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Agenda

General Meeting, June 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

- *Greeting/Introductions
- *Minutes from March
- *Treasurer & Committee Reports
- *Old Business

- *Announcements/Braggs
- *Adjourn

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REMINDER: Barker Deadline

Just a friendly reminder. The Barker deadline to make certain that something will be included is 5 p.m. on the 15th of the month. You can submit things after that but they may not be printed until the next month.

It's Time for the ANNUAL GLOC PICNIC!!
June 1, 6:00 p.m., GLOC Building, Dogs
Welcome!
Bring food to share.

**GLOC Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Teresa Barney, Chris Sumner, Alicia Graybill, Jeannine Beer, Danielle Green, Julee Vincent, Jessica Bruns, Kat Potthoff, Judy Vitamvas, Teresa Lee, Terese Pirl, Robin Bonge, Pam Eckstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Teresa Barney

Minutes: There were no corrections or additions noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Judy V and seconded by Jeannine B. Motion carried.

Teresa B asked about the Café Press Account as it has not had any updates since November 2015. Do we update or let the account go? After some discussion, it was noted that many of the current members may not know or remember this account and information will be included in the Barker. Alicia will update the Café Press account. It was then mentioned that we could consider an updated T-shirt design. Maybe we should update the picture or do something special for next year (55th anniversary of the club).

Teresa then reported on an email she received from Robin James regarding the membership list being updated with AKC. Alicia reported that they are behind with updates and members should double check with her.

Treasures report: Jeannine B reported that she has met with the NE Department of Revenue and we should be getting our books back very soon. We will owe around \$4,600 and will get more information on sales tax issues. Jeannine then reported that she has received a new lease for the building in the mail as our current lease expires 5/31/17. The new lease includes an increase in rents from \$4,000 to \$4,480 per

month. It was decided that a small group/committee would meet with the landlords to negotiate the terms of the new lease. In the past this has been successful in reducing the monthly rents. Judy V, Jeannie B and Teresa B will take this on. Jeannine then reported income for the March of \$18,470.83 and expenses totaled \$12,487.79. We ended March with \$67,906.17. She did not have any specific details on the trials yet. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Alicia G and seconded by Jessica B. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Correspondence: Alicia G reported that she had no correspondence for March.

Membership: Terese P reported that we have 92 active members (plus two who have paid dues but not completed forms). She has sent six reminders to those members that have not yet renewed. As a club we cannot share contacts in Gmail unless we pay a subscription fee.

Marketing: Pam reported that the Capital Humane Society Tails and Trials event will be held June 3 in Fallbrook. We need to decide if we want to have a booth at the event. There is plenty of green area for demos. We might consider doing agility, obedience or possibly tricks. Maybe we can do a tricks contest and try to get interest in getting tricks classes going. The activities go till 2 pm and the cost of the booth would be \$150. Pam will find out if the booth rent is waived if we provide some demos (as they have in the past). We also have the opportunity to sponsor Bark in the Park again this year. The cost is \$350. Last year it was hot and not well attended. Those that did attend had fund. The question was raised if this was the best use of the clubs marketing dollars. The available dates are 6/19, 7/17 and 7/31. Pam can call and see if the sponsor fees are negotiable. Robin B suggested that the club attend the event as a group but not sponsor. If

members all wore GLOC shirts it would be as much exposure as the sponsorship. It was decided that this will brought to the general membership. Chris S reminded folks of the GLOC closed face book page could be used to coordinate a social type gathering of this nature. Finally Pam suggested that we post videos of dogs doing tricks or maybe the puppy manners class on Face book to increase visits to our page. Members can take them with their phones and send to the public Face Book page.

