

AKKAOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES – October 3, 2007

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Roll Call & Welcome

Reading of the Minutes

President's Report

Secretary Report

Treasurer's Report

Liaison Report

Committee Reports

Constitution/By Laws (no report)

Logo/Fund Raising

Education (no report)

Golden West/Pet Expo

Health & Medical Research

Membership

Rescue

Public Relations

Show/Event

2007 Annual Meeting and Picnic

Old Business

Pedigree Project Presentation Approval

Pedigree Project Expense Approval \$120 to Sharon and \$9.95 a month)

New Business

Recommendations for Health Monitoring of the Alaskan Klee Kai Approval for Website

Kristi Dushek – Appointment to Health and Medical Research Committee Approval

Kristi Dushek – Appointment to Show & Event Committee Approval

Weight Pull Demo Expense Approval (\$200)

AKKAOA Board Guidelines & Etiquette Approval

Help with Getting Recognition for the AKK in the UK Kennel Club

Approval for Ring Gates for the MO Show (\$1000)

Adjournment

Call to Order: The regular Board meeting, scheduled for September 19 was moved to October 3 due to illness of the president, was called to order at 7:31 p.m. CDT by Tammy Martin, President. Present in addition to Tammy were Barbara Weibelhaus, Vice President; Lenor Lynas, Secretary; Patty Ramsburg, Treasurer; Terry Wright, Membership Secretary; and Patricia Zengel, Director. Lo Binkley, Director, was on the road travelling to Missouri for the Annual Meeting and could not attend this meeting. Matt Dushek, Secretary-elect; Fran Morano, Director-elect; and Sharon Hari, Membership Secretary-elect were invited to observe at this meeting. They will take office at the Annual Meeting in Springfield, MO on November 19, 2007.

Minutes of Meeting August 23, 2007: Everyone acknowledged receipt of these minutes via email. Tammy moved that the minutes be accepted, second by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

President's Report: Everyone acknowledged receipt of the President's Report. Terry made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Secretary's Report: Everyone acknowledged receipt of the Secretary's Report. Tammy made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Terry. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Treasurer's Report: Everyone acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report via email. Tammy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Lo. The motion passed unanimously.

Beginning Balance	\$11306.03
Income	405.49
Expenses	<u>5436.89</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 6274.63

Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports: Committee reports are attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pedigree Project Presentation Approval: Tammy made a motion to have Sharon Hari present the Pedigree Project at the Annual Meeting, second by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote. Terry will have it posted on the website thereafter.

Pedigree Project Expense Approval \$120 to Sharon and \$9.95 a month) Tammy made a motion to approve the reimbursement to Sharon for the expenses of \$120 for the setup of the Pedigree Project and the approval of \$9.95 a month to maintain the project, seconded by Lenor. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recommendations for Health Monitoring of the Alaskan Klee Kai Approval for Website: Tammy made a motion go accept the revised "Recommendations for Health Monitoring of the Alaskan Klee Kai" submitted by the HMR Committee for the website, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Approval of Kristi Dushek appointment to HMR Committee: Tammy made a motion to approve the appointment of Kristi Dushek to the Health & Medical Research Committee, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Approval of Kristi Dushek appointment to the Show/Event Committee: Tammy made a motion to approve Kristi Dushek's appointment to the Show/Event Committee, seconded by Terry. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Weight Pull Demo Expense Approval (\$200): Tammy made a motion to approve the expenses for the Weight Pull Demo at the Annual Meeting, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

AKKAOA Board Guidelines & Etiquette Approval: Tammy made a motion to accept the “AKKAOA Board Guidelines & Etiquette”, seconded by Lenor. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Help with Getting Recognition for the AKK in the UK Kennel Club: Tammy made a motion to help with getting recognition for the AKK with the UK Kennel Club in Europe, seconded by Terry. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

c: Tammy made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for ring gates for the MO Show site, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote.

Farewell Messages: The following messages are made part of the record:

From Lenor: Before we adjourn, I’d like to go on record that this is my last BOD meeting on line and I have enjoyed serving on the Board for the past nearly 5 years. I shall miss it but I will be available if anyone needs me. Thanks.

From Barbara: I’d like to thank everyone as well, I’ve been on the board for 3 wonderful years, and it has been great to serve with you all.

From Terry: This is also my last BOD meeting. I’m sad to go but have faith in the new BOD members, and I, too, will be around to help! And I’m on a couple of committees and such. This is so sad.

