

National Service Dog Month: Salute Our Canine Heroes

By
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The origins of the domestic dog predate human civilization and every other domesticated animal. Selected as a partner and companion to our species, and having selected us in turn, no other animal understands us as well. We can read their emotions too, sometimes even more so than other human beings. So it's no wonder we work well together.

National Service Dog month honors the working dogs that make life better for all of us. Service dogs are custom-trained for the people they will help, and can do anything from retrieving objects for a person with limited mobility, listening for a person with limited hearing, or any combination of these things.



Originally known as National Guide Dog Month, the specially-trained companion guiding a vision-impaired owner safely through city streets is probably the first thing to come to mind when you think of a service animal. National Service Dog Month was first established in 2008 by actor, animal advocate, and Natural Balance Pet Foods founder Dick Van Patten. Inspired by what he experienced during a life-changing visit to the Guide Dogs of the Desert facility in Palm Springs, Calif., Van Patten launched a fundraising drive to benefit guide and service dog training schools throughout the country.

Over the last few years, there has been a growing movement towards taking advantage of dogs' intrinsic therapeutic capabilities. Even an untrained dog can be an emotional anchor for a person with anxiety or depression, but trained dogs — you might say those with their puppy psychology degree — have specific techniques to bring to bear. Autism service dogs, for example, are trained to refocus the humans in their charge, alert them to danger, interrupt self-harming behaviors by providing physical pressure, and guide them when in over stimulating environments. Dogs who assist our brave service men and women — both on and off the battlefield, Military Working Dogs — dogs who put their lives on the line to detect explosives, find contraband, and protect military posts — and companion animals prescribed to U.S. military veterans for various physical and psychological conditions, including traumatic brain injuries, mobility issues, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, are at considered service dogs.

Medical response service dogs specialize in protecting their human and calling or running for help during a medical emergency, such as a seizure. They may be trained to activate an electronic alert or pre-programmed phone when they recognize the symptoms of a medical attack, or they may even alert their human when they pick up on the signs of an impending attack before the person realizes it themselves.

Although guide dogs are normally medium- to large-sized, many other types of service roles can be filled by dogs of any breed or size, when the dog in question has the right temperament and aptitude. The general rules of service dogs should apply equally in all cases when the dog's role is recognized: do not distract or try to interact with a service dog while working, and the dog should be able to go wherever the human goes.

Buddy, the First Seeing Eye Dog

By
Kate Kelly

"Buddy delivered to me the divine gift of freedom," said Morris Frank (1908-1980), the first American to benefit from a Seeing Eye dog. Before there were guide dogs, people with any type of disability—including a visual disability—were simply marginalized. There were no provisions for them to be in public or hold jobs—they were totally dependent on others for whatever they needed. Prior to having a guide dog, Morris Frank, who lost the use of one eye in a childhood accident and the other in a boxing match at the age of 16, hired a boy guide but the fellow "got bored easily" and occasionally left Frank alone to unexpectedly fend for himself.

In 1927 *The Saturday Evening Post* ran an article by Dorothy Harrison Eustis, an American dog breeder living in Switzerland who was training German shepherds to work as police dogs. Though Eustis had been asked to write about her own program, she instead wrote about a guide dog program in Potsdam, Germany where the dogs were being trained to be the eyes for German World War I veterans who had lost their sight because of mustard gas. Frank's father read the article to him, and Frank, who was 19 at the time, wrote to the article's author begging her to train a dog to help him. Eustis took on the challenge. She invited Frank to come to Switzerland and since she was new at the process, began working with two dogs so they would have a choice of which dog was going to work out better. Both dogs were female, and the one that proved most suitable was named Kiss. Frank quickly renamed her as he felt a 20-year-old fellow should not own a dog named Kiss.



Coming Home

In 1928 Frank returned to the United States, disembarking from a ship in New York City. Buddy proved adept at guiding him through a throng of reporters and, on a dare from one of the newspapermen, Frank instructed Buddy to take him across West Street, which was filled with taxi cabs and trucks. Frank worried that he was expecting Buddy to handle more chaos than he had faced in training, but they made it. Later that day, Frank sent a one-word telegram to Eustis: "Success." And that was the beginning of Frank's campaign "to get Buddy accepted all over America with no more fuss than if she were a cane."

