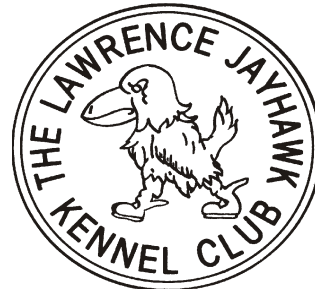


Tattle Tails

December 2011



Officers

President: John Cramer
1st Vice President: Deb Ashlock
2nd Vice President (Director of Training): Jane Tusten
Secretary: Vickie Jacobs
Treasurer: Lee Boyd
AKC Delegate: Bryant Freeman
Board members: Nan Dittrick ('12),
Brenda Gadd ('12), Ced Devin ('13),
Bryant Freeman ('13), Amber Miller ('13)

Newsletter Submissions

If you have an item of interest or a brag to submit for inclusion in the next newsletter, please contact newsletter editor Barb Clauson at blclauson@gmail.com (or 785-842-6884). Deadline for inclusion in next month's newsletter is the 21st of the preceding month. Electronic copy (as a Word attachment or embedded in the body of an e-mail message) is greatly appreciated. If you do have e-mail access, please send your current address to blclauson@gmail.com.

Web Site

Remember to check the Web site, <http://ljk.com>, on a regular basis. Any comments or additions? Contact the Webmaster, Lee Boyd, at leeboyd@att.net.

Mark Your Calendar

December 5: meeting; location to be announced, 7:30 PM

December 11: annual holiday party; home of Nan Dittrick and Kenneth Phipps; 5:00 PM

January 2: meeting; location to be announced, 7:30 PM; program by Bryant Freeman

January: annual awards brunch; date and location to be announced

February 6: meeting; location to be announced, 7:30 PM; program by Ced and Liz Devin

March 5: meeting; location to be announced, 7:30 PM; program by Midge Grinstead

April 2: meeting; location to be announced, 7:30 PM; program by Vickie Jacobs

Synopsis of Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club General Meeting November 2011

The Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club held its November, 7, 2011, general meeting at the meeting room of Conroy's Pub. Minutes were approved as corrected. The dates of the last two obedience classes would be November 6 not the 2nd.

President Report: John Cramer reported that this meeting would discuss the dog show and how we can improve it.

Treasurer Report: Lee reported on all account holdings and we netted \$300 on training classes. At the present time we lost \$4,000 on the dog show. Lee has been notified by Capital Federal that we will no longer receive interest on our account and asked the club for permission to look elsewhere to put our money. The club members agreed.

Secretary Report: Vickie has been asked by the *University Daily* paper to have our class ads put in their paper. Jane will look into this.

1st Vice President Report: John Cramer reported for Deb Ashlock. The programs have been set for January—Bryant Freeman on Crufts dog show, February—Liz and Ced on hands-on grooming demonstration, March—Midge Grinstead with a discussion on the Lawrence Humane Society, and April—Vickie Jacobs will have a Ring Steward seminar. There will be a real ring, handlers with their favorite stuffed dog on lead, and a real ring situation. This is to train club members to be inside ring steward. This will take a lot of members and should be fun.

2nd Vice President Report: Jane Tusten has the dates for the next two training sessions. Online registration is already available. Session 2: February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7. Session 3: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2. Deadline for registration will be January 25.

Delegate Report: The first 8 months of 2011 the AKC revenues were 5% lower than the same period in 2010. Operating expenses had a 2.3 million loss, investment loss of \$625,000 so far as of September this year. There will no longer have the presence of professional AKC staff at the Delegate meeting to save money.

New Business: The Award Banquet date has still to be decided but the form for

new titles will be in the next newsletter. Jennifer Cramer will collect these forms. The Holiday Party location and date are still to be decided and Nan Dittrick will be asked if the club could party at her house.

The Judges Selection Committee will meet at Cindy Wells home on November 14 at 7:00 PM.

Second reading for Pat Kosinar and vote was taken. Please welcome Pat to the club.

First reading for:

Jonnifer “Joie” Webster (S) [appl. 11/11]
(785) 830-9778

804 E 1250 Rd.

Lawrence, KS

66047

paintedpony51@gmail.com

Dalmation

LJKC Dog Show: The rest of meeting was a discussion and changes to the LJKC Dog Show.

Crating Area: The price of reserved spaces will be \$50 for concrete and electricity and \$25 for the dirt (no guarantee of electricity). A preference of location stated at the time of reservation. A map with all of the reserved spaces will be placed at the entrance of the arena.

Group Wins and Placements: \$25 for a group one and no money for the rest of the placements. A group catalog will be given to the placements. High in Trial, High Combined, will be given a catalog. Best in Show will receive \$50.

Judges Hired: The club will try to hire more provisional judges so we cut back on the number of judges for the show. We had too many this year.

Specialty on Friday Night: John Cramer will try to bring in two more specialty clubs for next year. Due to the extra clean-up needed after the specialty

it was decided that each Specialty club will pay \$100 for clean-up.

