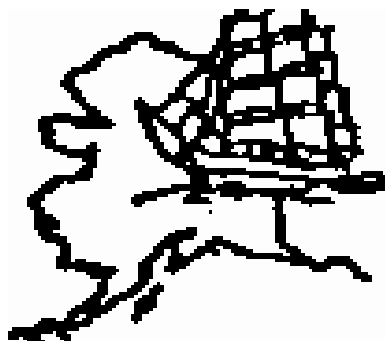


The Cook Inlet Kennel Club GAZETTE



OUR OWNERSHIP IN DANGER

By: Linda Witouski, AKC judge, Delegate, Legislative Liaison

We would think that we would learn from history, but most unfortunately, history doesn't seem to be a popular subject among the dog fancy.

From my article written in 2002:

I know dog owners are probably finding all of this Legislative hoopla hard to believe, and some of you probably think that the AKC should be fighting this battle for you, but it is impossible for them to be on top of every state. If you think that legislation denying you your right to breed, own or show dogs doesn't have a chance in the U.S., think of the Scots and their beloved Foxhunting.

How long have the people in Scotland and neighboring countries been foxhunting? It is now banned in Scotland and barely on life support in all other areas. Why, you ask - what happened... how could the politicians do that?

The animal rightists continually pushed and forced the debate until their

thoughts and beliefs were THE political issue....and the Foxhound Fanciers were not ready for it. They were not prepared! They thought the AR's would just give up and go away. They laughed about it ... they thought that somebody else was taking care of the problem ... didn't think it was important... .so, they gathered their dogs, jumped on their horses and went— foxhunting.. ...!! Why, who would ever even imagine that the foxhound sport that has been around since dirt could be attacked by a bunch of 'fanatics' who would win? But, win they did!

At the end of the day's hunt on the day of the ban, when the Foxhunters returned, they were arrested, dogs were confiscated. and all of Scotland was quiet.

Anybody want to take bets on how long it will be before the first ban of a dog/cat show takes place and people begin to lose their own dogs ? No bets? How about betting on how long it takes before the U.S. is overrun with

anti-dog, anti-cat, anti-animal legislation? Everybody needs to sit up and pay attention! The animal rights movement is coming and when it does, it will come hard and fast !

The dog showing fancy have always thought of themselves as better than the average dog, and though they may well be for a variety of reasons - commercial facilities have a right to exist too. "Puppy mill and commercial breeders have been fighting anti-animal legislation for many years and it's time the showing/owning fancy get with the program before it's too late.

People need to set aside their feelings about others and concentrate on saving their rights - our rights - working together. Those that make disrespectful comments about others, who joke and laugh about legislative issues and point fingers at the "puppy mills" should take heed of the lesson to be learned in Foxhunting. I would be willing to bet that very few bother to check legislative issues in their town or
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2009 Committee Chairs

Judges Committee -
Casey Hessinger
Training Committee -
Show Committee—
Carolyn Tolson

**COME AND JOIN US AT
OUR NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING!**

MARCH 3rd AT 7:00 P.M.

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Minutes General Membership
February 3, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Kathy Kochendorfer moved to approve the Board minutes as Published. Christine Asay seconded. No General Membership minutes were available.

Treasurer Report:

Correspondence Secretary Report:
Enstar Bill

Notice from AKC for August Friday and Saturday event applications.

Return check from Wells Fargo Insufficient funds

Alaska State Fair Check for damage deposit

Rowan Pacific Rim Decorators bill from November show

Contracts from the following judges: Mr. David and Mrs. Anne Bolus for November 2009; Mrs. Annella Cooper for November 2009, Mrs. Kay Radcliffe for November 2009.

Accepting slate assignments for August 2009 from Miss Mike Macbeth,

Mr. Eugene Blake and Mrs. And Mrs. Hubbell. Check from Paw Prince for November ad

AKKC Newsletter

MTA Inside Out Pamphlet

Pet Edge Wholesale Catalog

Show Committee Report : Next show committee meeting is set for March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Applications have been completed and returned for the August shows.

Training Committee: The next meeting is Wednesday February 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the building. New classes are starting February 11th.

Legislative Committee: There is no local BSL legislation at this time, however there is a significant amount going on around the country.

Judges Committee: The next meeting will be February 15th at Noon at Casey's house.

First Reading :

Sean Stevenson. He is interested in Australian Shepherds and Rottweilers.

Second Reading :

Lisa Vaughn. Lisa was voted into the club. Welcome, Lisa.

Unfinished Business:

The Denise Fenzi Seminar is this weekend. There are still openings for both auditors and working teams. Everything is set up for the seminar.

New Business:

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club requests CIKC to allow them to do a supported entry at the August 8, 2009 show. Kathy Kochendorfer moves to approve. Shawn Caswell seconds. Kathy Kochendorfer then explains a supported entry. Motion passes.

Christine Asay was approached by the Rabbit and Cobby Breeders Club to rent the building on the 2nd of May. There was discussion regarding the fee to charge. Motion was made by Shawn Caswell to allow the Rabbit and Cobby Breeders Club to rent the building for \$100.00. Diana Rogers seconded. There was additional discussion regarding insurance and whether a club member needed to be at the building for coverage. Motion was voted on and passed.

