Barks and Tails

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MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at El Charro, 916 Florida Avenue, Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm. Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00. Website: http://elcharrocfl.com/ (Menu:

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2019/20 CLUB OFFICERS

President Edna Corney
Vice-President Leslie Glaze Kovacs

Secretary Kristin Halkovic Treasurer Marsha Dyal Directors Maureen Finch

Donna Lee

Susan Thibodeaux

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As many of you know Norm and Catherine Crampton will be moving to Delaware the end of September. Come to the meeting to wish Catherine well as they begin this next chapter of their lives.

Catherine has been a long-time member of the club and a good friend. She was show chair for probably 8 years, vice president for many years, and I don't even know the other offices she held.

This will be Catherine's last meeting, so come out to wish her well.

On another note, we have someone to make the chili [Chili Cook-off, November 8] – Chef Brice Eck; however, we need help the night of. We will need help setting up and decorating a tent, help giving out chili, and selling soda and water.

Tammy Eck has volunteered to chair the Match Committee, but we need a match secretary and other committee members.

Remember, handling class starts the 9th to be ready for Deland.

See everyone soon.

Edna

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Attached to this newsletter is a list of the BKC membership list. If you notice any errors or omissions, please contact Kristin Halkovic (khalkovic@cfl.rr.com).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Brevard Kennel Club was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on August 7, 2019 in Cocoa at El Charro Restaurant by President Edna Corney.

Present: Attendance list is filed with Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July 2019 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were given as well as costs for shows, IRS payment, donations, and other expenses.

Show Report: Leslie Kovacs, Show Chair, reported that everything has been completed, and the November premium list has been approved. The December premium list will be completed soon.

Trophies: Tonya – All are in.

Handling Class: Need a list of participants for handling class to enable club to notify participants of changes in the class.

Legislation: Susan Thibodaux reported on legislation throughout the U.S. Suggested that members share animal rights agenda with everyone they are in contact with.

Fast CAT: Rip and Marsha Dyal reported the field is currently under water due to the recent heavy rains. Will be measuring the field for a possible lure coursing event to replace one of the Fast CAT events. Will have information to present at the upcoming Board Meeting.

Match: President Edna Corney requested a volunteer to chair the required Match that AKC requires due to our holding shows out of area. There were no volunteers.

SAR Class: Researching dates.

Open Issues

- Café Margaux annual dinner is Saturday night. There are thirty-two (32) confirmed asked to contact Brenda Warner if you wish to bring a guest. Price for guest is \$40, nonmember. Deposit checks will be returned at the dinner.
- Police Canine Competition: Need volunteers for October 12, 2019 event.
- Susan Thibodaux researched the 501c3 pros and cons and will forward to any member upon request.

New Business

- Chili Cook-off is November 8, 2019; needs volunteers and someone to cook chili for BKC to participate. Decided to have Gail send a notice to members for anyone who would like to work and/or cook chili.
- Eric Salas handling workshop was proposed; however, there was no interest.
- Brenda Warner advised that canine officer
 Copper was moving to a new office and feels
 Copper's new partner would benefit from
 attending the Old Dominion Search and Rescue
 in September. Motion by Brenda Warner was
 we sponsor two (2) Cocoa Police department
 officers to go to Old Dominion Search and
 Rescue in September 2019 not to exceed
 \$1,100. Steve T. seconded, it was passed
 unanimously.
- Edna C. asked if Titusville or Rockledge has an officer who would benefit from the same training as BKC is county and not just the City of Cocoa. Brenda advised she would check and report back. Steve Thibodeaux made a motion to amend the previous motion to include two (2) additional officers from other areas of the county. Lyn seconded; motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by President Edna Corney. The next general meeting will be at time on September 4, 2019, in Cocoa at El Charro Restaurant.

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Halkovic



My 10-yr.-old Murphy earned her Trick Novice & Trick Intermediate titles. She's blind in her left eye but she doesn't let that stop her. Once approved by AKC, she will be: Lakewood's Murphy Brown Bama Clown CD BN RA FDC CAX DCAT THDN RATN DN TKI CGCA

Johnann Goines

FDA Warning - Pig Ear Treats

New concerns are surfacing about pig ear treats. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are investigating a few strains of Salmonella suspected to be contaminating pig ear treats and infecting people who handle them. The FDA pig ear alert on July 31 advised dog owners to stop feeding pig ears to their pets completely. To date, the CDC reports 127 cases from 33 states, with 26 people hospitalized. The CDC notes that many of these cases are drug-resistant, although fortunately, no one has died.

If you have pig ear treats on hand, throw them away immediately in a wrapped, secure container that wild animals can't access. After, wash your hands thoroughly. Also, make sure to disinfect any surfaces the pig ear treats touched to avoid cross-contamination.

