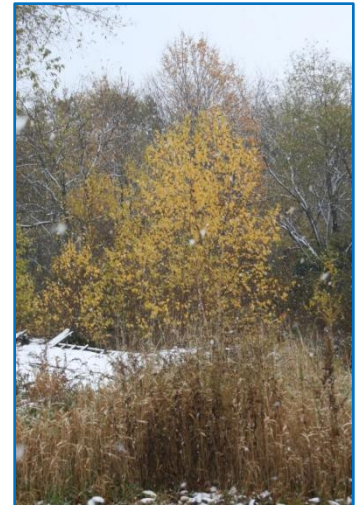




Butler County Kennel Club

December 2008 Newsletter



It's a Date

Dec. 5, 2008 Meeting
5:30 PM
Christmas

2009 Shows

Saturday September 19, 2009
Sunday, September 20, 2009

Due Dates

Trophy Information due to Show
Chairman Friday, May 1, 2009

Catalog Advertising Information
due to MB-F Inc. Friday, August
7, 2009

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This newsletter needs a full time
permanent editor. If you're
interested or just feeling guilty
contact Kathie or Mick.



Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held
at the Saxonburg Hotel on
Sunday, November 30th at 5:30
PM.



Conformation Class

For the new year, 2009, we will
be returning to Wednesday
nights for classes. The last
sessions of this year will remain
on Tuesday evening. The
scheduled nights are:

November 25
December 16, 23, 30
January 7, 14

Due\$

Your 2009 dues are due by
December 31, 2008. You can
send them to Jennifer Joy at:

213 Sunbury Rd.
Slippery Rock, PA 16056

or

Here's a concept. Bring them to
our next meeting.

Dues are \$10.00 for a single
membership and \$15.00 for a
family membership.

Name Calling Contest

Hey! Don't forget the contests
to name the newsletter and the
new cluster. The only entry we
have so far is from Mick. He
wants to call it The Southwest
Pennsylvania Last Rose of
Summer Dog Show Thingy.

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You are encouraged to submit
articles, stories, announcements
etc. If you are submitting

something from another publication get permission to reprint.

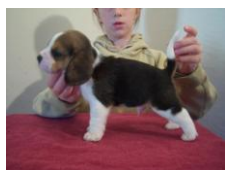


Braggs

From Phyl
Schraf

Curtain Call The Storyteller or L.P. short for Lisa Page went south to minor out in a few shows. We found majors in October at Collie Club Of Georgia. L. P. went WB-BW on Oct.24 for 4 points, Then repeated the points on Oct.25 for her second major to finish. Both wins were under collie breeder judges. We are thrilled!!!!!!!!!!!!

Send a picture (electronic or printed) with your brag and we'll put your dog in the news.



Laura
LeFever's
Blue at 4 ½
weeks, one
of a bunch
of Beagles.

Two Educational Opportunities

A Pat Hastings Seminar on Evaluating the Structural Quality of Puppies will be offered on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the:

Sylvania Senior Center
7140 Sylvania Avenue
Sylvania, OH 43560

Contact: David Swank
david@IESSC.org
419-861-3819

The Lehigh Valley Kennel Club is offering a two day seminar on structure and movement presented by Ed and Pat Gilbert on March 7 & 8, 2009 at the Days Inn Conference Center.

Contact: Terry Hilliard
lockridgebritts@aol.com

Catalog Advertising

The prices we will charge for catalog advertising are:

Full page	\$50.00
Half Page	\$25.00
¼ Page	\$12.50
Photos	\$10.00

The measurements for ad size are:

4½" x 7¾" full page,
4½" x 3¾" half page,
4½" x 1¾" quarter
page.

Process and submission information will be available at future meetings.

Members may advertise at cost. Talk to Mick about this.

Oooooops!
Your Tax Dollars Not Working At All
(from Mick)

You may remember that last month's news letter contained a copy of an email from Senator

Jane Orie acknowledging our support for HR2525.

I responded with a fairly blunt email of my own, letting the Senator know what I thought of her position and her interpretation of ours. My email is quoted here in its entirety.

"Dear Senator Orie:

I read your email of October 16, 2008 with considerable dismay. You clearly noted my interest and then got my input all completely reversed. To wit:

On February 14, 2008 I wrote to several legislators including yourself in behalf of the Butler County Kennel club. I will spare you the gory details but the letter opened thusly.

