



The Tendermouth

Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Newsletter ~ Spring 2011

Club meetings are at 7:30pm and held at Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 5742 Pleasant Ave, Fairfield, Ohio, 45014.

Meeting Dates-

- May 2nd General Meeting
- June 4- Fun day - @ Colleen Rose's home, 8020 LeSourdesville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069 - time not yet determined
- September 12th General Meeting
- October 10th General Meeting

Working Certificate and MVLRC Specialty Show – May 12th, 13th, 14th

Board minutes, January 17th, 2010

Members present: Nadine Glaub, John Federle, Nick Merritt, Greg Ewen, Gail Shearer, Marti Couch, Joyce Akred, Chris Carroll Absent: Marilyn Coffee

Called to order at 7:00

Treasurer: 5494.92 in checking, 7224.05 in savings

October Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter by a motion from Nick Merritt, second John Federle, motion passed.

Program: ideas - Having Marti's vet speak on a topic of his choice and reviewing rally requirements. February is the Chili supper.

Show report 2011 - Joan Koch will determine a prize for Best Bred By on Saturday, Gail Shearer will provide a Best Bred By on Friday. Club members will be asked to provide desserts for lunches. Same caterer. Nadine will need help transporting judges. Kurt is trying to get ducks for the WC. It was discussed about allowing other breeds to compete after having a cut off day for Labradors. Suggested cutting the number at 30 entries. Nadine will check the LRC website for info on the WC. Marti will help Kathy Pflum and Chris with ribbon order. Tent- remember to order sides, last year we ordered 2 sides. The number of tables we need will be reduced by 4 tables since Carol McMahan has club tables that should fit in the trailer. Chris will email Jill with details of the show for the specialty calendar. Chris will also check for rally toys.

It was decided that only first place prizes will be given out in a effort to save money. It will be a club logo item. Motion was made by Nick Merritt to only have first place trophies, seconded by John Federle. Motion passed.

2012 show - Greg Lynch and Linda Bednarski will judge, contracts have been mailed. Catherine Thompson will do rally and obedience. It was decided, at this time, not to have back to back rally / obed trials in one day.

Old business - A motion was made to order 200 pins at a cost of \$1.75 per pin by John Federle, seconded by Nick Merritt, motion passed.

Motion was made to adjourn by John Federle, seconded by Greg Ewen,

Meeting adjourned at 7:55. Submitted by, Chris Carroll

MVLRC February 14, 2011 General Meeting

Meeting called to order by President, Marti Couch at 7:42 pm.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter was made by Pat Mitchell, 2nd by Greg Ewen, motion passed.

Treasurer's report : \$5494.92 in checking, \$7224 in Savings

Motion was made to accept slate of nominations, running unopposed by John Federle, 2nd by Pat Mitchell, motion passed. New officers were installed: President- Nick Merritt, Treasurer- Colleen Rose, New Board Members: Marti Couch, Ron Pflum, returning member Gail Shearer

Membership: no new applications

Refreshments: Chris Carroll and Joyce Akred are supplying refreshments at the March meeting.

Website- Marti is now updating. We will need to take Russ's name out and put Marti in. Chris will check minutes to find out if any decision was made about breeders who want to be listed on the breeder page halfway through a year. Marti will need breeder info from the treasurer.

Newsletter: It looks good.

Rescue: Carol McMahan was absent. Continue to give links in newsletter.

Programs: April 11- vet program on parasites. March –Rally We will need a new program coordinator.

Specialty 2011 - Gail Shearer will be sponsoring the Bred By award on Friday. Saturday Bred By will be a stoneware item. Moon shots is no longer in business, new photographer will be Dick Clark. Marti will order a memento, graciously paid for by club members. Workers will buy their own lunches this year to try and cut down costs. Club will pay for non member stewards. Next year we will acknowledge all of those who have donated trophies back to the club. WC- will use only ducks. We will offer spots to other breeds, a week before closing date. Marti made a motion to charge \$28.00, 2nd by Dan Couch. Motion passed.

