

Canine Capers

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Letter from the President

Since I wrote in the first newsletter of 2014 a lot of exciting things have happened.

I would like to thank all of those who have supported the club in their attendance at the meetings, the participation in different events, the co-operation everyone has given me in helping me learn my position as president and the general attitude and excitement of being in a wonderful kennel club!

I am so grateful for all of you in the club who have and are helping me learn policies, the by-laws and all the things needed to guide this group of wonderful folks!

With almost four months gone (already!) we have accomplished much but we still have more to do. We are

looking forward to having the ceremony for the trailers in May, plus so many more activities to do for the public as well as the club members.

We would like to invite all of you to the meetings as well as the social events. Please remember, as a member of the club you have agreed to participate in one activity per year as your obligation with your membership.

I so look forward to the future of the club getting bigger and better. With your help this will happen.

Blessings,

Debbie

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The Trailers Are Coming! The Trailers Are Coming!

The Emergency Preparedness trailers will be arriving in Cecil and Harford Counties on Saturday, May 3rd. Mark Sweitzer of Cecil County says they are all looking forward to the delivery!

The date for the formal presentation and media announcement for Cecil County is set for Tuesday, May 6th at 2:00pm. The presentation will take place in the Elk Room at the Cecil County Administration Building 200, Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD.

At the last board meeting MaryLou mentioned that Cecil County and their trailer will be participating in a drill in Queen Ann's County on June 19th.

The membership is invited to come out with your (well behaved) dogs and participate in these events. You must contact MaryLou if you do plan to attend.

AKC Chairman's Report—December 2013

-- The Way Forward in 2014 --

Everyone who has ever produced a litter of puppies knows this time of year brings holiday cards from puppy buyers with heartwarming photos and most-welcome news about the progress and antics of those puppies during the year. The cards are both informative and inspiring as the breeder considers their accomplishments and what they hope to achieve in the year to come.

With that as my guidance, I will first share some news about this year. As I mentioned in my November report, this has been a year of relentless positive action. The dozens of initiatives and innovations outlined in that report, along with a number of others throughout the year, have yielded growth in several areas. Assuming December achieves budgeted levels, we expect to have stronger revenue than 2012 – reaching \$58 million this year. Staff managed expenses extremely well which should yield an operating profit also stronger than 2012 and should be approximately \$7 million for 2013. Our balance sheet has also strengthened due to good investment performance and prudent protection of cash flow.

The American Kennel Club has grown in participation by clubs and exhibitors during 2013.

- 46 new clubs chose to join with the AKC bringing the total to 5,090 licensed and member clubs.
- Those 5,090 clubs created 341 new events for a total of 22,750 events this year – the largest number in the history of the AKC.
- Exhibitors participated more than ever, bringing 25,323 new entries through October for a projected total of about 3.2 million this year – the largest number in the history of the AKC.
- Breed recognition continues to grow with fully recognized breeds and varieties up by three for a total of 190 and FSS added one for a total of 64.

However, as good as our overall performance has been this year we do have several significant areas of concern.

Participation in Conformation, Obedience and Rally declined in the past year. As I stated in my November report, the issues impacting our sport today have been clearly identified and discussed. They can be collected into three categories – societal, economic, and legislative. While the apparent reasons are simple to discover, the solutions are significantly more complex. It will take very sophisticated marketing to achieve our goal of bringing more participants to our events and more members to our clubs. We are not only up for addressing it - we are capable of delivering it.

Our litter and individual dog registrations continue to decline - although at a much reduced rate. Some progress is being made, but we still have much work to do.

We have initiated some programs to help breeders and we have several in development. The AKC Breeder of Merit program now has more than 10,000 participants. These are breeders who are members in AKC clubs, participate in AKC events, adhere to the health test guidelines of their parent clubs, and register their litters with AKC. This program has contributed significantly to helping slow the decline of litter registrations. We are currently evaluating programs that will impact the other 80% of breeders who register litters with AKC, but do not qualify for the Breeder of Merit program. In addition, we added Breeder of the Year recognition for 12 sports this year – a clear demonstration of the importance of breeders.

