

# Barks and Tails

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is *Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at Kay's Bar-B-Cue, 1552 King St. (SR 520), Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm.* Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00.

Directions: From I95, take Exit201 (SR 520 toward Cocoa Beach. Travel to Clearlake Road and make a U-turn. Kay's is on the north side of 520.

Website: <http://www.kaysbarbque.com>.

## 2016-2017 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Edna Corney
Vice-President	Leslie Glaze Kovacs
Secretary	Maureen Finch
Treasurer	Betty Page
Directors	Catherine Crampton
	Marsha Busch Dyal
	Donna Lee

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month we will have Susan Smith President of FAKC with us to tell about her visit to Washington and the goings on in our state any information from her trip.

If your trophies have not been paid, please be sure they are paid by the time of the meeting.

Thank you for all that did preparatory work for the match. A lot of work goes into our events prior to them, so thank you to all who put forth effort. Even though we were not able to hold the event, we were ready.

On another front the paperwork was signed for our disaster trailer. More information may be available by the meeting.

Catherine may have information for us on the December Show, and our scheduled Fast CAT for the beginning of January is coming along. Premium lists for both are ready; any questions on the Fast CAT should be directed to Marsha Dyal.

See everyone at the meeting, and as always, thank you for everything you do. It takes many people working to accomplish all we do in our club and I thank you.

Edna

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 4, 2017

A General Membership meeting of the Brevard Kennel Club was held on October 4, 2107, at Kay's BBQ in Cocoa, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Brevard Kennel Club's President, Edna Corney at 7:01 pm.

## Minutes

Maureen Finch – the minutes from the September 6, 2017 meeting were accepted as provided.

## Treasurer Report

Betty Page – accepted as provided.

## Show Report

Catherine Crampton – the premium for the December show is out. Tonya Williams reminded everyone that is offering trophies to get payment to her ASAP.

## Match

Edna Corney – the match scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2017 has been cancelled. Brevard County is still working on cleaning up Fox Lake Park after the hurricane and the park remains closed.

## Handling Class

Edna Corney – offered clarification on why BKC moved the Monday night handling classes to Canine Star in Cocoa. BKC has been having problems with Brevard County Dog Training Club for several years and the members of the BKC Board of Directors felt it best to cut ties with Brevard County Dog Training Club.

## Canine Ambassador

Diane Whitney – AKC has a new representative handling the Canine Ambassador program. The new representative is going to write a course on becoming a Canine Ambassador. Pam Shaia thanked everyone that attended the Blessing of the Animals. Nearly \$400 was raised to benefit the Florida Wildlife Hospital.

## Fast CAT

Edna Corney – AKC has approved our Fast CAT in January. Please contact either Tammy Young,

Kristie Halkovic, or Edna Corney about volunteering your time the day of the event.

**Public Relations** – Edna Corney – we had a Meet the Breeds booth set up during the Blessing of the Animals. It was a great opportunity to speak with the general-public about pure breed dogs.

## Legislative

Betty Page – thousands of dogs are being brought in to Florida from other states and countries. The local shelters have become profit centers. When they don't have enough dogs to sell, they import them from other areas. These dogs often bring disease with them which have the potential to harm the canine community in general.

House Bill 153, the required matching legislation to Senate Bill, 132, has been introduced into the House of Representatives. But instead of being referred to the Agriculture and Consumer Services committee, which usually hears animal related bills, it was referred to the Careers and Competition Committee whose members have no knowledge of or interest in animal matters. This is a flagrant political ploy to keep the bill from being reported out of committee which would kill SB132 as well.

Betty sent out talking points, via email, to all the BKC members. Please take the time to contact your State Senator and State Representative, requesting that HB 153 be moved forward to the House of Representatives and approved.

## Old Business

Edna Corney – AKC's Relief Committee is offering funds to any legitimate animal relief organization that requests funding. Perhaps this would be an alternative to offering donations to Disaster Relief. Brenda Warner and Pam Shaia have requested that the Brevard Kennel Club Board of Directors address the possibility of hosting a microchip clinic in Brevard County and offering to purchase microchip readers for the local police and Sheriff department. Brenda and Pam would like to see any money the club spends stay in Brevard County to help the local community.

