

October 2022

# BARKS FROM



## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES:**

Well, the point show is over, so on to fall..lol. Before we move on, though, I need to send out my "Thanks!!" To all this who came out n helped make the point show a success. Special thanks to those who went above n beyond to help cover for the ill Point Show Chair, we know it takes a village but when 1 of the key players is down, your extra efforts really make the difference. Now, moving on, things coming up... next meeting: board nominations from the floor n voting. We also have a program, My Pets Brace Erik be joining us to talk about their current abilities to help those in need... come on out! Hope to see you soon!

Cheryl

The next meeting will be at the Muhlenberg Township Rec Center on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:30pm

### **From the Editor**

Please submit items for Barks, including brags, to [ClancyPBGV@gmail.com](mailto:ClancyPBGV@gmail.com) by December 10. I'm happy to include photos as space permits if they are submitted in JPG format. All submissions must be electronic and formatted to allow for copying and pasting.

-Submitted by Megan Esherick

### *Calendar of Events:*

11/2 November General Meeting

12/7 December General Meeting

12/10: Barks Deadline

### Committee Reports

Sunshine -- planter sent to Sally Birgl on her recent hospitalization

TV Program -- Oct show highlighted breeds & BIS at our annual point show.

Breeder Referral -- one phone call asking when Gordon's were being shown at our show.

Submitted by Pat Mock

# Member Brags and Bitches

From Cheryl Burns-

Akitas Nationals:

Octane, Gch Kalans High Octane Power, Best of Opposite sex in the maturity Stakes.

Ali, Kalans Float Like a Butterfly, Tkn- 3rd in bred by

Kamm, Ch Kalan Absolute n MiMars Mojo Power. 2nd in her maturity class

Lolly, Gch Kalan's Power of Love, 2nd in Brood Bitch with Ali n Adonis, Ch Mimars I Want to go the Distance with Kalan n Absolute

Best in Breeders Group, Lolly, Adonis, Octane, Ali n Kamm.

Best Brace, Lolly n her brother Marty. CH Kalans Back to yhe Future. Rn, cgc, tkn

Marty, first in his Rally classes to finish his Rally Novice title with new co-owner Michele Gardner.

Also passed his CGC N his novice trick dog title, TKN.

Adonis was also invited to be used for Breeders education n some future training materials.

From Megan Esherick-

Surf N' Turf Belvenie Winter Solstice BN RE FDC OA OAJ XF CA FCAT ACT2 SWM SHDE RATO

CGC TKP VHMA finished her Scent Work Master title on September 24 and her FCAT title on

October 5.

## Saving your pet with CPR

With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

**Check for breathing and pulse**  
Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

**Look for other warning signs**

- Gums and lips will appear gray - colored,
- Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

**If not breathing, give breath to animal**

**Cats and small dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.

**Medium-large dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

**Heimlich maneuver**  
If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

**Start compressions if no pulse**  
Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

**Repeat procedure**

- Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.
- Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.
- Stop CPR after 20 minutes.

To the Board of Directors and members of the Berks County Kennel Club:

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Pat Mock, Barb McLaughlin and Christine Kitsch (chair) met on September 26, 2002. (Kate Kurtz, Pat Redding and Colleen Hamm were alternates).

The committee offers the following slate for the 2023 year:

President-Cheryl Burns

Vice President-Annemarie Monastero

Secretary-Paula Fultz

Treasurer-Al Staudt

AKC Delegate-Eileen Narieka

There are two BOD positions that are up for re-election (Christine Kitsch and Pauline DeVito), and one position open (with Diane Ondo wishing to step down). The committee proposes that Christine Kitsch fill the rest of the term left open by Diane Ondo with the BOD's approval, and that Kate Kurtz and Denise Hileman be listed on the slate for the membership's approval. We greatly appreciate that virtually all of the officers agreed to return should they be elected by the club, but see potential conflicts of interest in the future with the Show Chair position, and a need for additional volunteers to bring new ideas, a fresh outlook, and a respite for the current executive committee. Please consider how you may be able to help!

Respectfully,

Christine Kitsch, Nominating Committee Chair

Pat Mock

Barb McLaughlin

The Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs held their annual meeting on September 10th, 2022, at a host farm in Lancaster County.

This year, we chose to do something a little different from past years. We included a kennel tour as our opening to the meeting!

We visited several kennels in Lancaster County and we have to say - they were very impressive. We also learned more about the strict USDA regulations that these kennels must abide by. We had an opportunity to speak to the Kennel owners regarding various issues, including the construction of their kennels. It was a very informative and delightful tour and we are greatly appreciative that they were willing to share their time and knowledge with us.

When we returned to the farm, our hosts provided a delicious home cooked meal, served cafeteria style! The food was excellent and enjoyed by all!