In 1936, Morris Frank sat down with *The New York Times* for an interview about his work on behalf of the visually impaired. At that point, 250 dogs were helping owners in the U.S. and Frank had logged 50,000 miles by foot, train, subway, bus, and boat to meet with people and demonstrate the life-changing aspect of having a guide dog.

By 1938, Frank knew that Buddy's health was failing, but they had one more task to accomplish: Together, the two of them needed to be permitted to fly on a commercial airplane. That spring, on May 16, 1938, Frank, with Buddy lying at his feet, flew from Chicago to Newark. The trip was made under a newly implemented ruling by United Air Lines that "grants to all Seeing Eye dogs the privilege of riding with their masters in the cabins of any of their regularly scheduled planes."

Buddy the Second

Even Buddy II proved newsworthy, and an obituary appeared about his death on October 3, 1948. For ten years Buddy II guided Frank, who was then vice president of the Seeing Eye School, to and from his office as well as on trips overseas. The obituary read: "During the last war alone he guided his master on travels of over 49,000 miles, when Mr. Frank lectured at Army and Navy hospitals on Seeing Eye dogs for the blind."

In describing how much Buddy brought to his job, Frank is quoted as saying that when Buddy was posing for television he "...would lick his paws..." in preparation for the appearance. And to the end, Buddy liked to conclude his work day with a roll on the floor and a romp with Mr. Frank. Buddy II was to be buried next to the grave of Buddy I on the grounds of The Seeing Eye School.

(Kate Kelly is an engaging speaker and successful author of more than 30 nonfiction titles ranging from the bestselling *Organize Yourself!* to *Living Safe in an Unsafe World*. She has recently returned to her love of history and is writing and publishing a monthly e-letter, "American Snapshots," which she describes as "making sense of today by looking at yesterday.")

Highlights of This Months Meeting



Wednesday October 7, 2015 – **NOTE – SMKC MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHANGE OF DATE** . The October membership meeting is changed to October 7 – which is the FIRST Wednesday instead of the regular meeting date of the 2nd Wednesday as many of our members will be participating in the Georgia Classic Cluster Shows October 16-18 at the Atlanta Expo Center.

Please join us for our monthly meeting. The meetings are held at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 2025 Market Place Blvd, Cumming, GA unless indicated otherwise. We have reserved a private meeting room located in the rear section of the restaurant. No reservations are required for dinner so if you would like to have dinner, please arrive around 6:30 p.m. to go through the buffet lines. PLEASE BE ON TIME to the meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m. Interested or potential Dog owners are welcome to attend our meeting.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR MEETING LOCATION: The Golden Corral Restaurant, Highway 400, Exit 14. 2025 Market Place Boulevard, Cumming, GA

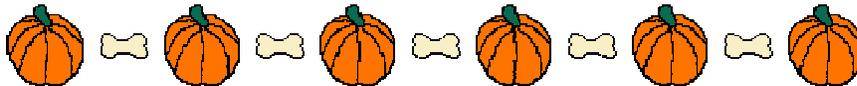
From GA 400

Take EXIT 14, U.S. 20 East toward Buford

Turn Left at the first light onto Market Place Blvd.

Continue straight on Market Place Blvd and cross Buford Dam Road

The Golden Corral will be on the LEFT at 2025 Market Place Boulevard



Events and Shows You Don't Want to Miss!!!

October 10-11, 2015 – N. Georgia Hounds ONLY Obedience and Rally Trials, Atlanta Obedience Club Training Building, 1193 Beaver Run Road, Norcross, GA. Entries close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23. Trial Secretary Sue Kelly email per4mancek9s@att.net, 770-256-9989.

October 10-11, 2015 - The Macon Kennel Club - two day all level Obedience seminar with Pam Long of Ironclad K9 Academy at their training facility in Perry. The cost is \$110.00 for each dog/handler team per day, (limited to 12) and includes lunch. Crating is limited to dog/handler teams. Pam will also be available for private lesions on Friday, October 10 for a fee of \$60.00 per hour. Email your reservation to Lisa Sims, Corresponding Secretary at hattiesims@aol.com.

October 16-18, 2015 – Agility Trials at Laughingdog Agility. Premium list on laughingdogagility.org website.

