

Bonanza-Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting - February 5, 2013

The general meeting of the BKC was called to order at 7:07 p.m. after the presence of a quorum was established. The president called for a reading of the minutes of the last meeting, however, there was no January meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The last meeting with the presence of a quorum was the November meeting. *Motion: Carolyn Goepner, second Elaine Oxborrow* to approve the minutes of the November meeting. *Motion carried.*

The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries had no report.

The Treasurer made his report. Ending balance as of the date of this meeting is \$25,044.80. The Treasurer purchased the 2013 version of QuickBooks for the club's financial records.

Show Committee: Heather and Stewart Mundy advised they will do the food at our shows this year, however, they will be unable to. Manage the kitchen on Saturday. Heather also needs someone to manage the ring stewards on Saturday. Sue Haase volunteered.

Sunshine: Judy Johnson sent cards to Carole Cislaw whose husband and BKC member passed away as well as to Judy Davis whose daughter passed away suddenly. Judy also delivered a living plant to Judy Davis. She is waiting to hear from Carole to find out her wishes as to flowers or a donation in Ron's name.

Legislative: There is a Carson City's board of supervisor's meeting where proposed animal regulations would be discussed on Thursday and Candy asked for a volunteer to attend in her place since she is unable to attend.

Match: Elaine Oxborrow stated that the application for the match on February 23, 2013. Insurance issues need to be resolved.

Guests: Ladonna Gryte was unanimously voted in as a new member. Barbara Peach of Carson City presented a membership application. Barbara has Belgian Malinois and Mini Bull Terriers.

Unfinished Business:

Advertising for this year's shows in the amount of \$5,000 was approved by the CCCVB and Candy is working on ads in dog publications such as Canine Chronicle and Dog World.

The Nominating Committee results were discussed. They recommended reelection of the current board.

New Business:

The Northern Nevada Belgian Tervuren Club would like to use Fuji Park's horse arena the Friday before our shows for an AKC-approved all-breed herding instinct test and fund raiser. *Motion: Ann Kinney, second Gail Spieker* to allow the test pending proof of insurance. *Motion carried.*

Standing Rules:

The current standing rules were discussed. *Motion: Judy Johnson, second Harry Gammie* to eliminate Rule 2 which is the sergeant at arms/parliamentarian. *Motion carried.*

Candy discussed the establishment of a new rule regarding applications for membership. *Motion: Judy Johnson, second Elaine Oxborrow* that a new rule be established for new member applications. *Motion carried.* The new rule will be in effect once the AKC approves BKC's by laws. The new rule will state:

All applications for membership must be completed within six months from the date of submission. Membership dues, which must be presented at the time of the application, are not refundable. The prospective member may resubmit a new application with dues at any time to begin the membership process. The secretary will send a letter to prospective members who have not completed the application process within this time limit pursuant to this standing rule.

Sieg Goepner discussed AKC's proposed change requiring at least six board meetings per year. The secretary will amend the meeting notice to announce a board meeting preceding the general meetings every other month.

Motion: Ann Kinney to adjourn. Motion adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

New Treatment for Pets with Arthritis

The following article appeared in the Record Courier. It is reprinted here with permission of the author, Dr. Erika Little, DVM, MS, DACVS (LA) who practices at Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital:

Millions of dogs suffer the aches and discomfort of arthritis. Millions more may be hurting without any obvious signs. Now, a new science, using cells derived from the pet's own fat, may bring relief to many painful pooches.

When your pet has arthritis, you can almost feel the pain he is suffering. You watch as he struggles to rise from his bed, cringe as he slowly ascends the stairs, and you can even hear the creaks and groans as he stretches out before his morning walk.

More than 15 million dogs in North America suffer some form of degenerative joint disease, better known as arthritis. Unfortunately, many dog owners are completely unaware of the pain their pet is experiencing, chalking up the slow movement to the effects of "old age".

