee needs to be appointed.  
Mary nominates Carol as Chair, with Sydney and Pat B. and Carrie and Lewis as Alternates.  
Al/Pat H./ Passed/One opposed

Cherie as Secretary will notify the above for their consent to be on the Committee.  
She will let Carol know if they accept.  
Carol will set a meeting time and the Committee will draft a slate of candidates. First asking them first if they are willing to serve.  
Secretary will notify all Club Members in writing before the November meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 Fred/Al/Passed

**Now we know why the dog  
ran away from home!!**



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*Sunshine Chair - Mary Kennedy*

Please let her know of a Club Member who needs a card sent to them.

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**Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Monday, September 20, 2004  
Meeting Hosts – Jerry and JoAnn Gritz  
Start time – 6:08 PM**

Members attending – Linda Grant, Bruce Bertholf, Cherie Gessford, Fred and Pat Helmbold, Patti Martlew, Carol and Jim Frazier, Sydney Seiver, Al and Mary Kennedy, Pat Barnes, JoAnn Gritz, Bonnie Belisle, Louis and Rebekah Mastro, Carrie Stroble, Sharlene Craig.

Presidents's Report – Linda:

1. There will be a Board Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to appoint a Nominating Committee.
2. A Board Meeting was held on September 6th to discuss ear cropping donation. And to grant Carrie and Sharlene co-chairmanship for the 2005 AKC Show.
3. The Big Show was discussed. Locations and new dates were talked about. The new Show Chairs will look at the 34<sup>th</sup> weekend. A motion was made to check out sites in Tuolumne County. Jim/Rebekka/ Passed
4. Bone name tags will be ordered for Club Members, a signup was passed around.

Vice President's Report – Bruce

There was left over money in the fund to fight the ear cropping. It was decided to leave our portion of the refund in a fund to fight similar future legislation.

Secretary's Report – Cherie

A letter from Fresno KC was passed around about Junior Handler Scholarships.

Treasurer's Report – Fred:

All the bills are not in yet from the AKC Trial, but the profit looks good at this point.

Class Reports: Graduation will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will need helpers.

The next session will start on January 12, 2005. It will be held inside at the Fairgrounds.

Basic – Linda:

There are 23 great dogs and handlers. One dog was lost to heat stroke while on a hike. The owner plans to be back next session with a new dog.

Rally – Cherie:

There are 5 in Rally.

Puppy – Cherie:

There are 17 puppies and all are doing well.

Membership – Pat H./Mary:

A new page for Carrie was passed out to the members.

Publicity – Sydney:

A photographer was contacted for the Trial, but didn't come. There was a good picture of Holli in the paper to advertise the upcoming event.

Sunshine – Mary:

A good report, no cards needed this month.

Historian/Librarian – Cherie:

Nothing new.

Old Business:

1. AKC Agility Trial – Linda - There has been lots of positive feedback from exhibitors. Emails were passed around to be read by Members.
2. Grounds – Fred - The Standard Park people were extremely happy with our Trial. The only problem was that the garbage cans should have been emptied on Saturday evening.
3. Equipment – Cherie - The only problem was with the tires. We will need to work on the them.
4. Chief Ring Steward – Jim - A big "Thanks" to everyone who helped. It was much easier with only one ring running at a time.
5. Scorekeepers – Pat and Carrie - Everything went smoothly.
6. Hospitality – Carol and Jo-Ann - Mornings went well, it was nice not to have to put on the lunches. The lady that did the lunches out of the snack shack was very happy also and wants to do it again next year.
7. Raffle – Lewis – There was a profit of about \$350.

New Business:

The Holiday Dinner will be at the Peppery on December 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be paid for by the Club. Fred/Al/Passed

Brag:

1. Linda & Pandi – Was Winners Bitch at Delta in Turlock for a 3 Point Major and her Alt-Championship.
2. Linda & Maci – In Dixon she was Reserve Winners Bitch in a large class.
3. Bruce & Dexi – In Dixon they were 1<sup>st</sup> in Excellent A Standard with 21 in his jump height.
4. Fred – Hosted a Kart Kamp and Draft Test over Labor Day Weekend.
5. Patti and Stryder – Q'd 3 out of 4 runs at our Trial in Novice.
6. Jo-Ann & Sunshine – Q'd 4 for 4 at our Trial in Novice.
7. Jo-Ann & Jed – Got perfect weaves on his last run at our Trial.
8. Al and Mary & Fella – Two Q's and 1<sup>st</sup> places on Sunday at our Trial.
9. Bonnie & Kiah – At their 1<sup>st</sup> Conformation Show, they got 3 second places in large puppy classes.

10. Sydney & Tess – Went four 1sts in Open P at our Trial
11. Sydney & Miles – On Saturday he got a 1<sup>st</sup> in Open Standard for his Title. On Sunday he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open Jumpers and Standard at our Trial.
12. Jim & Emmy – In August at NADAC in Carson City she got 4 Q's and 5 placements. She stayed in the ring 9 out of 10 runs. 1 Q and a 1<sup>st</sup> place at our Trial, and stayed in the ring all 4 times.
13. Cherie & Moon – Received 2 Certificates of Merit from ASCA for Agility.
14. Cherie & Mori – At a Delta Show he went Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed in Altered for a 3 point Major. At NorCal he was Winners Dog and Best of Winners 2 times for a total of 3 points.

Meeting adjourned :

At 7:40 Fred/Jim/Passed

Next Month's meeting at:

Fred and Pat Helmbold's house in Sugar Pine.

**HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 P.M.**

*The Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club will be hosting its Annual Holiday Dinner Party at the Peppery Gar and Brill in Sonora.*

*Menu will be the "Peppery Feast" –  
Chicken, Ribs, Tri-Tip, garlic mashed  
potatoes, green salad, garlic bread ---  
All you can EAT!!!*

*We will also be having the Wild and Crazy Gift Exchange. If you wish to join in the fun and frolic, please bring a dog-related gift (doesn't have to be something a dog would like, even what we would like is okay) with a value of under \$20.00 Sign-ups will be at the next general membership meeting, or contact LINDA at [tyedyed@sonnet.com](mailto:tyedyed@sonnet.com) or an old-fashioned phone call to 209-533-2276.*

# 2005 Membership Dues are due January 1, 2005

Single Membership - \$15.00 per year  
Family Membership - \$20.00 per year

Send your check and the form below to:

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