Specialty 2012 - Have both breed judges, one sweeps judge and obedience judge.

Old business - We will order 200 club pins

New business Committee was formed for the June Kolp Award: Kurt Glaub, chairperson, Nadine Glaub, Joyce Akred, Dan Couch, Ron Pflum. Info was passed on about upcoming puppy matches

Braggs - Windy, owned by Tom and Gail Shearer and Liz Martin, will be shown at Crufts this year. Misty whelped her first litter by herself! Five puppies, 2 boys, 3 girls

A motion to adjourn was made by Nadine Glaub, 2nd by Chris Carroll Meeting adjourned at 8:40

MVLRC March 7, 2011 General Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by president Nick Merritt.

Minutes from February meeting were read , a motion to approve was made by John Federle, 2nd by Pat Mitchell, minutes approved.

Guests: no guests

Membership: first reading on Alicia Miller applying for associate membership

Programs: Dr. Schulmann will be presenting a program on parasites in April. Kevan Langner has agreed to take over as program coordinator

Refreshments: April : Ron and Kathy Pflum, Marti Couch

Fun Day: June 4th, at Colleen Rose's pond . Club will provide plastic ware and meat. Everyone bring a dish to share. Possibility of doing a 50/50 raffle that day for rescue.

Rescue: Carol absent

Specialty 2011: WC ready to go, Nadine will contact Carol about rescue item for raffle.

Specialty 2012: finishing up getting judging panel. Still need an assistant chairman

New Business: In a special board meeting prior to regular meeting, Kevan Langner was appointed to the board to fill the final open directorship.

Brags - Happy Birthday to president Nick Merritt. Sizzle, Kurt and Nadine's Lab, had her first double Q in excellent B. She got 2 jumpers legs and a standards leg. Windy, owned by Tom and Gail Shearer, was fourth in the open class as Crufts. Mazy, Chris Carroll's Boston, was BOS over specials in Missouri.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nadine, Glaub, 2nd by Marilyn Coffee, meeting adjourned at 8:25

MVLRC April 11, 2011 General Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Nick Merritt at 8:40 after an informative program on internal parasites by Dr. Tony Schumann

Treasurer's report: \$12, 614.41

Guests: Welcome to Sheri Glover, Brad Walsh, and their son Stephen Walsh

Membership: 2nd reading on Alicia Miller, voted upon and approved as new member, 1st reading on a family membership for Sheri Glover, Brad Walsh and son Stephen Walsh, 1st reading on John Federle (reapplying for membership)

Please add contact info for Alicia: Alicia Miller, 11200 Carolina Trace Rd, Harrison OH 45030, email: KSAP@fuse.net

Programs: suggestions were for a program on the Delta Therapy program and on ACL treatments in Labradors

Refreshments: May : Nadine Glaub and Nick Merritt

Fun Day: June 4th at Colleen Rose's pond

Specialty 2011- replacement judge Ron Kelly approved by AKC, we will need stewards.

Vendor will have ala carte and complete meals available. Club Members bring desserts (? - not sure on this, can someone clarify if vendor will have desserts?) WC is ready

Specialty 2012- judging panel is set, still need an assistant chair and show secretary

Newsletter: send ideas to Bonnie Hall

Web page: Marti is now coordinating. Breeders remember to send her updates. Breeder's page on web page will be discussed at next board meeting

Old business: 50/50 raffle will be held at the Fun Day for rescue. Chris will bring raffle tickets

New business: A motion to present June Kolp Award at Fun Day was made by Marti Couch, 2nd John Federle. Motion approved. Discussion was held about silver labs and should breed standard be on web page. Discussion was held on Best Bred By trophy which was retired by Carol Heidl. It will be exhibited at the show unless Carol wants it.

Don't forget raffle donations

Warren County KC is having a puppy match Sunday April 17th.

WC training will be held at Colleen Rose's. Check yahoo or Kurt's email.