October 16-18, 2015 – Georgia Classic Dog Show Cluster held Friday, October 16, Douglasville Kennel Club; Saturday, October 17, Atlanta Kennel Club; Sunday October 18, Newnan Kennel Club. Atlanta Expo Center, Jonesboro, GA.

October 23, 2015 – Kennesaw Kennel Club All Hallows Owner-Handler Sweeps Special Attraction. Jim Miller Park, Marietta, GA. This is in conjunction with the Kennesaw Kennel Club dog show weekend. See www.KennesawKennelClub.org.

November 11, 2015 – SMKC Kennel Club Membership Meeting, Golden Corral, Cumming, GA

December 5-6, 2015 – Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Obedience Trial, Chicopee Hall County Park Recreation Center, Gainesville, GA

December 12 – 13, 2015 – Eukanuba National Championships, Orlando, FL

Please refer to the following websites for information on other upcoming local shows, as well as those throughout the United States: Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Website, <http://smkc.biz>, American Kennel Club, <http://www.AKC.com>, InfoDog, <http://www.infodog.com> Jack Onofrio Dog Shows, <http://www.onofrio.com>, Dog Show Events and Judges <http://www.showdays.info>

Please remember to check the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club Members Only Face Book page for the latest news and links for local, state and national legislation issues and events of interest to dog owners within our community and information of a time-sensitive nature. Membership in the SMKC Members Only Facebook page is by invitation only, so please contact Gina Bonner, gfbonner@gmail.com so she can send you an invite notice.



BRAGS

Congratulations to the following dogs and their humans!!! If you have brag, and missed the meeting, please email your brag to Cindy Hogan, hogandogs@bellsouth.net, so it can appear in *TAILS*. Be sure to include the dogs name, breed, your name, and details of the brag. Thank You!

- Pat Albro bragged on Johnny – Boniglen SeaDream Man in Black PT – WD BOW – Cherokee Rose Cluster.
- Ann Fultz bragged on Chippy – WD/BOS – at the Cluster.
- Shirley Sroka – Betty (GBGV) – Perry – International Show - 3 BIS – 1 RBIS – Regular shows – 3 BIS – 1RBIS - Rare Breed Shows, and the Gold Cup.
- Lynn Tyler Bragged!
- McKenna bragged on Shep and his dock diving wins.
- Anna Hines bragged on winning Best Junior Handler at the Dalmatian Specialties in Atlanta. Bragged on her Dachshund puppies Brace.
- Darlene bragged on Jackson finishing his Championship.





Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club's

Nomination for

The American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Nominations Closed. All Nominations were received by the Board or a Member of the Board no later than 48 Hours before the General Membership Meeting on August 12, 2015

This program was started by the AKC in 2006 for a member club to be able to celebrate its volunteer club members. AKC will list our recipient on their website.

The AKC will supply the medallion to be provided annually to the chosen member. This award is to honor those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, the individual will embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and have been an active and valued member of Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club. This award shall only be awarded in years where it is felt that there is a deserving member. The individual to be nominated will have been an active member of Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club as demonstrated by attending meetings, functions and assisting with the annual shows. The individual does not have to title or show their dogs but does need to be active in the club and contribute to its well being.

The Nominees are to be nominated and selected by the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club General Membership. The Nominee should be a member in good standing with SMKC and the nomination must be submitted in writing to the Board of SMKC or a member of the Board no later than 48 hours before the AUGUST 12 General Membership Meeting. Email nominations will also be accepted. Each nomination will be typed and of no greater than 200 words. This nomination should outline why this member should receive this award. The Letters of Nomination will then be published in the SEPTEMBER Newsletter for the membership to read. The Nominees will be voted on by the membership at the OCTOBER meeting. Voting will be done by paper ballots, the ballots will then be counted by two random members, neither who are being nominated or submitted a nomination. This award will be presented at the DECEMBER membership meeting.

Previous Recipients of this award from Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club are:
Gina Bonner (2008), Terri Ann Votava (2009), Tammy Roberts (2010), Cindy Hogan (2011), Sharon Webb (2012), Lynn Tyler (2013), Sue Benkiser (2014)

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club's Nominations for
The 2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

The following Letters of Nomination (shown in alphabetical order) have been received for the 2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Voting will be from the membership at the October Meeting by paper ballot and the award will be given at the December meeting.