Some dogs may receive daily doses of pain relievers and oral joint care supplements. Still others might find their way to physical therapy or rehabilitation. Some lucky pets even get ramps built in their homes, sparing them the need to climb the dreaded stairs!

But for some, any or all of these options are not enough to relieve the pain. Sadly, many owners decide to euthanize their faithful companion, because of the severity of the pain or the continued high cost of treatment.

But a new helpful treatment is available – stem cell therapy! Stem Logix, a company focused on bringing regenerative medicine technology to veterinarians, has developed a therapy to treat arthritis in dogs using the pet's own fat tissue!

Stem cells are precursor cells that have the potential to develop into a variety of specialized cell types. Most people may equate this technology with the controversial use of embryonic stem cells. But this new technology uses adult stem cells derived from the fat of the pet. Since they are the pet's own cells, there is no ethical debate!

Stem Logix developed this technology from research and techniques used in equine medicine. Scientific and anecdotal evidence from more than 2,500 horses establishes that these fat derived stem cells are

quite helpful for tendon and ligament injuries. Furthermore, no significant side effects were reported. Stem cells appear to moderate the inflammatory response and actually create a healthier healing environment in the joint.

Recently, a detailed study on the use of fat-derived stem cells in dogs showed that animals receiving the treatment demonstrated a significant improvement in lameness when compared to dogs in the control group. This news has excited scientists and pet owners alike and has many asking their veterinarians about this new therapy.



Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital now has the technology to harvest a small fat sample from your pet and then process the tissue to concentrate and purify the stem cells. The cells are then injected into your pet just 2 hours after collection.

All of this seems pretty miraculous and for some pets, the results are truly nothing short of a life-saving miracle. It is important to note several obstacles that may stand in the way of your pet's pain relief.

First, not all pets are considered good candidates for this therapy. Since anesthesia is involved in both the harvesting step and the reintroduction of the cells, this may not be ideal for patients at increased risk for anesthetics. Additionally, dogs with serious systemic disease, such as cancer, might not benefit from these treatments. Finally, cost will certainly come into play as owners and veterinarians discuss this option. Prices will vary among veterinarians, but in general, plan on spending \$1500-2500 for treatment.

Arthritis can be painful and even debilitating in any dog. If you suspect your dog suffers from this disease, talk with your veterinarian about testing to confirm arthritis and then discuss the many treatment options. Veterinarians will recommend a multi-modal approach, combining appropriate medications, controlled exercise, weight loss, and environmental changes to make your dog's life easier. In some cases, new technology, like stem cell therapy, might be beneficial! To learn more about this high-tech solution to an age old problem, visit www.carsonvalleyvet.com to see a video.

Match!

Winter Match
 February 23, 2013
 at Carson Canine Adventures
 580 Mallory Way ~ Carson City

Conformation "B" Match offered by
Bonanza Kennel Club

Obedience & Rally Match offered by
Northern Nevada Australian Shepherd Club

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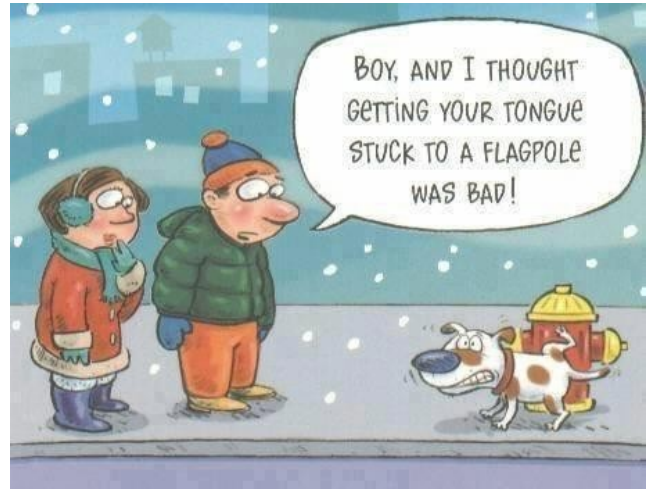
Entries \$5.00 each
 Day of Match entry Only!