## General Membership Meeting (continued)

### New Business

Edna Corney – Catherine Crampton provided information on the projects we, as a club, must complete, to adhere to The AKC Statement of Compliance which governs our ability to host dog shows. Because both of our annual dog shows are held out of our jurisdiction, our club must host at least 2 major events and 4 minor activities every year to remain in compliance.

### Membership

Maureen Finch – Lynn Dowling and James Jones membership applications were voted on. Karen Locke was voted in as a member at the September meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Guests in attendance:  
Tim White  
Sherry Behrens

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## CALL TO ACTION! Florida HB 153

As dog owner's it is your responsibility to **ACT NOW!**

Legislators in Florida may finally be awakening to the problems caused by unregulated pet trafficking: HB 153 will address the overwhelming stream of imported rescue animals. Now it's time for you to do YOUR part and show your support for responsible rescue by writing to the members of the Careers and Competition Committee urging them to report HB 153 out of their committee.

HB 153 will outright prohibit the importation of animals from another state, territory, or foreign country for sale or adoption by any "public or private animal shelter, animal rescue organization, humane organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision."

We support responsible rescue and sheltering efforts, but the time has come for oversight and regulation of an activity that formerly existed to serve a public good, but which has transformed into a huge underground industry. The uncontrolled flow of imported animals puts both the pet and human population at serious risk from exposure to disease and parasites, and unfairly displaces resident surplus animals that need homes. A prohibition on the importation of unwanted animals from other states and countries is clearly in the best interest of Florida animals.

Attached is a copy of a letter you can send to the Careers and Competition Committee Members. If you "can't find the time" to send the letter to each committee member, please send it to Halsey Beshears, the committee chair and Randy Fine, the committee vice-chair.

Don't rely on someone else to do what you should be doing, **ACT NOW!**

*Maureen Finch, Secretary  
Brevard Kennel Club*



CH Sunset's My Heart, (SinJin), won Select and BOB Owner Handled on Saturday, and Select on Sunday at the September DeLand shows for two 3-point majors towards her GCH. The best part was on Saturday, when she was pulled out and looked at again for Best of Breed!

*Valerie Davies*



Carter got a new title last weekend. He is now:  
 CH Jazzies Sunshine On A Leash Carter BN RN  
 CA BCAT CGCA TKN  
 And he's also prepping for Halloween with his sisters.

*Johmann Goines*



Tabby, CH Snowbird Bedknobs and Broomsticks, is a New Champion! She finished in Deland with WB, BW, BOS and BOBOH on both days.

*Tina Schuler*



My boy Reeves earned his Versatile Newfoundland Title in September by finishing his last requirement. One of the highest honors Newfoundland can achieve. He is now:

VN CH Keanu Reeves at Point Break CD, BN, RN, CGC, TKN, DD1, WD, WRD

*Heidi Peterson*



Echo and Skylark won first place in the Petco costume contest. The pictures are from Pet smart, they did not have a contest

*Rachel Dyal*



Mary Thrasher: An artist's view of hurricane debris.

# Artist finds treasure in hurricane debris

MARY THRASHER  
BY MICHAEL COOK

For the last 10 years, Mary Thrasher has been painting the debris she finds in hurricane debris. The pieces are not just about the destruction, but about the beauty of nature that remains.

Thrasher, who lives in the heart of the hurricane zone, has found a treasure trove of debris in the aftermath of each storm. She has found everything from a single leaf to a whole branch.

"I find it so beautiful," she said. "It's like a little piece of nature that has survived the storm. It's a reminder that life is still going on."

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Mary Thrasher artwork.

More on Mary Thrasher's artwork  
[www.floridatoday.com](http://www.floridatoday.com)



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Florida Today ran a story on my art and me.

Mary Thrasher

2nd Annual

# HOWL-PAW-WEEN

## Petacular

Food



Saturday,  
10/28/17

Costumed Pet  
Promenade

Beverages



1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Caricatures  
by  
Lori Prell



At Myrt Tharpe Square  
(Gazebo)  
Cocoa Village

Treats  
OSSORIO  
Bakery and Café

Treats



HOSTED BY:

Win

"Fa-boo-lous" Prizes for:



Registration fee of \$15 per entry. Register Early for \$10 per entry at Tails at the Barkery by Friday, 10/27/17.

All Proceeds Benefiting:



All pets must be on a leash (or in appropriate carriers) and have current vaccinations and tags for the safety of our animals and friends. For more information, call: (321) 305-4584.