



Upcoming GSKC Meeting:
Wednesday,
April 25 at 7 pm in the Agricenter Boardroom.

April's Program:
Showing Toy Dogs by Carl Yochum

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Greater Shelby Kennel Club
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Upcoming CA Legislation akc.org

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~Betsy Tolley.

CA AB 1634 - Action Alert

Courtesy of AKC.org

Since the introduction of CA AB 1634, a bill that makes spay/neuter mandatory for all dogs over 4 months unless the owner qualifies for an intact dog permit, AKC has been actively involved in an opposition campaign.

We thank the many individuals and clubs and organizations who have joined our opposition and sent letters, e-mails or calls to oppose this bill and those who attended the hearing in Sacramento on April 10. Because of our united voice, the bill did not get voted out of committee and a vote was postponed until another hearing on April 24. Immediately following that decision by the committee, AKC announced it will be sending 3 representatives to the

April 24th hearing: Walter Bebout, Director of the AKC Canine Legislation department; Sarah Sprouse, Manager; and Stephanie Lane, former Director of the Canine Legislation department and current CA resident.

Please review the updates in the CA Action Box posted on the AKC website in the Top Stories section of our homepage and the letter sent to the committee considering the bill and to Governor Schwarzenegger by Ron Menaker, AKC Chairman of the Board. In addition, please see the letter sent to the committee by Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO.

We encourage you to continue visiting our website for the latest updates and announcements regarding this issue.



Braggs!

Pat Paterson's Pem Welsh Corgi, Audrey, earned her MACH (Masters Agility Champion) which required us to earn 20 Double Q's (a qualify score in Std. & Jumpers in the same day) and accumulate 700 points (seconds under the time allowed). We are now the second GSKC member to MACH. We also just returned from the AKC Agility National finals in Columbus, OH where she placed 8th out of 104 dogs in her jump height in Jumpers with Weaves. She is also now the #10 AKC agility Pembroke Welsh Corgi!

Way to go Audrey!

Vern and Olivia Harvey's, *Ch. Oshvah's The Devil Made Me Do It*, won BISS at the Dallas Siberian Specialty, March 19-20, from the Veterans Class owner handled. Her 18 month old grandson, Vinnie was taking a Group 4 in Tucson, AZ at the CDO Kennel Club show.

Mary Hewes' Levon's Uptown Girl, aka Kameo, an Italian Greyhound went WB and BOS both days at the Maury County Kennel Club Show, March 24-25, in Franklin, TN.

From Your GSKC Webmaster

The website has been active for a little over a month and has been very well received. There have been many inquires about our events, including Agility Trials and Conformation Classes. We also had two requests from a breed specialty clubs to possibly participate in this year's Showcase!

The club photo albums are still quite empty – please send pictures of your dogs including owner's name, dog's registered and call name, and event (if needed). There is a page for dogs just being dogs, so all photos are welcome!

As always, any and all feedback is appreciated and if anyone has a story or interested they'd like to see in next month's newsletter, please send it to me at ashleyholdford@yahoo.com OR ashley.holdford@autozone.com.

Hope to see everyone at the April meeting!
~Ashley Holdford, GSKC's Webmaster and *The Tail* Editor.



Two UTHSC Faculty Members' Dog Shown at Eukanuba National Invitational

David Nutting

Early last December, Ceile (pronounced KAY-lee), a 5 yr-old bearded collie bitch, flew to Long Beach, CA to participate in the American Kennel Club (AKC)/Eukanuba National Invitational Dog Show. She was accompanied by one of her owners, Dr. David Nutting, Associate Professor in the Dept. of Physiology; her other owner is Dr. Betsy Tolley, Professor of Preventive Medicine, who stayed home with their five other dogs. Ceile's official name is *CH Buckram-Stonehavn's C Sunshine*. The top 25 ranked dogs of each breed are invited to this annual show. Most of them make the long trip, so the level of competition is fierce, but generally friendly. While there, Ceile was groomed and shown by her professional handler, Trudy Golden from Little Rock, Arkansas. At these levels of competition, a professional handler is necessary; her "dad" (David), who showed her as a puppy and until she got her AKC Championship, now only shows her occasionally.