Registration 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
 Judging starts at 10:00 a.m.

4 – 6 Puppy	Bred By
6 – 9 Puppy	Open
9 – 12 Puppy	

Rally – Excellent, Advanced, Novice
 Obedience – Utility, Open, Novice

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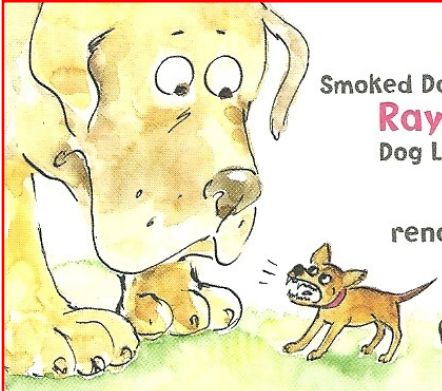


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AKC ISSUES

Open letter from Alan Kalter, Chairman of the Board, American Kennel Club, in response to a New York Times article. [Editor's Note: I could not locate the original article.]

Dear Fellow Dog Lover,

The New York Times published an article using unsubstantiated, anecdotal episodes to paint a grossly misleading and biased picture of dog breeders who register their dogs and litters with the AKC. In addition, they relied on opinions of other animal rights organizations, without facts to back them up, in an attempt to refute the AKC's good working relationship with law enforcement, animal control officers, lawmakers and others who care about animal welfare and reporting animal cruelty.

AKC Respected As An Animal Welfare Organization

The article states, "But the A.K.C. is increasingly finding itself ostracized in the dog world, in the cross hairs of animal protection services, law enforcement agencies and lawmakers who say that the club is lax in performing inspections and that it often lobbies against basic animal rights bills because they could cut into dog registration fees."

- The truth is the vast majority of breeders are responsible; in fact, over 99% of the 55,000 that the AKC has inspected since 2000, have been found to be in compliance. When AKC does discover substandard conditions, our policies require that we immediately report them to local, state and federal officials.
- AKC has a productive, working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA, and works cooperatively with all of those agencies to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act.
- In fact, in many instances, the highly publicized raids for which animal rights groups take credit in the media have come about as a direct result of AKC's reporting to law enforcement.
- AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.

Misguided Opinions Versus Facts

The article also quotes ASPCA President and CEO Ed Sayres who says "a majority of the commercial breeders in the raids that his group participated in had ties to A.K.C.-registered litters." But, there is no proof or numbers given to back up this charge. He goes on to state "The irony to the consumer is that they're paying a lot for a fake Rolex." and that he thinks "dogs are often genetically compromised and come from traumatic environments." Both of these statements are

opinions that were printed erroneously as fact.

The ASPCA has a history of such tactics. Recently they reached a legal settlement with Feld Entertainment, Inc., the producer of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, agreeing to pay Feld \$9.3 million to settle all claims related to ASPCA's part in more than a decade of manufactured litigation brought by animal rights interest groups that attempted to outlaw elephants in the company's Ringling Bros. Circus. This settlement applies only to the ASPCA. Feld Entertainment's lawsuit, including its claims for litigation abuse and racketeering (RICO), continues against the remaining defendants, the Humane Society of the United States, the Fund for Animals, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute, Tom Rider and the attorneys who were involved. Discovery in the initial lawsuit uncovered over \$190,000 that these animal activist groups and their lawyers paid to Tom Rider who lived off of the money while serving as the "injured plaintiff" in the lawsuit against the circus.

AKC is a Leading Not-For-Profit Organization

The article also states, "As recently as 2010, roughly 40 percent of the A.K.C.'s \$61 million in annual revenue came from fees related to registration. Critics say a significant part of that includes revenue from questionable breeders like the Hamiltons, or so-called puppy mills, which breed dogs en masse with little regard for basic living standards." We gave the reporter statistics that dispute this claim but they were not used. In fact, less than 5 percent of our total revenue comes from commercial breeders who register dogs and litters with us.