"I am writing this letter in behalf of the Butler County Kennel Club because many of our members are among your constituents. We are a group of dog fanciers and small kennel/hobby breeders.

It is our considered opinion that the current legislative and regulatory efforts of Governor Rendell's administration are misguided, unmanageable, inimical to the welfare of dogs, economically unsound and just plain unconstitutional. Some examples follow."

Later, in July of 2008 I sent an email on this subject to you and others. That email begins, "The members of the Butler County

Kennel Club urge you to vote NO on HR2525 and HR2532."

It is impossible for me to understand how you misinterpreted my prior communications and I am extremely disappointed. You and the rest of the legislature have been stampeded into another bad dog law by fanatics who have too much money and not enough understanding of dogs and their care.

Puppy mills are a blight on our state and need to be controlled effectively or eliminated but you have sanctioned a law which places a generic blanket burden over everyone in the fancy. The requirements of this bill in many circumstances are dangerous for the animals and frustrating for their knowledgeable and dedicated owners.

This law is a bad deal all the way around. You voted for it and lied to yourself about our support for the bill.

Sincerely
William C. McCormick, Jr.
President, Butler County Kennel Club"

On Tuesday, October 28, 2008 I got another email from:

Bryan M. Hollihan, Esq.
Counsel
Office of State Senator Jane C. Orie
Majority Whip
Phone: 724.776.3500
Fax: 724.7763582

Bryan was asking for my phone number so we could discuss the issue.

Wow, I thought. The big guns are out. Here is a chance to state my case.

Fat chance!

The upshot of the whole thing was that someone put my name in the wrong pile. I wasn't supposed to get that email.

Apparently I was supposed to get the note that said, "Eat your heart out dip stick."

So, we have a bad law, a failure to communicate, and an anticlimax.

Go figure.

AKC Group Realignment Committee

Proposed Breeds & Groups (7/31/08)

From a presentation to the Delegates on September 8, 2008 by the AKC Group Realignment Committee

The entire report can be viewed at:

http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/group_realignment.cfm

Group 1: Sporting — Pointers and Setters (11) (12)

Brittany
Pointer
Pointer (German Shorthaired)
Pointer (German Wirehaired)
Setter (English)
Setter (Gordon)
Setter (Irish)

Setter (Irish Red & White)
Miscellaneous 6/27/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09
Spinone Italiano
Vizsla
Weimaraner
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers and Spaniels (17) (18)

Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)
Retriever (Curly-Coated)
Retriever (Flat-Coated)
Retriever (Golden)
Retriever (Labrador)
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
Spaniel (American Water)
Spaniel (Boykin) — Miscellaneous 1/1/08
Spaniel (Cumber)
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB
Spaniel (Cocker) Black
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color
Spaniel (English Cocker)
Spaniel (English Springer)
Spaniel (Field)
Spaniel (Irish Water)
Spaniel (Sussex)
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

Group 3: Scent Hounds (14) (17)

Basset Hound
Beagle (13")
Beagle (15")
Black and Tan Coonhound
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound - Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Dachshund (Longhaired)
Dachshund (Smooth)
Dachshund (Wirehaired)
English Foxhound
Foxhound (American)
Harrier
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Plott
Redbone Coonhound — Miscellaneous 9/1/08
Treeing Walker Coonhound — Miscellaneous 1/1/09

Group 4: Sight Hounds (11)

Afghan Hound
Basenji
Borzo
Greyhound
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound
Pharaoh Hound

Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Whippet

Group 5: Working (23) (25)

Anatolian Shepherd
Bernese Mountain Dog
Black Russian Terrier
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso — Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Dalmatian
Doberman Pinscher
Dogue de Bordeaux
German Pinscher
Giant Schnauzer
Great Dane
Great Pyrenees
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Leonberger — Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Portuguese Water Dog
Rottweiler
Saint Bernard
Standard Schnauzer
Tibetan Mastiff

Group 6: Terriers (28) (29)

Airedale Terrier
Australian Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier (Colored)
Bull Terrier (White)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier — Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier

Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

Group 7: Toys (21)

Affenpinscher
Brussels Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
English Toy Spaniel (Blenheim & Prince Charles)
English Toy Spaniel (King Charles & Ruby)
Havanese
Japanese Chin
Maltese
Manchester Terrier (Toy)
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy)
Pug
Shih Tzu
Silky Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

Group 8: Companion (11) (12)