Agility: Kat reported that we are still in need of a trial chair for the October trial. We need to have this position filled soon. The trial will be held at the Lancaster Event Center and will include obedience and agility. There will be no dock jumping this year. Amy is the secretary for the June trial and she may be willing to serve as the secretary for the October trial if someone is willing to split some of the duties. Pam E and Judy V offered to assist. We need to work on the classes and equipment list for the June trial. Kat then reported that Martha sends deep thanks to all the volunteers for the March trial. Kat then reported that Sherry and JuLee's husbands looked at making repairs to the cart for the wing jumps. If we can repair the wheel it will make loading easier. It was also reported that we need to make a new broad jump. Costs to purchase a new one is over \$300 so we will make one. Kat then reported that we have some open dates for Flyball in the building from 12:30 to 2:0 pm. Some of the members participating in Flyball went to Omaha for a clinic and tournament. She also reported the Terese and Peej received their TD title. Kat then reported that she has received a copy of the CPE rules in the mail for the notebook and that she has found a website that has some notebooks for Trial Chairs. She will get both the November and April trials posted. Robin B will chair both of these trials and Rose will be the secretary for both. The venue (Wahoo) and judges have been confirmed. Kat asked if there was anyone interested in Co-chairing the trial as it is a good way to mentor or

job shadow others. Sherry agreed to co-chair one of the trials.

Obedience: No report

New Business: JuLee V reported that she needs to change her date on the open agility schedule

Old Business: Teresa B reported that Stephanie worked on the flooring while the equipment was out of the building for the trial. The issue is that the rubber is warped and the solution may be to flip the rubber mats over. We are not registered for the Big Event. Is there a good time to pull them up, flip and put back? There are Show and Go's in May and June and then they break until September. We could do this in June when all the equipment is out for the trial. After discussions it was decided that we would work on the flooring Sunday April 23 after the GRRIN event. It was mentioned that we may ask some UNL students for assistance. Teresa then reported on that we need someone to cover two of the open agility dates (5/7 and 6/25). JuLee will cover 6/25. It was suggested that we alternate open agility with more of a play time for those members that want a play date for dog socialization. It could be based on sign ups, not just open so that we could assure the dog is appropriate for group play. It was also noted that we need to remind students in the agility classes about the open times. Finally we had one key request. This request was denied due to volunteer hours.

Alicia G motioned to adjourn the meeting and Chris S seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

GLOC Membership Meeting Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Jeannine Beer, Jennifer Brown, Alicia Graybill, Terese Pirl, Chris Sumner, Danielle Green, JuLee Vincent, Jessica Bruns, Sherry Tomes, Robin Bonge, Holly Adams, Leath McLaughlin, Pam Eckstein, Mary Schweitzer, Jack Higgins, Judy Vitamvas, Kim Kempkes, Eileen VanLent, Kat Potthoff, Janet Ball, Teresa Barney, Teresa Lee

Guests present: Christy

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Teresa Barney.

Members and visitors introduced themselves.

Teresa reminded members about the Café Press account for ordering GLOC merchandise. We will post information in the Barker. Alicia asked that if anyone would like other items to be made available to let her know. Next year is our 55th anniversary and if you have any design ideas for a T-shirt please submit them as well. Teresa then reminded members that this Saturday we have a building cleaning. June 1 at 6 pm is our annual membership picnic and we need a committee to organize. This committee will need to convene by the end of April. JuLee V, Pam E, Jessica B and Kim K volunteered. Robin will send out an email. April 23 we will do a building cleaning and floor repairs. In addition to club members, we are looking for others who may want to volunteer.

Treasures report: Jeannine B reported income for the March of \$18,470.83 and expenses totaled \$12,487.79. We ended the March with \$67,906.17. She did not have any specific details on the trials yet. She meets with the NE Department of Revenue tomorrow to get our books back. A motion to accept the treasurer's

report was made by Janet B and seconded by Chris S. Motion carried.

Minutes from the March meeting as they appear in the Barker were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes as was made by Chris S and seconded by Leath M. Motion carried.

