

Tattle Tails

August 2011



Officers

President: John Cramer
1st Vice President: Deb Ashlock
2nd Vice President (Director of Training): Jane Tusten
Secretary: Vickie Jacobs
Treasurer: Lee Boyd
AKC Delegate: Bryant Freeman
Board members: Ted Boone ('12), Nan Dittrick ('12), Brenda Gadd ('12), Ced Devin ('13), Bryant Freeman ('13), Amber Miller ('13)

Newsletter Submissions

If you have an item of interest or a brag to submit for inclusion in the next newsletter, please contact newsletter editor Barb Clauson at blclauson@gmail.com (or 785-842-6884). Deadline for inclusion in next month's newsletter is the 21st of the preceding month. Electronic copy (as a Word attachment or embedded in the body of an e-mail message) is greatly appreciated. If you do have e-mail access, please send your current address to blclauson@gmail.com.

Web Site

Remember to check the Web site, <http://ljk.com>, on a regular basis. Any comments or additions? Contact the Webmaster, Lee Boyd, at leeboyd@att.net.

Mark Your Calendar

- August 1** {**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**}: meeting at Nan Dittrick's home, 7:30 PM (or come at 6:30 PM to let well-socialized dogs play)
- September 12** {**NOTE DATE CHANGE**}: meeting at Christal K-9, 7:30 PM
- September 14**: fall training classes begin (enrollment)
- October 3**: meeting at Christal K-9, 7:30 PM
- October 15, 16**: LJKC's conformation show and rally and obedience trials

Synopsis of Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club General Meeting June 2011

The Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club held its June 19, 2011, meeting at Clinton State Park. The meeting was preceded by a lure coursing practice for kennel club members and a guest. A number of dogs ran the fake bunny and a few just watched it go around. The meeting took place after a picnic with the brats and burgers provided by the club and cooked by Russ Jacobs. Russ was being watched and helped by Deb Ashlock and Bitsey Patton. Thanks guys for the great cooking. President John Cramer announced that he wanted to have a board meeting in September. A date will be set in August.

The Judges Selection Committee also needs to meet. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Lee Boyd reported on account holdings. We made \$756.92 from classes. Dues are August 1.

1st Vice President Report: Deb Ashlock reported that our August meeting will be on therapy dog programs.

2nd Vice President Report: Jane Tusten reported that there would not be any summer obedience classes. July 13 there will be an Obedience Committee meeting at her home at 7:00. When classes start will be decided at the meeting.

Show Committee Report: Jennifer Cramer reported that John Downing will be our show photographer; our premium has been sent in. Liz Devin will be asked by Vickie Jacobs if she will still do publicity and hospitality.

Trophy Chair Report: Lee Boyd sent around a list for people to sign up for donating trophies. The club decided to still offer BOB rosettes with 10 or more dogs entered.

Old Business: None

New Business: The September meeting will be the second week of September on September 12.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Jacobs

No Minutes for July

The club did not meet in July, so there are no minutes.

August Meeting and Program

Our August 1 meeting will be at Nan Dittrick's home instead of the usual location. The reason for this is that we have an exciting program planned and

we thought her beautiful place would be ideal for this because our 4 presenters will be bringing demonstration dogs. The subject is Delta Society Therapy Dogs. Four talented teachers, Bitsey Patton, Lee Boyd, Sandy Collins, and Nan Dittrick will be presenting, each bringing their trusty canines to illustrate different aspects of therapy dog training. I'm sure this will be enlightening to all members! The presentation will begin at 7:30 PM but if you would like to come earlier and run your dog (well socialized only) on her 13-acre fenced "yard", please arrive around 6:30 PM. Dogs can stay in Nan's air conditioned training room during the meeting. Also bring a snack to share if you are so inclined. One of my goals as club 1st VP is to help make our meetings informative, yet enjoyable at the same time. I think this one will be a great way to get the ball rolling. Nan's address is 1130 E 1200 Rd., Lawrence, KS. Please contact me if you need more information. Hope to see you there!~Deb Ashlock

Fall Training Classes

Dates for the fall training classes will be September 14 for enrollment; September 21, 28, October 5, two weeks off, November 2, and 9.

