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## President's Message: Spring Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying the mild spring weather. Get ready for some upcoming events...more information to follow as it becomes available.

This newsletter will soon be available on our developing website, as well as being emailed to everyone. Many thanks to Helene for putting together the newsletter, and Gerri Kennedy for website development.

If there is any subject or idea for a club education program you would like to see, please don't be shy about contacting me to discuss! Fran 203 270 3481.

Please see the calendar for upcoming shows and events! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Awards Dinner coming up April 21 at Chuck's Steakhouse in Danbury.

Make sure to get your award information in to Pam Pearl (426 4833) as soon as possible.

*Fran*



## ACE AWARDS 2010

The AKC Humane Fund is accepting nominations for its **2010 Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE)**. To qualify, the purebred dog must be AKC registered or an AKC recognized breed and have performed some exemplary act, whether large or seemingly small that has significantly benefited a community or individual. One award will be given in each of the following five categories:

**Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service, and Therapy.** When appropriate, dogs earning honorable mention will be cited.

Each of the five recipients will receive a cash award of \$1,000, a plaque honoring their dog, and an engraved sterling silver medallion, which they will receive at a special presentation ceremony at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California in December 2010. In addition, the names of the five recipients will be engraved on the ACE Awards plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC Headquarters in New York City. Dogs receiving honorable mention will be awarded an engraved bronze medallion. All entrants will receive an AKC Humane Fund ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone can nominate a dog. The owner of the dog is permitted to submit the nomination for his/her own dog. All submissions for **The AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for the year 2010** must include the following:

- A non-returnable, clear, color photograph of the dog – no scans please.
- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex.
- Owner's/Nominator's name(s), address and phone number. E-mail address if available.

· **Deadline for applications is June 1, 2010.** Submit all information to: Ronald N. Rella - ACE Awards 2010, The AKC Humane Fund, 260 Madison Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10016

## Newtown Kennel Club 2010 Calendar of Events

April 21	General Meeting Awards Dinner Chuck's Steakhouse Danbury, CT
July 15	General Meeting Location TBD
July 24/25	Health Clinic Bethel, CT
August 18	General Meeting Location TBD
August 28	Point Show at Big E W. Springfield, MA
September 24	Point Show, Indian Wells State Park, Shelton, CT
October 9	Match Show Bethel, CT
November 3	General Meeting Location TBD
December 15	Holiday Party Location TBD





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## THE DOG SHOW WORLD

- If you love to talk about dogs, you're a know-it-all.
- If you don't talk about dogs, you know nothing.
- If you stop to chat at a show, you're a show-off.
- If you don't, success has gone to your head.
- If your dogs are at all the shows, you're not letting others in on the wins.
- If you're absent, you're afraid of the competition.
- If your dog wins, you know the judges.
- If you don't win, it's obvious your dog isn't quality.
- If you win and thank the judge, you're playing politics.
- If you win and don't thank the judge, you're rude.
- If you lose and congratulate the winner, you're a hypocrite.
- If you lose and don't say anything, you're a poor sport.
- If you've been breeding less than 20 years you're a newcomer.
- If you've been breeding for more than 20 years, you should get out of the way of the up-and-comers.
- If you use your own stud, you're kennel blind.
- If you go outside for stud services, you don't think much of your own breeding.
- If you sell most of your puppies, you're trying to flood the market.
- If you keep most of your puppies, they're not good enough to sell.
- If you keep your health testing up to date, you're admitting your lines are full of problems.
- If you don't check for every condition known to veterinary science, you're irresponsible and have no integrity.
- If you choose to mentor or offer 'free' advice, you're arrogant.
- And finally, if you keep your opinions and knowledge to yourself, you haven't learned anything.





