



Butler County Kennel Club
April 2008
Newsletter



Upcoming Events

April 1, 2008	BCKC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Butler YMCA
May 6, 2008	BCKC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Butler YMCA
May 7, 2008	Entries due for New Castle show
May 24, 2008	BCKC show

**General Meeting Minutes –
Butler County Kennel
Club, Inc. (BCKC)**

Meeting Date: Tuesday,
March 4, 2008

The meeting was called to
order at 7:05 p.m. by
President Mick McCormick.

Roll Call sheet was sent
around and there were 7
members in attendance with
no guests.

Minutes from the February
2008 meeting were
approved.

Presidents Report:

Mick reported on the current
status for our filing as Tax
exempt. He had spoken with
an attorney who has agreed

to review the applications
once Mick has filled them in.
Both a State and Federal
application needs to be
obtained, and Mick informed
the members that there is a
fee of \$750.00 for the
Federal application.

He also reported on the
current work against the
proposed PA State Dog
Laws. He read a copy of the
letter which he wrote and
sent to Legislators of the
area. If you would like a
copy of the "Mailed To List"
contact Mick. He also
reported on the newest
problem, that being the
reinterpretation of the current
law by PA Dog Wardens. It
now involves additional
paper work for kennel
owners, providing the
Wardens with a list of names
and addresses of buyers
which is provided to
Harrisburg. Any individual
who is from out of state is
then sent a letter informing
them that they need to
purchase a license which
allows them to buy a dog
from PA, at a cost of
\$300.00.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report at this
time.

Treasurer's Report:

Billie Jo was unable to
attend the meeting, but did
provide Mick with a short
over view. For the start of
the year we are operating at a
loss of \$1624.00. There was
some income from dues, but
expenses for Web Site
management, Insurance and
Fairground reservation for
the Fall Show.

Committee Reports:

1. Education – Mick
reported that our
proposal to the Butler
Dog Training club
regarding payment by
week per class
attendance was
rejected. Mick will
continue to discuss it
with them.
2. Newsletter –
Reminder any
information for the
Newsletter needs to
be submitted to
Jennifer by the 15th of
each month. Also,
Jennifer reported that
the problem in

sending the email copies seems to have been resolved.

Brags:

From Jennifer and Mike Joy – “Cookie” attended a few CPE (Canine Performance Events) and qualified in both Jumpers and Colors classes.

Spring Show:

Mick reported that vendor contact is ongoing and he has started seeing some funds coming in.

Fall Show:

All judges are hired, and the next step will be completing the Judging Panel. The Disaster and Emergency Plan, along with the Shared Site Agreement have been sent to AKC to finalize our application. Mick provided that the contract has been signed and returned, and our Insurance for the year has been obtained.

Unfinished Business:

Mick reported on the “Outstanding Sportsmanship Award” which AKC provides. It is a program in which member clubs pick and individual to receive. At this time a process and criteria need to be determined by our Club before moving forward on presentation of this award.

New Business:

Karen Robertson stated that she had talked with someone regarding CART – the program being set up in

Butler County for Disaster Relief of Animals. There will be a meeting on March 19, 2008 which she plans to attend.

Karen also mentioned the idea of our Club sponsoring a float in the Butler Christmas parade.

Kathie McCormick asked if there was any updates regarding the quest for a different meeting place. At this time there wasn’t, and someone mentioned contacting the YWCA for possible space.

The members were also asked if they might have any other options for places to hold our Christmas dinner. None were provided at this time.

Harry Logan made the motion that the meeting was adjourned, seconded by Jennifer Joy. The motion was approved by the Club Members, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

BRAGS: Kat, owned by Phyl Shraf, added a 4 point major to her point count to finish!

---New Champion Curtain Call Panther Pride

Highlights from Concerned Dog Owners of California [The Mandatory Spay and Neuter at Four Months Law \(Ordinance No. 179615\)](#) is spreading across the

country according to Los Angeles Animal Services Director Ed Boks. **At an Animal Commission meeting on March 10th Boks announced they were getting calls from all over the United States from officials anxious to put this "innovative and wildly popular law" into effect in their cities.**

At a gala signing party Los Angeles officials were joined by **HSUS President Wayne Pacelle** and **PETCO Foundation President Paul Jolly** who flew in for the event.

DOG CLUB DIRECTORIES ARE THE NEW ENFORCEMENT TOOL

To demonstrate the ability to get an exemption for your show dog, some California cities are asking that people seeking to license their intact dogs provide a copy of a Dog Club Directory with their name in it as evidence. And of course, that gives the enforcement body an up-to-date list of all the other people they can go after.

We would urge dog clubs to immediately issue membership cards so their members are not forced to turn over information on the entire club to get an exemption. And please write to the AKC and urge them to abandon the requirement for addresses in the dog show catalogs.