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MORE "THANK YOU'S" FROM JUDGES

Dear Cliff,
 Thanks to you and the members of Sammamish K.C. for the opportunity to be a part of your most recent judging panel. The special attention to the wonderful hospitality, lunches, transportation and Stewards was greatly appreciated. The site is lovely! As a panel, we had a great time together as well.
 My best wishes for continued success at your future events.

We had a ball.
 Best regards,
 Judy Harrington



Sammamish Kennel Club, Inc. is adamantly opposed to legislated castration and/or spay of companion animals without the consent of the owner.

Dear Sammamish K.C. Members,
 Thank you all for your generous hospitality and fabulous Saturday night dinner. It was a delight judging for your club.

Sincerely,
 Sheila Polk

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I fortunately have healthy dogs so hadn't been to a vet for quite awhile until I took my veteran in for a "senior" check-up. STICKER-SHOCK!!! I was a bit taken aback at the enormous rise in veterinary costs. The stunner sent me to wondering about Pet Medical Insurance.

I had enrolled my new kitten in the Banfield Health Insurance plan last year. For \$300 for the year, payable in 12 monthly segments; it seemed a good buy. It included all his inoculations, health check-ups, **dental exam, and neutering. However when it came time to renew it at year's end I didn't re-**up. Anticipating his good health and no more surgery I figured I could self-insure the cost of his follow up inoculations.

That is my only experience with Pet Insurance so I decided to do a bit of investigating for the dogs.

There are several insurance companies associated with larger entities, such as the AKC, **Pet Smart, and Pet Co. If any of you have any experience with these I'd like to know. There are lots of independent pet insurance companies.** I looked at three Embrace, Trupanion, and Veterinary Pet Insurance. Anyone have experience with any of these or any others?

Cost of any coverage is dependant upon the dog's age, your deductible, and the extent of the coverage. With all of the programs I looked at only one, Banfield, requires you to use its veterinary clinic. The others allow you to choose your veterinarian.

As far as I can tell after cost the other key things to look at when considering a policy are: 1. In how many days from purchase does the coverage take effect? 2. Is there a pre-existing condition exclusion? 3. **What are the yearly dollar limits on pay out?** 4. **Are costs paid from the actual vet's bill or does the insurance company decide what is a "reasonable and customary charge?"** 5. **How easy is it to file and have your claim paid?** 6. Customer service. 7. And ***MOST IMPORTANTLY*** what is excluded from coverage. That list is often very, very long.

From the ones I looked at Embrace seemed to offer the most comprehensive coverage: **claims paid from the vet's bill, congenital and hereditary conditions covered, routine and wellness care covered** as well as specialists charges with no additional fees. Cost of course is dependant upon the individual dog so **I don't know the cost comparison. But all the companies have websites and you can get instant quotes there.**

With the price of vet exams, lab tests, x-rays, ultra sounds, etc, skyrocketing this might be the time to take a look at some programs. It certainly is time to share information within the Club if any one has any ideas about or experience with, good or bad, with Pet Health Insurance.

Beverly

REMINDER: Wear or bring your Club attire to the meeting so we can look over the various options

For new Club Identifying "wear"

General Membership Meeting of Sammamish Kennel Club
Fire station #22, Kirkland, WA
September 8th, 2010

President, Beverly Little, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance: Barbara O'Neill, Dave and Rusty Kingery, Jan Leikam, Dee Carlson, Beverly Little, Patty Anderson and Michelle Brown. Guests were Julia Johns and Malynn Johns.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Barker.

President's report: Cliff and Judy Hewitt resigned from the club. A couple of thank you cards from judges were passed around.

Secretary's report: Michelle Brown passed around the August 2010 show pictures.

Treasurer's report: none.

Board report: Michelle Brown was appointed chair of the 2011 nominating committee. Dave Kingery accepted to serve on the committee. Michelle will contact Geri Orta to be the third member.

Unfinished Business: No one from the Standing Rules Committee was present to continue discussion of the update. Discussion is postponed until the next meeting.

New Business: A letter from the AKC asking individual SKC members to contribute to the AKC political action committee to help elect legislators who are pro dog instead of anti dog was presented. The secretary will supply an address to which to send your contributions.

Bo Gloster was nominated to be August 2011/2012 show chair. He will be contacted for acceptance. Rusty Kingery read for the first time a membership application from Julia Johns. She has been a family member but is now applying for full membership. Rusty also announced email address changes for several members. Club attire was discussed. Rusty suggested we all wear our club attire to the next meeting so we can choose a new look. Patty Anderson has a good local contact we might use.

Next Meeting: October 13th, 2010.

