



## Charleston Kennel Club

*Charleston Kennel Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm at the Danny Jones Complex in North Charleston (5000 Lackawanna Blvd)*

**Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 26th @ 7:15 pm**

***Come to our monthly meeting on May 26th at the Danny Jones Complex at 5000 Lackawanna Blvd in North Charleston. We will have a guest speaker, Krystal Ikon from the Ikon Law Firm in Mt. Pleasant. Krystal handles animal related matters for the law firm.***

**From Our 2016 Show Chairman,  
Robyn Sparks**

***Here's your chance to be in the know about  
our annual show!***

***Come out and strut your stuff.***



**You will have a chance to excel and gain significant recognition not only for your dogs but for your most welcome contributions of a bit of time to the club. For our 2016 show, we will need folks to chair the following committees:**

**Vendors  
Grounds Management  
Security  
Catalog Sales  
Grooming Room Manager**

**Robyn can be reached via email at [go2sho@aol.com](mailto:go2sho@aol.com). We are a small club and need every member participating to assure our show remains the high quality event it has been over its many years of existence. Your mug shot (oops, picture) will be featured in the newsletter as a thank you for your help. Don't be shy. There are plenty of folks who will mentor you to be sure you succeed in your roles for our wonderful 2016 show!**

## Celebrate!!! Wahoo!!!

Brenda Naylor's Shadetrees Pawley's Island Girl (Pawley) received a Best of Winners for a 5 pt major at the Cotton Classic Regional Specialty



At the Myrtle Beach KC Show, Nili Young's Standard Poodle, Karat, received two more qualifying ribbons toward her Rally Advanced and Novice Obedience Titles. She did still demonstrate her true self, however, by deciding during one of the trials to run out of the ring, run around the building a bit, run outside. However, after the stewards stopped chasing her, she did respond for a perfect recall.

Linda Hendrix's Tibetan Spaniel boy Harley (Lin Chi TuQute Hell's Angel) picked up his first points...a 3 point major...at the Myrtle Beach Kennel Club shows. Her girl Lil (Ch. Lin Chi Lucky Charm) went select one day and BOS the next for 2 more grand champion points at the same show. The following weekend at the Oconee River Kennel Club shows Lil went BOS for one more grand champion point.



Debbie Schnulle's Champion Eaglehill's Set Me Free (Kylie) earned her 2 titles while we were at our Poodle National Specialty in Salisbury, MD in April. She earned her Agility Novice Fast (NF) title and Novice Jumper title. Debbie's daughter, Rebecca, handled her in agility.

Separately, in a moment that deserves praise, Debbie Schnulle's boy, Ernie, CH Eaglehill's Quick Step MX MXJ, was named to the list of Top Producing Sire & Dams of Miniature Poodle Champions for 2014. Ernie made the 2014 list with 3 American Champions in 2014. He also sired 1 South Africa Champion.



In May, Thayer Arthur and Thio (Excalibur The Heat Is On, CD, GN) got the third leg and Graduate Novice title at the Greater Columbia Obedience Club trial.



Gail and Tom Richvalsky's trip home from Perry, GA in May included 2 champions. Ainle Money Talks "Cash" took Best of Breed for a 5 pt major and at 8 months old, finished his championship. Their Grand Champion, GCH Villanova Ainle Just One Look "Shadow" Took a Select, then Best of Breed Owner Handler and an Owner Handler Group 3.

## In the CKC Litter Box ....



Our 2016 Show Chairman, Robyn Sparks, tells us she has a new litter that arrived on May 7, 2015. Ch Trump's Ticket to the Moon CD, Della, gave birth to 8 beautiful Doberman Pinscher puppies: 5 girls and 3 boys. Sired by Notori's Then There Was One V Blumont. These are 5th generation Notori Dobs.

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### From Our AKC Delegate ...

The following is the text of an email that may be of interest to those in the conformation ring:

From AKC to all Conformation Judges: Dear AKC Judge, As you may be aware, there has been a recent increase in reported cases of Canine Influenza. In consideration of this fact, and for the safety and welfare of our dogs, Judging Operations strongly advises that all judges should ask the exhibitor to show the bite/open the mouth when conducting oral exams. This recommendation is consistent with information included in The Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges under Evaluating a Dog's Mouth (page 13), "Many exhibitors prefer to open their dog's mouth themselves for examination. However,

you have the authority to personally open the dog's mouth." We do encourage judge's as a general practice to ask exhibitors to open the mouth. In addition to sanitary reasons; the exhibitor is familiar with the dog resulting in a more efficient and pleasant experience. If necessary, as the judge you do have the authority to personally open the dog's mouth. If it does become necessary or you elect to conduct the oral exam yourself, we do advise that you sanitize your hands after examining each dog. Please do not hesitate to contact Judging Operations or speak with the Executive Field Representative in attendance with any questions you may have. Tim Thomas Director, Dog Show Judges (919) 816-3639

## Health and Our Dogs

*From the Canine Health, Breeding and Puppy Care page on Facebook.*

### **Calcium by Myra**

“I'm going to write a little article about Calcium and how we came up with the many uses of calcium and what it is all about.”