- Did You Know That...AKC is the largest and second oldest purebred dog registry in the world. Founded on September 17, 1884, the AKC was formed as a "club of clubs" to promote the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Today, the AKC comprises 613 member clubs and over 4,000 licensed and affiliated clubs.
- The AKC registers 164 dog breeds.
- The AKC sanctions more than 22,000 events each year - drawing nearly three million entries annually.
- The AKC is the only purebred dog registry in the U.S. that conducts kennel inspections to ensure the health, safety and welfare of dogs.
- Today, more than 5,000 kennel inspections are conducted each year.
- The AKC instituted DNA testing in July 2000 for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity.
- To date, there are more than 475,000 purebred dog genotypes on file in the AKC DNA database.
- Approaching its tenth year, the prestigious *AKC/Eukanuba National Championship* remains the first and only national dog show of its kind, representing the pinnacle of canine achievement. The top 25 dogs in each breed, as well as any dog receiving an all-breed Best in Show at an AKC show and the winner of a parent club national specialty show held during the qualifying period, receive invitations to the show. Dogs receiving championships from the bred-by class are also eligible. The top-ranked dog in each AKC registrable breed from countries, with which it has reciprocal registration agreements - including the kennel clubs of Argentina, England, Japan, Norway, Philippines, Portugal and Slovenia - are invited to compete at the *AKC/Eukanuba National Championship*.
- There about 200 foreign registries around the world that issue pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

## Breed Handling:

Classes resumed September 15 at Edmond Town Hall, Route 25, Newtown on Tuesdays at 7:15pm and 8:00pm

*Rabies certificate required*  
*No dogs under 16 weeks allowed!!*

*Volunteers Needed!!!*

Please contact Jan Purdy at [redgsmd@snet.net](mailto:redgsmd@snet.net) to schedule a date to instruct the class.

**Non-Member's Fee: Now \$6.00**



Obedience Classes are also available. Please contact: Debbie Heckman at 740.7679 for more info. There is a minimal charge for Newtown KC members for the classes.





***Annual Awards Dinner***

***Wednesday, April 21***

***Chuck's Steakhouse  
Danbury, CT***

***Information on your  
titled dogs or bitches will  
be due April 7 to Pam  
Pearl***

***Watch for the flyer in the  
mail from Dan Minnick***

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## AKC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

-- Dr. Charles Garvin, Dr. William Newman & Patricia Scully Elected --

New York, NY - The Annual Meeting of the AKC Delegates took place on March 9, 2010. Three new Directors have been elected: Dr. Charles Garvin, Delegate from the Marion Ohio Kennel Club; Dr. William R. Newman, Delegate from the Mastiff Club of America; Patricia Scully, Delegate from the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii. Dr. Newman was an incumbent candidate. In addition, Ronald H. Menaker was re-elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Thomas M. Davies was re-elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegate Meeting.

\* Ronald H. Menaker has been the Chairman of the AKC Board of Directors since 2002. Menaker represents the Greater Freeport Illinois Kennel Club and is Show Chairman for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. An active participant in the sport of purebred dogs for nearly 40 years, he bred and exhibited Giant Schnauzers, and has also shown Bedlington Terriers and Norfolk Terriers. A licensed AKC judge since 1994, Menaker is approved to judge Best in Show, all Working breeds, all Sporting breeds and several Terrier breeds. Menaker is also a member of the Board of Overseers for the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School.

Menaker is a retired Managing Director and Head of Corporate Services of J.P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated of New York, and a past President and Director of J. P. Morgan Services, Inc. He is also the Vice Chairman and past Chairman of New York Downtown Hospital. Menaker resides in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey with his wife Kathy.

\* Dr. Thomas M. Davies, AKC Delegate for the Springfield Kennel Club, was first elected to the Board in 2000 and has served on the Public Relations Committee, the Events and Clubs Committee, the Breeders Committee and chaired the Group Realignment Committee.

Dr. Davies has been involved in several breeds, but has had significant influence on the Bearded Collie. His involvement with the breed began before its official recognition by the AKC when he served as president of the Bearded Collie Club of America. While at this post, Davies was responsible for getting the breed into the AKC Stud Book. He is an honorary lifetime member of the club and is the author of the Bearded Collie standard. In the mid-80's, Dr. Davies became deeply involved in Siberian Huskies and Belgian Sheepdogs. He and his wife have bred and finished many champions in all three breeds. Dr. Davies continues to be an active member of the fancy. He is an approved judge for the Herding Group, Akitas and Siberian Huskies. He has served as show chairman for the Springfield Kennel Club and for the Connecticut River Working Group Association, the country's first Working Group club. He has also served in various capacities for many all-breed and specialty clubs.