Nomination of Melanie Cromwell
For
2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

It is with great pleasure and sincerity that I nominate Melanie Cromwell for the AKC Sportsmanship Award from Sawnee Mountain KC for 2015.

Melanie has been an Active Member of SMKC since 2009. During this time she has exhibited many unselfish acts of kindness and notable sportsmanship traits. Her busy work schedule and long work hours conflict many times with SMKC meetings, but she has always "stepped up" to take on responsibilities, and perform them to perfection!

Melanie has served on the Cluster Show Committee as Co-Chair since 2011. During this time she has contributed many of her talents to market SMKC and to promote the Cluster. Melanie has dealt gracefully and professionally with many controversial issues the Cluster has faced. She has taken on the responsibility of setting up and running the Health Clinics during the show, needing to work many times behind the scene of another Club's Show day. She has made the Clinics successful and enhanced our contributions to the Canine Health Foundation. The other Clubs in the Cluster see Melanie as a valuable member of the Cluster Board and a hard worker for the Cluster and SMKC. Melanie recruits members for volunteer helpers to make our Cluster day run efficiently and supports each volunteer's personal wishes for the day's schedule so they may participate in the show.

Melanie has also served many times as volunteer for SMKC trials, Matches, and RDO events. And each time she works to promote the Club and the fancy.

Her natural Sportsmanship attitude has always been demonstrated by her ability to help others in SMKC and other clubs. She demonstrates integrity and courtesy in her actions and words. I feel honored to Nominate Melanie Cromwell for the SMKC -AKC 2015 Sportsmanship Award.

Submitted by Darlene Kelley

Nomination of Rhonda Jarman
For
2015 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

It is my pleasure to nominate Rhonda Jarman for the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2015. Since joining the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club, Rhonda has worked diligently and selflessly to support the club's efforts. She is always supportive of the club's members and her fellow competitors. Rhonda has served the Club by being the Obedience Trial Chair at the cluster, has worked at every obedience Trial, and has been trophy chair. She does this with no expectations of anyone.

At competitions, whether conformation or obedience, Rhonda can always be found offering encouragement to club members as well as accolades. She is extremely supportive of new people to the club and the sport. She offers calm guidance, support, and friendship. She has worked so patiently to help people in carting. Rhonda is active in conformation, rally, obedience, and carting. It is a joy to train and compete with her.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Minkiewicz

***Call for Nominations for
The Lorri Davis Perpetual Humanitarian Award***



Lorri Davis was a member of the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club from 1996 to 2007 and bred Great Pyrenees. Lorri passed away on December 11, 2007 following a courageous battle with cancer. The Lorri Davis Perpetual Humanitarian Award was dedicated to Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club by Lorri's husband, Robin, in her memory, and is given annually to a deserving member, who has reflected a sense of kindness, generosity and respect of both humans and animals as Lorri did.

Nominations for the recipient of the Lorri Davis Perpetual Humanitarian Award is a Club member who has gone beyond the standard in performing an act of kindness, inspired an individual by their actions, assisted in the club and community in an outstanding manner, or help educate another person or persons in the advancement and improvement of dog training or showing. In demonstrating by example their devotion, compassion and kindness shown toward animals and respect for fellow humans, they have improved their community.

The winner will receive the Dannyquest Award, which will be passed on to the next award recipient. The Dannyquest sculpture was one of Lorri's favorites and depicts a Great Pyrenees Family Scene.

The Nominees are to be nominated and selected by the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club General Membership. The Nominee should be a member in good standing with SMKC and **the nomination must be submitted in writing to the Board of SMKC by the October 7, 2015 meeting (Note the date change from 2nd Wednesday to 1st Wednesday because of show conflicts)**. Email nominations will also be accepted. The Letters of Nomination will then be published in the November Newsletter for the membership to read. **The Nominees will be voted on by the membership at the December meeting. Voting will be done by paper ballots.** The ballots will be counted by two random members. The winner of the Award will be announced at the annual award meeting.

Previous Recipients of this award are:

- Catherine Hanson (2008)
- Raine Marchbanks (2009)
- No Nominations Received (2010)
- No Nominations Received (2011)
- Sharon Webb (2012)
- Tammy Roberts (2013)
- No Nominations Received (2014)

(Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club had a B Match at Fowler Park on August 12. Our thanks to Karen West for Chairing this event and to Andrea Bradford and Paul Averill for Judging. Special thanks to Marilee Thorsby for cleaning and painting our ring gates. We had a terrific variety of dogs participating and lots of fun in a nice covered pavilion with and wonderful weather.

**Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
B Match Results – 8/12/2015
Fowler Park, Forsyth County, GA**

Best Puppy in Match

8 - Borzoi, Hemlock Hollow's Journey to Rule Sixty-Two - CGC -
6-9 Month Puppy, Bitch; Owned by Lou Avant, DVM and Colleen Allen Alpharetta, GA.

Adult – Best in Match

11 – Never Ending Good Times – M - Shetland Sheepdog; Owned by David Fletcher, Cumming, GA.

Herding:

4-6 Month Puppy;
(Breed - 1st) 4 - Good Times Turn the Page at Boniglen - F - Shetland Sheepdog, - Owned by Ashley Albro and Pat Albro, Marble Hill, GA.
(Breed – 1st) Adult – 12-18 mo.; 11- Never Ending Good Times – M – Shetland Sheepdog – Owned by David Fletcher, Cumming, GA
(Breed – 1st) Adult 12-18 mo.; 12 – Shep – M – Border Collie; Owned by Mckenna Copeland, Cumming, GA

Terrier:

4-6 Month Puppy;
(Breed -1st) 16 - Taji – F – Miniature Bull Terrier – Owned by John Jones, Cumming, GA

Hound:

6-9 Month Puppy
(Breed - 1st) 8 - Hemlock Hollow's Journey to Rule Sixty-Two CGC - Borzoi, F; Owned by Lou Avant, DVM and Colleen Allen, Alpharetta, GA
9-12 mo. Puppy;
(Breed 1st) 7 - Dachshund Wirehair – Brownwood Zeva – owned by Darcy Quinlan, Cumming, GA.
(Breed – 2nd) 9 – Dachshund Longhair – Cupcake – Owned by Jerry C & Lynn Tyler; Cumming, GA
(Breed – 1st) 14 – Dachshund Longhair – Sparkle – Owned by Jerry C & Lynn, Royall, Paula Tyler; Cumming, GA
Brace:
Brace – 1st) 14 & 15 – Sparkle & Billy – Owned by Lynn, Royall, Paula Tyler; Cumming; GA

Sporting:

6-9 mo. Puppy;
Exhibition Only - 9 – Boykin Spaniel - Mossy Oak Orange Blossom – Owned by Louise Jones, West Palm Beach Fla.

Miscellaneous:

4-6 Month Puppy;
(Breed 1st) - 2 – Pumi -Catskill Csendes Csobank – F – Owned by Marilyn Funke, Cumming, GA

Junior Showmanship:

10 – Dawn Phillips - Shetland Sheepdog – Boniglen Sea Dream Man in Black – M- Owned by Dawn Phillips, Pat & Ashley Albro, & Jamie Fletcher; Marble Hill, GA.

Herding Puppy Group 1 – #4 – Good Times Turn the Page at Boniglen – Shetland Sheepdog - Owned by Ashley & Pat Albro, Cumming, GA

Herding Adult Group 1 - #11 - Never Ending Good Times – M – Shetland Sheepdog – Owned by David Fletcher; Cumming, GA

Group 2 - # 12 – Shep – M – Owned by McKenna Copeland, Cumming, GA

Sporting Puppy Group (Exhibition only) – # 9 - Boykin - Mossy Oak Orange Blossom F – Owned by Louise Jones, West Palm Beach, FLA

Hound Puppy Group 1 - 8 - Hemlock Hollow's Journey to Rule Sixty-Two CGC - Borzoi, F; Owned by Lou Avant, DVM and Colleen Allen, Alpharetta, GA

Group 2; #14 – Dachshund Longhair– Sparkle – Owned by Jerry C & Lynn, Royall, Paula Tyler; Cumming, GA

Group 3; #7 - Dachshund Wirehair – Brownwood Zeva – owned by Darcy Quinlan, Cumming, GA.