An important aspect of litter registration is expanding the base of educated breeders. Today marks the inaugural AKC Breeder-to-Breeder Seminar – an opportunity to learn from the experts as they share the thinking behind their successful breeding programs. The workshops are live today and will be available on AKC.org in the near future.

In addition to mentors, the most valuable resource a breeder can have is a veterinarian with an expertise in reproduction. We have formed a strategic alliance with the Theriogenology Foundation and the Society for Theriogenology to help ensure future repro vets for breeders by funding the first ever residencies in small animal reproduction in the United States. We currently have proposals from Auburn University, the University of California-Davis, and the Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania for residencies beginning with the

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The Brag Box! *(Please be sure to email all brags to Dawn at phoenixrottweilers@yahoo.com)*

From Debra Warfield: Smiley Acres Handymans Hurry BN, RN (Sheltie) “Handy” earned 2 legs toward his Beginner Novice title at the Sand & Sea Kennel Club trial in Wildwood, NJ on January 31st. On March 13th, he earned his BN title at the Celtic Cluster in York, PA. Oak Hill White Christmas CD, BN, RE, CGC (Sheltie) “Crosby” earned his Rally Excellent title at the Sand & Sea Kennel Club trial in Wildwood, NJ on January 31st. He also earned his first leg towards his RAE title at the Celtic Cluster in York, PA on March 14th. V-alabria Tawney the Tiger CD, BN, RAE, CGC (Sheltie) “Tawney” won his Advanced B Rally Class with a 99 and scored 91 in his Excellent B class at the Sand & Sea Kennel Club Trial in Wildwood, NJ on January 30th and 31st. He also earned his RAE title at the Celtic Cluster in York, PA on March 13th and 15th.

From Hannah Ward: GRCH Ernhart’s Like a Rolling Stone BN, CGCA, RN (Miniature Schnauzer) “Dylan” earned the first leg of his CD title with a score of 195.5 and 1st place at the York Kennel Club on March 14th. He also finished his RN title.

From Ann Schultz: Ch McMagic’s All Her Ducks In a Row (Samoyed) “Ducky” went Best of Opposite Sex on Wednesday March 19th, Select Bitch on Thursday March 20th, and Friday March 21st at the Celtic Cluster in York, PA.

From Joan Hamilton: As of March 31, 2014, the AKC granted full AKC registration of the current Lassie. The Lassie line has never been registered over the history of Lassie, even though the original dogs were AKC registered males. In the fall of 2013 Bob Weatherwax gained registration for his living dogs by submitting documentation to the AKC that linked back to the original dogs and their AKC breeding partners. That information opened the door for the current Lassie's lineage to link back to that documentation to gain full AKC registration. What this means for us is that we can now enter and compete as fully registered dogs in AKC events, and that future generations of Lassie will be AKC registered dogs! It is exciting for Lassie, for me personally, but also for the AKC that the World's Most Famous Dog is now a registered AKC dog!

From Dawn Rexrode: U-Ch Phoenix’ Dragon of Dunaverty CGC (Rottweiler) “Fehren” has been confirmed pregnant and is due to whelp on April 24th. Fehren was bred via surgical artificial insemination at Olney-Sandy Springs Veterinary Hospital using semen that had been collected and frozen 22 years ago! A HUGE thank you to the staff at OSSVH for making this happen!

The Obedient Hound



What a great shot of this Bloodhound, mid stride over an obedience high jump during the “Retrieve over high jump” exercise!