Professionally, Dr. Davies retired from the Bayer Corporation after more than thirty years in various areas of scientific research and product development. He currently resides in Brimfield, Massachusetts with his wife Roberta.

\* Dr. J. Charles Garvin, of Marion, Ohio, is a returning member of the AKC Board of Directors. He has been closely associated with Dalmatians since the 1960s. Since then, he has had 86 champions in the breed, most of them owner-handled. Dr. Garvin has judged at the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA) national specialty show five times, including the AKC Centennial Show in 1984, and has judged nationals in Canada and Australia. He is served multiple terms as DCA president and has sat on the club's board of directors for 28 years. A life member of the Central Ohio Kennel Club and the Marion Ohio Kennel Club, he has been Marion's AKC Delegate since 1990 and a club officer for 27 years. Dr. Garvin is an ophthalmic surgeon and president-chairman of a 72-physician medical-group practice. He and his wife of 33 years, Lynn, have two sons and a daughter.

\* Dr. William R. Newman, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, has been a member of the Mastiff Club of America for 45 years. He has served the club as president, vice president, secretary, AKC Delegate, show chairman, and newsletter founding editor. Dr. Newman has produced numerous Mastiff champions and is the co-breeder of a three-time national-specialty winner. He has judged numerous Mastiff regional specialties and the national specialty show. Deeply committed to canine health, Dr. Newman has served the AKC Canine Health Foundation as a director and Millennium Founder. Dr. Newman is a board-certified radiologist and former hospital chief of staff. Newman holds a B.A. from Hofstra University, in New York, and an M.D. from the State University of New York.

\* Patricia Scully, of Suffern, New York, is a returning member of the AKC Board of Directors. She has been active in purebred dogs since 1962. She has been the Delegate for the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii since 1985, and was chairman of the AKC Delegates Obedience Clubs Committee at its inception. She has finished Pugs in obedience and conformation in several countries and has been an obedience judge for all classes for more than twenty-five years. Scully was a member of the 1996 AKC Presidential Search Committee and is a former president, director, and show and obedience chairman of the Pug Dog Club of America, of which she is an honorary lifetime member.



*Diane Taylor received this communication from AKC as our AKC Delegate and wanted to share with the membership.*

Dear Delegate:

We are writing to you so that you are aware of the facts concerning the Canadian Kennel Club and put the rumors to rest.

It is true that the Canadian Kennel Club sent a bulletin to their members describing that they are “in the midst of a financial crisis.” The reasons they state are very similar to those faced by kennel clubs around the world. Even though the economy in Canada is better than in America, the CKC has experienced declines in registration, entries, and membership. Their losses were in both the CKC organization as well as their publishing company, Apex. Unfortunately, as a result they have found themselves in a deficit position in terms of cash flow as their reserves were not sufficient to support their financial situation. Over the last few days we, along with our Chief Financial Officer Jim Stevens, have had conference calls with Joe Mauro, CKC’s Chief Executive Officer. We hope that the Canadian Kennel Club will make a full recovery as their organization is functioning, registrations are being processed, and entries and shows are continuing as always.

Chairman Dwain McLean voluntarily and temporarily stepped aside due to a family crisis. Under the leadership of Interim Chair Lee Steeves, the organization is facing their problems and they have appealed to their membership and clubs to assist with donations and have also implemented fees to increase revenue while she and their Board address expenditures, services, and obligations.

We along with AKC Management are addressing areas where we may be able to lend assistance to our neighbors with whom we have had an excellent relationship for almost one hundred years.

This unfortunate situation can trace its roots to a number of causes beyond today’s challenging economic conditions including changes in society, running a not-for-profit business in an increasingly competitive atmosphere, and lacking ample reserves. As we have been reporting over the last few years and most recently at last month’s Delegate Meeting, the Board and Management of the American Kennel Club have diligently placed over \$50 million in reserves so that it would be unlikely we are faced with a lack of adequate reserves. We continue to manage our organization’s finances conservatively and in line with our independent accounting firm’s recommendations.

The American Kennel Club will continue to lend assistance where possible to Lee, Joe and their team as we are dedicated to the well-being of the Canadian Kennel Club, its breeders, judges, and exhibitors.

Ronald H. Menaker  
Chairman

Dennis B. Sprung  
President and CEO