Terrier Puppy Group 1 - #16 - Taji – F – Miniature Bull Terrier – Owned by John Jones, Cumming, GA

Miscellaneous Group 1 - #2 – Pumi -Catskill Csendes Csobank – F – Owned by Marilyn Funke, Cumming, GA



**Pups in the
Park
Dog Show
Rock Creek Park
Dawsonville, GA**



Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club participated in "Pups in the Park" on Saturday, September 26, a day devoted to dogs and their people, families and their devotion to one another. The event's production was a collaboration of numerous local service clubs to benefit the Dawson County Humane Society, a No-Kill Shelter.

Despite it being a cold, wet day, the turn out was good, with lots of vendors and fun activities for dogs and people to compete in contests and demonstrations. Thanks to Ann Fultz for organizing the SMKC/AKC tent for Responsible Dog Ownership Day and to Kathleen Greene for coordinating the fun show events. Several of our members were mentioned in a feature article in the Dawson County News <http://www.dawsonnews.com/section/1/article/16871/>. We are proud of our members and our Junior Handlers.

Winners of the Events.

Best of Show: French Bulldog Clyde, owner Tammy McGill (member of SMKC)
 Cutest Small Dog: Sammy, Owner Carol Grogan
 Cutest Medium Dog: Golden Retriever Slugger, Owner Rhonda Jarman (member of SMKC)
 Cutest Large Dog: Duke, Owner Karmen Pharris
 Best Costume: Bear, Owner Clara Balwin
 Ugliest: Buffy, Owner Eva Hawkins
 Best Trick: Border Collie Shep, Owner - South Forsyth High School student McKenna Copeland (member of SMKC)



Best Junior Handler: Border Collie Shep, Owner - South Forsyth High School student McKenna Copeland, who in only her second showing,

Best Non-Sporting: French Bulldog Clyde, owner Tammy McGill (member of SMKC)
 Best Herding: Scout
 Best Terrier: Taki



Annabella Hines at SMKC Tent



**Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2015**

(NOTE: The Board minutes are not published in the Newsletter until it has been approved by the Board, which puts them a month behind, since the Board meeting comes after the Newsletter is published)

Location: Coo Coo's Nest, Cumming, GA

Reminder of October Member's Meeting Date: October 7, 2015, 7:30, PM Golden Corral – Cumming, GA.

Call to Order: by President, Darlene Kelley at 6:10 PM

Present - Pat Albro, Paul Averill, Gina Bonner, Andrea Bradford, Ann Fultz, Darlene Kelley, Glenda Tucker, Marilee Thorsby.

Agenda: Meeting's agenda accepted; Proposed by Gina, 2nd by Andrea.

Report of Secretary: Secretary's Report accepted and amended as published.

Ann discussed the possibility of AKC training seminars, and adding a practice ring. Additionally:

The Bred with Heart program – adds to the Breeder of Merit as to adding health tests required by the parent clubs to the dogs' records.

Ann was given a request from Laurie Raznor as to the possibility of a Flyball training class in future – possibly at Hall site – Chicopee Woods Ag Center. Discussion later.

Report of Treasurer: Marilee has the treasurer's report completed as far as possible – the final August Treasurer's Report will be ready by the end of the month.

Marilee reported on the B Match – Good participation with 12 entries (1 junior) – many new folks participated at the new Fowler Park venue. Well done!!! All participants and helpful Club members.

Report of the Committees:

Cluster: Darlene reported the final closing of Spring Cluster – possibly – by October 7. Answered to a request - that we may – in the future – provide a practice ring.

Paul stated that the messy grooming areas and other issues at the cluster should be discussed. By Sunday, it seems the grooming areas have not been cleaned or picked up and present an unfavorable presence for visitors and others at the event. Darlene stated there need to be more trash cans in more areas – and she will talk to the other Clubs about the issue, as well, to see if things improve.

Membership: Information sent to Jamie as to membership duties, etc.

Program for September: Suggestions – Pat suggested Leslie Willette - agility trainer discussion. She will contact to see if available.

Paul suggested an open meeting for members to discuss ideas as to future shows/events. Ann suggested phone calling to encourage members to participate in meetings or at events who want certain programs. There are members who show/participate, but do not actively help at club events and vice versa. This issue could be addressed through an online survey and phone calls.

Glenda will check on providing a link to a survey – Ann will try to get a list of questions to use. Gina and Darlene suggested a committee look at options in order to complete the Club's business. Defining a member in good standing may need to be refined.

