

PUPPY PUDDLES



WE TEACH YOU TO TEACH YOUR DOG

Monthly Meeting

- Feb 16, 2016
Benco Building
Board Meeting — 6:30PM
Club Meeting — 7:30PM

Refreshments

- Feb — The Blaines
- Mar — Sue Erickson & Alexis Smith
- Apr — Megan Hancock & Lori Espeland

Thank you to Pat Hooey & Dawn Blaine for the wonderful refreshments at the January Meeting!

Important Dates

- Feb. 6—KCKC Club Party
- Feb. 13—KCKC at BEC Library
- Feb. 16—KCKC Meeting



Dog Training



KCKC At The Library

The date for KCKC at the library is February 13th this year. We will be using the auditorium for training demos. All members are welcome to bring their dogs to a meet and greet held for the public in the main area of the library from 10 am to 12 pm.

There are display boxes still available if anyone would like to create a display to educate the public on things our club offers or even basic care of dogs. Displays are up Feb 1st to Feb 28th, or as close as possible to those dates. Readers are needed for Tuesdays' 10:30AM children's story hour that goes on all month. It is best to have two handlers and two dogs per story hour. Those Tuesday dates are the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

Please contact Bev Cox for further information.
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Your Contributions

Please feel free to e-mail your ideas, stories or pictures to me and I will try my best to incorporate them. Let's work together to make this a great newsletter!

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Officers

President — Jim Olson
Secretary — Megan Hancock

Vice President — Pete Otterness
Treasurer — Lynn Davey

Good Cheer

Lois Almendinger's brother passed away late in January. A sympathy card was sent with the Club's condolences. Our hearts all go out to you Lois at your time of sadness and loss. May you find smiles in your memories of the good times together. Our loved ones are never far from us when we hold them close in our hearts. Know that there are many shoulders to lean on in your circle of friends here.

If any club member knows of anyone needing Good Cheer please contact Elaine at any of the following:

Email: flapjackec@gmail.com

Cell phone: 507- 327-5616

Address: 53001 174th Lane Garden City, MN 56034

KCKC Holiday Party

This year's holiday will be held on February 6th at Benco. Please R.S.V.P. to Lynn in advance so that we can get a head count. The dinner will be \$10 per person, and money should be paid upon R.S.V.P.

A raffle will be held again this year, so bring items to donate. The donations from the raffle will go to the following: Brown County Human Society and St. Peter P.A.W.S. Also, be sure to bring your photos for the annual photo contest.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate which starts at 9:30 am on Feb. 6th.

The party will be at 5:30 pm with social hour and the meal will begin at 6:30 pm.

This year's holiday party will be Valentine's. The menu is as follows:

Two soups

Fresh fruit

- Appetizers should be brought by members whose last name starts with the letter A-M
- Desserts should be brought by members whose last name starts with the letter N-Z

Needed Chief Ring Steward

We are still in need of a chief ring steward for conformation for our May Show.

If you would be willing to do this job please contact Jim. It's not hard and you don't need to be on your feet all day.

The only requirement is that you need to know how to do inside ring stewarding for conformation.

Jim and Sharon will be willing to help you as you get started.

If interested please call Jim at 507-388-3836.

Recycle your old plaques

If you have "older walnut plaques" that have been replaced because your dog has won new titles that have superseded the old plaques by a newer plaque and you no longer want/need to display them, I can and do "recycle" them. It saves the club several dollars each by doing that.

You can drop them off at the training center any time, simply bag them up – put my name on it and leave them on the desk or some where that Lynn will find them. If you are coming to the awards party you could bring them then.

Thanks,
Bruce Davey

KCKC 2015 Award Winning Dogs and Handlers

Congratulations to all members who reported the titles earned on their dogs during 2015.

AKC titles are awarded with a plaque, Certifications and titles from other venues are awarded with a certificate of accomplishment. All titles/certifications earned in 2015 are listed in bold.