It is a scientific and well documented fact that Calcium and Oxytocin work together in a partnership during whelping. If too much calcium is given in pregnancy, the parathyroid gland ceases to operate well and so whelping can be difficult or impossible because the uterine muscles will not contract well together. The whole process is regulated by the parathyroid hormone. The way it works together with Oxytocin is that the Oxytocin comes first, alters the cell wall of each individual muscle cell and allows calcium to enter the cell. This is what makes the contractions harder and stronger.

Once mom's milk comes in, mom needs extra calcium either in the form of food (my real preference) or in the form of a couple of small doses of extra calcium in the form of TUMS, Calcium Citrate or even liquid calcium. Vitamin D is always put in calcium nowadays and that won't hurt or cause problems, although the Vitamin D3 is for bone production versus milk production. This is also well accepted and well documented.

The part that isn't well documented in the veterinary world is that a lack of calcium makes people act kind of whacky. A person with diarrhea and vomiting over a period of time will be admitted to the hospital acting kind of crazy; no memory, often not even knowing their own families. This is caused by calcium shortage but other electrolytes are also missing. Giving them calcium will fix that right away.

If a bitch is aggressive or unsettled after whelping, giving her calcium will often smooth her out, settle her down and help her to become a better mom in a short period of time.

So...focus on the three uses of Calcium for the dog breeder.

1. Never while pregnant. She'll get plenty in her food.
2. While whelping to make stronger contractions
3. While nursing to facilitate milk production
4. To help moms settle down and focus on their babies.

It works for those of us who have tried it, but for the last use...the calming and parenting effect, you won't find much evidence.

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## Just the Facts

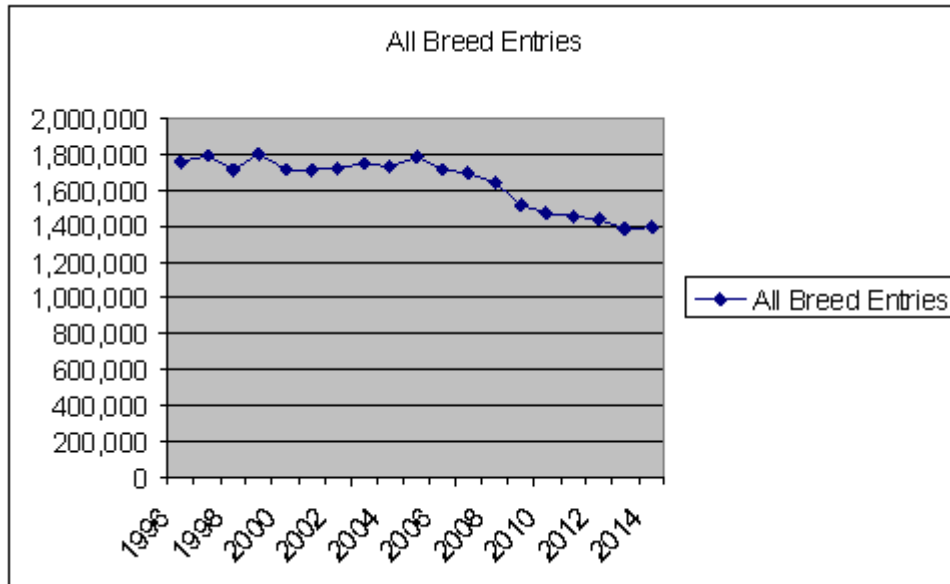
Bobby Christiansen  
President, MB-F., Inc.

As a kid growing up in the early 60's I enjoyed watching the famous TV Police show, Dragnet on the one black & white TV with 3 channels my family shared. I'll always remember Los Angeles police detective Sgt. Joe Friday's words during many episodes when he arrived at the scene of a crime and started asking questions, "All we want are the facts, ma'am" and "All we know are the facts, ma'am". Fast forward to 2015 and those same words have real meaning to the Sport of Pure-Bred Dogs. I believe there are some facts that need to be told and the purpose of this article is to increase awareness. Over the years the "sanitized" AKC Delegate and Board Meeting Minutes continue to report increases in events and entries. I'm sure those numbers are accurate numbers and include every type of event AKC recognizes. However, those numbers do not report what is really happening to the core and life blood of the Sport, Conformation.