Sports: Kat reported that we need members to cover open agility on 5/7 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Duties include setting up equipment and knowledge of equipment safety. If members have an activity pass they can attend for no additional fees. Without an activity pass the cost is \$5 per member. Kat requested that if you have already hosted an open agility date to please let her know the number of participants. There is no open agility on Easter Sunday. We will have open Flyball one Sunday a month. Dates for open Flyball are 4/9, 5/14 and 6/11. Kat reported that Martha expresses many thanks for the volunteers at the March trial. It was a job well done. Judy V is the chair for the June trial and Pam is doing the food. We will need helpers with some of the secretary duties to cross train others. We need a Chair for the Oct AKC trial. Amy is considering being the secretary if others will help her during the actual trial days. If anyone is interested they can mentor during the June trial. We currently do not have any tracking classes but students are still tracking on their own. Let Kat know if you have any questions or interest. It was then reported that some of the contacts on equipment is worn and in need of repair. The November CPE trial has most of the paperwork complete (Robin B is the chair and Rose is the secretary). Kat will check with Kerri P regarding equipment. We have added a CPE trial in April of 2018. Robin B and Sherry T will co-Chair this trial and Rose will be the secretary. We have the judge and location (Wahoo).

Correspondence: Alicia reported that if anyone has news of a loss or illness; let her know so that she can send a card.

Obedience: None.

Marketing: Pam reported that the Capital Humane Society Tails and Trails is set for June 3 in Fallbrook. We will see if they will waive the fee for a booth if we do some demos. We would like 2-3 demos and would like a committee to plan. Suggestions are agility, obedience or tricks. Judy V moved that GLOC participate in this event. Motion was seconded by Alicia G. Motion carried. Pam then reported that we have the opportunity to sponsor Bark at the Park again this year. The dates are 6/19, 7/17 or 7/31. The cost is \$350 and she can call to see if they will negotiate this. It was suggested that we attend as a group and not sponsor a particular date this year. Consensus was that this would generate just as much interest in GLOC if we attended all wearing GLOC attire. Kat moved that members attend the 6/19 ball game and Pam E seconded. Motion passed. It was noted that if the first date was successful, we could consider also attending on subsequent dates. Pam then suggested that we upload videos onto our Face Book page of our dogs doing tricks to increase interest in a tricks class. Another idea was video from the puppy manners class. It was asked if we would need releases from the students to post. If there are no people in the video, then it should not be a problem. Otherwise we can update the registration form to include this language. Finally Pam reported on My Space which offers free help on a variety of topics, one of which is glass etching. Maybe the club could do this as a social outing like Urban Legends in the past.

Membership: Terese reported that we have 92 current members and no new membership applications.

Registration: Danielle G that classes have started and the feedback has been good on the new timing of registrations. She is hearing that the May classes through SCC are filling fast so we may look to add a puppy manners or obedience. A question was asked about the current 7pm Thursday night class being drop in or requiring registration. It was reported that this time it is a class and not just a drop in.

Old Business: Teresa B reminded members about the flooring repair to take place on April 23 at 3pm. She has not received any feedback on what makes you want to volunteer? Should we do something differently? Offer incentives? Do we have adequate training for volunteers? Please share your thoughts.

New Business: Janet B introduced Christy, the Director from the Parks Foundation who gave the members a presentation on the new dog parks being installed in Lincoln. After the presentation Teresa reported that AKC has made some Rally enhancements. Alicia will add this information to the Barker. This does not start until events on or after November 2017. There is also a new AKC Tricks title. Watch the Barker for more information.

Braggs and announcements

It was reported that the side door has been left unlocked many times. If you are the last one out of the building, please make sure to check this door.

Alicia G motioned to adjourn the meeting and Terese P seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Lee, recording secretary.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fallbrook Town Center, GLOC will have a booth and be doing demonstrations at the Tails and Trails Pet Walk. We need people who are interested in engaging the public and promoting the club. We also need people who are interested in participating in the demos. GLOC is also sponsoring a trick contest so we also need someone to help judge the contest. If you are interested in helping, contact Pam Eckstein at p.r.eckstein@gmail.com.



Cartoon submitted by Marcy Graybill.

GALLERY OF BRAGS

If you have a new puppy/dog announcement, a brag, or just some great pictures of your dog(s), submit them to the Barker for inclusion in our Gallery of Brags. Send your items to glocthebarker@gmail.com. Our deadline is the 15th of the month but for pics of puppies, we always make an exception.