ADJOURNMENT: Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. CDT, seconded by Lenor. Motion passed unanimously and was made official by mail-in vote. Next meeting will be in Springfield, MO on November 19.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenor Lynas, Secretary

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Tammy Martin

I will have copies of the Bylaws and Current Operating Guidelines available at the Annual Meeting and Picnic.

Everyone will need to have a report ready for the Annual Meeting, also. I will get a proposed agenda out this weekend.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lenor Lynas

A sympathy card was sent to Bette Cook. Bob, who passed away Saturday, was beloved by all and will be sadly missed in the AKK world.

An AKKAOA pet sympathy card was sent to Sherri Hebert on the loss of her dog, Knik. Sherri is not a member, and is, in fact, president of Aprilfawn's club, but we all know how tragic it is to lose one of our beloved dogs, especially the way she did. I thought it would be nice to let her know that we in AKKAOA care about ALL the AKK as the dogs are not members of one club or another, but just our beloved Alaskan Klee Kai, and the loss of one affects all of us.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Terry Wright

Janna Banks - TX

Referred by: Rocky Mt. Klee Kai (Alicia Adams)

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Special skills: Marketing - Advertising - Pet Cleaning Hygiene Products

Wayne Campagna and Tara Moscatello - VA (NL Subscriber)
Carol Din paid for back issues of the NL up to the end of 2007.

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Volunteered For: Where ever needed

It's sad to say, but this will be my last Membership Secretary report of 2007, as I have finished my two terms with the Board of Directors. In early 1998 I was one of the Alternate Directors (non-voting) on AKKAOA's board. In May of 1999 I was voted in as one of the Directors (Membership Secretary), this was before AKKAOA became a fully recognized UKC Breed Club.

Sharon Hari was elected to this position and will take over these duties as of October 19, 2007, at our meeting in Springfield, MO. I have been working with Sharon over the last several weeks to make the transition a smooth one.

It's been my pleasure working with the current and the past members of AKKAOA's Board. It is hard to believe that it has been close to 10 years! Time sure flies by.....

Thanks to all who have helped me along the way!

PICNIC COMMITTEE – Terry Wright & Lenor Lynas, Co-Chairs

We are just over 4 weeks till the picnic!!

I believe we are right on track and everyone has their *to do* lists and everything is being taken care of :)

Mary is ordering, purchasing and bringing the Logo Cake and Tammy is taking care of our little surprise for the picnic. Lenor and I plan on doing the major of the shopping when I get to Knoxville. We will also get the BBQ ordered before we leave to go to Springfield.

We will be purchasing more than the 35 meals that had been originally planned for. I wrote to many of the members and the count is up to 43 and 7 maybes, not counting those that may just show up.

The park pavilion has been reserved and paid for. Linda is making beverage holder insulators for us to give as welcome gifts.

We will send the BOD a final report on the picnic as soon as we can get everything finalized. See everyone in Springfield!

MO SHOW REPORT – Tammy Martin

We have had a judge change from Diane Raymond to Karen Shivers. Diane had some personal issues come up, which will not allow her to judge for us. She wants to judge for us next year. This change has been approved by UKC.

Ribbons and plaques are ordered should be here next week. Plate should also be here next week.

Kenny is shipping the Sportsmanship Award to me.

We have received some pre-entries, the deadline is the 10th.

I have received approval from the city for the APBT. Our Temporary Business License for the City should be here this week.

There are only four rooms left at the La Quinta

I need approval from the board to purchase ring gates. The club where we were renting them, called me last night and they are no longer renting out any of their equipment.

I do have a source with a wholesale license, which will get us the gates at wholesale cost. I would like to get a prior approval for up to \$1000 for ring gates. I do not think it will be that high.

I need to order them tomorrow, since the show is only two weeks away.

I will have a premium done for all exhibitors when they check into the show.

LOGO USAGE/FUND RAISING –Lenor Lynas

I have extended the deadline for people to submit recipes to the end of 2007. It would be nice if we could have the book for the 20th Anniversary of AKKAOA next year.

So far, we have earned \$59.63 through the IGive Program. I encourage anyone who orders on-line to check to see if the firm they are ordering from is a participant in IGive. This is an easy way to earn money for AKKAOA and it costs the customer nothing!

RESCUE COMMITTEE – Lanie McWilliams, Chair

Nothing to report.

