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Mark Your Calendars

When: Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Where: Goodwyn Community Center on Perry Hill Road
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Program: TBA

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Montgomery Kennel Club
Minutes – Sep 15, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was held at Goodwyn Community Center & called to order by Jane Williams at 7:15 pm. There were 26 members & one guest in attendance.

President. Jane welcomed our guests: Michaela, returning member, 2nd Mtg (Lab, Dachshund, Chihuahua) (*Note – those guests having attended two or more meetings after receipt of membership application are eligible for membership upon a vote by the board – comments on any prospective member should be addressed to a board member as soon as possible.*).

Secretary. Minutes of August meeting approved.

Treasurer. No Treasurer's Report.

Committees:

Nov Show:

Entries - Jane shared that entries are down significantly – Frank said we need approx 725 dogs to break even and he passed out the Judge's Panel for Nov.

Vendors - Kaye said Vendors wanting to come are also down. Phyllis (photographer) not coming back.

Class/Match - Mike shared that there will be a Best Owner/Handler and a Match on Sat night.

Obedience – Milly needs OB Stewards for two days of OB/Rally and we will need to feed the OB Judges for two days. Need 8-9 stewards each day and we have paid stewards in the past – will ask MADOC for help. Milly will do OJT for those not sure what to do. For lunch need servers also.

Yard Sale. Frank proposed a Yard Sale idea done by other clubs and there was interest – more discussion in later meetings.

Hospitality. Frank volunteered to bring refreshments in Oct; still need someone for Nov meeting.

Nominating Committee. Milly presented the slate & the members present ratified it for 2010-2011:

President	Geno Sisneros
Vice President	Kaye Stevenson
Secretary	Linda Gamper
Treasurer	Julie Garrett
Board Member	Christina Flack
Board Member	Trigg Grieshop

Old Business: None.

New Business.

MKC Jr. Handler Scholarship. Jane shared that Ryan Zienert is 17 years old so only a year to go in Junior Showmanship. Ryan started showing at 9 years old doing Obedience with MADOC. Ryan has been invited to Eukanuba in California & also to Westminster. Mike

proposed MKC giving Ryan \$750 as an MKC Jr. Handler Scholarship to help with travel expenses. All approved. **Motion Passed.**

Announcements:

Rea gave update on Bark in the Park scheduled for 26 Sep '10 at Ft. Toulouse in Wetumpka.

Door Prizes won by Faye Finney & Leah Sledge.

Program. No program

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rea Cord
Secretary

Conformation/Rally Classes

Rally classes will be taught the following dates at the Goodwyn Community Center at 6 p.m. taught by George Lemaster or Corrine Dreyfus.

Oct 13 at 6 pm
Oct 27 at 6 pm
Nov 10 at 6 pm

Conformation classes will be taught the following dates at the Goodwyn Community Center at 7 p.m.

October 13th - Ryan/Carol Zienart
October 27th - Michaela Starke
November 10th - Ryan/Carol Zienart

Thank you everyone!

Brag

Miss Murphy is reporting in for the Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys. She says this weekend in Gulfport, MS was awesome. Mommy Susan keep bringing in new toys and ribbons. Cisco says she loved Miss Donna's courses. She said that she "Q"ed in her first ever Novice FAST run with a first place. Then Cisco got her first Excellent Standard B leg. Then she topped it off with a "Q" in her Excellent Jumpers with weaves class which resulted in her first double "Q". Then Clipper sprung into action after checking the table for "pee", he hopped on the table and stood for his 5 count then finished the course. He came home with a "Q", first place and his title in Novice Standard Preferred. And that was Friday.

Saturday was HOT temperature wise!!!! No toys arrived just a ribbon. Clipper told me that they changed judges. He told me that this judge runs toy poodles and she makes courses for toy poodles and is soooo slow starting that he got so hot and bored so he didn't "Q". Cisco says she got another leg toward her MXJ but those courses were tight and the judge made you wait forever. Murphy wants everyone to know that Clipper was running under course time.

Sunday nothing arrived. Cisco says mom cost her another leg toward her MXJ by calling her out of the weaves. That's all for now Murphy. **Susan Barmby**

The Sheltie Krewe and Collie Boys2 had an enjoyable weekend at the Southeastern Agility trial in Marietta, GA. Murphy and Clipper had very nice runs. Murphy says she can't wait to do more agility. Cisco waited on no one and had a smokin fast weekend. Saturday, she had a 1st place in Tunnelers, a 3rd in Open Jumpers, a 3rd in Regular and earned an Outstanding Weavers title with a 4th place.

Sunday, she earned a 1st place in Open Tunnelers, 3rd in Open Jumpers, 1st place in Regular 1, 1st in Regular 2 and a 1st place in Novice Touch N Go for her title. To top the weekend off and make the ride home even more enjoyable she was awarded High in Trial Novice dog. So if you felt a cool breeze, it was Aynsworth Cisco's Cool Breeze breezing through. **Susan Barmby**

Please email me your brags at cflack12@yahoo.com! When you do send me your brag, please include the dogs registered name and the breed.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The club's fiscal year begins on November 1, 2010 which is also membership renewal time. Please fill in all the info below so we can make sure everything is current and correct in the roster. If you have changed addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, breeds this is especially critical. Lifetime members please just update your information and send it in, but no payment is needed.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2010-2011

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Article

Who is Running for Office in Your Area?