Rikokin and I entered and made the draw for a tracking spot for a TD Test (Tracking Dog) on April 30. The host club was Lyons Township Dog Training Club which was held at the Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve in Sycamore, IL. They had strong rain showers all day before the test and the ground was very soggy with cold gusty winds. Riko rather enjoyed the temps and water (no surprise). He made the turns and found the ending article for success with a TD title. This also completes his VCD title (Versatility Companion Dog) – for obedience, agility, and tracking.

Kat & Riko just after finishing their competition with their TD tracking field in the background before it slopes down a hill.

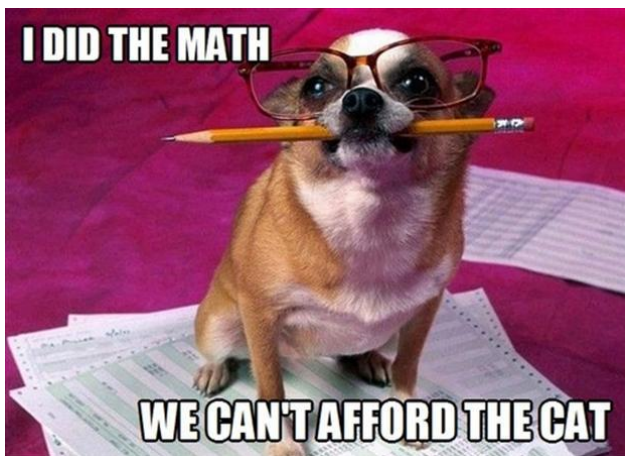
- Submitted by Kat & Riko



BRAGS (CONTINUED)



Mara, Marilyn Duba's girl, earned her Companion Dog title on May 20th. She's now CROC S-BLANOS MARICOPA CD – Submitted by Marcy Graybill



Dear AKC Clubs:

We have received notice of confirmed cases of canine influenza in dogs that were at events in Georgia and Florida over the past 7-14 days. Please monitor your dogs closely. As you know, the virus has an incubation period of 2-5 days and dogs may be shedding the virus while showing no signs. Dogs with fevers, poor appetites, coughing, sneezing, runny eyes/noses should NOT be exposed to other dogs or people. If your dog is ill or exhibiting symptoms, the best option is to seek veterinary attention and refrain from bringing the dog out in public until they are medically cleared by your veterinarian.

For more detailed information on canine influenza, please view information below.

The dog flu has been in the media recently, thanks to increased reports of outbreaks and new strains. While most cases of dog flu are not fatal, the canine influenza virus can make your dog uncomfortably sick, causing him—and you—a lot of stress and time spent at the vet's office. If you are a dog owner, you don't need to panic about the dog flu. You should, however, familiarize yourself with the symptoms of dog flu so that you know what to look for in the event of an outbreak in your area.

What Is the Dog Flu?

The dog flu, or canine influenza virus, is an infectious respiratory disease caused by an influenza A virus, similar to the viral strains that cause influenza in people. There are two known strains of dog flu found in the United States:

H3N8

H3N2

The H3N8 strain actually originated in horses. The virus jumped from horses to dogs to become a canine influenza virus around 2004, when the first outbreaks affected racing

Greyhounds at a track in Florida, and the virus is now found in 40 states in the U.S. H3N2, on the other hand, originated in Asia, where scientists believe it jumped from birds to dogs. H3N2 is the virus responsible for the 2015 and 2016 outbreaks of canine influenza in the Midwest and continues to spread throughout the United States.

How Is Canine Influenza Spread?

Like human forms of influenza, dog flu is airborne. Respiratory secretions escape into the environment in the form of coughing, barking, and sneezing, where they are then inhaled by a new canine host. The dog flu also spreads through contaminated objects and environments, like water bowls, collars, and kennel surfaces, or through contact with people who have had direct contact with an infected dog.