JULY 2007 SHOW EXPENSE REPORT – Lo Binkley

UKC Expenses: \$1271.50

UKC initial fees \$320.00

UKC forms fees 198.00

UKC show fees 853.50

Judge Fees & Expenses:..... \$ 1357.80

Jim & Judy Jones \$600.00

Sandra Drake 607.80

Lynn Martin 150.00

Photographers: \$ 237.80

Hotel

Hotel Expenses:..... \$ 870.00

Field fee \$300.00

Security 450.00

Ice & water 100.00

Airport Service 20.00

Barbecue: \$ 804.75

Postage and Pkg Shipping: \$ 101.20

Ribbons:..... \$2407.21

Ringates: \$1148.34

Total Expenses \$8198.60

Income: \$11,000.00

Registration & BBQ fees \$10,000.00

Raffle \$ 1,000.00

Net Gain: \$ 2801.40

Recommendations for Health Monitoring of the Alaskan Klee Kai

Our breed continues to grow in popularity and number, and new breeders and owners are recognizing the need to carefully monitor the health and welfare of the breed. In response to questions about what to do, the Health and Medical Research Committee of the Alaskan Klee Kai Association of America has developed the following recommendations to guide the veteran breeder as well as the new breeder and owner. Remember, these are guidelines and not requirements. It is our belief that every breeder and owner should strive to eventually incorporate these guidelines into their own plan for monitoring the health and welfare of their Alaskan Klee Kai. Submitting results and participating in publishing of results on OFA and AKK Pedigree databases should be a goal of all breeders.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ALASKAN KLEE KAI

-At age 3 to 7 days of life dewclaws are removed and a basic health exam is done by a qualified veterinarian.

-At 8 weeks of age a health assessment is done to include eyes, ears, mouth (teeth), lungs, heart, testicle status(males only) and check patellas bilaterally (refer to the Patellar Luxation OFA area).

-Vaccinations should be given according to your veterinarian's schedule however, do not allow the veterinarian to give both the rabies vaccine and the last set of puppy shots together because a reaction can occur. Reference "YOUR DOG" Cummings

School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, Volume XI, Number 6, pg. 12, June 2005, plus reports from several AKK owners whose puppies experienced a reaction.

- De-worming should be done on all puppies. However, follow the recommendation of your veterinarian for a schedule of dosing and frequency. If you live in those areas of the country that do not have the weather to support the usual intestinal parasites, your veterinarian may advise you that routine worming is not necessary. This is particularly true in the Southwest and other desert areas. Heartworm testing should be done on the puppy prior to starting them on heartworm medication before 6 months of age. However, if the mother has been on heartworm preventative medication, and you are in that part of the country where heartworm is not present, your veterinarian may advise you that testing may not be necessary prior to starting medication. Those living in areas where venomous snakes reside may want to consider vaccinating against snake bite. Please follow your veterinarian's advice.

-Factor VII DNA testing needs to be done on all AKK since Factor VII deficiency has been found within our breed. Testing can be done as early as 6 weeks of age, as long as there has been an interval of at least 3-4 hours from nursing until the DNA swab is done. Offspring of a breeding between parents that are other than Clear, should be tested to determine Factor VII status. Ideally, Factor VII Deficiency will be eradicated from the Alaskan Klee Kai breed rather quickly, as dedicated breeders seek to breed this health issue out completely.

- Frequently check your AKK puppy for retained baby teeth since these can present a problem if left unchecked as the dog matures and the adult teeth come in. This can interfere with the proper scissor bite in this breed if retained baby teeth are not removed by the time the puppy is 6 months of age or the adult teeth have grown.

-If you will be spaying or neutering your AKK puppy, consult your veterinarian about timing. Small breed males usually reach sexual maturity between 7-9 months of age, females sometime take a bit longer. There are advantages and disadvantages to early spaying and neutering. Reference information can be found at: www.naiaonline.org/pdfs/LongTermHealthEffectsOfSPayNeuterInDogs.pdf Consult with your veterinarian.

-If the AKK is going to be used for show/breeding purposes, then neither the male nor female should be bred before the age of 12 months and only after the health exam and all testing is done and is within normal or acceptable limits.

- Initial health exam (for breeding suitability) should be done to be done on the Alaskan Klee Kai at 12- 15 months of age and not before that time. This recommendation is based upon the developing physical maturity of the Alaskan Klee Kai. Rationale: As a rough approximation, the human equivalent of a one-year-old dog is between about 10 and 15 years—a one-year-old dog or cat has generally reached its full growth and is sexually mature, although it might still be lanky and need to fill in a more mature musculature, similar to human teenagers. The second year is equivalent to about

another 3 to 8 years in terms of physical and mental maturity, and each year thereafter is equivalent to only about 4 or 5 human years.^[2]