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Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2009

Attending: Casey Hessinger, Chris Asay, Rene' Clayton, Cheri Hagen, Phyllis Justice, Judi Rideout, Jon Zylstra

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from last meeting were read. No additions or corrections. Rene' Clayton made motion to accept minutes, Jon Zylstra seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

Corresponding Secretary Report:
Tax information from Dept. of Treasury

Letter accepting judge slate from Mr. Alvin Eng for August 2009

Wells Fargo Money Market Account statement

Wells Fargo Checking Account statement for January 1 – 31

Note from Pat Martin selling obedience equipment

Bill from Valley Services for \$315.00

(janitorial services at Nov. show)

Bill from MEA

Bill from MTA

Two return for postage letters

Show Committee Report: Next meeting will be March 3 at 6:00 p.m. Premium list has been edited but still waiting for rest of information. Dates will be corrected by AKC when they finish approving show. November dates are correct. Trophy requests were discussed.

Training Committee: Training policy changes and updates were discussed. Show n Gos were discussed. Agility fun runs will be starting at some point on Saturdays. Work is still being done on this.

Judges Committee Report: Judges Committee slated the November 7 & 8, 2009 show. Slating letters will be sent out. Next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at noon at Casey's house. The committee selected Casey to remain as the Judge's chair.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Unfinished Business:

The Denise Fenzi seminar was very good.

We made \$29.00.

Paw Prince paid for their ad. Still waiting on money from the Working Dog Club for their ad.

One of the rabbit club members, Sam, will be joining the club to facilitate their use of the building.

TVKC contacted OTCC about the agility situation. They declined also.

New Business:

Jon Zylstra made a motion that the board recommend acceptance of the changes to the Training policy. Chris Asay seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding cleaning up the building after it is used.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheri Hagen

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state. I assure you, this agenda against our rights will move from state to state, for those who would see us dogless will be relentless in their quest. What will you do when it comes to your town? What would you give to be able to regain the freedom of choice you will have lost?

Fast forward to the present. 2008

I wrote the above in 2002, and it's alarming that many still don't find it important enough to assist in politics and legislative issues. Make no mistake - we are surrounded. The Animal Rights Movement is even worse now than in 2002. If you take note of the legislation being passed around the country, outlying and coastal states are being coerced into stricter laws. California, Texas, New Mexico, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin are currently being besieged with bad legislation and notably, they create a net that surrounds the remainder of the U.S. Results there cause an "inward" push into the traditional heartland of our country. Once outlying coastal states are acquired, they will continue to push inland until there is no where to run.

Those that have been working legislation for many years have become very good at combating poor legislation, but, just

like the Spartans at Thermopylae, the opposition is in the millions and sooner or later our phalanx will fail. It should be the opposite since we are the ones that care about animals, the dogs, and the sport.

People don't realize that the Animal Rights movement has nothing to do with the welfare of the animals - genuine animal welfare is being sacrificed for a political victory over animal owners. As the Foxhunting lesson taught us—a movement's means create its ends... so, the next time you think none of this will affect you or your dog, or that "it'll never pass" - think about Foxhunting - and if you still decide to "do nothing", know that you will have become a part of that movement meant to create its ends.

Every club, organization and dog owner needs to rise up and take their place in the phalanx. We need to be visiting schools and promoting our political position rather than allowing Animal Rights public education programs
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The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.
Samuel Butler

Upcoming Events

DOTCA Obedience/Rally Trials—
March 7 & 8—ACT Building, Anchorage
AKKC/KKC Conformation Shows—
March 28 & 29—Egan Center, Anchorage



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**General Membership Mtg. Minutes
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Lisa Vaughn (new member) brought up that the City of Palmer is looking at creating a dog park. They are meeting with a consultant to discuss the different possibilities. This would be a good time for the dog community to get involved and show support for the park. Contact information will be given to the webmaster for the website.

There was discussion regarding people leaving equipment out on the floor. Everyone is reminded that they are put the equipment away when they are done using it.

A reminder was made to all members that the bathroom doors need to remain open so the heat can get into those rooms. Signs will be made and posted on the doors as reminders.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheri Hagen

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to infiltrate school systems. We need to encourage young people who have a love for animals to join us by taking them under our wing. We need to offer assistance to those who have been injured by some dog in Small Town, USA. We need public service announcements to advertise both local dog clubs and responsible ownership, offering free "responsible ownership" classes to parents and children.

Most importantly, we need to know our politicians by creating voting alliances in every state and let those in politics know that we are watching them. We need to make our presence known, and what we stand for by introducing ourselves to local governments, even if it means assisting with some other issue that is non animal related - something that is near and dear to a politician that you helped them with will go far when you need it. (It wouldn't hurt to run for a political position either!)

There are a million other ideas that clubs, officers, members and owners can come up with if they would only take the time to sit down, discuss, and then DO it...before it's too late!

Show 'n Go Schedule

The following people are scheduled to run show 'n go's for the club. If you can't make your scheduled date, please contact another person to take your place.

- March 5—Colleen McDowell
- March 6—Rene'e Clayton
- March 12—Kim Huston & Crystal Beam
- March 13—Rene'e Clayton
- March 19—Kelly Benedict
- March 20—Rene'e Clayton
- March 26—Chris Asay

*The dog has no ambition,
no self-interest, no desire
for vengeance, no fear
other than that of dis-
pleasing.*

Count of Buffon



Photo provided by Jeanne Hale

Editors Note: If you would like to see your pictures in an upcoming Gazette or on the webpage, please submit them to me at stoneridgeak@gmail.com.

Cheri Hagen, Editor



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