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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY,

JUNE 19

at

MRS. MENDES' HOME

405 Craig Street

Ferndale

Board Mtg. - 6:30 p.m.

Regular Mtg. - 7:00

Directions:

From Main Street Ferndale,
turn Left onto Brown Street.

Brown dead ends on Craig.
Park here.

All welcome!!!

President's Corner...

We have a new club member. Please welcome Judy Eaglemoan who is interested in Smooth Collies and owns a German Shepherd and a Lhasa/poodle cross.

Please plan to attend the June meeting. It may run full time,
as it will be our last chance to finalize show details for June 30 and July 1.

Also please remember that the raffle at these shows is a big money-maker for the club. You can help by donating raffle items or by soliciting donations from local businesses.

We will welcome one and all on Friday, June 29th, to help set up at the fairgrounds in Ferndale. We plan to start at 8 a.m., but any help throughout the day would be appreciated. We need to be finished by 5 p.m., as there is a fun match and dinner that evening.

What goes up must come down - so help on Sunday afternoon would also be greatly appreciated. We will start right after Best in Show.

See you at the meeting - and at the show!

Jill Otto

GREAT BRAGS and WAGS:



Pictured is Sparky, already a natural retriever. While very proud of Dora and Raisin, Sparky has no doubts that he, too, will one day have great brags.

IRENE HETRICK'S Toy Manchester Terriers, **Dora** (Trinity's Dora the Explorer) and **Raisin** (Trinity's Raise A Ruckus) have both been doing Irene proud.

Seven-month-old **Raisin** was awarded **4 points** at the **Klamath Dog Fanciers** shows held 5/12-5/13.

Then, the following weekend at **Coyote Hills KC**, **Dora** was **Winners Bitch** out of the Open class for **1 point** on Saturday.

Not to be outdone by Dora, however, on Sunday at **Coyote Hills**, from the 6-9 Puppy class, **Raisin** went **Best of Variety** over specials, making it a **3-point major** for her! It made Irene's ride home very, very nice!

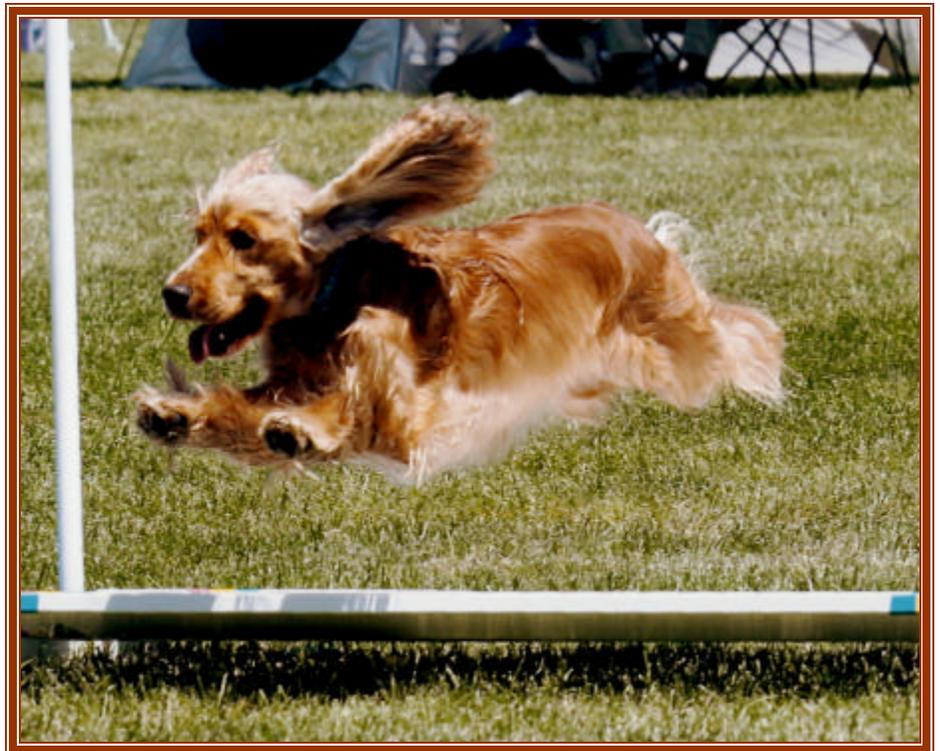
At **Mensona Agility Trial** in May, **Deb St. Myers** and her English Cocker **Sienna** ran both days and earned **double Q's**. This was the first time they ever ran twice in a trial.

On Saturday, Sienna placed **1st in Novice Standard**, which **finished her title**, then went on to **Novice Jumpers with Weaves** placing **2nd** for her **first leg**.

On Sunday they moved up to **Open Standard** and placed **2nd**, going on to **NJWW** and placing **1st**.

This was a first title in agility for both Deb and Sienna.