Brags: Chris Carroll's Boston, Mazy, went Best of Winners at Louisville on Thursday for a 3 point major, and Best of Winners at the Louisville Boston Terrier Club Specialty for a 5 point major. She is now CH Mazy. At a UKC show, Chris Carroll's lab, Dodger, picked up 2 of his 3 wins, and her Springer, Hoops took BOB and a Gundog group 2 one day, and BOB, Gundog group 1, and.....**Best In Show.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm, motion by John Federle, 2nd by Pat Mitchell.



Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

June Kolp Award

History & Purpose:

June and Gretchen Kolp were founding members of the MVLRC. They were very active in the Club, especially June. He always had a big smile on his face and would spend a lot of time mentoring new members. The trophy is named in his honor, and the first time it was awarded was in 1977. The original recipients were Burt and Lissa Kaplan.

The "traveling" trophy is intended to honor a member who is active within the club, participates in all activities, and is an asset to the group. It can also be awarded to a dog, and its owner, who has had a significant impact on the Labrador breed. The trophy may or may not be awarded each year, and is to be awarded only if a member is so deemed worthy.

The trophy remains in the possession of the current recipient until it is awarded to a subsequent recipient. A plaque is maintained by the club listing all recipients and is displayed at the specialty shows. A small plaque will be given to the member who wins the trophy as a permanent reminder of his/her achievement.

Procedure:

Nominations can be made by any club member in good standing. A member is not allowed to nominate himself or his dog. (However, he/she may vote for himself) Nominations may be for a person and/or a dog. All nominations must be in writing, accompanied by an explanation as to why the candidate should be considered, and signed by the nominating person. They are to be mailed or handed to the club president in a separate sealed envelope, and are not to be opened by anyone other than the Award Committee chairperson. Nominations may be made any time after the March club meeting and before the February meeting.

If nominations have been received, the President will form a June Kolp Award committee at the February club meeting consisting of five current members. The members are chosen by lottery, and should select a chairman at the February meeting. Any nominations, in unopened sealed envelopes, are given to the committee chairman by the president. The chairman will make copies and send them to each of the committee members for review prior to the March meeting.

The committee should meet, either in person prior to the March meeting or via email, to select via blind ballot a winner, if one is deemed worthy. The committee members should not consult with each other regarding the nominees. Three (3) out of five committee members must vote for the same candidate. Voter abstention is permissible.

The trophy is to be awarded at the March club meeting.



Please Read

Last week at the Potomac Specialty an exhibitor tripped on a dog and fell, hitting her head. She was transported to the hospital in an ambulance and suffered a concussion. (she is ok) Please be sure to have all important information with you about your dogs when you travel. You never know when someone unfamiliar with them may have to step in to care for them.

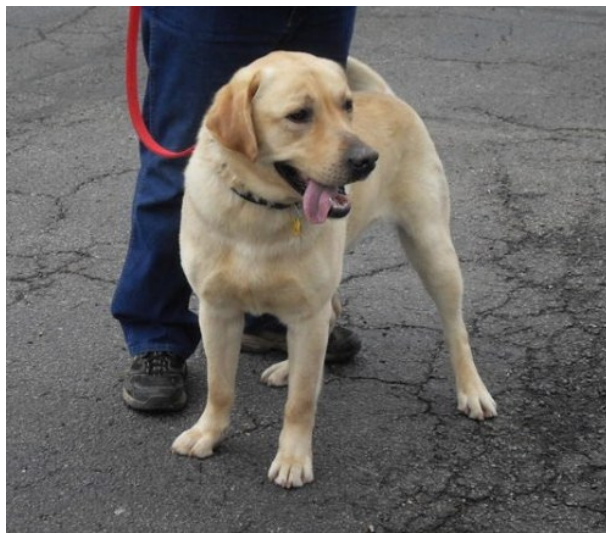
Here is your reminder to update the information on your dogs at home in case something should happen to you and someone has to step in and care for them. As I prepare each quarterly newsletter there is always new evidence to show how important this is to do. If you need an update on the steps, email me and I will send it to you. luggelabs@hotmail.com



MVLRC RESCUE REPORT

We have about 21 dogs on the website at present. A few of those are still with their owners waiting for adopters. We found adopters for about 200 dogs in 2010. There are five dogs in boarding right now waiting for available fosters. Adoptions are slow but lots of dogs being given up for adoption especially due to the economy. **What we need are foster care homes.** We can not do this all on our own.