Motion granted to adjourn meeting at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Brown, Secretary

“Old Age means realizing you will never have all the dogs you wanted to.”
Joe Gores

1. By a vote of 151 AYE-220 NAY, an amendment to repeal term limits for Directors of the AKC was defeated. Note that a 2/3 vote was required for passage, so that the need for 223 AYE votes fell far short. This means that Directors may serve for 2 consecutive terms, and then must rotate off the Board for a year at least. There was much discussion on this, though not as passionate as I would have expected. This means that Ron Menaker will not be the President for the next term.
2. Jim Stephens' Treasurer's report was as usual dismal, with revenues diminished by \$2.7 million, 2/3 of which is ascribed to dwindling registrations. There is now a recommitment to work to improve registration figures by promulgating 6 ways to have a dog registered: i. Full registration of individual puppies when litter is registered, ii. Full litter registration of offspring individually by breeder, iii. Breeder registers at point of sale, iv. New owner registers at point of sale with AKC follow-up v., Breeder informs AKC of new owner who is contacted vi.,m Pursuit of unregistered puppies by AKC , a so-called unregistered dog program.
3. A reading of an amendment to be voted in December: this would allow Show Sups. To schedule after-lunch assignments without division into hourly periods. Show chairs could countermand, but this allowance would be default position. Let me know thoughts here: might be a tremendous hassle for exhibitors of coated breeds who always try to have grooming perfected at peak moment, and are not always in sight of ring happenings/absentees/judging speed, etc. And frankly this might demand the winners dog in the first breed hang out for hours waiting for a photo time.
4. Ron Menaker's report included the following possibilities for expanding/improving shows: i. 4-6 month puppy classes, a Sanctioned Event, officially entered, not eligible for points, so presumably DQ issues would not apply, judged separately by other than the assigned breed judge, etc. This is an attempt almost certainly to lure exhibitors and their entry fees, but would enable the socialization of young dogs to begin, in a time where matches are few and far between. The vets have signed off on this. ii. reserve BIS competition iii. Amateur Owner Handled Groups and BIS (not simply out of that class- think BBEX comp at Eukanuba) iv. 6 Group Placements
5. A Breeder of Merit program is launched which will recognize above average breeders in terms of accomplishments, but will secure a promise that puppies from such folks will all be registered.
6. The Eukanuba Show will be televised on ABC this year (not live).
7. As of January 2011, (think Puyallup), 3 Independent Specialties of 100 entries or less, will be allowed to be held on the day of an ALL Breed Show. In the regular show, these breeds will be judged before the time of the Specialty. These breeds, but not others, would be excluded from evening specialties, held separately (with less than 50 entries), after completion of BIS. This will be a 6 year probationary period.
8. Altered classes? Probably not at other than Specialties
9. The Group Realignment Committee has been reconstituted and has resurfaced.

As always, your comments, questions, and opinions are warmly solicited.

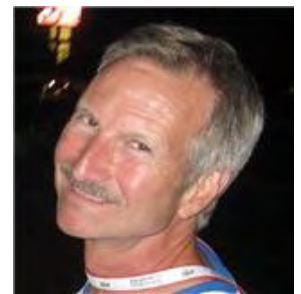
Regards,

Bo Gloster, AKC Delegate

September 22, 2010

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Doug joined Sammamish Kennel Club September of 1994



Member profile: Doug Haldeman

History in Purebred Dogs: I might be one of the few Samoyed breeders in the US who can legitimately say that they have been in the breed their entire lives. I was born to a single mother who had one, and my love affair with the breed has continued since. My spouse, Bo Gloster and I breed Samoyeds under the Shaman prefix; we are members of the Samoyed Club of America, the Samoyed Club of Washington State, and of course the SKC, which we joined in 1994. Over the years, we have shown our Sammies in conformation, winning multiple BIS and BISS titles; obedience; and we have used our dogs as therapists. It is said that Sammies should embody the spirit of Christmas, with their stunning coats and bright smiles. Samoyeds are also the “cartoon characters” of the dog world, never taking life too seriously. Although this can present a challenge for training, they are good role models for we humans.

Dog highlights: There are numerous wins that are memorable for me, but probably what stands out is our first BIS at Victoria KC in 1998 with our “Jimi”, CH Shaman’s Coyote Steals Fire. We were so thrilled that we sat in the ring drinking beer long after everyone else had left. Since then, our dogs have given us so much, and asked for so little in return.

Life Beyond Dogs: I am passionate about my profession as a Clinical Psychologist, and have worked for many years with the American Psychological Association with a life mission of using psychology to make our society a more humane place in which to live. My primary focus has been the eradication of homophobia, and all forms of bigotry and prejudice. I have been in private practice for almost 30 years in the Pike Place Market area of Seattle, and have written and lectured extensively on ethical, competent delivery of psychotherapy and related issues. I have been privileged with numerous professional awards, including induction into the National Academies of Practice, which recognizes excellence in health care practice.

For fun, I am a long distance runner, and am getting set for my third marathon (Seattle) in November.



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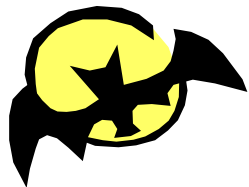
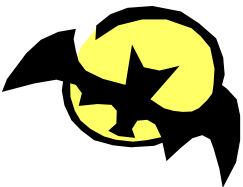


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2nd WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
BOARD 7:00 PM, GENERAL 7:30 PM



Meeting Place

We will be meeting at firehouse 26 which is in Rose Hill area of Kirkland

North Bound Take exit 18 [85th Ave] to Redmond Eastbound. Turn right onto 85th Str. Continue to 124th Ave NE, turn left, Continue to just before 100th. Which is the next signal light. Turn right into parking area in front.

South Bound Take exit 18 [85th Str] East . Continue along 85th to 124th and follow the directions above.