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**Western Pennsylvania Combined Specialty Clubs
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Friday, March 30, 2007
1001 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Breed Judge: Dr. Robert J. Berndt
Veteran Sweeps & Sweeps: Ms. Cheryl Bartell
Entries Close 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

Greater Pittsburgh English Springer Spaniel Club, Basset Hound Club of America, Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Greater Pittsburgh Yorkshire Terrier Club, Boston Terrier Club of Western Pennsylvania, Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club, Greater Pittsburgh Poodle Club

Don't Miss at the Same Location

Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association, Inc.

Saturday, March 31 2007 – Mr. Ralph (Sonny) Ambrosio

Sunday, April 1, 2007 – Mr. Lester R. Mapes

FROM PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: PA 60 South to US 30 East to I-279 North through the Ft. Pitt Tunnels and across the Ft. Pitt Bridge (stay in left hand lane through tunnel and bear left across bridge). Exit at signs to the Convention Center and Strip District (10th Street Bypass). (10th Street Bypass and Ft. Duquesne Blvd. merge at the Convention Center Loading Dock entrance. Convention Center is on right.

FROM EAST/PA TURNPIKE: I-76W (PA Turnpike) to Exit 57 Pittsburgh (Monroeville). Take I-376W to Exit 1C Grant Street. (This exit is from left lane). Do not take Exit 2B advertising the Convention Center. Follow Grant Street to 11th Street (Greyhound Bus Terminal). Turn left on 11th Street (see parking directions below). To reach Exhibitor Loading Dock, continue on 11th Street that becomes Ft. Duquesne Blvd. Convention Center Loading Dock Entrance is on the left after you pass 10th Street.

FROM WEST/PA TURNPIKE: I-76E (PA Turnpike) to Exit 28 Cranberry. Follow signs to I-79S to I-297S across Ft. Duquesne Bridge in left lane to leftmost exit to 10th Street Bypass at sharp curve. Follow 10th Street Bypass to Convention Center on right.

FROM NORTH: Take I-79S to I-279S. Follow I-279S to Ft. Duquesne Bridge. Go across the bridge in left lane to leftmost exit to 10th Street Bypass at sharp curve. Follow 10th Street Bypass to Convention Center on right.

FROM SOUTH: Take I-79N to Exit 59A Pittsburgh to I-279N through Ft. Pitt Tunnel (stay in left hand lane through tunnel and across bridge). Continue with directions from Airport.

EXHIBITORS - LOADING DOCK ACCESS: All Vehicles - Access Ft. Duquesne Blvd. via the 9th Street or 10th Street Bypass. The Loading Dock is located on Ft. Duquesne Blvd. between 9th Street & 10th Street at the point where Ft. Duquesne Blvd. & 10th Street Bypass merge. Exhibitors may also load/unload at the **10th Street Exhibitors Entrance, providing a licensed driver remains in the vehicle at all times.**

PARKING INFORMATION: MOBILEHOME PARKING is at 15th Street and Smallman on **Thursday, March 29, 2007** (your must arrive prior to 1:00 A.M. on Friday) and at 11th Street and Smallman Street after 6:00 PM on **Friday, March 30, 2007.** **EXHIBITOR PARKING** is located at 11th Street & Smallman Street (Saturday & Sunday only), 13th Street & Smallman Street, 15th Street & Smallman Street or in the Convention Center Parking Garage (early arrival is recommended). The Parking Garage is located on the corner of 10th Street & Penn Avenue and may be accessed from Penn Ave. and Ft. Duquesne Blvd. via 10th Street or 11th Street.

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UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Sunday, February 4, 2007 – 3:00 PM
(postponed January meeting)

Sunday, March 25, 2007 – 3:00 PM

Directions to WPKA Training Facility

The training facility is located on the Blue Belt in Crafton.

From I-79 - Exit at Crafton Route 60 South; go south on Rt. 60 approximately 2 miles; cross bridge; continue straight on Rt. 60 South; go to second traffic light past the Dairy Queen Store; this is Noble Avenue; turn right onto Noble Avenue; go through two traffic lights; training center is the third building on the right. Shaw's Beer Distributor is on the first floor. The entrance to the school is on the side of the building. Take the ramp up to the second floor.

From West End - West End Circle to Stueben Street (toward Crafton); follow Stueben Street (makes a sharp curve to the left just after light at Obey Street); at traffic light at Noble Avenue, turn left; go through two traffic lights; training center is the third building on the right. Shaw's Beer Distributor is on the first floor. The entrance to the school is on the side of the building. Take the ramp up to the second floor.