WOW! CONGRATULATIONS!!!



With flying ears and happy face, Sienna shows her beautiful winning form.

MORE GREAT BRAGS and WAGS:

Spinone Italiano **CIANA** (Capo di Paura Sunspot Ciana) earned a **GCG** award.
Congratulations to Ciana and to her co-owners,
Jill Otto & Mary Myers

CHRIS IRVIN'S Belgian Tervuren, **Wizard**, earned his **HT** title along with his **1st PT leg**. The same weekend, Wizard took **BOB** over a special who had just been awarded a Select at the Nationals. Though he did not get a placement, Wizard did show very, very nicely in the group ring and did get a very good look over.
Congratulations to Chris and Wizard!

FROM AKC...

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: June 13, 2007
Contact: Daisy Okas
Phone: 212-696-8343

AKC DELEGATE BODY PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING CA AB 1634

New York, NY – A resolution proposed by the American Kennel Club® Board of Directors opposing California Assembly Bill 1634 was unanimously adopted by the AKC® Delegate Body at its quarterly meeting, held Monday, June 11, 2007, in Las Vegas. The bill would require all dogs and cats over the age of four months to be spayed or neutered unless the owners qualify for and obtain an intact animal permit. The AKC Delegates, who represent 599 member clubs out of the nearly 5,000 AKC affiliated clubs nationwide (more than 460 of them in California), issued the following resolution on Monday in response to proposed Assembly Bill 1634:

“Be it resolved that the Delegates of the American Kennel Club declare that the enactment of AB1634 in the State of California would 1) be detrimental to the sport of purebred dogs; 2) fail to achieve the humane results it purports to espouse; and 3) cost the State of California and its communities tens of millions of dollars in lost revenues.

Be it further resolved that the Delegates of the American Kennel Club urge the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California to defeat AB1634.”

“This resolution represents our steadfast opposition to this bill and any others which unfairly target the responsible breeders that make up our constituency,” said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. “We are deeply concerned about the problems irresponsible dog owners, irresponsible breeding, and inadequate animal control can cause a community; however, mandatory spaying and neutering has proven to be an ineffective solution because it fails to address the heart of the issue—irresponsible ownership. The AKC and its clubs support non-discriminatory, fair, effective and enforceable legislation that addresses the pertinent animal issues in the community. “

California Assembly Bill 1634

by Jeannie Breslin

A bill requiring most California dog and cat owners to sterilize their pets or risk \$500 fines has passed the California State Assembly with a vote of 41-38. The bill will now proceed to the State Senate. California Assembly Bill 1634 requires all dogs or cats over the age of four months to be spayed or neutered unless the owner qualifies for and obtains an intact animal permit.

The measure, dubbed the Healthy Pets Act by supporters and the Pet Extermination Act by some opponents, divides animal control officials, veterinarians, breeders, and pet owners in counties and around the state.

What's wrong with AB 1634, and why it doesn't solve the real problem? Proponents claim that California has a growing problem with abandoned pets; when in fact, that simply is not true. The number of incoming dogs and cats at California shelters has been decreasing for many years, as has the number of animals euthanized. Most animals surrendered to shelters are either feral cats or other dogs and cats who are too old, too sick, or who have behavioral problems that make them unsuitable for adoption. Thus, they have to be euthanized. In fact, California shelters have such a shortage of adoptable dogs that they import dogs from out-of-state to fill the demand. Shelters will not save money from the passage of AB 1634 because the numbers and types of animals they receive and euthanize will not be affected by passage of this bill. This proposal is a smokescreen to eliminate the breeding and ownership of quality pets in California.

Why mandatory spay and neuter doesn't work. Where it has been tried, mandatory spay and neuter has been a failure. MSN has resulted in reduced licensing compliance and, therefore, reduced revenue for shelters. Reduced licensing compliance has resulted in fewer rabies vaccinations (a primary purpose of pet licensing is to assure that mandatory rabies vaccinations take place), thereby endangering the public's health. Public fear of the penalties associated with MSN have led to increased dumping of unwanted pets and reduced adoption of stray animals.

Furthermore, sterilizing that early is dangerous for many animals and is extremely poor health policy for most. The decision whether to neuter a pet, or when, should be made on a case-by-case basis, not arbitrarily because an animal reaches a certain, very young age. Such decisions should be made by responsible owners with the advice of their veterinarians, not by politicians. There are many reasons not to sterilize an animal too early including: orthopedic risks, increased risk of cancer, adverse behavioral consequences, incomplete development, and other health risks. There has been much research of this subject, and many in the veterinary community are concerned about too early sterilization. A recent study, Long-Term Health Risks and Benefits Associated with Spay / Neuter in Dogs, found that the increased health risks associated with neutering male dogs exceeded the health benefits: Neutering increased the risk for male dogs of osteosarcoma, especially when done before 1 year of age. Also increased were the risks for developing cardiac hemangiosarcoma (60% increase), hypothyroidism (300% increase), progressive geriatric cognitive impairment, obesity, prostate cancer, urinary tract cancers, orthopedic disorders, and adverse reactions to vaccinations. If we were talking about human beings here, the routine neutering of all males would be prohibited by the FDA.