- The AKC, for 129 years, has been committed to responsible dog ownership and responsible breeding of dogs, and we will continue our proactive efforts to further those goals, even when those efforts impact our bottom line.
- AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when it instituted a care and conditions policy, and more leave when we sought to insure the integrity of the registry through DNA testing.

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An Incomplete Picture Portrayed

Hamilton Case: While the article inaccurately portrays Hamilton as a high volume breeder or "puppy mill," court documents make clear that this was a situation where "hoarding is likely a factor in what was occurring as the Hamilton's were clearly unable to part with dogs that they had collected over the years."

Williams Case: The article fails to mention that Mr. and Mrs. Williams were charged in July of 2012 with one count of cruelty, and that charge was subsequently dismissed in September of 2012, based on the judge's determination that the warrant that led to the illegal search of the Williams' home and seizure of their dogs and the filing of the single charge was invalid. The Williams engaged in civil litigation to retain custody of their dogs from the "rescue" organization involved in the illegal seizure.

This is similar to the more egregious case of Dan Christiansen in Montana who is suing the HSUS for \$5M over a 2009 "raid" of his hunting dog kennel. A judge later ruled that the warrant for the raid was obtained based on intentionally misleading information, and all of the cruelty charges against Mr. Christiansen were dismissed.

Chilinski Case: Likewise, the story fails to acknowledge that along with the seizure of Mr. Chilinski's dogs, law enforcement seized over 200 marijuana plants that he was growing on his property, a vocation which likely led to the deterioration of his kennel and his overall ability to care for his dogs in the two years between his last AKC inspection and the raid of this property.

Voice Your Opinion

While the AKC's critics may be vocal, they are few, led by extremist national animal rights groups who see their legislative influence and massive fundraising abilities diminished by growing recognition that the focus of their efforts is not bettering the lives of dogs or enhancing our relationship with them.

Nonetheless, AKC continues to:

- Spend millions annually on a kennel inspections program
- Donate millions for the advancement of canine health research
- Continues to give millions to canine search and rescue and disaster assistance
- Continues to support the rights of responsible breeders to breed and raise dogs, and fight for the rights of responsible individuals to own them.

It is important to note that in any enforcement and regulatory program, there will be those who approach the regulated activity with a disregard for compliance with the rules. As a result, there is always a risk that those non-compliant few will reflect negatively on the vast majority who are in compliance. Nonetheless, the AKC remains committed to its inspection program and its belief that the AKC is helping breeders achieve compliance through education regarding best practices for breeding and caring for dogs.

Please share with your friends and family the facts and go to the NYT website and take the opportunity to post your comments about your commitment to responsible breeding and ownership of dogs.



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BRAGS!

Elaine Oxborrow and Lexine Thompson went down to the Palms Springs KC dog show with two days of all-breed shows and two days of Non-Sporting shows along with a lot of other specialties. It was so nice to get out of the cold and into the 60 degree weather for a couple of days. The grounds were lovely, very flat on a polo field and nice huge rings.

Elaine's BBE Tibbie Nikki (Aquila Smokin' in the Boys Room) was the only class entry there. There were also two specials, one being the number two Tibbie in the country. Nikki did well as it was practice for him. But, SURPRISE, he was awarded BOB over the specials for two points. What a lovely win.

My goal is to print each and every brag from each meeting *BUT* please don't expect me to be able to write down everything at a meeting. I'm not that good and you wouldn't want mistakes. So, be sure to follow up your brag with an email to me (jayjay44@charter.net). *AND . . . SEND PICTURES!*

Area Clubs

Northern Nevada Australian Shepherd Club

<http://www.nnasc.com/>

Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club

<http://www.tmdtc.org/>

Sierra Nevada Bulldog Club

www.sierrabulldogclub.org



Sierra Nevada Border Collie Club

<http://snbcc.blogspot.com/>

Reno Kennel Club

<http://www.renokennelclub.org/>



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Reno

<http://www.gspcofreno.com/>

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