Bichon Frise
Boston Terrier
Bulldog
Chinese Crested
French Bulldog
Lhasa Apso
Lowchen
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Xoloitzcuintli — Miscellaneous 1/10/09

Group 9: Herding (20) (21)

Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie
Beauceron
Belgian Malinois
Belgian Tervuren
Belgian Sheepdog
Border Collie
Bouvier des Flandres
Briard
Canaan Dog
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
German Shepherd
Old English Sheepdog

Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pyrenean Shepherd — Miscellaneous 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09
Shetland Sheepdog

Group 10: Northern (13) (16)

Akita
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow
Finnish Spitz
Icelandic Sheepdog — Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Keeshond
Norwegian Buhund — Miscellaneous 1/1/07; Full Recognition 1/1/09
Norwegian Lundehund — Miscellaneous 7/1/08
Norwegian Elkhound
Samoyed
Siberian Husky
Schipperke
Shiba Inu
Swedish Vallhund

Your questions, concerns, comments and criticisms should be directed to:

James Crowley, Executive Secretary
American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016
Email: grouprealign@akc.org
Fax: 212-696-8252

Breed-specific comments should be submitted through the breed Parent Club.

My personal criticisms are that this is an enormous expense to be under taken by an organization that is failing financially and which will no doubt ask those of us who have no real stake in the realignment to pay the freight for an effort

that is of dubious benefit to the
people who drive the fancy.

Mick McCormick

Disaster Preparedness: Are You Ready?

by Bilinda Marsall

Hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, unstable economies, or any number of other possible emergencies - each of us wishes to weather these storms with the safety of our pets and our families foremost and with minimum disruption to our lives.

These excerpts from my guide 'Dogs in Disasters-Preparations' will help you begin to prepare for most eventualities and to start thinking in survival mode.

There are several levels of preparedness to consider from everyday bumps in the road such as local power outages to extreme emergencies that force you to evacuate your home for an unknown period of time.

BUMPS IN THE ROAD: The Basics

Shelter: Each dog should have a crate large enough for the dog to stand and turn around in. Be sure that the dog is crate trained. Introducing a dog to confinement during a time of high stress is not the optimum situation for you or your dog.

Extra Food: Keep an extra bag or a few spare cans of dog food at home. Remember to rotate your stock so the food does not sit long enough to become stale.

Basic Supplies: Have extras of the following on hand and easily accessible for each dog:

- Leash and collar - A buckle or limited slip collar, not a choke collar, is preferable.
- Tie-out cable long enough to loop

around a small tree or car bumper in case your fence is damaged (Metal cable or other chew-resistant material is best. This is not intended to stake out the dog for long periods of time, but to safely restrain the animal if needed or to allow some time outside when it is safe.)

- Food and water dishes
- Manual can opener
- Extra water
- First aid kit (Suggestions for contents follow.)
- Any medications given regularly, at least a week's supply.

First Aid Kit: The first step to having a first aid kit is knowing how to use it. The American Red Cross has animal first aid. and CPR courses. Take one as soon as possible. The life of your dog may depend on it.

The second step is to talk with your vet to see what she suggests should be added to a basic kit, as appropriate for YOUR animals.

The basic kit can be purchased from many sources, available on the Internet. You can also assemble your own kit, usually less expensively than purchasing one.

The container should be easily identifiable, waterproof, and easy to carry. I use a red and yellow (easy to see!), plastic tool box obtained at a discount store for about \$8. I put "K9 FIRST AID" on the top and sides using a homemade stencil and paint for use on plastic. Nail polish will also work well. Just make sure that the kit is clearly identifiable as an animal, not human, first aid kit.

Contents should include:

- Rectal thermometer (preferably electronic, as it will not break as easily as glass)
- KY jelly