Conformation

Marlene Oliver and Norwegian Elkhound **CH** Peer Gynt Strolls Down Memory Lane

Agility

Jan Richards and Miniature North American Shepherd **MACH 6** Wiseachers Sheila **MXG2, MJS3, OF, T2B2**

Jan Richards and Miniature North American Shepherd Southern Stars Ima Wiseacher **NA, NAJ, CGCA**

Linda Ulman and Sheltie Wunita Don't Pass Me Bi AX, **MXJ, OF, T2B, CGC**

Lynn Davey and Sheltie Gamblyn's Promise, **NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ**

Obedience and Rally

Gladys Berlin and Golden Retriever Blue Skies Windsong **CDX, RAE, MXB, MJB**

Deanna Kuhl and Border Collie Lily VII BN, **RE**

Deanna Kuhl and Border Collie Black Gem Raven **RN**

Rita Heller and Toy Poodle Jax of My Heart **RA**

Paul Heller and Sheltie Shandon Belle Reldie **RA**

Karen Byron and GSD Starkhaus' Lightning Strike of Kari Haus BN, **RN, RA, CGCA**

Linda Murry and Siberian Husky Jenosha Lucky Maverick Smokin' On By **RN, CA, CGC**

Lynn Davey and Sheltie Gamblyn's Possibility CD, **RE MX AXJ**

Melissa McIntyre and GSD H'Linea von Holtgrew BN, **CD, CA, RA, RE**

AKC's S.T.A.R. Puppy

Mary Brandt and GSD Kyi-enna

LuAnn Jergensen and Miniature Schnauzer Loki Jergensen

AKC's Canine Good Citizen

Linda Murry and Siberian Husky Jenosha Lucky Maverick Smokin' On By **RN, CA, CGC**

Donna Rae Sonnek and Border Collie Hob Nob Endures! **CGC**

Hollie Felska and Cocker Spaniel Gazon True Story by JJ Frost **CGC**

Megan Hancock and Border Collie Brighteye Stellar Masquerade **CGC**

Sue Compart and GSD Gidheon vom Wunschbrunnen **CGC**

AKC's Community Canine

Penny Helgerson and Sheltie Sullivan Alexander **CGCA**

Renee Schweim and Australian Cobberdog Hazel Christian Rose **CGCA**

Mackenzie Schley and Black Russian Terrier Queens Over's War Emblem **CGCA**

Tracey Schley and Black Russian Terrier Queens Overs' Battle Song **CGCA**

Deanna Kuhl and Border Collie Black Gem Raven **CGCA**

Non-AKC accomplishments

Linda Ulman and Sheltie Wunita Don't Pass Me BI AX, AXJ, OF, HIC, CGC

Canine Performance Events agility **CL\$-F, CL4-S**

Melissa McIntyre and GSD H'Linea von Holtgrew BN, CD, CA, RA, RE

HIC, TC with GSDCA, **UCD, URO2, UAG2, NACSW** (nosework)

Sue Compart and Gidheon vom Wunschbrunnen GCG **HIC, RATN** (barnhunt)



As you may be aware, autoimmune thyroiditis is the major cause of hypothyroidism in dogs. Breeders can help to reduce the incidence of this inherited disorder by screening their dogs before breeding.

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) requires TgAA analysis for entry of dogs into its thyroid database. Over the past 20 years, our canine thyroglobulin autoantibody (TgAA) products have been recognized by all of the top veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the world as the best early screen for Canine Autoimmune Thyroiditis.

Understanding thyroid disease and how to help prevent it can be difficult for breeders and for Veterinarians. There are several tests for thyroid function. Some Veterinarians only test for T4 while others order a complete "thyroid panel" including TSH and TgAA. The OFA recommends performing a complete panel at different ages for breeding dogs. This is ideal, but expensive.

To assist breed clubs in promoting best practices, we are adding several educational components to our website www.oxfordlabs.com and through our a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Oxfordlaboratories> that provides:

- Information on thyroid disease tailored for the dog owner, breeder and for the Veterinary professional.

- "Q&A" section for quick answers to your member's questions.

- Links to publications by leading Veterinary experts.

An educational slideshow for breed clubs on canine thyroid disease, prepared with the assistance of one of the pioneers in this field. [Slideshow](#)

We appreciate your assistance in helping to reduce the occurrence of hypothyroidism in dogs.

Best regards,

*Richard McGowen
Marketing Director*