
Holiday Message from KCAA

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Dear KCAA Member:

Tomorrow is Christmas Eve. I remember last Christmas Eve as I was wrapping the last of the presents, I got an email: KCAA had been approved as a club by the AKC. It is hard to believe that a year has passed.

And it is even harder to believe that our first all-breed show is less than a month away!

We've grown a lot in both membership and experience in the past 12 months. But we are still in the Puppy 6-9 month class as far as clubs go. We will be cutting our teeth next month with the Snowbird Cluster and will become more active in promoting responsible dog ownership; doing dog-related events and being the "friendly neighborhood kennel club" that we put on pens we gave out when the club was first organized.

A lot of people have given their time and talent to KCAA activities in 2015, I wish I could list them all, but I am going to just call out a few....

- **Judith Heller.** She is the main instructor of the KCAA Handling Class. Almost every Tuesday night, she is there at Tecla K-9 to teach the class. She has incredible patience and has taken every dog I have seen and help make it shine for the show ring. KCAA is very lucky to have her.

- **Colin Ratcliffe.** We all know Colin from his days as KCAA Treasurer. This year he was not treasurer, but remained on as KCAA's webmaster. Our website is dynamic and an excellent source of club

information and dog news. Many of us in KCAA rely on the site for timely information.

Both Colin and Judith, along with many others who have helped the club in 2015, have full-time, demanding jobs, but still find time to donate their time and expertise to KCAA. It is appreciated.

In closing, I'd just like to let you know that there is a role for everyone in KCAA. You needn't be an officer to help. KCAA has an incredible amount of talent in its membership. If we didn't, the AKC wouldn't have recognized us last year and we wouldn't be in a place to host two shows next month.

I'm proud to serve as your president and I wish you and your two-legged and four-legged family members a blessed holiday season. May all your wins in life be majors!

See you in 2016!

Regards,

Dan Strachan
President, KCAA