LJKC on Facebook

The Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club now is on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Jayhawk-Kennel-Club/176934785688654?sk=wall> (thank you Leslie Soden)! If you are on Facebook, please go and "like" our new LJKC Facebook fan page. Once you "like" the page, anything posted on the page will automatically show on your

newsfeed wall. The “like” button is near the top right corner of the page next to the top title. Any Facebook member that “likes” the page can post on the wall: links, pictures, updates, events, etc. They don’t have to be a member of LJKC—the general public will be able to view the page, which is what we are looking for.

New Librarian Needed

The club needs to find a new librarian. Please contact a club officer if you are interested.

New E-mail Address for Newsletter Editor

I will gradually switch to gmail from my former earthlink address. Please start using my gmail address now and update your member list: blclauson@gmail.com

Help Please

A few people will be needed at each meeting to help set up chairs and tables at Christal K-9. If you would like to volunteer to bring food treats to a future monthly meeting, please contact Jane (785-842-5856; roytus@aol.com).

News from the Mother Ship

Visit <http://www.akc.org> for the latest AKC news.

Club Library

The LJKC has an extensive library of books pertaining to dogs. The listing of our library available to be checked out by members is at the Club’s Web site: <http://www.ljkc.com/members/library.htm>. Please let Jane Tusten know if you

would like to check out an item (please give Jane a three-day notice).

Braggs

GCH Sonbar’s Vigilant Valkyre at Cynosure, “Kyra” (Basenji), owned and shown by Vickie Jacobs, received her Grand Championship at the first day of the Gardner Dog Show and received a group 3. The next day she got a Group 4. This last weekend at the Sedalia dog show she got a Group 2 on Saturday.

CH Andover Mystic Flame, “Merlin” (English Setter), owned and handled by Deb Ashlock, went BOB at the Nebraska Kennel Club show in Omaha on Saturday, July 16. He now has a total of 10 GCH points.

CH Caveat’s Tempesta Di Raffaello, “Rafa” (Belgian Malinois), owned and handled by Deb Ashlock, went BOB both days at the Omaha shows. On Saturday, he won a Group 4 placement! Approaching age 2, he already has 2 group wins. Malinois friends tell me this is very unusual for this breed so it looks like he may have a promising show career.

Toxic Algae Dangers

The recent heat wave has resulted in growth of toxic algae on area lakes, ponds, and other waters. Some of these algae could cause illness and even death in pets drinking the contaminated waters, so be watchful of your dog when out near waterways. Here is a link to a story about algae in a recent issue of the *Lawrence Journal World*: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2011/jul/20/heat-wave-leading-growth-toxic-blue-green-algae-ar/>

Upcoming Area Event

Cheryl Morris will be presenting a lecture, *The Competitive Edge; Nourishing the Canine Athlete*, on August 27 from 6 to 8 PM at K-9s In Motion in Lee's Summit, MO. The lecture isn't limited to agility competitors, but will be of use to any enthusiast who wants to give their dog a "leg up" on the competition. If you are interested in this lecture or agility workshops please let Lori Michaels know and she will send a registration form to you. Contact Lori Michaels at All Star Agility, www.Allstaragility.net, www.kcmecca.com.

Rescue Group Opportunity

Cheryl Bell at Tractor Supply Company (TSC) in Lawrence is planning to host an animal rescue group once a month at TSC. The group can set up a booth and hand out brochures or sell food and rescue merchandise as a fundraiser. TSC will also host the Lawrence Humane Society, 4-H groups, etc. If you know of a group that would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please phone TSC at 785-331-2395 and ask for Cheryl Bell, or email her at cgrx2@hotmail.com and put TSC-rescue programs in the subject line.