Puppy Groups: After a long discussion it was decided that the Puppy Groups are not bringing in extra dogs and are a lot of work. It was decided to not have Puppy Groups next year.

Rally/Obedience Assignments: Onofrio will be notified that all of the Rally will be in one ring and not divided with Obedience like this year.

Judges Dinner Saturday Night: Only the Show Chair and spouse, and Cindy Well (as a Country Club sponsor) will attend the judges' dinner and have their meal paid for by the club. If you want to attend the dinner you must pay for your own meal and not be showing a dog on Sunday. Jane Tusten made a motion that the policy above be approved. Motion carried.

Judge's Gift: A total agreement that Liz Devin did a great job on the judge's gift. After a brief discussion that the baskets be changed to something that the judges could carry on the airplane or use completely before they leave. Some suggestions were small bottles of sparkling cider and local edibles. If baskets need to be used have a note for the judge to leave it at the desk of the hotel for someone to pick up.

Vendor for Food: Jane Tusten will discuss with Biemick about the food provided at the dog show this year. We had less for the money. The club would like to have, at least, one side dish to choose from. For \$7.00 just a sandwich was not enough. Club members can get our pop from the break room. The club decided to offer free (donation if you want) coffee and sweet rolls for breakfast. Vickie Jacobs made a motion that the club purchase a larger coffee pot. Motion approved. Judges and ring

stewards will still be provided coffee, tea, and hot chocolate in the break room.

Photographer: Jennifer Cramer asked permission to seek out another photographer since there were a number of complaints about John Downy. The club members agreed.

Host Hotel for the Judges: After a number of complaints from the judges about the poor quality of the Best Western it was decided to look into another hotel for the judges. The judges also would like somewhere where there are no dogs allowed. The hotel also gave our rooms away and tried to charge us more than agreed. John Cramer will look into the Holiday Express and the Hampton Inn. They both offer breakfast and do not allow dogs.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Jacobs

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to the club Pat Kosinar! Here is Pat's contact information for your membership list:

Pat Kosinar (S) [11/11]
(785) 864-1559
2108 Inverness Dr.
Lawrence, KS 66047
pkosinar@sunflower.com
French Bulldog

Holiday Party

The LJKC annual Holiday Party will be at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 11, at the home of Nan Dittrick and Ken Phipps. Dress is casual. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The club provides drinks (alcoholic and nonalcoholic), cups, plates, plasticware, and napkins. Please bring a wrapped gift for each person participating in the "Grabby Gift" game. Call Nan at 785-

840-0044 if you get lost. The address is 1130 E 1200 Road, Lawrence, KS, 66047. Here are directions: Iowa south to right on 458. Go 1 mile to E 1200 Road on left. Go 1/2 mile to 1130 on left.

Nanette Dittrick

Annual Awards Brunch

Please see the separate section at the end of this newsletter regarding awards and the awards brunch. Note the January 1 deadline for submitting your information. The date and location for the brunch will be announced at a later date.

Training Classes

Registration has begun for the next session of training classes. The first class will be held on February 1. For details, please visit the club's website.

LJKC on Facebook

The Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club now is on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-Jayhawk-Kennel-Club/176934785688654?sk=wall> (thank you Leslie Soden)! If you are on Facebook, please go and "like" our new LJKC Facebook fan page. Once you "like" the page, anything posted on the page will automatically show on your newsfeed wall. The "like" button is near the top right corner of the page next to the top title. Any Facebook member that "likes" the page can post on the wall: links, pictures, updates, events, etc. They don't have to be a member of LJKC—the general public will be able to view the page, which is what we are looking for.

New Librarian Needed

The club needs to find a new librarian. Please contact a club officer if you are interested.

Help Please

A few people will be needed at each meeting to help set up chairs and tables. If you would like to volunteer to bring food treats to a future monthly meeting, please contact Jane (785-842-5856; roytus@aol.com).

News from the Mother Ship

Visit <http://www.akc.org> for the latest AKC news.

Club Library

The LJKC has an extensive library of books pertaining to dogs. The listing of our library available to be checked out by members is at the Club's Web site: <http://www.ljkc.com/members/library.htm>. Please let Jane Tusten know if you would like to check out an item (please give Jane a three-day notice).

Braggs

CH UACHX Cimmaron's Taylor Made CD MX MXJ MXF O-EAC O-EJC ECC O-TN-E O-TG-E O-WV-E HP-O, "Taylor" (Brittany), owned by Karen Booker, finished her Agility Master FAST Excellent (MXF) title at the AKC agility trial in Wichita, November 11.

Bitpat's Decipher the Code, "Cody" (All American), owned and handled by Bitsey Patton, earned his Novice Jumpers NADAC title November 5 in Lawrence. He also qualified for one

Tunnelers leg. On November 12, Cody earned his first UKC Agility II leg and first place, also in Lawrence.

Reader's Corner Books to Give and Get for Christmas

Below is a list of books I have read recently that dog lovers will probably like. I say "probably," because not everyone finds the same dog books charming or enlightening. I've added a few comments, but I tend to find something to like in all things dog. Ask me if you want more details. These books are available at the public library.