Spring 2011's Face of rescue



Hello! I'm Zeus. I am a large altered yellow male. I am jovial and fun. I would love to accompany you on your walks or to the dog park. I love to play and chase after a ball. I love wind in my fur and grass under my paws. I may be the big boy you are looking for. I would love a forever home.

<http://www.okilabrescue.org/>

Member's Brags & NEWS

Kurt & Nadine Glaub – Sizzle had her first double Q in excellent B. She got 2 jumpers legs and a standards leg

Tom & Gail Shearer - Windy was fourth in the open class as Crufts.

Chris Carroll - Mazy, a Boston Terrier, was BOS over specials in Missouri. In Louisville Mazy went Best of Winners on Thursday for a 3 point major, and Best of Winners at the Louisville Boston Terrier Club Specialty for a 5 point major. She is now CH Mazy. At a UKC show, Chris Carroll's Lab, Dodger, picked up 2 of his 3 wins, and her Springer, Hoops took BOB and a Gundog group 2 one day, and BOB, Gundog group 1, and Best In Show.

Kathy & Ron Pflum - Abbey who is out of my bitch, co-owned with Chris Carroll showed @ Warren County Kennel Club April 17 not any competition but first time out got 1st place in her puppy class. Also on April 13th she graduated from Basic I Obedience & went on to Basic II April 27th. Very proud of the way she showed her first time out.

Bonnie Hall – At the Potomac Specialty 2011 Int/UKC CH Lugger's Big Ben added a CGC to his name.

Barb Kocab & Kendall Jones - Noah is now, Int CH Sedgehaven Smooth Sailing at Valley House, having completed the requirements for the International title with 4 V-1 ratings and a Best of Breed, Easter weekend.

AKC Gazette is available on line FOR FREE - <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/59aa0be7#/59aa0be7/1>

Dog World - <http://www.dogworld.co.uk/Home>

Bella Dog Magazine - <http://www.belladogmagazine.com/>



What's in a Name from AKC

AKC registration allows for 36 characters, which includes spaces, apostrophes and hypens. AKC allows 37 dogs to have the same name in each breed with each consecutive dog getting a Roman numeral behind it. So the last dog name in each breed would be Fido XXXVII. An additional \$10 fee will be incurred when more than (36) thirty-six characters are chosen, up to (50) fifty characters.

Words and phrases that may not be included in a dog's name:

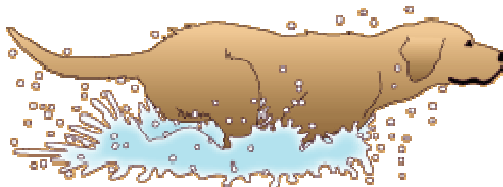
- Champion, champ, sieger or any other AKC title or show term, either spelled out or abbreviated.
- Obscenities and words derogatory to any race, creed or nationality or transliterations of such words.
- Kennel(s), male, stud, sire, bitch, dam and female.
- Breed names alone.
- There are no restrictions on arabic (1, 2, 3), cardinal (one, two, three) and ordinal (first, second, third) numbers that are spelled out.

An imported dog must be registered with the same name under which it was registered in its country of birth, except for the addition of a Registered Kennel Name.

The name of an AKC registered dog may be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States. Further, in cases where the litter owner(s) first individually registered the dog, the litter owner(s) written consent shall be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name. However, no change in name will be recorded by the

American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or has received an award at an AKC-licensed or member event. Any name change must comply with all AKC requirements.

You can [download a Dog Name Change Authorization application](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/ADCG01.pdf) (<http://www.akc.org/pdfs/ADCG01.pdf>) from our Web site. The fee for changing a dog's name is \$25.00.