By Karen Strange, President

Missouri Federation of Animal Owners, Inc.

Elections are looming in many states, with primaries coming up soon and general elections just around the corner in November. While debates concerning various issues are interesting and informative, one of the most effective ways to secure animal ownership, use and enjoyment is to elect those who support our issues. Now is the time to become active and do your part in electing those who will vote against animal rights proposals and for the continuation of our interests in animals.

Oftentimes, when speaking to various groups, I make the same statements only to hear rumblings of "I don't like politics" or "it doesn't matter whether or not I vote; one vote doesn't make a difference".

I'm here to tell you that ONE person and ONE vote CAN make a difference! When Anne and I started MoFed, TWO individuals came together and effectively changed state law to protect our interests. I have heard of races where one vote made the difference in an election, and as few as a dozen votes were all that separated candidates.

Talk and debate is fine, but action on the political front is all that stands between you and the animals you love.

"Like it or not", I tell groups I talk to, "the political process decides whether or not you will continue owning and enjoying animals. If you are not part of the solution to prevent devastating legislation, you are part of the problem that allows it to occur."

I spoke to a large group last Saturday night and brought up several issues looming on the horizon concerning county ordinances. One audience member wanted to know why MoFed didn't keep them informed on all county ordinance proposals along with who was running for local offices such as commissioners, etc. I told him that we worked on state issues and that time did not allow us to track every issue in each of the more than 100 counties in our state, and that it was up to HIM and others in the room to get to know local politicians and to track local proposals. While MoFed could inform them on what to do, it was up to those living in each district to take responsibility for fighting detrimental proposals and electing those who supported animal ownership.

I then gave suggestions of what every animal owner should be doing before elections:

1. Get a list of who is running for office, including candidates for mayor, city council, commissioner, state Representative, state Senator, U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate.

2. Watch local and statewide newspapers for articles, interviews, letters to the editor and comments about candidates. Is there anything mentioned about agriculture, property rights, conservation issues, the environment, ordinances, animals, etc.? If so, make notes of which candidates were mentioned and what the issues were. Watch for town hall

meetings, meet the candidate forums, parades, social events or any event which may draw the candidates to your area. Attend! Seek out any candidate who agrees with your issues and ask how you can help in his or her campaign (it may simply be a bumper sticker or yard sign, but it shows them you are supporting their run for office, and they WILL remember you!). Ask those who disagree with you more about their stance, and if they cannot be educated about animal rights, find their opponent and ask them questions about their stand on animal rights.

3. Call campaign offices of state candidates who agree with your issues and ask for a yard sign and bumper stickers. Get a stack of push cards to hand out to friends and family, and encourage them to vote for that candidate. Get to know the staff working on their campaigns. Oftentimes, they are later hired to work in the offices of the winners and you will have a great foot in the door for educating them further on your issues.

4. Attend fundraisers for the candidates. While some of the higher offices are more costly to attend, many local and state ones are more interested in warm bodies that vote! We had a senator tell us once that he would much rather have 1000 people attend and give him a dollar than for one to attend and give him \$1000. He was interested in votes!

5. Offer to drive your car in a parade for your state House or Senate candidate. Magnetic tapes that won't harm your car are great ways to attach signs and banners. Get as many friends and family members as possible to walk alongside giving out candy, bumper stickers and push cards for the candidate. Work hand in hand with the candidate and the rewards are plentiful during session! My husband and I have a bright yellow Mustang show car. Last week he drove it in a parade for U.S. Senator Talent (who sits on the Senate Ag Committee where PAWS was to be heard). We did the same thing for Governor Blunt when he ran for office as well as various other candidates. The car is in huge demand each election year because it's flashy and gets attention for the candidates. Perhaps you don't have a car to drive, but your time and help are greatly appreciated at these events, and when devastating legislation is proposed later, many times a phone call is all that is needed to kill the bill. In other words, you support them, they support you.

6. Encourage others to vote. If they're not registered, encourage them to do so. Tonight, I will be sworn in by our county clerk to register people to vote at our county fair next week. See what you can do in your area to get out the vote. Complacency is our greatest enemy in getting the right candidates in office. Put up yard signs in your own yard and ask others to do the same for candidates who support your issues. Offer to help their campaign teams, whether it is stuffing envelopes, helping put up signs or making phone calls. By helping do your part to get the right candidates elected, you are paving the way to protecting your rights.

7. Take every opportunity to educate candidates about the devastating effects of the animal rights movement. Only by having appropriate knowledge can office holders recognize the threat it poses to our rights.

You say you don't like politics? **No longer do we have the luxury of going about our lives ignoring who is in office. It's crucial to the survival of our ownership and enjoyment of animals that we elect the right candidates this election year and that we continue to have a good working relationship with them after they take office.**

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