Tell Me Where it Hurts, Love is the Best Medicine, Ever By My Side by Nick Trout. If you liked James Herriot's *All Creatures Great and Small*, you'll like Nick Trout's books. He is a British veterinarian at a busy practice in Boston.

Rose in the Snow by Jon Katz. Another beautifully written story by Jon Katz.

A Dog's Purpose by Bruce Cameron. Get out your hankie, but it's worth it.

Scent of the Missing by Susannah Charleson. Real insight into the training of a search and rescue dog.

Last Dog on the Hill by Steve Duno. A stray mixed-breed dog changes the author's life forever.

Until Tuesday by Luis Carlos Montalvan. An Iraq war veteran's searing account of his battles with PTSD and his salvation by his service dog named Tuesday.

Trust the Dog by The Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation. Stories of extraordinary people and their exceptional dogs.

Inside of a Dog by John Bradshaw. On the faculty of the University of Bristol, this researcher sees dogs as neither domesticated wolves, nor furry humans. A must read.

Dog Sense by Alexandra Horowitz. On the faculty of Barnard College, this author explains how dogs perceive their daily worlds. Another must read.

~Submitted by Bitsey Patton

Chicken Jerky Product Warnings

The FDA continues to issue warnings for chicken jerky products from China:
<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm280586.htm>.

Rescue Group Opportunity

Cheryl Bell at Tractor Supply Company (TSC) in Lawrence is planning to host an animal rescue group once a month at TSC. The group can set up a booth and hand out brochures or sell food and rescue merchandise as a fundraiser. TSC will also host the Lawrence Humane Society, 4-H groups, etc. If you know of a group that would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please phone TSC at 785-331-2395 and ask for Cheryl Bell, or email her at cgrx2@hotmail.com and put TSC-rescue programs in the subject line.

LJKC Awards

The LJKC holds an annual Awards brunch at the end of January. Following the meal, members whose dogs have earned titles in the past year are given a plaque, or a plate to add to their plaque. At the owner's discretion, either the Master of Ceremonies reads a statement prepared by the owner, or the owner speaks directly about the dog's accomplishments.

As a new club member, the first time one of your dogs earns a title and you submit the necessary information, you will receive a plaque bearing the club logo medallion at the awards banquet. You will also receive a plate to affix to the plaque with screws, bearing the dog's name, the title earned, and the year earned. As your dogs continue to earn titles, as long as you submit the information by year's end, you will receive plates to add to your plaque. If more than one of your dogs earns titles in a year, each dog will receive their own plate, but these are affixed to the same plaque (there are not separate plaques for each dog). Once your plaque is full, you may request another.

If your dog earns multiple titles within a year, the titles are listed two to a plate. If your dog achieves an especially high honor (BISS, BIS, High in Trial, High Combined, OTCH, BIF, UACHX, UGRACH, NATCH, VERS-NATCH, MACH), a double-high plate is awarded.

The owner may request additional plates, for which they would be expected to reimburse the club, such as duplicate plates, memorial plates, plates for a previous year when the club member missed the deadline, or plates bearing only one title when more than one was earned in a year. Each plate typically costs about \$10.00.

Those who collect the award information, and the Master of Ceremonies, are volunteers, and to make their job a little easier, we have prepared these guidelines:

Please provide the information requested below, typed in capital letters (font does not matter).

The full name of your dog, including titles previously earned.

The new title or titles, spelled out (Companion Dog Excellent, rather than CDX).

The year (but not the exact date) the title was earned.

Here is a sample format for a dog that earned two titles in 2009:

RUFF AND READY CDX NA RN
AKC CHAMPION
RALLY ADVANCED
2009

The next year this dog earned one title so their plate would read:

CH RUFF AND READY CDX NA RA
NOVICE WEAVERS CERTIFICATE
2010

You are encouraged to type the information so that your handwriting doesn't need to be deciphered. What you give us will be what appears on the plate so please proof-read and make sure that you have the correct designation for the title. In order to preserve space to keep the print large, we'd advise you not to put a period after CH and not to use commas in addition to spaces when separating titles (see examples above). If you are at the point where your wonderful dog has earned many titles, all those previous titles will be listed on earlier plates on your plaque and you might think about starting to include only the most impressive of them with your dog's name from year to year so that the name does not become vanishingly small in print.

Please heed the January 1 deadline.

Decide whether you will speak about your dog or ask the Master of Ceremonies to read your statement. In the latter case, please type your statement and send it to the Master of Ceremonies no later than one week before the date of the Awards brunch.

If you can't attend the Awards brunch, please make arrangements to pick up your plate or plaque at a club meeting or training classes. No awards will be mailed.

Please send to Jennifer Cramer (jennifercramer@msn.com) by January 1, 2012:

The full name of your dog, including titles previously earned.

The new title or titles, spelled out.

The year (but not the exact date) the title was earned.

If you would like the Master of Ceremonies to read your statement about your dog, please type it and send it to Russ Jacobs (russjacobs4@aol.com) by January 20.