AKC Grand Champion – revisited

Having been to shows where even the Judge was confused on the rules of awarding Grand Champion points, I am posting this again this spring for review.

Who is Eligible for Grand Champion competition?

The following categories of dogs are entered in this competition:

1. Dogs that are Champions of Record competing in Best of Breed or Best of Variety class. There are no additional entry fees or cost to exhibitors for participation in this competition at AKC events.
2. Dogs transferred to Best of Breed/Variety which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed. (The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records.)
3. Champions that win Non-Regular Classes and become eligible for Best of Breed competition. (Altered or spayed CH veteran class winners at independent specialties are eligible.)
4. Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are not eligible for Grand Champion competition. And their winning BOB/BOV or BOS will still allow the awarding of Select Dog/Bitch to eligible dogs in the ring.

At the judge's discretion, Grand Championship points may be awarded to:

1. Best of Breed or Variety
2. Best of Opposite
3. Select Dog
4. Select Bitch

Grand Champion competition will not continue beyond Best of Breed competition and in breeds that are divided into varieties, Grand Champion Competition will not continue beyond Best of Variety competition.

What are the requirements to earn the Grand Champion Title?

1. 25 Grand Champion points.
2. A minimum of 9 points won at 3 shows with ratings of 3 or more points (Major wins) under three different judges, and one or more of the balance of points won under a 4th judge.
3. At least one Champion of Record was defeated at three of these shows.

How are Grand Champion points computed?

1. Grand Champion points are only to be awarded to dogs the judge considers deserving.
2. Grand Champions points awarded to the Best of Breed/Variety shall count all dogs of both sexes competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.
3. Grand Champion points awarded to Best of Opposite Sex shall count all dogs of their sex competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.

4. Grand Champion points awarded to Select Dog/Bitch shall count all dogs of their sex defeated in the Best of Breed/Variety competition as well as the dogs of their sex in the regular classes.
5. The entry of non-regular classes are not counted for computation of Grand Champion points to be awarded.

Judging Procedure

1. Choose BOB, BOW and BOS
2. If quality warrants, choose a Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) from the remaining Champions in the BOB ring (Do not consider BOW, WD or WB)
3. Annotate the judge's book certification as to the eligibility of the Grand Champion points being awarded or withheld.
4. Award BOB, BOS, SD and SB ribbons if determined to be deserving of the Grand Champion title. See the revised judge's book form.

Administration

1. On May 12, 2010 Grand Champion competition will be included in all shows offering BOB or BOV competition.
2. Premium lists - Other than prize listings, there is no requirement to address Grand Champion competition in the premium list since it is included in all shows that offer BOB or BOV. However, there is no restriction should superintendents and secretaries want to bring attention to the new competition.
3. Judging Schedule - No additional information is required.
4. Ribbons - BOB and BOS do not require an additional ribbon. Light blue & white ribbons for SD & SB. Flat ribbons or rosettes are equally acceptable. "Select" is acceptable wording however "Grand Champion Select" is acceptable and more descriptive.
5. Ring Markers - Just as with BOB, BOW and BOS, there is no AKC requirement to have SD and SB placement markers. These markers are provided as a service by the club or superintendent.

The Select awards have no relationship or correlation to Awards of Merit. Awards of Merit are club awards rather than AKC awards. As per page 8-10 of the current Show/Trial Manual, "The club may determine its own criteria for and the number of trophies or rosettes to be awarded." Some clubs have criteria that restrict dogs that have received BOW and BOS from receiving AOMs. Others have no restrictions. Clubs should review their current policies and determine their preference concerning GC award winners.



Taken from the AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 13 - 14, 2009

Mixed-Breed Program

John Lyons and Kristi Martinez, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. Charley Kneifel, Robin Stansell, Curt Curtis, and Penny Leigh, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. The Board reviewed the Staff's proposal for a mixed-breed program. At the March 2009 Delegates Meeting, an overwhelming majority of the Delegates passed a non-binding resolution in favor of a program for mixed breeds that incorporate competing in some stand-alone AKC Companion Events. There was a motion by Mrs. Strand, seconded by Dr. Newman, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Goodman) to consider this matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement. Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Goodman) to adopt the following

Mixed-Breed Program: Effective October 1st, 2009, Mixed breed dog owners can list their dogs with the AKC's new mixed breed program.