Crowded areas like kennels and dog parks are breeding grounds for diseases like canine influenza. The close proximity of the dogs means that a barking, coughing, or sneezing dog can easily infect the dogs around him. This is made more dangerous by the fact that dogs are most contagious during the incubation period before they start exhibiting symptoms.

How Long Are Dogs Infected With Dog Flu Contagious?

The incubation period of canine influenza is approximately two-to-four days from initial exposure to the dog flu virus. Viral shedding starts to decrease after the fourth day, but dogs with H3N8 remain contagious up to 10 days after exposure, and dogs with H3N2 remain contagious for up to 26 days. Most vets recommend isolating dogs with H3N2 for at least 21 days to reduce the risk of transmission. Almost all dogs that come into contact with the disease will contract it, but not all dogs that

become infected show symptoms of the virus. About 20-25 percent of dogs infected are asymptomatic, but these dogs can still spread the disease. If one of your dogs catches the dog flu and the other seems unaffected, remember that he could still have the virus. Talk to your vet about quarantine procedures for all of the dogs in your household.

Symptoms of Dog Flu

So how do you know if your dog has the dog flu? There are several symptoms of dog flu that all owners should be aware of. Dog flu cases range from mild to severe and, unlike human influenzas, are not seasonal. Keep an eye out for the following symptoms year-round:

Coughing (both moist and dry)

Sneezing

Nasal discharge

Purulent nasal discharge

Runny eyes

Fever

Lethargy

Difficulty breathing

Dog flu symptoms resemble kennel cough symptoms, which is also an illness that you should talk to your veterinarian about as soon as you notice symptoms.

Most cases of dog flu are mild, but severe cases do occur. In these cases, dogs develop pneumonia, difficulty breathing, and a high fever. Luckily, the mortality rate of dog flu is relatively low, with less than 10 percent of dog flu cases resulting in fatalities.

This does not mean that you should refrain from taking your dog to the vet, as secondary infections can develop as a result of the virus. And as anyone who has had the flu can attest, the experience is singularly unpleasant, and your veterinarian can help you keep your dog comfortable during the recovery process.

Treating Dog Flu

The canine influenza virus requires the attention of a veterinarian. In some states, vets are

required to report cases of canine influenza to the government to help monitor the spread of the disease. Since the canine influenza is still a relatively new virus, you will actually be assisting your veterinarian, as well as your dog, by bringing your sick dog in for a visit. This will help veterinarians study and monitor the disease as it evolves.

There is no cure for dog flu. Treatment is supportive, and your veterinarian can advise you on the best ways to keep your dog comfortable during his illness and recovery. Some dogs may require fluids to aid their recovery, as well as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications to reduce their fevers. Your vet will help you come up with a nutritional plan and may prescribe antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections.

Your vet will also inform you about appropriate quarantine procedures to prevent the spread of dog flu, depending on the strain of the virus your dog contracts, and can give you information about disinfectant solutions to use in your home to help kill the virus.

Call your vet ahead of time to let her know that your dog is showing symptoms of a respiratory infection. Both kennel cough and dog flu are highly contagious, and your vet may request that you keep your dog in the car (with someone keeping the car running to prevent overheating, of course) until your appointment time to prevent the risk of transmission to other patients in the waiting room.

Preventing Dog Flu

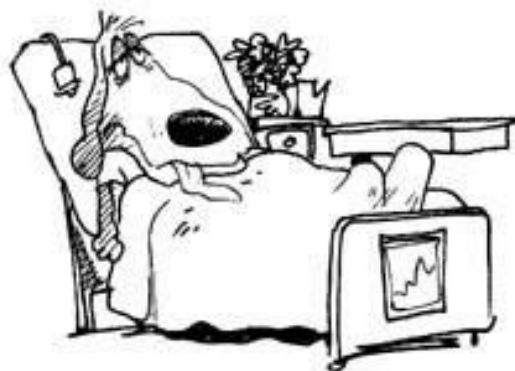
The best way to prevent your dog from contracting the dog flu is to keep him away from public places or kennels with recently reported cases of dog flu. If you come into contact with a dog that you suspect has dog flu or has recently been exposed to the dog flu, wash your hands, arms, and clothing before touching your own dog. This will reduce the risk of transmission from you to your dog.

