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Monthly Meetings

There are no monthly meetings during the summer months. The next meeting will be September 28th.

Annual Club Picnic

Tuesday, June 22nd • 6:30 PM
Dwight Lydell Park
Comstock Park

The event will be held in the back part of the park - much closer to the restrooms. Meat and beverages will be provided. The club members are expected to bring salads, bread, fruits, and any other goodies. You will also need to bring your own silverware and plates. Food will be served at 6:30 pm. A puppy match for member only will follow the dinner. All puppies are to be under a year old. As usual there will be a mystery judge provided by the club's president Clare Lodenstein.

Big Thanks

**to All Members Who Worked
at the GRKC Show in
Kalamazoo and at the Dog
Day in The Park. Your
efforts made these events a
HUGE SUCCESS!**



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Constitution Changes

At May's meeting, the changes proposed for the constitution were approved by the members. The board will now be making a new policy about members showing at our show.

The GRKC board is working on scheduling a meeting for June 14th. One of the main items on the agenda is the no show policy. Our November premium list is due by July 1st so we don't have time for a lot of debate.

Please let the board know if you have an opinion or suggestion. Should the club continue with the current no show policy? Change it to no member can show a special, limit the no show policy to club officers, board members, and show committee members.

So please call your board members with suggestions. We need to receive your responses ASAP.

Summer Activity

Pat Kronemeyer has informed me that she is still working on plans for summer activity at Meijer's Gardens (possibly a concert). As soon her work is completed, the details will be send out to you.

Easy AKC Form

This information was sent to me by Anne Merkle. "Just in case you are interested, there is a free website Oaklines.com that will fill out forms for you, and then you can print them and send them in. It makes a nice printed form that has all your info on it, and it is easy to read."

On a Sad Note

Jan Hamming lost (Golden Retriever) Moribrook's Katch A Falling Star "Scarlet" unexpectedly on May 17th to cancer. Scarlet was a special working friend that helped teach dozens of dogs to be "Canine Good Citizens" and was ready to start her show career at the KKC Spring Trials in Rally. She did not get to start, however, because her owner was incapacitated with rotator cuff surgery again. She will remain famous as the dog that was trained through CDX and never entered the show ring. This is the third Golden Jan has lost to cancer in the last 10 years. First a young male, "Chase" Moribrook's Wild Goose Chase, then a young female "Halle" Sugartree's Glory Hallelujah and now Scarlet. Let's hope that the third time is it for young Sugartree dogs. All three had some different major kennels in their lines.

PETA's Sea Kittens: Coming to a Dictionary Soon?

Instead of simply embracing silly PR stunts, PETA, the nation's most outrageous animal rights group, is now attempting to get its preferred term for fish, "sea kitten", used as a synonym in the dictionary.

PETA has petitioned Merriam-Webster, one of the largest producers of dictionaries in the nation to include "sea kitten" as a synonym for "fish" in upcoming editions. It further claims that "sea kittens" are just as intelligent as dogs and cats.

According to statements from editors at Merriam-Webster, they have indicated it is highly unlikely that the term will be appearing anytime soon in the dictionary. Words are only included after they become widely used or defines something that did not previously have a name.