1. Dogs in the program will be issued an ID number.
2. Dogs must be spayed or neutered.
3. The fee for the program will be \$35.
4. In Phase I, listed dogs will receive:
 - a. A certificate of participation
 - b. A competition card, with their identification number. This number allows mixed breeds to compete in AKC Agility, Rally, and Obedience events
 - c. Access to a community of dog lovers interested in supporting all things canine, including the AKC Humane Fund
 - d. Affiliation with an organization that:
 - i. Actively supports the right to own and breed dogs responsibly by fighting anti-ownership legislation at the local, state, and federal level
 - ii. Donates millions to canine health research, making all dogs healthier in the long run
 - iii. Proactively responds to disasters like 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina, reaching out to all dog owners in need during stressful times

The Listing Service will be enhanced in Phase II. In Phase II, effective July 1, 2010 participating dogs will also receive:

- a. Discounted enrollment in the AKC CAR Lost & Found service, which includes a collar tag and 24-7 recovery services
- b. An AKC Supporter window decal
- c. Free CGC certificate for dogs that pass a CGC test
- d. Copy of The New Puppy Handbook and/or sample of Family Dog magazine
- e. Free initial veterinary visit
- f. Trial offer of pet health insurance
- g. Discount coupons to an online dog store

The Listing Service will be enhanced again in Phase III, allowing owners of mixed breed dogs to have access to interactive website with fun features such as forums, picture contests, dog care video downloads, information on pet-friendly businesses, advice from experts, etc. The effective date for the new website will be determined in the future based on the needs of those enrolled.

Competition in Companion Events Effective April 1st, 2010, the competition parameters governing mixed breed participation in AKC Agility, Rally, and Obedience events:

1. AKC clubs will have the option to hold mixed breed classes for Agility, Obedience, or Rally events. Those clubs electing to hold mixed breed classes will offer the same classes for mixed breed dogs and purebred dogs.
2. Mixed Breed classes can only be held at standalone AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally Events. The class could not be offered at All Breed Shows, Group Shows, or independent specialties, even if Agility, obedience, or Rally events are being held.
 - a. The definition of standalone AKC Companion event is an AKC Agility, Obedience, or Rally event that is not held on the same date AND show site as an AKC all-breed show or independent specialty.
3. Mixed breed dogs will compete in separate class divisions from AKC purebred dogs.
 - a. The club is not required to hold the classes in separate rings under separate Judges. The purebred classes can be held in the same ring, under the same Judge, as the mixed breed classes. Placements and titles will be scored and awarded separately.

International shows have a social atmosphere of a day out with your dog. The judges enjoy the shows because they can take the time to talk to each exhibitor without time limits.

We have four shows each weekend, two shows per day. Each show will be under a different judge. If a dog does well (gets the top score each show), an adult dog can earn an International Title in three shows. Puppies can earn a National Puppy Title in three shows; a fourth show would give that puppy an opportunity for an International Puppy Title (four puppy shows = both Nat and Int puppy titles).

2011 Bluegrass Sieger

May 21 & 22, 2011 in Lexington, KY

The 2011 Bluegrass Sieger will be held at the [Kentucky Horse Park](#) in the (Man O' War parking area) at 4089 Iron Works Parkway in Lexington, KY. The show grounds will be outdoors. We will be setting up on Friday evening so if you plan on setting up early, please wait until we begin our setup first. The Show Schedule and Show Roster will be available within a few days of the show closing. You can enter our show online or via fax or mail (for a printable show entry form, [click here](#)). Would you like to help us hand out fliers? We'd really appreciate it. Just [click here](#). We can also give you fliers. Send an e-mail to intdogshowentry@yahoo.com and we'll ship you a box of fliers.