Owned by friends of MaryLou’s

Just this side of Heaven, there's a place called Rainbow

Ch. Mason Olbay The Terminatrix

March 17, 2003 - February 8, 2014

Today our precious Sophie (aka girlfriend) took her last ride to the vets. She had struggled with her cancer and has been amazing in her fight to enjoy life. Just when I might count her down she would rally and weekly we would go to the vet for a progress update. Usually we made some adjustment to her meds and she rallied over and over again til last evening. I was out with my sister and when I got back Ted said that she tripped down the step from the office to the family room and had struggled over to her bed and had been there all evening. When I got home and checked her out I could see that her paw, the one where we took out the nasty mast cell tumor in June was now twice the size and it had been bleeding around the toenails. Although we found bleeding periodically this was different and basically she couldn't walk. Through the night I could hear her struggling as she often drinks water in the night. This morning I realized that she was actually scooting on her butt to drink because she couldn't stand. The pressure on her sore leg was so bad and I guess the other one just wasn't strong enough. Poor baby. I took her to the vet and was not optimistic that she was coming home. I cried all the way there and back. Two vets that treated her both concurred that it was time. Sophie needed help getting in the car and getting out. Around noon today I said my last goodbyes to a special little girl. A sweetheart who gave us almost 11 years of unconditional love and of course a beautiful littler of seven who turned six on January 21st. . We will surely miss our beloved Sophie She was definitely one of a kind, a very special bloodhound. My heart is broken.

hugs,

Mary Lou



Raebeth Blue Sapphire

-March 28, 2014

Today we said good bye to Jasmine. The old girl liked the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup we gave her. I know that what we all shared couldn't have been better. While we're grateful, I will never understand why saying good bye is so hard. Only you all can top our friends with fur and thank you for the advise you shared.

The forecast is for three days of rain and I'm sorry, I'm sure that's our fault. Each day of rain to me represents our tears here at Collie Corner. We miss Jasmine already.

Joyce

NEMKC Brag Sheet

Brag submitted by: _____ Today's Date: _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Dog's Titles: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Event Name: _____ Event Date: _____

Event Location: _____

Brag: _____

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Press Release

HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits



PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe Harford"

EDUCATION

"Preparing Now, Building for the Future"

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining Harford's Prosperity"

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our Environment"

QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is Important to Harford County Citizens"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 30, 2014

Media Contact: Sherrie Johnson (410) 638-3258 (office) 443-752-3210 (cell)

New Animal Licensing Rules to Take Effect Feb. 18

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits (DILP) has announced that changes to the county's animal licensing procedures will take effect on February 18. These changes are the result of Harford County Council Bill 13-47, introduced at DILP's request and passed unanimously in December.

The changes are intended to take advantage of the capabilities of DILP's new licensing system, which will be operational in July. One example is the implementation of rolling calendar year licensing. This will allow for renewals to be spread throughout the year, alleviating the need to process approximately 9,000 licensing renewals over a two month period.

Other examples of improvements that the new system will provide are the issuance of a single tag for the life of the animal and the ability to submit an application or renewal of animal licenses online. Replacement tags will be available at a minimal cost already established by law should a tag be lost or misplaced. These provisions will be effective in July 2014.

Another change is the end of multi-year licensing. The new system will allow for a more efficient interaction for county citizens seeking to obtain animal licenses. Existing multi-year licenses set to expire in 2015 and 2016 will not be affected.

County citizens should also be aware that a one-time extension for current licenses that are set to expire July 1, 2014 was approved. The extension will establish a new expiration date of September 1, 2014. The one-time request allows for licenses set to expire this coming year to be fully handled and take advantage of the new system from notification to reissuance. Renewals that are traditionally sent out in May of each year will now be sent in July.

For more information, please contact Rich Truitt, Deputy Director for the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits at 410-638-3366.

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"Preserving Harford's past. Promoting Harford's future."

Candid Shots from Match Available

Our photographer, One Rock Studio, has a website setup for purchasing candid shots taken during our match. Many club members and their dogs were photographed. So take a look at the website <http://www.onerockstudio.com/nemkc-match-2014> to order some of the great shots. Let your friends know that were at the match, that their photographs are available online.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

If you have photos from an NEMKC event that you don't mind sharing please email them to Dawn at: phoenixrottweilers@yahoo.com



Public Health
Vital Records Section
Harford County Health Department

HARFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPONSORED

2014 Rabies Vaccination Clinic Schedule

\$5.00 Per Animal

First Week: Sunday, April 27, 2014, 2-4 p.m.

Harford County Equestrian Ctr. Crouse Pavilion
Parking at 702 N. Tollgate Rd., Bel Air 21014

Susquehanna Hose Co., No. 4;
911 Revolution St., Havre de Grace 21078

Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company
1407 Pylesville Road, Whiteford MD 21160

Abingdon Fire Co., 3306 Abingdon Rd., Abingdon
MD 21009

Second Week: Sunday, May 4, 2014, 2-4 p.m.

Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company
1403 South Mountain Rd. Joppa MD 21085

Darlington Volunteer Fire Dept., 1209 Castleton Rd.
Darlington MD 21034

Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Dept., 21 North Rogers St.
Aberdeen MD 21001

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Dept.,
3825 Federal Hill Rd., Jarrettsville MD 21084

**OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION
For Dogs, Cats and Ferrets 3
Months Old & Older**

Pet	Vaccinate
Puppies & Kittens Under 1 year	3 months of age. Revaccinate 1 year after initial shot or if this is your dog or cat's first shot. regardless of age, revaccinate after 1 year. Thereafter, revaccinate every 3 years.
Adult Dogs & Cats	Every 3 years as explained above.
Ferrets	Vaccinate on a yearly basis.

Protect your pet and your family against the threat of rabies. Bring your dogs, cats and ferrets to a rabies clinic and provide your pets with the love and protection they deserve. Fee is \$5.00 per animal.

Only your pets under the control of responsible persons may be brought to the clinic. Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be secured within cages. No animals other than dogs, cats and ferrets will be vaccinated.

Additional information is available at www.harfordcountyhealth.com



Trophy Pledge Form

Trophy pledges are due as follows:

July Show - due by February 15

November Show - due by July 15

Best in Show	\$100
Best in Brace	\$50
Best Junior Handler in Show	\$25
Toy Group 1st	\$25
Terrier Group 1st	\$25
Sporting Group 1st	\$25
Non Sporting Group 1st	\$25
Working Group 1st	\$25
Herding Group 1st	\$25
Hound Group 1st	\$25
Best of Breed	\$15
Best of Winners	\$15
Best of Opposite	\$15
Puppy Dog/Bitch 6-9 or 9-12 each	\$10
Bred By Exhibitor Dog/Bitch each	\$10
Junior Master	\$10
Junior Open Senior	\$10
Junior Open Intermediate	\$10
Junior Open Junior	\$10
Junior Novice Senior	\$10
Junior Novice Intermediate	\$10
Junior Novice Junior	\$10

Trophy Classification: _____ Breed: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ -

Mail this form and your check to:

Norma Ryan, 1115 Prospect Mill Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015

We are proud of our trophy table. Thank you for all your support.

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2014 academic year.

Helping breeders find homes for their puppies and buyers find puppies for their homes is the goal of the newly expanded effort behind the complete redesign of the AKC online breeder classifieds making this resource the go-to place for prospective puppy buyers. We will be launching the new site, complete with a new name and a strong marketing program, later in 2014.

Making individual dog registration more desirable to the general public is a primary focus. We know that communicating AKC's Good Works increases the likelihood of registration by about 4%. We will continue to tell that powerful story as part of the registration process. In addition, we are exploring a new concept that adds value to registration - one which has a direct benefit to the dog and owner beyond participating in events. We will be testing that idea in 2014.

We are reaching out to the 99 million dog owners who have not discovered us yet through a variety of communication opportunities. This year we added a million friends we didn't have before through our efforts on Facebook and our AKC Dog Lovers blog. We are beginning to drive our story through exciting new content, including videos and Woofipedia by AKC – a new website (www.woofipedia.com) aimed squarely at the 99 million. As we persevere for responsible and reasonable dog legislation, our new friends will help protect our rights to own and breed our dogs. We have begun to see that in the number of legislators who have signed up to be Honorary Chairs for AKC Meet the Breeds in New York – up 25 this year to 113.

Our way forward in 2014 demands delivering true customer focus for both our current and potential customers; unleashing greater innovation throughout everything we do; creating relevance and motivation in everything we offer; and continuing and improving on our Good Works. We plan to use every effort to do all that by challenging ourselves every day to do the right thing, not the easy thing, in everything we do.

I am positive we can do that. And as Ellen DeGeneres says, "It makes a big difference when you stay positive."

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome at atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,

Alan Kalter
Chairman