The table and graphs below were compiled from data taken from the AKC Annual Reports and tells a different and compelling story. There is an alarming and continuous downward trend in conformation competition over the past 18 years. As you can clearly see, the pie is shrinking and there are a growing number of shows chasing smaller and smaller pieces of that pie. The average All-Breed show has decreased from 1,389 dogs in 1996 down to 860 dogs in 2014. Specialty shows have decreased from an average of 85 dogs in 1996 down to 55 in 2014. Registrations are now an unpublished number and closely guarded secret.

Year	Registrations	All Breed Shows	All Breed Entries	All Breed Avg/show	Specialty Shows	Specialty Show Entries	Specialty Avg/show
1996	1,332,557	1,266	1,757,856	1,389	1,950	165,333	85
1997	1,307,352	1,295	1,792,134	1,384	1,994	168,474	84
1998	1,220,951	1,332	1,710,420	1,284	1,975	157,121	80
1999	1,119,620	1,367	1,799,526	1,316	2,001	164,752	82
2000	1,175,473	1,419	1,716,928	1,210	2,054	157,130	76
2001	1,081,335	1,444	1,716,221	1,189	2,067	154,418	75
2002	958,503	1,455	1,724,378	1,185	2,118	157,530	74
2003	915,668	1,477	1,745,841	1,182	2,150	157,588	73
2004	958,400	1,475	1,729,729	1,173	2,141	158,651	74
2005	920,804	1,490	1,784,443	1,198	2,194	168,044	77
2006	870,192	1,519	1,710,625	1,126	2,225	157,724	71
2007	812,452	1,548	1,698,840	1,097	2,254	152,625	68
2008	716,195	1,534	1,641,004	1,070	2,258	156,770	69
2009	649,677	1,548	1,516,098	979	2,288	144,900	63
2010	563,611	1,586	1,473,751	929	2,282	140,508	62
2011	Unpublished	1,589	1,455,971	916	2,344	141,589	60
2012	Unpublished	1,604	1,435,266	895	2,432	137,964	57
2013	Unpublished	1,614	1,386,727	859	2,434	139,690	57
*2014	Unpublished	1,625	1,396,702	860	2,553	140,645	55
<b>%change</b>	<b>-57.70%</b>	<b>28.36%</b>	<b>-20.55%</b>	<b>-38.10%</b>	<b>30.92%</b>	<b>-14.93%</b>	<b>-35.02%</b>

\* 2014 data compiled from the AKC website because the Annual Report was not yet out.



The fact is clubs are suffering from producing longtime events once hosting 1500-2000 dogs to now holding shows with 700 dogs or less. Some clubs have cancelled shows out of economic necessity while others have ceased to exist. Point scales have dramatically changed as well.

A few examples from around the country with the requirements for a 5-point major:

Breed	State	1996 Dogs	2014 Dogs	1996 Bitches	2014 Bitches
Labradors	California	82	43	117	51
Dobermans	New York	40	12	55	18
Golden Ret.	Ohio	49	26	55	34

I'm sure internally AKC is well aware of the issue and has tried to address the problem. Numerous initiatives such as 4-6 Month Puppy Events, Open Shows, Owner-Handled Competition, recognition of Grand Champions, Breeders of Merit, etc. have been put forth to retain exhibitors and encourage newcomers to the sport. These initiatives have all had various degrees of success and been well intended. However, instead of enticing NEW people/families into the sport, for the most part, we are "recycling" what is already there or adding new dogs belonging to existing exhibitors. Based on the facts, we are not growing. If something positive doesn't happen soon we ALL are going to be in BIG trouble.

We are in this together - the AKC, Clubs, Breeders, Exhibitors, Handlers, Judges, and Superintendents. Ben Franklin said it best when the Declaration of Independence was signed, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." If we are going to "hang together" what do we have that might help the situation?

- The AKC with 130 years of knowledge, history, experience, stud book, and infrastructure. The greatest pure-bred dog registry in the world.
- The AKC Licensed Superintendents with 400 years of collective experience and knowledge of the sport and exhibitors.
- 4,725 Licensed Judges who have actively judged in the past year.

