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From the Desk of the President



Hey all

Boy does time fly another year has gone by. I am looking forward to this year. Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next meeting which will be in Lakeland. All is looking Good starting this year, thanks to all the hard work that was done last year. Again thanks to all those that worked so hard. I am already looking forward to this year. We have 2 new arrivals in our family

Sanddollars Just Cruzin And Sanddollars Dakota.

Congrats to our own France and River on their BEST IN SHOW.
Way to go.

Best to all

Wally

Newsletter
Next Due Date:
June 25, 2006

Meeting Notice
 The next meeting of the KBTC of CF will be held during the Lakeland Kennel Club shows in Lakeland, FL the weekend of June 17 & 18.
 Look for a notice in the mail from the club secretary as to which day and time of the next general meeting of the KBTC of CF

Minutes of the General Meeting Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Central Florida

Heartland Kennel Club
Zolfo Springs, Florida
Sunday, April 23, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Walter Bates. There were eight members and guests Eva and Blake Hansen present.

Secretary Conni Adams read the minutes of January 20th meeting.

Treasurer Joan Lambert read the Treasurer's report. Insurance is due and will be paid this month. Anthony Lopez suggested an audit be done on the Club's books and a budget be developed for future use. A motion was made and passed and Conni will have the audit done in her office. Walter thanked Joan for her work as Treasurer and presented her with a gift.

Committee Reports –

The Nominating Committee of Linda Lopez, Judy Agnew & Reatha Omodio had presented the following Slate of Officers for the 2006-2007 year –

President	Walter Bates
Vice President	Chris Cagle
Treasurer	Jim Omodio
Secretary	Conni Adams

Board of Directors
Linda Lopez,
Judy Agnew,
Reatha Omodio

As there were no nominations from the floor at the January

meeting, Secretary Conni cast one vote for the slate. Walter welcomed the new officers.

Membership – Eva and Blake Hansen were voted in as regular members and Nancy and McKenna Vance were voted in as associate members of the club.

2007 Show – It was decided to do the 2007 show as a committee again. Joan will file the paperwork, Anthony will handle hospitality and Conni will arrange trophies. Conni gave Joan the AKC show application to complete.

New Business –

Bill MacLeod will get Jim's name added to the checking account.

Anthony will publish a list of judges eligible to judge the 2008 show in the next newsletter. Members can vote and the Club will contact the Clearwater Club with their top choices.

The next meeting will be held at the Lakeland Kennel Club Show, June 17 or 18.

Braggs

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Conni Adams
Secretary



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352-288-9512

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Reatha OmodioBoard
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NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

New Members

The following applications where voted on and approved at the April meeting in Zolfo Springs.

Nancy & McKenna Vance
Associate Membership
1481 13th St NW
Cairo, GA 39828
229/378-1040
klvco@aol.com
Sponsors - Barbara & Walter Bates

Blake and Eva Hansen
Single Memberships
1425 E Crisafulli Road
Merritt Island, FL 32963
321/454-7628
No email
Sponsors - Judy Agnew & April Rupert

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Why Attend The National?

Are we guilty of over-emphasizing our National each year? No way!! The National is the most valuable learning experience on the breed that a fancier can treat himself to. The following benefits listed, although not intended to be all-inclusive, are some that come to mind to this writer as being important enough to warrant consideration of making an effort to attend our National.

1. If you are showing and doing your share of winning, say in a two to five state area, chances are it has become easy to believe that your own breeding program is as good as it needs to be. This complacency, so detrimental to growth and improvement, can receive a jolt of realism when you attend the National and see that a breeder from across the nation managed to achieve better top lines, as an example, from similar foundation stock.

2. Since most of the top-ranked dogs will be there (if the owners are smart!), you will have the opportunity to see in person and to study up close those animals whose ads have caught your eye. Hopefully, you will be able to meet their owners and visit about incorporating them into your breeding program, if that is your goal. Don't mislead the owners, be honest if you are simply only "shopping" or considering, and haven't made a decision yet. It is especially beneficial to arrange to see the dogs in their motel room. Although it shouldn't be construed as a final temperament test,

interacting with a dog on a one-to-one basis in an area with which they have become somewhat comfortable is more reliable than jumping on that dog right outside of a show ring. It should enable one to learn more about its personality than merely seeing it in a show ring environment.

3. Although fanciers are often hesitant to share their breeding problems and setbacks through articles and journals, or newsletters, they are often willing to discuss them in person with other concerned fanciers.

4. The non-regular classes offered at specialties provide learning experiences for the observer. Stud dog and brood bitch classes give evidence of the varying degree of prepotency possessed by our leading brood stock, while veteran classes bring life to pedigrees and year book photos. They also leave the sentimental misty-eyed watching the stars of the past gait proudly once more as an admiring audience cheers.

5. If you go to the National as an exhibitor, be prepared to consider any sort of win as simply icing on the cake. Simply placing in a class is an honor at the National, and there are many who feel that even "making the cut" in a class is an honor! More so than going there to win, go to learn and to socialize.

Granted, showing your dogs at the National can be a very humbling experience. It is, however, a chance to see how your dogs rate with others from around the country. You could be in for a pleasant surprise, but of course you can also be in for a rude awakening! Going to the National gives a person new perspective. It's a chance to see where the breed is headed, and what areas need improvement. Another point: dogs that are regarded highly may prove to be disappointing to you, once we have

A Message from your Editor:

At the last meeting of the KBTC of CF it was decided that the Specialty for 2007 would be chaired by committee again. Several members have already agreed to handle certain jobs such as Joan Lambert will file the paperwork with the AKC, I will take care of the Hospitality, and Conni Adams will take care of trophies. There are still several jobs open for volunteers:

- Someone to handle the raffle/auction.
- Help with setting up the hospitality tent: Decorating, etc.
- Selling lunch tickets, serving food Contact Anthony Lopez
- Trophies and handing out items Contact Conni Adams
- Grounds and Boutique need a chairman If you can volunteer please contact one of the above mentioned people Or call Joan Lambert.