There was some technical difficulty in the online presentation that was planned and unfortunately, we were not able to show the presentation and trailers for the soon to be released Punk Rock Media Documentary regarding dog breeders and puppy mills. We hope to get that working soon.

Those individuals that signed in for the day were as follows:

Darin Cox, Linda Witouski, Jonathan Stanley, Judy Swanson, Lorraine Simmons, Charley Hall, Eddie Rysdyk, Paul Lapinski, David Zimmerman, Matt Osenbach, Elmer Zook, Ron Kreider, Ken Eberly, Sam Zook, Linford Reiff, Daniel & Verna Esh, Ray & Linda Martin.

The following annual awards were given:

VIP of the Year – Ray Martin

Outstanding Club of the Year brought forth a tie ! Those clubs awarded were:

Western Pennsylvania Dachshund Club...and the Obedience Training Club of Harrisburg. The PFDC extends hearty congratulations to all those awarded!! Well done!!

We had several speakers present.

1) PA State Representative David Zimmerman who discussed the processes required for bill passage and some of the reasons for delays in those processes. He also provided Legislative updates and the importance of breeders, clubs, and club members needing to work together. Animal rights activists never sleep. Its important for Animal Welfare advocates voices to be heard - together.

2) Matt Osenbach, PA State Senator Gene Yaws Legislative Director, who spoke about SB907 - to create an Animal Welfare Board in the Commonwealth that would include a variety of organizations that have animal welfare interests. Matt also

discussed the failed attempt by Animal Rights organizations to amend SB907 to include their representation on the Advisory Board. As stated, "The intent of this Board is Animal Welfare and not Animal Rights".

3) Charley Hall, AKC Mid-Atlantic Analyst/Community Outreach Coordinator, spoke about the ongoing legislative efforts of the AKC and the great importance of the "boots on the ground" Federations. "AKC can't do it alone - some of our greatest assets are the AKC state federations." He spoke of the challenges that dog breeders face with the constant introduction of legislation by Animal Rights groups that would affect all breeders in detrimental ways. Working together, breeders and dog owners can be assured their voices and rights are heard at the local, state and Federal levels.

4) Ken Eberley spoke for the PPDBA (Pennsylvania Professional Dog Breeders Association) to explain their organization goals. They were appreciative of the invite and opportunity to work together.

5) PAWS (Pennsylvania Animal Welfare and Safety) was represented by Sam Zook, who also spoke about their organization and also appreciated the opportunity to meet and work together.

6) The BLC (Breeder Leaders Council) was represented by Janet Donnelly, immediate past president of the Breeders Leadership Council who spoke via phone participation on the importance of all dog groups working together to strengthen the community and educate everyone about the importance of animal welfare and their differences. Janet invited everyone interested to explore the Canine Care Certified Program administered by Purdue University, which you can view here...Canine Care Certified -

<https://vet.purdue.edu/ccc/>

7) We also heard from Ray Martin and Daniel Esh, who shared with us their experiences with the PA BDLE and the PSPCA.

All said and done, it was an enjoyable and informative gathering and we look forward to future plans, working together, advocating for all, our rights as breeders and dog owners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Witouski, PFDC Legislation Chair

## AKC FIT DOG

Now more than ever, fitness is important for both dogs and people. The most commonly recommended exercise to improve fitness is walking. Walking is considered a safe activity that improves muscular strength, circulation, memory, weight loss, increases energy, helps with sleep, and reduces stress. The American Heart Association recommends walking a minimum of 150 minutes per week.



**Participation in the AKC FIT DOG program will bring health benefits to both you and your dog**

**If you walk with your dog on a regular basis, join the ranks of AKC FIT DOG and get your free (5-3/4 inches) FIT DOG logo car magnet.**

**The AKC FIT DOG magnet proudly declares to the world that you are committed to your dog's health and fitness through regular exercise.**



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**You can order your free magnet when you and your dog have met one of these fitness goals:**

1. Walked at least 30 minutes 5 times per week for a total of at least 150 minutes per week for at least 3 months. *For dogs and people in good shape.*
2. Walked at least 15 minutes per session at least 10 times per week (e.g., two 15-min walks per day) for at least 3 months. *For dogs or people who would benefit from a walk that is a shorter duration, e.g., senior dogs.*

## **How to Get Your Magnet**

Complete your walks. Keep a record so you will know when you've met your goal. You can either keep your own records or use the form we have created for you, which can be located [here](#).

Complete the [Magnet Order Form](#). It's that simple! We'll send your magnet. *If you are already taking your dog on regular walks, you may count those. Remember that before starting an exercise program for your dog, it is a good idea to consult with your veterinarian.*

**For Additional information, visit [AKC.org](http://AKC.org)**