Show closes to regular entries on May 13, 2011 at 6pm Pacific.

Regular entry fees are \$31/show. Late entries will be taken until May 19, 2011 at 6pm Pacific. Late fees are \$12/show. After this time the show will be closed to ALL entries.

Judging Panel will include:

- Mr. Alberto Berrios - Int'l & USA
- Mrs. Terri Berrios - USA
- Ms. Jean Pero - USA
- TBA - USA

*Judging Schedule Notes:

- Dogs may be asked to be judged before their times scheduled but CANNOT be required to do so.
- Group times CAN be called early.
- Best in Show times CAN be called early.
- Best in Show ring numbers will be announced at the show.
- All Ring times and numbers are subject to change.
- Junior Handler exhibition will be on Sunday during lunch. Check at the front desk on Sunday for more details. Day of show entry for juniors are welcome.

Show Committee

- Superintendent - Scott Odle
- Show Chairman - Drew Alderson
- Chief Ring steward - Nick Clouse
- Show Photographer - Bill Meyer Photography (636) 239-1402

Thank you to all exhibitors for your support. Enjoy the Show!
IABCA and International Dog Shows

For more information - <http://www.iabca.com/index.html>

A little more doom & gloom



Information for Pet Owners

If you evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!** Pets most likely cannot survive on their own; and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return.

Plan for Pet Disaster Needs

- Identifying shelter. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which motels and hotels in the area you plan to evacuate to allow pets -- well in advance of needing them. There are also a number of guides that list hotels/motels that permit pets and could serve as a starting point. Include your local animal shelter's number in your list of emergency numbers -- they might be able to provide information concerning pets during a disaster.
- Take pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they're not available later. While the sun is still shining, consider packing a "pet survival" kit which could be easily deployed if disaster hits.
- Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. If possible, attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site. If your pet gets lost, his tag is his ticket home. Make sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes.
- Make sure you have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness for your pet so that if he panics, he can't escape.
- [Animals in Emergencies for Owners](#) This video, developed by the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) /FEMA, is intended to help pet and livestock owners prepare to protect their animals during emergencies.

Prepare to Shelter Your Pet

- Call your local emergency management office, animal shelter, or animal control office to get advice and information.
- If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located. Be sure to research some outside your local area in case local facilities close.
- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current. Include copies in your "pet survival" kit along with a photo of your pet.
- **NOTE:** Some animal shelters will provide temporary foster care for owned pets in times of disaster, but this should be considered only as a last resort.
- If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger! Confine your pet to a safe area inside -- NEVER leave your pet chained outside! Leave them loose inside your home with food and plenty of water. Remove the toilet tank lid, raise the seat and brace the bathroom door open so they can drink. Place a notice outside in a visible area, advising what pets are in the house and where they are located. Provide a phone number where you or a contact can be reached as well as the name and number of your vet.

During a Disaster

- Bring your pets inside immediately.
- Have newspapers on hand for sanitary purposes. Feed the animals moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink.
- Animals have instincts about severe weather changes and will often isolate themselves if they are afraid. Bringing them inside early can stop them from running away. Never leave a pet outside or tied up during a storm.
- Separate dogs and cats. Even if your dogs and cats normally get along, the anxiety of an emergency situation can cause pets to act irrationally. Keep small pets away from cats and dogs.
- In an emergency, you may have to take your birds with you. Talk with your veterinarian or local pet store about special food dispensers that regulate the amount of food a bird is given. Make sure that the bird is caged and the cage is covered by a thin cloth or sheet to provide security and filtered light.

After a Disaster

- If after a disaster you have to leave town, take your pets with you. Pets are unlikely to survive on their own.
- In the first few days after the disaster, leash your pets when they go outside. Always maintain close contact. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet may become confused and lost. Also, snakes and other dangerous animals may be brought into the area with flood areas. Downed power lines are a hazard.
- The behavior of your pets may change after an emergency. Normally quiet and friendly pets may become aggressive or defensive. Watch animals closely. Leash dogs and place them in a fenced yard with access to shelter and water.