- Gauze, rolled
- Gauze pads, 2x2 and 3x3 inch, individually wrapped Sanitary pads - NOT super absorbent (to use as pressure bandages)
- Large butterfly bandages
- Waterproof tape
- Medical grade Super Glue
- Duct tape
- Conforming tape, such as Coban or Vet Wrap (Do not use red or purple as it will mask any bleeding.)
- Ace bandage
- Triangular bandage (made from any clean, woven cloth, but white cotton is best, about 3 feet per side)
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Canned milk (A 50/50 mix with peroxide can be used to make dogs vomit.)
- Bottle of sterile water
- Syringes to flush wounds
- Medicated soap
- Waterless hand cleaner, alcohol-based, such as Purel (for the humans)
- Styptic pencil and/or Quik Stop powder
- Antibacterial ointment, such as TripleBiotic, Neosporin or
- Bactrim
- Scissors
- Immodium or other anti-diarrhea meds
- Benadryl or other antihistamines
- Pepto-Bismol tablets
- Buffered or enteric coated aspirin
- Anti-gas medication, both liquid and tablets
- Several pairs of latex gloves
- Forceps (tweezers) and hemostats, in several sizes
- Chemical ice pack (the type that crushing an insert makes it cold)
- Towels
- Flashlight, with one set extra batteries (An LED flashlight has a much longer battery life than regular bulbs.)
- Rescue blanket, silver Mylar (to

preserve body heat or protect from ground dampness)

- Splints or material to make them (such as tongue depressors)
- Children's sport socks (to use as bandages on feet or with the toes cut off to help hold bandages on legs)
- Rescue Remedy or other non-narcotic calmative
- Sun screen
- Flea/tick/mosquito repellant
- A soft muzzle in case your dog should need restraint (Even the most gentle dog may snap when under stress or in pain.)
- Leash, nylon noose type as used at vet offices
- Collapsible water bowl
- Treats
- Name, address, and phone number of your vet and the emergency vet clinic nearest you.
- Copy of your dog's rabies shot records, photos of each dog, and at least one picture of you with each dog, enclosed in a ziplock waterproof bag.

For all medications, including over the counter meds, get the proper dosage for each animal from your vet. List them on a file card and include in the kit.

I am an RN and have been a Vet Tech, so my kit includes other items which need training to use, such as a tummy tube, properly marked to use in case of bloat; sutures and staples. You may not want to include any of these items, but remember that the first aid kit should be customized to your needs and skills. In addition to medical supplies, include a small book or pamphlet on canine first aid. An easy-to-read guide dealing with the basics is all you need. Check areabook stores, or ask your veterinarian for a recommendation. Familiarize yourself with the book before storing it. It is particularly important to know how to recognize if your dog is in shock and,

if so, how to stabilize it.

Also, learn where your local emergency animal clinics are located, and plan alternate routes to them in case some roads are blocked.

SHELTER IN PLACE

You've mastered the basics to help smooth out the bumps in the road, but what about handling a more serious situation that prompts you to hunker down for the duration of the

emergency? Learn more in the next issue of the AMAL Newsletter.

If you would like the entire disaster preparedness guide now, please contact me at luvalmals@gmail.com.

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

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2008

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

There were 9 members in attendance.

Minutes from the October 2008 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Presidents Report:

Mick mentioned the letter received from the AKC talking about AKCs declining revenue due to various things, one being the loss from lower registrations. He is planning on drafting a reply to AKC.

Secretary's Report:

The new Board has been sent to the AKC.

Treasurers Report:

The cash flow for the previous month was at \$2,400. There is still the Fall Cluster account to reconcile with approximately \$1,700 due to the Club.

The Spring Show had a profit of \$5,100+, and the Fall show is looking to be around \$1,500.

Committees

1. Education – remaining classes, Nov 11 and 18. The 2009 classes will be returning to Wednesdays nights. The remaining session of 2008 will remain on Tuesdays. Scheduled nights are: November 25, December 16, 23 and 30, January 7 and 14.
2. Public Relations – Karen requested information which could be used in flyers or newspaper articles explaining what the

Club is about. She asked if radio coverage of the shows could be considered. She also brought up the possibility of the Club sponsoring a group in the Butler County Christmas Parade.

Newsletter:

If anyone is interested please contact Mick.

Fall Show:

Deadlines for Trophy information (which needs to be submitted to Jinnie), and Advertising Information (which needs to be submitted to Karen) will be published in future NL's.

We are still interested in obtaining someone to take care of the washrooms.

Puppy Match:

It was agreed that in 2009, we would again take care of the Conformation Match in conjunction the BDTTC Doggy Fun Day.

Old Business:

Mick is still in the process of reading through the "new" dog laws for the state. He also found out that our letter to Senator Jane Orie, had been put into the wrong pile – the one with the groups supporting the new laws.

New Business:

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, November 30 at the Hotel Saxonburg. Drinks will start at 5:30, with dinner around 6:30. Mick will be sending out the invitations.

Harry made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jennifer. The motion was approved by the Club Members, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.