From Parkway West - Take Greentree/Crafton Exit; follow ramp for Crafton; at traffic light, turn right onto Poplar Street; at next light, turn left onto Noblestown Road; at the first light (Burger King) turn right onto Baldwick; follow to end and turn left onto Crafton Blvd.; make first right onto Noble Avenue; school is on the left approximately two blocks down. Shaw's Beer Distributor is on the first floor. The entrance to the school is on the side of the building. Take the ramp up to the second floor

2007 DUES

Membership Dues for 2007 are now due!

\$15 Individual
\$20 Family

Please send your check payable to GPDC to:

Nancy Cummerick
527 Humphrey Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

Or bring your check to the February Membership meeting

February 4, 2007
3:00 PM
WPKA Training Center

GPDC 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Name(s) _____

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City _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

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SPOTTED BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY	4 TH	CH. BRIDLEWISE PRETTY IN PINK	"EMMY"	(Denise Smulski)
	13 TH	CH. RIM ROCK'S HEADS I WIN, RN	"GARRETT"	(Barbara Allison)
	13 TH	RIM ROCK'S SWEET SMILE GAL	"JESSIE"	(Kevin Boston & Richard Hunt)
	30 TH	HOODEYE CROCKETT'S SHADOW CDX, OA, OAJ, RE	"SPENCER"	(Susan Zimmerman)
FEBRUARY	11 TH	DEVIL IN MY EYE MAGGIE MAE AX, AXJ, OAC, NGC, NJC, AD, CGC, TT	"MAGGIE"	(Tammy Boice)
	11 TH	R-DALS 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN	"RIDDLER"	(Richard Hunt & Kevin Boston)
	13 TH	JAMAR POLLY ANN OF DALWOOD	"POLLY"	(John & Marcella Austin)
	19 TH	KINGDOM'S LITTLE BOY'S PRIDE	"TYLER"	(Richard Hunt, Kevin Boston)
	19 TH	KINGDOM'S MY PAL JOEY	"JOEY"	(Kathy & Jim Wetzel)
	20 TH	PNEBRK KINGDOM'S 'POT O' GOLD	"BRIANA"	(Nanci Good)

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY	31 ST	TAMMY BOICE & KATHY WETZEL	FEBRUARY	6 TH	LIBBY SIMENDINGER
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Pennsylvania Governor Aims to Regulate Breeders [Thursday, January 04, 2007]

Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell has established a new Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement within the Department of Agriculture. This new bureau will be staffed by a group of lawyers and will be charged with inspecting kennels.

Additionally, on December 16th, a draft of proposed changes to the dog law regulations was released. If adopted, these changes would have a profound impact on breeders in Pennsylvania. State law requires that the public be allowed to comment on regulatory changes. **The AKC is asking breeders and concerned dog owners to send a letter regarding your concerns about these changes. There is a sample letter on page 4 of this newsletter. Letters should be postmarked by February 10th and should be sent to the address listed on the sample letter.**

The American Kennel Club and the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs strongly support humane treatment of dogs, including an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. However, we do not believe that the proposed changes will achieve these aims.

Instead enactment of these regulations would burden responsible breeders. Many of the regulations are impractical, unenforceable, and costly and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in Pennsylvania.

For example, the proposed regulations would require the following;

- The definition of "temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate.
- The obligations of owners of "temporary housing" which are made subject to inspection by the proposal are not enumerated or limited.
- There is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.
- The regulations will require wholesale renovation, if not rebuilding, of many kennels already built in compliance with current federal and/or state standards. There is no scientific foundation for the arbitrary, rigid engineering standards specified.
- Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.
- The record keeping requirements with respect to exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management are excessively burdensome and serve no useful purpose, as it would be impossible to verify their accuracy in all but the most egregious circumstances. Such egregious circumstances already violate existing regulations.
- The proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTER TODAY

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED COMMENTS ON THE DECEMBER 16, 2006 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DOG LAW REGULATIONS.

PLEASE DO NOT COPY THIS LETTER!!!! -- INSTEAD PLEASE PERSONALIZE IT!

It is vital that you personalize your letter as suggested. You do not need to mention all the points set out, but direct your attention to those which will most affect you. Please feel free to put this letter into your own words and add any additional comments you feel are appropriate. You should send your letter as soon as possible and encourage all your club members, puppy owners and sympathetic friends to do likewise.

