

KCAA

KENNEL CLUB OF ANNE ARUNDEL



June 2013

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome! KCAA has a new monthly newsletter. At the club meeting on May 14, it was generally decided that KCAA needs a newsletter. We absolutely need better outreach to members, and offering a monthly calendar will help everyone know what is happening and what is needed to staff and support these events. The newsletter will also include a message from the president, seasonal canine health tips, and a summary of recent actions by the club.

For the time being, Tom Masog (yes, me!) will produce the newsletter. This first issue is an abbreviated version. Next month (with hopefully more ads and some of YOUR ideas for content) we can add to it. We will offer advertising (1 year/12 issues for \$25 for a business card size ad). We will also include **brags at no charge.**

But we need the club's help to be effective. Email me your brags by the 28th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Give me comments and suggest topics by email. Send me dog or show or club-related questions, and I will try to find the answers and publish them. With your help we can have an effective newsletter. *Tom Masog, tmasog@gmail.com*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is our first newsletter. We are looking at this as a way of conveying information and news to all KCAA members. I hope you like it!

2013 has been pretty good so far. We had a great "A" Match and a fun night watching the finals at Westminster. But we have work to do. We are in place to be recognized as a full club by the AKC. However, when that happens we have to be ready to put on a show. As these cost money, our top priority in 2013 must be fundraising. We are looking at ideas ranging from handling classes to guest-speaker workshops. The goal here is to raise money without having to spend much money.

If you have ideas for some fundraising ideas that we can do, please pass them along!

Fundraising will not be the only thing we're doing. We are a social club, and as such we will be doing a picnic, boat cruise, and "KCAA Night at Bowie Baysox" this summer. Watch your email box, check the KCAA web page, or check next month's newsletter for more information.

Finally, if you have any ideas, gripes, concerns, etc. about KCAA, feel free to drop me an email. This Club belongs to all of us, not just those who show dogs. The input and involvement of all members is what will make this club great. *Dan Strachan, danstrachan@comcast.net*

RECENT ITEMS/Q & A

Q: Can't we just do shows to raise money like other clubs?

A: You've heard the old adage, "You have to spend money to make money." That is the situation for KCAA right now. We don't have a large treasury right now to front-end a lot of the expenses associated with a licensed show. Judges' expenses, grounds/location expenses, superintendent, hospitality, and ribbons/rosettes will require several thousand dollars before the first motor home hooks up. We'll economize where possible when the time comes, but KCAA is simply not ready financially at this time to host a show.

And the dirty secret about dog shows: Unless you charge admission and have attendance by the general public, the Club never makes much money.

COMING EVENTS

Tue. June 11 Board Meeting, 7:30.

Wed. June 19 Rally/Obedience Show & Go. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Details on next page.

Wed. June 19 Intro to Show Handling. 7:30-8:00 p.m. Details on next page.

Wed. June 26 Handling Class #1. Details below.

Tue. July 2 Board Meeting, 7:30.

Wed. July 3 Handling Class #2.

Tue. July 9 General Meeting. Time/Location to be announced.

Wed July 10 Handling Class #3.

RALLY/OBEDIENCE SHOW & GO – JUNE 19

On June 19, 2013, KCAA will hold an outdoor show and go for both Rally and Novice & Pre-Novice Obedience at the home and business of Debbie Morgan, Country Critter Boarding and Training Center, 8103 Foxwell Road, Millersville, MD 21108. Two separate rings will be set up - one for Rally and one for Obedience. Fees will be \$7 for individuals and \$10 for multiple dogs with the same handler. Price is for unlimited run-throughs, time permitting. Hours will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In case of rain, attendees are asked to call Country Critters at (410) 787-9592 to determine if the event has been canceled.

HANDLING INTRO/CLASSES

We are offering a FREE Introduction to Show Handling on June 19 from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. to familiarize people with the equipment they will need for a show handling class as well as what will be covered in the class. It will be held at the home and business of Debbie Morgan, Country Critter Boarding and Training Center, 8103 Foxwell Road, Millersville, MD 21108 (same time as the show and go). No ring will be used for this introduction, only an area that will not interfere with the Show and Go events. This Intro will be presented by Jo Ann Charnik.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK, a 10-week session of Handling Classes will begin on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at the home and business of Jo Ann Charnik & Adam Thistle, Severn Grooming and Boarding, 1115 Delmont Road, Severn, MD 21144. These classes will be taught by Bridget Ratcliffe, and the fee will be \$10 per class. No pre-registration required but proof of rabies vaccine will be required. Handling classes will run for 10 weeks. KCAA members are encouraged to come out to these events to lend their assistance and to participate in the events.

The 10-week session will be held outdoors. In case of rain, Handling Class attendees are asked to call Severn Grooming and Boarding at (410) 519-1523 to determine if classes will be cancelled for that night. There will be no make up dates for any missed classes.

LATE SPRING HEALTH TIPS

Our dearly loved companion dogs can suffer from seasonal allergies, just like us humans. During this season, dogs can suffer from spring allergies as the weather warms up, flowers bloom, and pollen counts rise all around.

JoAnn Charnik
Agent # P-0041
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Watch your dogs for the common symptoms of allergies. If there is scratching, licking, and chewing, or scabby and flaky skin, it's possible that a dog is reacting to an allergy.

Flea bites, pollens, molds, and dust can trigger dog allergies that can run for several weeks. You can easily prevent these allergies from flaring up by staying in control of your dog's immediate environment, especially through regular flea control, bathing, and spraying outdoor runs and yard areas as needed.

Next Month: A few words about gardening.

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

We need a couple of volunteers for the Show & Go. If you can help, drop an email to Tom Masog at tmasog@gmail.com.

When was the last time you attended a Club meeting? It's a necessary evil for being a part of things, and only takes an hour plus travel time (we promise).

BRAGS

Get them to the editor by June 15, and then watch this space.

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