Other than the plane rides underneath with the suitcases, she seemed to really like the trip.

Bearded collies are medium-sized herding dogs originally from northern England and southern Scotland. They have a lot of hair to protect them (but this means a lot of cleaning and grooming, too!). Beardies, as they are often called, come in a variety of colors, mainly black, white, and gray, but Ceile is brown and white. They mainly herd sheep, and do it by both running and barking.

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5-Day GumTree Dog Show Cluster in Tupelo, MS

Wednesday & Thursday, May 9 & 10, 2007

Olive Branch Kennel Club

Superintendent: Rogers (rogersdogshows.com)

Entries close: April 20, 2007

Friday & Sunday, May 11 & 13, 2007

Golden Triangle Kennel Club of Mississippi

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows (onofrio.com)

Entries close: April 25, 2007

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Tupelo Kennel Club

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows (onofrio.com)

Entries close: April 25, 2007



A Note from Dr. Mitchener



GSKC's Webmaster received the following email from Dr. Kathy Mitchener who presented the March program on *Acupuncture and Massage Therapy in Dogs*. A special thank you to Tank, Debb Taylor's Golden Retriever, who was our very cooperative patient.

Just a quick note to thank you for inviting me to speak to your group last night. I had a wonderful time and I have to tell you that you are an amazing and perceptive group of people. Thank you for the terrific questions and interaction! If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to call/email or invite me back...I'll be there in a minute!



Tank for being such a great patient!

Conformation Class Begins May 1

When: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and June 5

Where: D Wing of the Agricenter at 7:00 pm

What: Bring completed forms, proof of your dog's current vaccinations, and payment to the first class.

Who: Our Instructors: Vern Harvey and Carl Yochum

Cost: Members: \$50.00 Non Members: \$75.00

Register: To ensure a space, payment may be mailed to Pat Welden, 380 Inkana Way, Eads, Tn 38028

To pre register email pwineads@aol.com

Print required registration forms from www.greatershelbykc.org/conformation

President's Message

There is a legislative alert on the AKC website that should be of interest to all dog and cat owners. The California Assembly is poised to enact legislation that would require all pets (at least cats and dogs) in the state of California to be spayed or neutered, unless the owners purchase intact-animal licenses. The requirements for owners to meet to purchase a license are onerous. The cost of these is unspecified. This genuine threat to the right of individuals to own and breed dogs needs our immediate attention. If this trend sweeps the nation we will all be threatened and what we do with the dogs we own and love may be dictated to us by the states. Please visit the AKC website to learn more about this alert. If you know any resident of California, please ask him or her to send a letter and email opposing this legislation. I have already asked my sister who lives in California to do this.

Believe it or not is now time to start planning for the October. The Club's application for our Showcase shows and trials has been sent to AKC. If you are interested in sponsoring trophies for your breed, please contact me as soon as possible. We will be sending out reminders to all of you shortly.

Our Spring agility weekend passed almost as fast as some of the agility dogs entered in our Spring trials on April 6, 7, and 8. Throughout the weekend, the trial committee—Mary Ehrhart, James Mathews, David Nutting, and Debb Taylor—worked very hard to change courses and adjust jump heights. David Franklin and his grand daughter, Avery, hosted the hospitality table and kept the coffee warm and plentiful. Please join me in thanking them all for their efforts.

Several competitors withdrew their entries because of the change of venue from the Multipurpose Arena inside to the Shelby Show Place Arena. However, most of those who participated were thankful that they did not have to spend the weekend exposed to the cold and wind. The Showplace Arena staff did an outstanding job of preparing the surface and maintaining it during the competition.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for the membership meeting on April 25. Our guest speaker will be Carl Yokum, who will be talking about presenting and showing toy dogs.

I look forward to seeing you in April.

Betsy Tolley
President, GSKC