Unfinished Business:

December Trial Update: Darlene discussed ongoing business – trial mats, finishing the premium list, and finding a trial show chair person. Glenda Tucker offered to co-chair. Jennifer Carver has offered to assist Chris Brooks – who is the Secretary/Superintendent for the trial.

We need a hospitality person, grounds help, publicity/flyers for the event, etc.

Gina Bonner/ Kathy Green gave info to Glenda about Pups in the Park for display on our website/Facebook page.

New Business:

Availability of the Club's computer/software for rental to clubs was tabled indefinitely.

Website/Facebook information: Website/Facebook information: Glenda prefers sawneemountainko@gmail.com as her web address contact for club business.

She reported the website adds value to our organization.

It provides a central location for information about SMKC.

It is important for providing a historical archive for Club documents as well as communication.

Provides a marketing tool to show prospective members the value of joining the Club.

Combining the website to Facebook provides for access to both new and more formal information approved by the Board. Facebook has both a "Members Only" page as well as a community/public page. Anyone can post on Facebook but only Glenda posts info on the website. Features that are innovative - Shoutouts for promoting the events or info for all club members. Events/Correspondence from the Clubs and other – we will post local AKC events. Links to other Club's info and AKC events – or for more regional events – one can use the provided links.

Events: As SMKC is an AKC club – AKC events should receive priority – links can provide access to non-AKC events. Local events – once received may be posted along with links for more information. SMKC events/activities are listed as the Board approves them.

Contact form and Breeder Referral were discussed. Darlene stated that Breeder Referral list needs to be updated – perhaps with a "Breed Information" title. Concern for privacy was discussed.

Junior Seminar: Pat stated her research from other AKC folks, determined that a "no show weekend" on Saturday, or after Best in Show on Saturday, at shows have been the most successful. Pat has contacted judges as presenters, as well as past juniors, to help with the folks who attend. The Saturday seminars would offer food and extra time.

Darlene stated PeeWee Handler has been approved by AKC. It may be offered at the February Cluster if all contacts have been made. Paul made the motion to offer a Junior Handling Seminar in February that may include PeeWee Handling – pending approval of all parties. Gina 2nd – motion carried.

Training for Flyball: Requires special mats and other equipment at a possible cost of about \$2000 for starting a Flyball training program. Paul requested the issue be tabled until interest is determined, Pat 2nd. There will be a demo at Pups in the Park, as well as a presentation at the Member's meeting. The Club is only interested in offering a training class.

Sportsmanship Award: Nominees are presented in the upcoming Newsletter. Voting will be held at the October 7th meeting, and announced at the Annual Meeting in December.

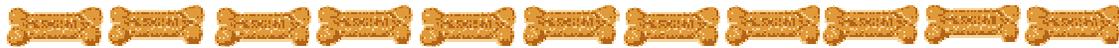
Donations: a few requests have been made. The Club will use the donation list from last year to decide on donation allocation for this year. Paul requested a list prior to the meeting.

Nominating Committee: 3 members and 2 alternates for the nominating committee were proposed to the Board and agreed to – Gail Christensen – Chair; Pat Adams Hall, Shirley Sroka; Alternates – Cindy Hogan, Marilee Thorsby. Darlene will contact them.

Offices that need to be elected are: President, 1st Vice president, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, 3 Board positions (1-one year position due to vacated position by Rhonda Jarman; 2-two year positions. Suggestion by the group that for continuity of the Club's ongoing business; the past president stays on for a 1-year Board position after stepping down. This would require a change in the By-Laws or a Board Policy (as non-voting guest) to be invited by the Board.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: Members Meeting - October 7th, 7:30 PM; Board Meeting – October 7th prior to Members' Meeting at 6:00, at the Golden Corral.

Andrea made the motion to adjourn, Pat 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia September Member's Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015

(NOTE: The Members minutes go into the Newsletter, for review by the Members and then accepted at the members meeting following the Newsletter publishing the prior meeting.)

Announcements: **Member's Meeting – moved to October 7th, (1st Wednesday on October).** (Atlanta Cluster).

Board Members present: Pat Albro, Paul Averill, Gina Bonner, Johnny Bridges, Andrea Bradford, Darlene Kelley, Ann Fultz, and Marilee Thorsby. 12 members, 2 juniors, 3 guests.