When it comes to any treats, the FDA recommends that you always follow some simple hygiene rules. Don't let your dog lick you after consuming one, or lick you near your mouth. Don't allow a half-chewed treat lying around for someone to touch. Monitor your dog while they eat, do not let small children handle them, and sterilize those areas in your home that come into contact with either canine saliva or treats.

If you think you have contracted salmonellosis, see your health care provider for confirmation and treatment. If you believe your dog is displaying symptoms, take them to the vet. If you have a concern about salmonellosis or exposure to Salmonella through a product, you can report it to the FDA through the Safety Reporting Portal. This helps the agency keep track of issues and trace cases back to their origins.

AKC PupPals Program

AKC has launched the AKC PupPals program to provide dog owners an opportunity to uplift a child who is seeking the comfort only a dog can provide.

A parent/legal guardian may request an AKC PupPal for a child that may be suffering from an illness, the illness or death of a loved one (human or pet), the deployment of a parent, or otherwise going through a difficult time. In order to serve this need, AKC Public Education is seeking help from dog owners. Owners may utilize an online form to submit a photo of and information about their dog.

AKC Public Education will utilize this information to create and send a card to the child. The card will include facts about the breed, an owner provided photo, fun information about the dog, and a personalized letter to the child. All dogs are welcome to participate.

We look forward to brightening the day of thousands of young dog lovers.

Health Seminar

A health seminar sponsored by the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of North Florida is scheduled to be held on Saturday Oct. 19, 2019, at 11:00 am, at the UF vet school small animal hospital in Gainesville. There will be four one-hour seminars:

- 1. Feeding-Grain vs. grain-free
- 2. Allergies- especially yeast
- 3. Dental-Problems and prevention

4. Legislation in Florida relating to dogs

Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for this seminar, but a donation is requested to cover the cost of the lunch.

Reservations are required. Contact Don Walzer at 352-430-0041 or dnnwalzer@embarqmail.com.



Trent had his first shows in West Palm and walked away with both is majors and some singles to spare!

Bricriu's Appetite For Destruction

Jennifer White

Hotel Rooms for November Show in Ocala

Brevard Kennel Club and Space Coast Kennel Club have secured a block of rooms at LaQuinta Hotel, 3530 SW 36th Avenue, Ocala, FL. 34474. Susan Welsh, Treasurer for Space Coast Kennel Club, has negotiated the following room prices:

Double bed $$80 + \tan = 88.80 King bed $$84 + \tan = 93.24 To get this rate, call the hotel directly (352) 861-1137, ask for Stephanie or Lee, and say they are with the group for Brevard Kennel Club and/or give the Group Confirmation Number: 313781836. The deadline to get this rate is 10/17/2019 (14 days before the arrival date).



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

U.S. Department of Transportation Clarifies the Use of Emotional Support Animals on Flights

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) <u>issued guidance</u> to help travelers understand their rights while new regulations are being developed. The DOT is currently developing new rules to govern what types of animals will be allowed to accompany passengers on flights and what documentation will be required to determine a passenger's legitimate need. The guidance document issued yesterday provides that airlines cannot limit the number of service animals on a flight, however, passengers with an animal that an airline deems too large, too heavy, or younger than four months of age are allowed to deny boarding.

Service animals are those that have been trained to perform certain functions. Current law requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for those using service dogs. In contrast, no training is required for emotional support animals.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs. The AKC also strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

<u>Click here</u> to read AKC's July 2018 comments to the Department of Transportation regarding proposed rulemaking for service dogs.

The guidance provides:

 In agreement with AKC's breed-neutral policies, as expressed in our comment to DOT, airlines are not allowed to ban certain breeds of service animals. Any airline can prevent any specific animal from flying if it is determined to pose a health or safety threat.

- To enable an airline to determine whether an animal poses a health or safety threat, airlines can require reasonable documentation related to an animal's training, behavior, and vaccinations received.
- As required under current rules, airlines are not required to transport emotional support animals unless the passenger provides medical documentation of their need.
- Passengers who plan to travel with emotional support animals must give airlines advance notice.
- Airlines are permitted to require passengers with animals on flights eight hours or longer in length to provide documentation or proof that an animal will not need to relieve itself or can relieve itself in a way that will not create a sanitation issue.
- Airlines cannot limit the number of service animals on a flight. Similarly, passengers can bring up to three service animals on a flight.
- Airlines are not required to accept exotic animals on a flight.

Airlines now have 30 days to revise their operations to meet these current requirements.

This latest clarification comes after the number of animals traveling with passengers in cabin has significantly increased since 2016, in large part due to the number of emotional support animals that accompany passengers. Media reports have detailed an increasing number of bite incidents involving emotional support animals. For example, in July a flight attendant had to receive stitches after she was bitten by an emotional support dog.

Read <u>Misuse of Service Dogs Hurts the Disabled</u> and Responsible Dog Owners.