There are vaccines available for both the H3N8 and H3N2 strains of canine influenza. Your vet may recommend the vaccine based on your lifestyle. For instance, if you live in an area with a high incidence of dog flu or if your dog regularly spends time in kennels or travels to shows around the country, then your dog could be at an increased risk of contracting canine influenza and your vet may recommend the vaccine as a precaution.

It is up to us to keep our dogs safe and our dog-friendly community venues free from contagious diseases. The more dog owners who are aware of the symptoms of dog flu, the better the chances are of veterinarians identifying another outbreak before it gets out of control.

Note: The information provided here is not meant as a substitute for veterinary care. If you suspect that your dog has the dog flu or another respiratory infection, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible and refrain from taking your dog to public places where you might expose other dogs to illness.

- Submitted by Beth Vincent and posted by Julie Codding



In Memory . . .

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Kerri Paulsen's Kiya.



RIP Kiya 12/18/2002-5/24/2017

Kiya, my little one, my baby girl, my angel has got her wings now and went to Heaven until we meet at the rainbow bridge. Her body is no longer broken; however my heart is. I am trying to breathe and am at a loss for words so I will share what I said to her nightly and as we said goodbye.... You is good, you is loved, you is mama's baby girl.... I love you every day, every night, FOREVER and EVER!! Her smile melted my heart, her loud sass and opinionated self is was one of a kind. She would always talk, have something to say and announce herself. She had a kryptonite head tilt that I was powerless against. Her nose was a super power!! She was so independent!! She had a beautiful prance. She was always so soft! She lived life fierce, with dignity and grace and that is how she left me. Her tail and face were expressive and I was her person!! Her only person!! So blessed to have shared so many years, adventures and honored for the journey and lessons!! <3 you!! Miss you!! I know you will watch over me and I will carry you in my heart always!! LOVE YOU!! Everyday, Every night, FOREVER AND EVER!!

PUPCOMING EVENTS

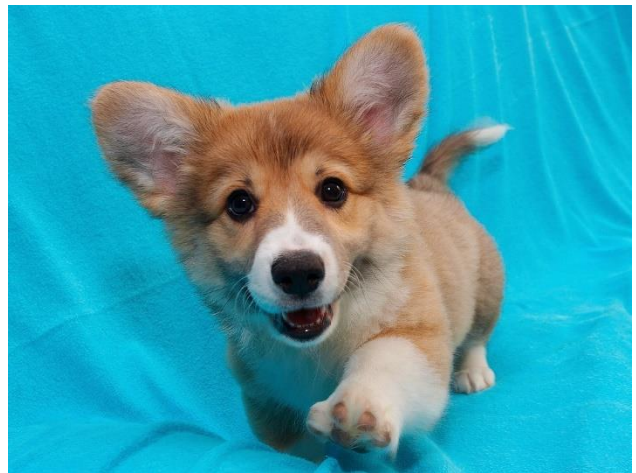
Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, June 1 @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 3, 10-2 p.m. – CHS Tails and Trails Pet Walk.

Barker Deadline - Thursday, June 15 @ 5:00 p.m.

GLOC Agility Trial – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 16, 17, and 18.

Monthly membership meeting – Thursday, July 6, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.



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VOLUNTEER PUPPORTUNITIES

Instructors and assistants always needed for obedience and agility classes. Contact Alicia at glothebarker@gmail.com or Kat at glocsportsdirector@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for the June Agility Trial. June 16, 17 and 18 from 7:30 a.m. until about 5:00.

There is a box at the GLOC building on the table in the office. Next to the box is a notebook. If you find yourself with a few idle minutes, look in the box and find a quick chore. Make sure, if you complete a task, that you write it down in the notebook. These are quick and easy tasks that will contribute to your volunteer hours.

Check for other volunteer pupportunities in the GLOC calendar. If you have a pupportunity for GLOC members to volunteer, submit it to the Barker to be included.