The spaying of bitches was associated with an increased risk for osteosarcoma, recessed vulva, vaginal dermatitis, and vaginitis, especially when done before 1 year of age. In addition, spaying increased risks for splenic hemangiosarcoma (120% increase), cardiac hemangiosarcoma (more than 400% increase), hypothyroidism (300% increase), obesity (60 to 100% increase), urinary incontinence (4 to 20% increase), recurring urinary tract infections (200 to 300% increase), urinary tract tumors (100% increase), orthopedic disorders, and adverse reactions to vaccines.

California Assembly Bill 1634 *continued...*

What does work: Public education, leash laws, free or low cost spay/neuter opportunities for low income Californians, moderate price differentials for licensing of intact and altered male and female dogs, and vigorous marketing of shelter dogs for adoption by the public have been working effectively to reduce the numbers of dogs being received and euthanized by California animal shelters. At present rates of reduction (6% per year over the past 10 years), we can anticipate that the numbers of dogs euthanized in California animal shelters will drop below 50,000 per year by 2015. Hopefully, by 2015, these 46,252 dogs will be only those that are not considered to be suitable candidates for adoption. Now is not the time to panic and adopt draconian measures like AB 1634, which have already been shown to make this problem considerably worse.

Now is also not the time for complacency; your civil rights are being eroded. For the record, our own Patty Berg voted YES to pass 1634. I urge you to contact both our State Senator and our Assemblywoman to voice your concerns over this bill.

Senator Patricia Wiggins

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Thanks so much to Jeannie for her very considerable time and effort to provide us with the above information and facts regarding the consequences of AB 1634. Along with Jeannie, I also urge you to contact Senator Wiggins to voice your concerns and urge her to vote NO on this bill. At the least, make a quick phone call to her office. I also urge you to contact Assemblywoman Patty Berg's office to go on record as being opposed to this bill and disappointed in her support of it. We need to act now. Time is running out. - Ed.



Ring practice June 10 2007

HANDLING 2 (continuing series)

Ok, you enter the ring to show your dog. You have the "Layout" of WHAT the Judge is going to expect from you by watching the previous classes, and WHERE the Judge is going to expect these "exercises". It's your turn for the Individual exam. Pay ATTENTION TO DETAILS.

The Stack (you MUST practice at home with a Mirror)

What WILL BE the judge's first Impression when he sees your dog stack for the Individual exam? Know your dog's Faults and Virtues so you can best "present" The Picture of the "Standard" to the Judge. The judge will most likely have a picture of his "ideal" in his mind's eye. (Hopefully the Standard, but in the least it will be a picture & ACT of the dogs he sees in the group at the shows he attends.) You need to match that "Performance"!!

Have control of your dog and be Ready with the "Picture." You should be able to put this "Picture" together in TEN SECONDS or less. This is where TIMING is Important.

If you aren't ready, = points against for poor "performance."

You'll be nervous, but "Get A Grip" and say to yourself, "What is My Checklist for this exercise?" It will bring you Back to Focus.

Your main goal is to "Keep the Picture" DURING the exam, so when the Judge steps back from exam, your dog hasn't fallen apart before his eyes!!

Check List for the exam:

- 1.) Head; lips tucked in neatly, no flews or slobber hanging out.
- 2.) Excess Cheek & Neck skin tucked neatly into collar.
- 3.) Legs/Feet straight, rear square not too stretched out or legs placed too far apart.
- 4.) Top Line firm (hopefully not sloping) and tail up.
- 5.) Ears up w/neck arched appropriately for your dog's structure.
- 6.) Accentuate the "picture" with a smile; keep your feet/ legs together; wear appropriate apparel. Give eye contact to judge but don't be annoying.
- 7.) Act confident and act as if you are enjoying yourself. (Your dog will thank you for this!)
- 8.) Give "pleasantries" (Yes ma'am/sir) when the Judge asks you to do something. This puts a voice to your face.

By Michelle Santana (Reprinted with permission.)

Editor's Note: Ms. Santana's breed is Dobermans, and thus the above stacking instructions to present the ideal picture (e.g., top line not sloping, ears up, tail up) apply to that breed. Know your own breed's standard and ideal presentation picture, and make up your own appropriate checklist.