Emotional maturity occurs, as with humans, over an extended period of time and in stages. As in other areas, development of giant breeds is slightly delayed compared to other breeds, and as with humans, there is a difference between adulthood and full maturity (compare humans age 20 and age 40 for example). **In all but large breeds, socio-sexual interest arises around 6-9 months, becoming emotionally adult around 15-18 months, and full maturity around 3-4 years**, although as with humans, learning and refinement continues thereafter. (Reference: UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine)

- It is recommended that the following be included in the breeding suitability exam:

- Full blood panel (sometimes referred to as a Canine Comprehensive SuperChem). This blood panel will include all the liver function tests, CBC (complete blood count) plus T3, T4 and a Free T4, which are thyroid function tests. Reason for the full blood panel is to make sure that all values are within normal range and if isolated elevations are found, may warrant further elevation. This is also to establish a baseline against which future results can be compared. However, by doing this panel between at age 12-15 months, the AKK is mature enough that growth spurts are unlikely to render inaccurate liver function values. Owners and breeders alike must also keep in mind that certain values can be slightly elevated due to stress on the dog going to the veterinarian and having the blood drawn. All of this must be taken into account when lab work is being evaluated.
- Liver function tests such as the ALT and AST are affected by liver disease, but can be influenced by growth spurts as mentioned above, infection and health conditions. ALT elevation without AST elevation does not indicate liver disease, but does indicate that there likely is an infection present, commonly a urinary tract infection. Usual reference range for both ALT and AST is around 10-100; clinicians do not generally become concerned until the values are greater than 3 times the upper limit of normal, or over 300.
- Thyroid Panel is important because autoimmune thyroiditis is the most common cause of primary hypothyroidism in dogs. The disease has variable onset, but tends to clinically manifest itself at 2 – 5 years of age. Dogs may be clinically normal for years, only to become hypothyroid at a later date. The marker for autoimmune thyroiditis, thyroglobulin autoantibody formation, usually occurs prior to the occurrence of clinical signs. Therefore, since the majority of affected dogs will have autoantibodies by 4 years of age, annual testing for the first 6 years is recommended. After that, testing every other year should suffice. Unfortunately, a negative at any one time will not guarantee that the dog will not develop thyroiditis. Reference OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals Recommendations). Website: <http://www.offa.org>. Your veterinarian should have the blood work sent to the OFA with the proper forms and blood work so they (OFA) can evaluate and

send results to the owners of the AKK and results are available in a national database accessible to the public. An increasing incidence of thyroiditis is occurring in Siberian Huskies, and we do have this as one component of our foundation for this breed. Please refer to the **Siberian Husky Health Foundation** for more information in regards to this. Website is:

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

- All AKK should be screened for Patella Luxation, since the American Eskimo breed is ranked 17th with this problem and the Schipperke is ranked 58th. Both of these breeds are in the foundation of this breed. Although the luxation may not be present at birth, the anatomical deformities that cause these luxations are present at that time and are responsible for subsequent recurrent patellar luxation. Patellar luxation should be considered an inherited disease. Neonates and older puppies often show clinical signs of abnormal hind-leg carriage and function from the time they start walking; these generally present as grades 3 to 4. Young to mature animals with grade 2 to 3 luxations usually have exhibited abnormal or intermittently abnormal gaits all their lives but are presented in the clinic when the problem symptomatically worsens. Signs vary dramatically with the degree of luxation. So evaluation should occur initially at 8 weeks of age when the puppy has a basic health assessment done. If a dog is still found to be normal at 12 months of age or older, a breed database number will be issued to the dog from the OFA. The forms and paperwork must be obtained from the OFA and taken to your veterinarian for evaluation and sent by the veterinary office to OFA. Preliminary evaluations of dogs under 12 months is encouraged if the owner desires to breed at this age. However, the most opportune time to gather breeding data is at 6-8 weeks of age prior to the puppy's release to the new owner. Reference OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals). Website: <http://www.offa.org>.
- Screening for Cardiac problems within the AKK breed is encouraged since heart murmurs have been found within our breed. Examinations performed in mature dogs are most likely to be definitive. This is especially true when considering mild congenital heart defects. Innocent heart murmurs are less common in mature dogs than in puppies and are less likely to be a source of confusion. Furthermore, the murmurs associated with some mild congenital malformations become more obvious after a dog has reached maturity. While it is quite reasonable to perform preliminary evaluations and provide provisional certification to puppies and young dogs between 8 weeks and 1 year of age, final certification, prior to breeding, should be obtained in mature dogs at 12 months of age or older. Reference OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals). Website: <http://www.offa.org>.

These are recommendations for our breed to continue to keep it sound and thriving for generations to come.

