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Harmony Notes



Message from the Board

Next Meeting

January 11, 2003

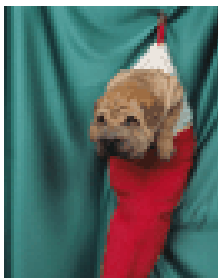
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Sammamish
Kennel Club Show

Puyallup

Fairgrounds

Meet at ring for
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WOW...ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club has had another great year! Here are some of the highlights of 2002. We:

- ?? Held 11 general meetings and 6 board meetings
- ?? Published 11 newsletters
- ?? Supported *The Barker* by placing ads in three issues this year
- ?? Applied for AKC licensing
- ?? Have grown to nearly 50 members
- ?? Added a separate Treasurer and an additional board position (Linda Graling and Dee Dee Wells) per our by-laws
- ?? Held a spaghetti dinner at the Showcase a barbecue at Brush Prairie, and a delicious buffet at the September CSPCA Regional Specialty
- ?? Won runner-up newsletter in the national CSPCA newsletter contest
- ?? Held a second profitable fun match at Randi's in October 2002
- ?? Hosted two back-to-back CSPCA Regional Specialties in Shelton, Washington in April
- ?? Hosted a CSPCA Regional Specialty in Shelton in September
- ?? Held our first Shar-Pei Showcase at the April shows
- ?? Sponsored trophies at area shows, including Timberland and Gig Harbor
- ?? Planned for 4 CSPCA Regional Specialties in 2003, plus one Shar-Pei Showcase
- ?? Sent holiday cards again to members, affiliated clubs, judges, and the AKC
- ?? Implemented a process whereby every HBCSPC member can vote for specialty show judges
- ?? Established a private group at Yahoo Groups for all members of the club
- ?? Completed our Web site
- ?? Three members and three member dogs were invited to attend the annual Eukanuba Classic in January.

Savanna Skinner and Tony Carter entered the show.

- ?? Plus, two of our members had babies! Congratulations to Kim and Tim Howick (Aprillia) and Steve Best and Alan Grosenheider, who adopted Ewan this year from Viet Nam!

In addition, Tony Carter won Best In Show with "JR" at the Bel-Vernon Kennel Club show in June. CH. Rumples The Brave Just Do It (Gibson), owned by Cyndi Skinner and handled by Shea Skinner, received a first AOM at Westminster!

Cyndi Skinner took BIM at the Clark County Kennel Club Match on July 13 with her darling girl, Rhumba.

Our members also swept Nationals: Congratulations to Dee Dee Wells (Best Futurity Puppy/BC Bred By Exhibitor Winner), Savanna Skinner (Best Junior Handler), Terri Jones (Best Veteran in Sweeps), Bonnie Stoney (Best Bred By Exhibitor/ Reserve Winners Dog), and Cyndi Skinner (Novice Bitch Class Winner) for their wins.

Minutes from the Last Meeting—11/11/02

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”

Roger Caras

Meeting held at: Online (Yahoo Groups)

In attendance: Cyndi Skinner, Deb Lewy, David Lewy, Savanna Skinner, Todd Skinner, Linda Graling, Don Graling, Donna Michaelson, Gina Michaelson, Kim Howick, Tim Howick, Aprillia Howick, Steve Best, Ewan Best, Sharon Smith, Michelle Reid, Dee Dee Wells, Gary Wells

The meeting was called to order by Cyndi at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes

Kim motioned that the minutes published in *Harmony Notes* be accepted as is. Steve seconded; motion passed.

Secretary’s Report

Deb indicated that she had sent a welcome letter to Margee Thompson telling her we had decided to make her a member.

Treasurer’s Report

Linda reported on the show proceeds and monies in our checking account.

President’s Report

Cyndi said we still have not heard from AKC regarding our appeal for licensing. Mike Liosis received (and signed for) the letter on October 15; Jim Crowley signed for his October 11. Liosis said it would take 21 days to respond. Cyndi will call him this week for status. The November board meeting of the AKC does not list the appeal at all.

We discussed various ways the appeal could go and took a poll on what we

should do. Kim motioned, and Deb seconded that Cyndi should call Mike Liosis and follow up with a letter.

Trophies for Timberland Valley Show

Cyndi reported that these are beautiful paperweights and we are sponsoring the trophies for BOB, BOW, and BOS at the show.

Reading of Membership Application

Cyndi listed Katrina and Mary Vinsonhaler’s information for all to see, a “reading” of their application.

Reports from Committees

Newsletter. Deb suggested that to save money, the club could *post HB Notes* on our Web site, send hard copies to those who do not have Web or computer access, and physically publish the newsletter on a quarterly or bi-annual (twice a year) basis, especially after our regional specialty shows. After much discussion, we tabled this until the next meeting in January.

By-Laws. No action at this time. Donna motioned and Steve seconded that we table the discussion.

Show Committee. Cyndi reported that the shows for March have been approved, and Steve reported on the judges. They are listed on the AKC site. Cyndi indicated that

we still need to work on the show manual, which will be a joint effort between Cyndi, Steve, Kim, and Deb.

2004 Nationals. We were offered a regional specialty in conjunction with the 2004 Nationals to be held in Illinois. The membership voted this down.

New Business

Holiday Cards. Deb brought up holiday cards and we decided to send these again. Deb, Linda, and Cyndi will handle this like last year. Cyndi will design the card.

Web Site. Cyndi is waiting for a photo of Steve and the pdfs of past newsletters, and she will complete the site.

Dee Dee moves and Vicky seconds that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 3:25. No brag jar.