Nancy Westbrook has agreed to make arrangements for a Seminar on Reproduction that would be present at the Specialty by Dr. Onclin and her husband Dr. Versteegen's both from the University of Florida at NO CHARGE except for gas.

Your Editor

Anthony

seen them move, how they show, or some other detail that a photo does not reveal. Watching your Super Special perform in the ring has altered many a direction in a breeding program. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then BEING THERE in person must be worth a million!

Via Toonie Tails

Via CISSC Sheltie Showdown

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Around The Ring



Kerry Blue Terrier

New Champion

Ch. Keristars Bingo Magic

Owner: Betty Ann Clayton
Handled by:
France Godbout & Len Ilton

Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers
Jan. 6, 2006
W/BW/OS 3 Pt. Major

Kerifield's Hurricane Charm

Owner: Caroline Proctor

Everglades Terrier Club
March 10, 2006
Winner Bitch 2 pt.

KeriOn Awsome Cali Blue

Owned By: Carol & Patrick O'Brian
Bred & Handled By Judy Agnew

Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers
March 12, 2006
Best Breed Puppy & Puppy
Group 1

Blake Hansen showing KeriOn

Awesome Atlas won
Novice & Intermediate
Jr. Showmanship Class
March 11, & 12, 2006

Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers
March 18 & 19, 2006
Ft. Lauderdale Dog Club

Blake now moves up to Open Intermediate Jr. Showmanship. He is a new Kerry owner and new to showing and a new member of the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Central Florida.

Around The Ring

Continued

International Champion Aran Hartigan.

International All Breed Dog Show Orlando, Florida May 6 & 7 2006

1st time shown Hartigan
received:

4 V1
1 Best of Breed
1 Group I

Breeder:

Aran Kerries
Graziano and Pia Menotti.
Italy.

Owner:

Gala Mercedes Berenger, Macon,
Georgia.
Lovingly shown by Suzanne Wright

Thank you Suzanne for taking such
excellent care of Hartigan and loving
him!

Elbrley's Cregan Beckett Blu

Owner: Jim & Reatha Omodio

Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers
March 12, 2006
W/BW 3Pt. Major

St. Peterburg Dog Fanciers
April 1, 2006
W/BW 2 pt.

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April 1, 2006
W/BW 2 pt.

Wins can only be posted if the
information is received before the
deadline for publishing the newsletter.
Please send your wins to:

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JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me

abetter person. Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day. I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog", but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog", just smile – because they "just don't understand".

"Musings"

by Richard Biby,
Contributing Editor, Broken
Arrow, Oklahoma Roca (C) 2006.

USKBTC Board Report

By Anthony Lopez, Board Member

Recently Gigi Lorentz Reiling a member of the Board of Governors of the USKBTC had a meeting with Liz Hansen of the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri to discuss the PNA project. Here is hers Questions and Answers from this discussion.

Question 1 to Liz: Is the vet school aware of documentation distributed by the AKC CHF that refers to PNA/MSD as 'common in Kerry Blues and Chinese Crested'?

Answer 1: No, we are not aware of the document. Liz confirmed with Dr. O'Brien, the vet school does not consider PNA/MSD as common disorder in either breed. If it were, it would be easier to solve. Liz reiterated, the vet school research dept has not published, nor distributed any updates since the CHF conference in Oct 2005.

*** I just got the CHF DVD of the presentations and the word 'common' was not used in the original presentation, slide set or the summary document. The word 'common' does appear in the summary slide set. The error lies with the CHF documentation. Gigi

Question 2: What is the status of the research? There is concern and rumor that the research is stalled or maybe stopped.

Answer 2: The research is not stalled or stopped. The isolation to the Park2 gene is the neighborhood, but there are a lot of houses to look in. Liz said she just ordered 50 more DNA test kits to look at the samples from another direction, one that has worked for other breeds. This time of year, at the school, is busy with graduation, vacations and grant submission paperwork. She will ask Dr. Johnson

to give us an update we can present at the board meeting in Chicago.

Question 3: At the AKC CHF conference that I attended in Oct 2005; Dr. O'Brien's presentation said the PNA/MSD research findings were going to be submitted to the National Institute of Health (NIH) as a grant proposal. Is there any news on that grant?

Answer 3: Liz said that they got a positive response from the NIH review committee. The research proposal was not denied, but requested further detail. This is good; Liz said most proposals are rejected on the first submittal.

** Liz called me back; She said the NIH proposal was ranked 12th and the NIH typically grants money the top 25 proposals. They will know in June how much money they have. Gigi

Question 4: In 2004 based on what the research had found, there was talk of the vet school issuing 90-95% clear pedigree certificates. What is the status of that program?

Answer 4: The vet school will not be issuing any 90-95% clear certificates due to the possibility of false positive tests, which would diminish the confidence level. They would prefer to wait for a definitive DNA marker. However, they are contacting known affected sample providers, one 12 yr old male and some puppy mill dogs, for further sampling and test breeding. The vet school is aware of mills dumping Kerries. Liz said they contact the mills directly and buy affected dogs.



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General and Board Meeting

**Lakeland Kennel Club shows the weekend of
June 17 & 18**



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