Send it to the address on the letter by U.S. mail, and/or fax it to 717-772-4352. E-mail submission is not recommended. Comment letters should be sent on or before February 10, 2007 to assure receipt by the comment deadline. Please also send copies of your letter to **your State Senator and State Assemblyman** and to the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs. Names and addresses are available on the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs website at www.paonline.com\pfdc

**Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408**

Dear Ms. Bender:

[Include a short introductory paragraph giving your name, address and a brief description of your involvement with dogs or other reason for commenting on the proposal.]

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

(select as many of the examples listed on page 3 of 101 Spots as are appropriate for your situation, especially if you can give detailed examples. No more than one item is necessary, but more than one will certainly help)

The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I also associate myself with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs.

The Bureau has tacitly conceded that its current regulations have not been adequately enforced. If, after implementing its recently announced enhanced enforcement program, the Bureau finds it is still unable to prevent inhumane treatment of dogs because of specific deficiencies in the existing regulations, it should cite these specific deficiencies and propose changes based on them. The current proposal appears to be merely a laundry list of ideas for improving the environment for dogs that has no connection to specific instances in which the welfare of dogs could not be secured, and no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices. I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely yours,

[name]

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

(PRINTED PENDING CORRECTIONS AT THE JANUARY MEETING)

Greater Pittsburgh Dalmatian Club - December 2, 2006

Members present: Rick Hunt, Kevin Boston, Nanci Good, Nancy Cummerick, Tim Morris, Elise Morris, LaDonna King, Barb Allison, Kathy Wetzel, Jim Wetzel, Tammy Boice, Deb Poole, Lisa Bauer, Jim Bauer

6:20 PM Meeting called to order by President Nanci Good.

I. Minutes from the September 16, 2006 meeting were presented and reviewed. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor, minutes accepted.

II. Treasurer's Report – Nancy Cummerick reported on the beginning balance, check activity and ending balances for the months of September and October. Insurance bill was paid in the amount of \$640. Report will be filed for audit.

III. Committee Reports- Corresponding secretary Tammy Boice reported that the application has been received for the March 30th Specialty.

Nominating committee is to be headed by Kathy Wetzel and assisted by Barb Allison. Slate of candidates will be presented at the next meeting and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Breeder referral- Barb Allison reported that breeders have four litters of puppies due soon. Interested callers have been referred to them.

Ambassador- LaDonna King had no news to report.

Specialty – Nanci Good reported that March 30, 2007 is the date for the Spring Specialty. Judges have been chosen. Breed judge is Mrs. George Wanner. Sweeps judge is Mrs. Cheryl Bartell. Saturday breed judge is Mr. Ralph Ambrosio. Sunday breed judge is Mr. Lester Mapes.

June 22, 2007 is the date for the second Specialty. Show secretary will be Lisa Bauer. Tammy Boice will assist the show secretary. Kevin Boston will handle catalogs. Breed judges were discussed and will be announced.

Thursday –Ed Sledzik, Saturday- Dorothy Hutchinson, Sunday – Bill Cunningham.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30. Next meeting date will be announced.

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne Elise Morris, Recording Secretary



BRAGS, BRAGS and MORE BRAGS!!!!



Starwood's Touched by an Angel, CGC, TDI, "Tess" - Western Reserve Kennel Club Agility Trial, Cleveland, OH, December 16, 2006 - Novice A Standard, First Qualifying Score and **FIRST PLACE!!!**



Starwood's Touched by an Angel, CGC, TDI, "Tess" - Erie Kennel Club Agility Trial, Edinboro, PA, January 6, 2007 - Novice A Standard, Qualifying Score and **FIRST PLACE!!!** (Tess is loved by Lisa & Jim Bauer)

Coco, Andiron's Clear As A Bell NAJ, earned her NAJ, January 7, her mother, 10 year old Venus - Andiron's Evening Star NA NAJ, earned her NAJ on January 6! I AM the proudest DalMom on the planet! (Coco and Venus are loved by Pat Martin)



Hoodeye Crockett's Shadow, CDX, OA, OAJ, RE – turned 12!! on January 30th. Spencer is still going strong show in Utility! (Spencer is loved by Susan Zimmerman)

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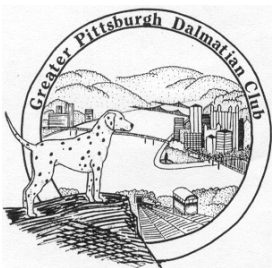
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