AKC Asks Fanciers for Help

Many fanciers are aware that the AKC has been fighting for the past several years to preserve access to air travel for dogs. Several major air carriers have eliminated or severely curtailed carrying animals, at least in part because of the harassment by the animals rights community. The restrictions on air transport of dogs have adversely affected breeders, exhibitors, and ordinary dog owners who need or want to travel with their dogs.

The FAA's proposed rules will make that fight even more difficult without any compensating increase in safety for animals. Therefore the AKC is asking fanciers to write comment letters to the FAA objecting to the regulations as proposed and requesting changes.

Sample Letter on FAA's Proposed Rule on Air Carriers' Reporting of Incidents Involving Animals

While you should feel free to alter the contents of your letter to reflect your own views, it is important that you use the format of the sample letter below, and include the docket number on your letter. Letters submitted by U.S. mail must be sent in duplicate. Comment letters may also be submitted electronically to the FAA Documents Management System using the following internet address:

<http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on the "Comments/Submissions" button at top of page and follow directions to submit comments. The deadline for filing comments is December 27, 2002.

[date]
Docket Management System
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh St., SW, PL-401
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Comments on Docket No. FAA-2002-13378

Ladies and Gentlemen:
[Compose a brief opening paragraph establishing the basis for your interest in the proposed rule. State your background as a breeder and/or exhibitor and/or dog owner, and the basis for your interest in shipping dogs by air].

Because of my interest in and involvement with purebred dogs, I am very committed to safe air travel for dogs. However, I am also very concerned that the government not create regulations that discourage air carriers from transporting dogs, or that unnecessarily increase the cost and red tape to the public of shipping dogs by air. I believe that the FAA's proposed rule is overly broad, and could create a burden on air carriers that could cause them to restrict or eliminate carriage of animals. It could also result in the imposition of unnecessary costs on the public who ship dogs. I believe the FAA's proposed rule should be modified in the following ways:

1. It is not practical for airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to all warm and cold blooded animals, as currently proposed by the FAA. For example, this would require air carriers to assess the health of tropical fish, reptiles, scorpions, and many other species. If air carriers are required to do his, more of them may decide to embargo carrying animals at all, such as some "low cost" carriers already do. This would be detrimental to the very public whose interests this rule is designed to serve. **I believe that the reporting of incidents should be restricted to dogs and cats only.** These are the species that were of concern to Congress in the consideration of the underlying legislation that led to this rule.

2. I believe that the proposed rule defines "incident" too broadly. A carrier should be required to initiate an investigation and file a report **only when a complaint of loss, injury or death of a dog or cat has been filed by the owner or shipper.**

3. I am concerned about the privacy of persons who ship dogs and cats which may be involved in an incident, as defined by the FAA. I believe the FAA rule should make clear that only the number, nature, and cause of incidents should be publicly reported. **Informa-**

tion about the name of the owner and the name of the animal involved in the incident should not be included in information about incidents which is reported to or made available to the public.

4. I object to the use of the word "guardian" in the proposed rule. "Guardian" is a meaningless term, and reflects a political agenda that is not relevant to this issue. This word is unnecessary. **Reports should list the animal's owner and/or the consignor and consignee of the shipment.**

I understand that the American Kennel Club (AKC) will submit a more detailed and comprehensive comment letter on this proposed rule. The AKC's objectives are to assure safe travel for animals while assuring access to air travel at reasonable cost to the public. I agree with those objectives, and would like to associate myself with the comments of the AKC.

I strongly urge the FAA to modify the proposed rule by taking into account the comments above and those of the AKC. Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Sincerely yours,
[Signature]
[[Address]



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Member Wags, Brags, and Info!



Maury shows off his big win with "JD" at the Harmony Bay fun match in October. David is ready to roll!

Sept. 28, Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assn.
RWB—Kauai King Kaluamoa Mei Lin, Charlee Abrams

Sept 29, Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Assn.
WD/OS—Margem's Nevermore—Charlee Abrams
RWD—Kauai King Kaluamoa Mei Lin, Charlee Abrams

October 12, Portland KC
WD/BW—Kauai King Remembers Margem, Dee Dee Wells
RWB—Rumples Just Catch A Second Wind, Cyndi
WB/OS – Margem's Just A Gibson Girl, Dee Dee
Breed/G4—CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It , Cyndi Skinner

October 17, Idaho Capital City KC

WB/OS—Toko's Kami Affair To Remember, Tony Carter
Breed—CH Toko's Ruger JR Of Boawnchein, Juls & Tony Carter

October 18, Idaho Capital City KC

WB/OS—Toko's Kami Affair To Remember, Tony Carter
Breed/G3—CH Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart, Tony Carter

October 19, Lizard Butte KC

WB/OS –Toko's Kami Affair To Remember, Tony Carter
Breed/G2—CH Toko's Ruger JR Of Boawnchein, Juls & Tony Carter

October 20, Lizard Butte KC

WB/OS—Toko's Kami Affair To Remember, Tony Carter
Breed—CH Toko's Sure To Winchester, Judy Wilson & Tony Carter

November 2, Willamette Valley KC

WB/OS—Margem's Just A Gibson Girl, Dee Dee Wells
Breed/G2—CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It—Cyndi

November 3, Willamette Valley KC

RWD—Margem's One True Kiss—Robyn Groves & Dee Dee Wells
WB/Breed—Margem's Just a Gibson Girl—Dee Dee
OS—CH Rumples The Brave Just Do It—Cyndi Skinner

Congratulations to All Exhibitors & Winners!