# Barks and Tails

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#### **MEETING NOTICE**

The next General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 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.

<u>Directions</u>: 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.

#### **2018-2019 CLUB OFFICERS**

President Edna Corney
Vice-President Leslie Glaze Kovacs
Secretary Kristin Halkovic
Treasurer Maureen Finch
Directors Catherine Crampton

Marsha Dyal Donna Lee

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hold onto your hat!!!!!

After visits, calls, AKC and the sheriff's department working together, the trailer has been started. The design and wording on the trailer as completed by AKC can be seen on page 3 of this newsletter.

Speaking of AKC, you will see something special from them, but Maureen and Brenda will tell you about that.

Looks like we have one maybe two dates for FAST Cats. Marsha will fill us in on those dates.

On the right is a photo of the puppy Leslie and I have decided to keep. She is very independent, knows exactly what she wants, and won't take no for an answer. The old adage is true: be careful what you name your puppy.

See you at the meeting.

Edna



Introducing: Corney's Corner I do it my way, aka Betty. Owned by Leslie and me.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dalia Druffatto, Sherry Hatfield, and Steve Thibodeaux

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING August 1, 2018

Maureen Finch, Kristin Halkovic, Marsha Dyal, Catherine Compton

Meeting was called to order by Maureen Finch at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary read the minutes from the June membership meeting.

President's Report – not present.

Kristin H. – Thank you note from Susan Smith thanking club for dinner in honor of Betty.

No date for 2019 Match yet.

Please call Cassie if you are scheduled to teach Handling class and cannot make it.

Jewel is going to assemble written teachers schedule for Handling Class to put on the website, Facebook and create a reminder for instructors through their e-mails.

Treasurer's report – Maureen Finch

CD signatures have not been updated yet. Maureen will make an appointment with Leslie to visit the bank and change account signatures.

Gave balances on various accounts; amounts are on file with the Treasurer.

Taxes have been sent to CPA firm, hope they will be completed by September. Maureen to be trained on Quick Books. Accountants will be handling balancing the checkbook.

Financial Planner will discuss best investment plans for our money. Current investments are earning miniscule amounts.

Show Report – Catherine

Show paperwork has been submitted to MBF; not much left to do for November show in Ocala.

December show— all judges have been submitted to AKC. Need trophy donations sent in quickly. Tanya will be asked to send out e-mail outlining what was donated last year. Red lines will be due in about a month and we will have to order the trophies. If you want something other than etched glass for December, let her know.

Nov. 2, 3, 4th are dates for our clusters show. Dec. 11, 12th are the dates for Royal Canin.

RV spots for Nov. are going fast; get requests in quickly. Agreement with Greater Ocala dog club researching what is included in that by Catherine.

Marcia Dyal – By-laws: went over changes that are being proposed and reasons why. Nominating Committee will start in December as elections have been moved up a month.

Vote on By-law changes will be tabled until September; redlined copy will be sent to members by Marsha and Val to be sent with September newsletter.

Brenda Warner – person running for office in panhandle active with animal rights. Susan T. shared that Brian Glover running on MI for County Commissioner very involved with rescue. Chuck Nelson will vote for spay neuter law in Brevard County, in primary Aug. 28th.

Brenda and Carol will reach out to Brian Glover to let him know where we stand on issues and hope he will support our concerns. He will be asked to put his position on mandatory spay neuter on his information. Brenda will post on FB page when meeting will take place.

Lyn Dowling will be putting out publicity for our shows next month.

Rip Dyal reported on leased land contract; has meeting with city.

Status of Disaster Relief Trailer was discussed and suggestions as to what to do if not finalized soon, possibility of backing out of it was discussed.

Discussion was held as to what is transpiring with the contract with the trailer. Will ask Edna to write up where we are with the trailer to put in the newsletter.

Dalia Ruffatto, Steve Thibodeaux, and Sherry Hatfield were voted upon for membership.

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

## Schematic for the Pet Disaster Relief Trailer



# **AKC Public Education Webinar Series**

# **Dog Show Rules**

August 29 at 3:00pm EDT

Bri Tesarz, Manager of Dog Show Rules & Programs, and Tim Thomas, Vice President Dog Show Judges, will discuss the rules and policies that pertain to clubs and the events they host. Bri and Tim will be available to answer questions and engage in discussion with attendees.

REGISTER



Koda earned his Canine Good Citizen title on July 30th. (7 1/2 months old)

Tamytha Jenkins







I'm pleased to announce that I have new dog: a Pittie named Shank who was rescue by my vet Dr. Donna Ragona. But according to AKC PAL No., Shank is an All America Terrier, so no more Pit Bull for him. Here's Shank showing off his true American style with his AKC PAL No. certificate along with his Aussie buddies Dare and Que.

Mary Thrasher



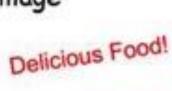


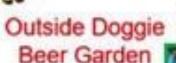
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# Study Shows Dogs Really Do Respond to Baby Talk

By Linda Lombardi

Admit it: you've used baby talk to communicate with your dog. The exaggerated intonation and hyper-articulation of vowels is thought to help human infants learn language and bond socially. But dogs aren't going to start speaking anytime soon, so . . . what's the point?

Well, a recent study published in "Animal Cognition" last month, found that dogs actually respond well to baby talk.

Researchers at the University of York in the United Kingdom tested two different types of speech on dogs. One type was a normal, conversational tone you'd use when speaking to another adult, with subject matter pertaining to human-oriented topics. The other was what researchers called "dog-directed speech," using exaggerated intonation when talking about dog-relevant subjects, like treats and walks.

To make sure the speech being tested was consistent, recordings were used. Two experimenters sat with speakers in their laps that played recordings of their own voices. A leashed dog was brought into the room, and researchers measured how much time he spent looking at each person while the speech was being played. After the recording ended, the dog was allowed off leash, and the time spent with each person was measured. Researchers found that dogs spent more time looking at the person who spoke in baby talk, as well as more time sitting with that individual once the recordings were over.

A second experiment was conducted to determine whether the choice of dog-related topics was the only factor keeping the canines' attention. Dogs once again heard recordings, but this time the intonation and subject matter were inconsistent. In one recording, the baby talk was paired with human topics. In the other recording, normal conversational intonation was used to discuss walks and treats. In this experiment, the dogs had no preference, showing that the combination of baby talk and dog-relevant subject matter was needed to keep their attention.

One question that remains to be answered is whether the preference is entirely learned or has an innate component. It's possible that puppies are born with a preference for high-pitched sounds, but they could also have a learned association with baby talk, seeing that it's often used in positive situations, like when attention and treats are given. Previous research found a preference for baby talk in puppies as young as 2 months old.

Past studies have also shown that we don't actually talk to dogs in the same way we talk to babies. While both kinds of speech have similar pitch and intonation, dog-directed speech lacks the vowel exaggeration we use with human infants. So, rather than being a silly habit, the slightly different ways in which we talk to babies and animals are quite sophisticated. We have an unconscious ability to match our speech to the potential language abilities of the listener. Just another reason to baby talk to your dog with confidence.