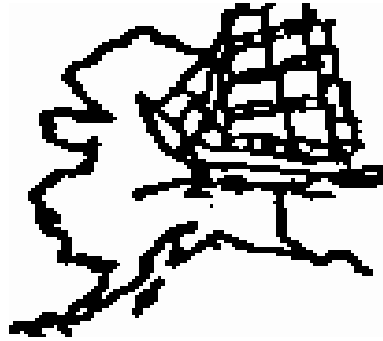


The Cook Inlet Kennel Club GAZETTE



Huge Growth in Natural Pet Foods, but are they really ‘Natural’?

Packaged Facts, a market research firm, says that sales of natural pet food in the United States reached \$1 billion in 2007; a 50 percent growth since 2003. The dilemma for pet owners is that ‘Natural’ doesn’t always mean natural.

The 2007 pet food recall started a domino effect. Pet owners began to take careful notice of what type of food they provide to their dog or cat; furthermore, pet food manufacturers began marketing to what seems to be selling the best, natural pet

foods. http://www.hometownanna.polis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/12_30-05/LIF

When you think about what ‘natural pet food’ implies, most pet owners think natural means free from dyes and chemicals, inferior risky ingredients, a pet food that is healthy and premium. Pet food manufacturers have paid close attention to what consumers believe ‘natural’ implies, and in turn have developed pet food advertising to match consumer be-

liefs. Sadly, few have bothered to develop pet food with ingredients that consumers would define as natural.

A trip down the pet food aisle at any grocery, Target, or Walmart will show you many (newer) varieties of pet foods from long time producers; all with ‘natural’ blazoned across the label. Even the packaging colors tend to imply ‘natural’, featuring more earthy tones.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Welcome to the new Cook Inlet Kennel Club Gazette!

My goal as editor is to provide you with an informative, timely newsletter that includes the minutes from our meetings as well as articles and interesting tidbits to keep everyone up on what’s happening in our club and the world around us.

If you have suggestions for additions or changes to the newsletter, please let me know. You can either contact me through e-mail at stoneridgeak@gmail.com or call me at my home number 892-6380 before 9:00 p.m.

I am currently looking for pictures of members with their dogs to add to our website and use in the newsletter. Please

submit the pictures to me through e-mail and include your name (or the name of the person in the photo) and the dogs name. Thanks and happy reading!

Cheri Hagen, Editor

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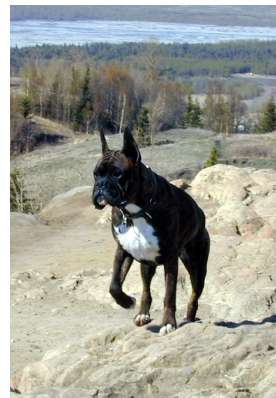
**COME AND JOIN
US AT OUR NEXT
GENERAL MEM-
BERSHIP MEETING!**

**FEBRUARY 3rd at
7:00 p.m.**

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General Meeting Minutes -
The January General Meeting Minutes are not available at this time. The February General Meeting Minutes can be found here in our next Gazette.



Minutes
Board Meeting
January 20, 2009

Attending: Carolyn Tolson, Casey Hessinger, Judi Rideout, Gretchen Keim, Phyllis Justice, Kristine Asay, Jon Zylstra, Cheri Hagen, Rene Clayton.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 p.m.
No Minutes were available from the last meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Mail Received:

- Check for dues from Renee Foley
- MEA bill
- MTA bill
- Judge Contract from Roberta Campbell for August '09
- Paw Print Newsletter from BaRay
- Even Services
- Wells Fargo Year 2008 Tax Statement
- Wells Fargo Account statement through 12/31/08
- Wells Fargo Business Check Account statement through 12/31/08
- Mikes Quality Meat advertisement

Fresh Pond Travel advertisement
Great Lander Newspaper
Pet Edge Wholesaler Catalog

Show Committee: The AKC had the August 2009 show dates wrong. This is being corrected. Casey is looking for one more provisional judge for August to round out the slate. Colleen McDowell has volunteered to be the Chief Ring Steward.

Training Committee: We are having problems with people signing up to run show n go's and then not showing up. Discussion continued regarding finding a solution to this problem. The Training Committee will meet after the Board meeting to discuss this problem and other training issues.

Judges Committee: Next meeting of the Judge's Committee will be held at the building on February 15th at Noon. Casey Hessinger will continue as chair of the committee. Casey stated that new Judge's books for 2009 need to be ordered.

Legislative Committee: The new com-

mittee hasn't had a meeting yet. There was discussion regarding President Obama's appointee that is pro-livestock rights. More information will be presented at the General Meeting. The HSUS is setting themselves up as a policing agency against breeders even though they have no actual policing powers. They are now providing a 6 page complaint form to the general public to report breeders.