MINUTES FROM MEETING
of
5/15/07

Board Meeting 6:37 PM:

Present: Michelle Dostal, Jill Otto, Chris Irvin, and Debbie Enns

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Absent

Unfinished business: Premiums are apparently available as **Irene** got a box of them, but nobody else at board meeting had received one

New business: Inquiry about Show Chair duties by **Debbie Enns**

Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Regular meeting 7:05 PM:

Present: Above and **Deb St. Myers, Rose Kessler, Beverly Morgan-Lewis, Shirley Groom, Jim Wasetis, Judy EagleWoman, Cad Wright**

Minutes from last meeting approved.

President: Local spay/neuter ordinance tabled to await state legislation decision. AB 1634 to appropriations committee on 5/16/07—It is believed that if it gets money to back it, the bill will go further, and we'll need to gear up to offer opposition to it again; if no financial backing, may "die." Several club members have brought up the idea that if the bill proceeds further, there should be an official club response letter. **Michelle** suggested that those members who wanted the club to respond provide letters to the club, and the club can put letter on letterhead and submit. **Jill** might send out e-mail requests for letters if the bill proceeds. Rescue Fair on 4/21/07 went very well; club had good location and had good contact with the public.

Secretary: Absent but sent some correspondence info. The club rec'd several donation requests and elected not to donate at this time. Rec'd thank you card from Farm Store for participating in rescue fair. Secretary has some premium lists while no other members have one. Other members were wanting to know if secretary rec'd posters too—**Deb St. Myers** to e-mail **Irene** and AKC follow-up if necessary. **Irene** has \$32 from ring practice and also pointed out that there should be enough ring practice money now to buy more PVC ring sections and recommended purchasing 10 10-foot sections.

Treasurer: Absent

COMMITTEES

Ring Practice: **Rose Kessler** has another \$11. Wants to set up practice this Sunday (5/20) at noon at Ferndale fairgrounds. **Jill Otto** will help.

Newsletter: **Barb Stelz** asked that her e-mail address not appear on the newsletter since the newsletter is available on the Internet. **Jim Wasetis** will set up a link to "contact newsletter editor" which will re-direct to **Barb Stelz** without showing her e-mail address.

Club apparel: **Michelle Dostal** in confirmation of order stage and anticipates placing order next week.

Show: Premium available on-line. Club will start set-up at 8:00 AM on Friday June 29, 2007, and ask that members arrive to help even if they can't get there right at 8:00. **Rose Kessler** will contact **Nick Mendes** about grounds/mowing issues. Best In Brew won't have trailer there, possibly only a "cart", and may be serving a more limited menu. They will still provide coffee, including to the judges. **Debbie Enns** will buy snack foods at Costco, then **Danielle Reed** will do the hospitality set-up in the mornings. No one was 100% sure about whether the 4-H group would be doing parking at the show or not. Need to confirm. **Michelle Dostal** mentioned that now is the time for members to make requests as to start times for specific breeds for members who are showing and/or

Minutes *continued...*

volunteering in multiple areas in order to avoid showing/working conflicts. **Shirley Groom** showed examples of embroidery and it was very nicely done! **Cathy Wright** mentioned that buckets aren't quite done yet, but she does have the plaque(s).

Agility: **Beverly Morgan Lewis** ordered ribbons. NADAC is putting on an agility trial in town the weekend before ours. Suggestion that maybe it could be used by club members for extra experience in agility competition—but reminds that it is not an AKC event.

New Member: **Judy EagleWoman** has older German Shepherd, mixed-breed, and is interested in a smooth Collie in the future.

Unfinished Business: **Debbie Enns** would like additional information about Show Chair duties. **Debbie Enns** pointed out that she doesn't do any dog showing and would need a lot of help; would be more likely to accept if someone could step up ASAP to be assistant-chair. **Cathy Wright** had show chair manual, but suggested that there is a book out there that may be more helpful to **Debbie Enns**—something along the lines of “How to Be a Dog Show Chair.” **Debbie Enns** expressed great interest in this, and **Cathy Wright** will try to look into buying a copy for the club. **Ardith Dahlstrom** has some judges for 2008, 2009, and 2010. Looking for judge suggestions for 2008 for: toys, working, smooth Fox Terriers, and some hounds.

New Business: **Chris Irvin** and **Rose Kessler** will try to get the club signs and put out about 2 weeks prior to the show. **Jim Wasetis** will update website, creating a separate page for agility. **Jim Wasetis** also inquired about putting club fliers in local pet shops and vet offices. Suggestion that maybe club advertise upcoming meetings in local papers on occasion when there may be less show-specific discussion and more general information or special topics presented. **Deb St. Myers** said she attended a BARF diet workshop and it was very informative—would like to possibly have BARF speaker speak at club. **Michelle Dostal** sent out DRAFT membership lists and is asking for corrections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Check out www.nationalpetfoundation.com/list.html -

This site has links where you can check on recalled pet food, and you can sign up to receive notices as new foods are added to the list. (Thanks to Irene for supplying this info.)