- 600 Member and 5000 Licensed clubs holding events with countless knowledgeable volunteer members working for free on behalf of pure-bred dogs.
- More than 70,000 Exhibitors who show dogs annually.
- Hundreds of Professional Handlers helping breeders and owners.
- The tens of thousands of responsible breeders with the integrity to produce quality offspring and the true key to the future of the Sport.
- A growing population of dogs in the U.S.
- According to the American Pet Products Manufacturing Association the number of dogs in the U.S. has grown from 68 million in the year 2000 to 83.3 million in 2014.

What do we do? Face the facts. Recognition of the problem with facts is the first, easiest, and most obvious step. This problem didn't start overnight and the solution will take time as well. A solution is possible if we all can work together to generate the ideas that will get us there. That's a fact. Please stay tuned. In the meantime, feel free to leave your thoughts and comments - what one thing do you think could help increase entries?

#### **Recipe Corner: Doggie Ice Cream – Yum!**

*Ingredients:*

3 ripe Bananas

32 oz. plain yogurt

1 Cup peanut butter

*Directions:*

- Blend; pour the mixture into ice trays.
- Freeze
- In a couple hours you'll have a cool dog treat

Thanks to Brenda Naylor for this recipe. Karat was drooling as we read it to her.



## *Upcoming Events*

<b><i>Conformation</i></b>				
Club	City	State	Show Date	Closing Date
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	13-Jun-15	27-May-15
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	14-Jun-15	27-May-15
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	Tampa	FL	11-Jun-15	27-May-15
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	Tampa	FL	12-Jun-15	27-May-15
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.	Tampa	FL	13-Jun-15	27-May-15
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.	Tampa	FL	14-Jun-15	27-May-15
Brevard Kennel Club	Orlando	FL	19-Jun-15	3-Jun-15
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.	Orlando	FL	20-Jun-15	3-Jun-15
Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay	Orlando	FL	21-Jun-15	3-Jun-15
Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club, Inc.	West Palm Beach	FL	11-Jul-15	24-Jun-15
Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Club, Inc.	West Palm Beach	FL	12-Jul-15	24-Jun-15
<b><i>Obedience</i></b>				
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	13/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	14/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Durham Kennel Club Inc	Durham	NC	11/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Durham Kennel Club Inc	Durham	NC	12/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Savannah Dog Training Club	Savannah	GA	20/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
Savannah Dog Training Club	Savannah	GA	21/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta	Cumming	GA	27/Jun/2015	10/Jun/2015
Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta	Cumming	GA	27/Jun/2015	10/Jun/2015
Dalmatian Club of Greater Atlanta	Cumming	GA	28/Jun/2015	10/Jun/2015
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	Tampa	FL	13/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Greater Venice Florida Dog Club	Tampa	FL	14/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	FL	20/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	FL	21/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015

### **Upcoming Events (Continued)**

<b>Rally</b>				
Club	City	State	Show Date	Closing Date
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	13/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association	Waynesville	NC	14/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Durham Kennel Club Inc	Durham	NC	10/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Durham Kennel Club Inc	Durham	NC	10/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Savannah Dog Training Club	Savannah	GA	20/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
Savannah Dog Training Club	Savannah	GA	21/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	FL	13/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	FL	13/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	FL	14/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association	Ocala	FL	14/Jun/2015	27/May/2015
Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	FL	20/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
Imperial Polk Obedience Club of Lakeland, Florida	Lakeland	FL	21/Jun/2015	03/Jun/2015
<b>Agility</b>				
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America	Sanford	NC	19/Jun/2015	02/Jun/2015
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America	Sanford	NC	20/Jun/2015	02/Jun/2015
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America	Sanford	NC	21/Jun/2015	02/Jun/2015
Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club	Perry	GA	08/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club	Perry	GA	09/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Chattahoochee Weimaraner Club	Perry	GA	10/Jul/2015	24/Jun/2015
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Arcadia	FL	11/Jun/2015	23/May/2015
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Arcadia	FL	12/Jun/2015	23/May/2015
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Arcadia	FL	13/Jun/2015	23/May/2015
Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County	Arcadia	FL	14/Jun/2015	23/May/2015
Calusa Dog Agility Club	Arcadia	FL	19/Jun/2015	04/Jun/2015
Calusa Dog Agility Club	Arcadia	FL	20/Jun/2015	04/Jun/2015
Calusa Dog Agility Club	Arcadia	FL	21/Jun/2015	04/Jun/2015
Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Arcadia	FL	10/Jul/2015	26/Jun/2015
Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Arcadia	FL	11/Jul/2015	26/Jun/2015
Sarasota Obedience Training Club	Arcadia	FL	12/Jul/2015	26/Jun/2015