Unfinished Business:

The Denise Fenzi seminar still has openings for both working and auditing spots. People who have attended her other seminars stated that she is very good. There are still some private working spots available for Monday also.

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Compliments of pet food rules and regulations, Natural on the label doesn't have to mean there's anything natural inside the bag or can. As an example, one popular dog food with 'natural' in the name contains the ingredients Animal Fat and Menadione Sodium Bisulfite Complex. The pet food ingredient 'animal fat' was determined by the FDA to be the most likely pet food ingredient to contain a diseased euthanized animal. 'Menadione sodium Bisulfite' is a synthetic Vitamin K linked to cancer and organ damage. Doesn't sound too natural does it?

Another new line of cat food features 'Natural' and 'Healthy' on the label. Yet the cat food contains the ingredients By-Product Meal, and Animal Fat. The pet food ingredient 'By product meal' can be bits and pieces of animal carcass that are unfit for human consumption; such as chicken feet, cow intestines, and diseased animals rejected for use in human foods. Again, doesn't sound too natural does it?

Both of these new 'natural' pet foods sell nationwide at every major retailer. If existing Federal laws were enforced by the FDA, both of these 'natural' pet foods would violate the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, would be considered adulterated, and the sale of and transport of would be prohibited and subject to penalty.

Instead, well intentioned pet owners purchase these foods every single day; believing what the pet food label tells them, that the dog food or cat food is 'natural' and 'healthy'. The truth is far from that with many.

Wishing you and your pet(s) the best,

Susan Thixton
Truth about Pet Food
Petsumer Report
www.TruthaboutPetFood.com

"The pet food ingredient 'animal fat' was determined by the FDA to be the most likely pet food ingredient to contain a diseased euthanized animal. "

Dogs love company. They place it first in their short list of needs.

J.R. Ackerley

Upcoming Events

Denise Fenzi Seminar—February 7 & 8—CIKC Building

DOTCA Obedience/Rally Trials—March 7 & 8—ACT Building, Anchorage

AKKC/KKC Conformation Shows—March 28 & 29—Egan Center, Anchorage

From the President's Desk -

I would first off like to thank Casey Hessinger for her years severing as president. She has done an outstanding job. Thank you so much Casey!

Also, thanks to Kathy Kochendorfer for her hard work as corresponding secretary and doing the news letter. In addition thank you Jean Hale and Tom Tolson for their service as board members.

I am looking forward to the coming year. I know that for us to have a successful year we need our member's participation. Please help where you can.

The next show committee meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on March 3rd.

If you are interested in any of following committees, please let a board member know: Building Committee, Show Committee, Legislative Committee, Judges Committee and Training Committee. Each committee will have a meeting and select a chair to help facilitate meetings.

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Phone – There was discussion that the person answering the phone voicemail needs to be on the training committee so that they are aware of what is actually going on with training.

Van for Show – Discussion was held regarding future rental of the van. The van will be rented with full insurance provided.

New Business:

Rene Clayton made a motion to purchase three 2009 Judge's Books for use by the Judge's Committee. Kristine Asay Seconded. Motion Passed.

Gretchen Keim indicated that she would like to see about organizing a work party to organize the equipment in the building so that access to crates is available. Tom Tolson and Jon Zylstra will get together and move and organize the equipment so that a work party isn't necessary.

Nikki Stewart from TVKC called requesting that they be allowed to use one of our Agility dates to run a ½ day Agility trial. Currently TVKC is doing 9 days and want to add another ½ day event. Jon Zylstra expressed concern regarding liability in the event something happens. This concern was echoed by several other board members. Additional discussion brought up the concern of whether we would have to provide a show committee and have representatives at the trial to stay in compliance with AKC. Additionally it was determined that the notice was too short (TVKC wanted to hold the trials April 3rd). It was determined that we needed more information from AKC about our liabilities and requirements. This was tabled to be further discussed at the next board meeting.

Jon Zylstra made a motion to post the newsletter on our website minus the financial information. Gretchen Keim seconded. Motion passed.

Budgets for the Building, August and November shows were

discussed. Motion to approve the budgets for 2009 was made by Judi Rideout.

Kristine Asay seconded. Motion passed.

Jon Zylstra made a motion to increase all entry fees by \$1.00. Rene Clayton seconded. There was discussion that this would apply to ALL entry fees, i.e., Juniors, Bred By, Puppy, Obedience, Rally etc. Motion passed.

Kristine Asay brought up the fact that we had two advertisers from the November show that had not yet paid for their advertisements. It was discussed how to prevent this from happening in August.

The 4-H club that had been using the building on Thursdays will no longer need it. The key was returned. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cheri Hagen