Darlene introduced special guests to our meeting – Laurie and Allen Rozar who are Flyball trainers and event participants. Laurie discussed briefly the sport (members are asked to contact her if interested in flyball). Many breeds participate and generally training takes about 6-8 months – depending on dog and handler. Fast-paced and loud sport – organized and run by NFA association. AKC allows dogs to add the titles if desired. She discussed the point system and qualifying runs, and a brief list of rules and regulations. Any breed can do flyball. Demo will be held by Laurie and Allen at Pups in the Park, September 26, at Rock Creek Sports Complex in Dawsonville.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM at Golden Corral, Cumming, GA, by President Darlene Kelley.

Roll Call: by signing in on roster.

Agenda: Vote to accept the Agenda by Johnny, 2nd by Pat. Motion carried.

Reading of the Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes accepted as read and published in the Newsletter. Motion by Andrea, Paul 2nd – Motion carried.

Report of Secretary:

Ann discussed the opportunity to vote for candidates for the AKC Achievement Awards. See handouts.

Report of the Treasurer:

Please check last page of these minutes for the August 31, treasury report. Marilee reported the reserves from the past have been recovered and records authenticated. Andrea asked for the attendees to acknowledge Marilee's hard work as Treasurer – setting up a program that provides accountability and sets a budget for future events. Thanks to Marilee!!!!

Report of Committees:

Cluster: Darlene reported the Cluster went well – working with MBF is moving forward. Financial closing by Darlene is almost complete. Next Cluster – February 5, 2016.

Membership: Darlene introduced a new member for first reading – Sean Killoran. He is a trainer specializing in dog behavior and obedience, and also teaches at a vocational school for dog trainers. He has a boxer, Lhasa Apso, Pitbull/Lab Mix, and a King Charles Cavalier (who is deaf). He is interested in becoming a member of the Club as well as hoping other dog owners and students will also be interested.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Upcoming Club Events:

AKC Obedience Trial: **We need volunteers for Obedience Trial being held on December 5th, 6th at Chicopee Woods Ag Center** – Gainesville/Hall County. Especially important are people who are knowledgeable about Utility and Open.

Dawsonville - Pups in the Park: Rock Creek Sports Complex - Kathy Greene will coordinate the "show" and agility demonstration.

Ann will host the Responsible Dog Ownership booth and materials for AKC activities. Also "Cow Patty Bingo" will be held. Many vendors are scheduled as well as a 5K run. Time – about 8 AM – 3PM. Flyball demo will also be held by Laurie and Allen Rozar. This is a major fundraiser for the Dawson County Humane Society.

New Business:

November Meeting – Agility Presentation as our program.

Bragg:

Pat Albro bragged on Johnny – Boniglen SeaDream Man in Black PT – WD BOW – Cherokee Rose Cluster.

Ann Fultz bragged on Chippy – WD/BOS – at the Cluster.

Shirley Sroka – Betty (GBGV) – Perry – International Show - 3 BIS – 1 RBIS – Regular shows – 3 BIS – 1RBIS - Rare Breed Shows, and the Gold Cup.

Lynn Tyler Bragged!

McKenna bragged on Shep and his dock diving wins.

Anna Hines bragged on winning Best Junior Handler at the Dalmatian Specialties in Atlanta. Bragged on her Dachshund puppies Brace.

Darlene bragged on Jackson finishing his Championship.

Sportsmanship Award: Nominations are in the Newsletter – vote in October.

Donations: Names for donation requests for worthy organizations – bring to October Meeting. Send email or call.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned – by Johnny, 2nd by Andrea. Meeting adjourned at 8:28.

**SMKCGA
Treasurer’s Report
Account Balance as of 08/31/2015**

Beginning Balance \$50,767.84

Cleared Transactions - Checks and Payments – 55 items (-)36,413.81

Deposits and credits – 21 items \$51,542.37

Total Cleared Transactions \$15,128.56

Cleared Balance \$65,65,896.40

Uncleared Transactions - Checks and Payments – 7 items (-)13,218.08

Total Uncleared Transactions (-)13,218.08

Register Balance at 08/31/2015: \$52,678.32

New Transactions – checks and Payments – 0 item

Deposits and Credits – 0 item

Ending Balance Operating Account \$52.678.32

Money Market Interest: 1.72 \$40,574.95



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