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JANUARY/FEBRUARY CLUB EVENTS

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Comfort Suites
Tuesday, January 16, 7:45 pm	Regular Meeting	Comfort Suites
Program: Dog Shows 101		
Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm	Board Meeting	Comfort Suites
Tuesday, February 20, 7:45 pm	Regular Meeting	Comfort Suites
Program: Rally 101 and Obedience 101		

Programs: The club has determined a tentative schedule of programs and events for the coming year. January will kick us off with a program on “Dog Shows 101” which will be a basic introduction to conformation showing. We will continue in February with “Rally 101 and Obedience 101” which will cover the sports of Rally and Obedience. Come on out to the meetings to find out all about these activities! Various other programs will be planned for future meetings. Stay tuned for more information!

Tidbits:

There was not a regular meeting in December, but the Holiday Party was a great success! Once again we had wonderful time at Damon’s. Of course the usual “trade the gift” exercise provided some laughs, and a few folks even won some money from the PA Lottery. And I think the folks at Pets Come First were grateful for all the donations! If you still want to donate, contact Cheryl at: 814-353-1617 or noni14@netzero.net.

The NNKC has a new mailing address. From now on use: P.O. Box 5129, Pleasant Gap, PA 16823.

The Annual Breed and Obedience/Rally Match is scheduled for April 29 2007 at the Grange Fairgrounds. Renie will be Chair again this year.

Brags!: Sharon Mayes of Hillcrest Collies reports that she now has her very first two homebred champions. Sampson (CH. Hillcrest's Silver Shadows) finished before his 10 month birthday and his brother Spot (CH. Hillcrest's Canyon River Blues) finished before his 11 month birthday. I finished Spot completely from the bred by exhibitor class. Their sister, Holly (Hillcrest's Denim and Diamonds) only needs three single point to finish her CH. Not bad for my first litter. Their daddy is Stormy.

Renie Adrian reports that they have gotten points on the dogs they are currently showing.

Send brags and member news to: Helen Smith; hfs1@psu.edu or 309 Ravendale Rd., PA Furnace, PA 16865

PROPOSED NEW AMENDMENT TO THE PA. DOG LAW:

As briefly mentioned in the December newsletter, there is a movement in Harrisburg to amend the PA Dog Law. Carol Brown reports "This 40-page travesty will adversely affect us and our hobby, breeding, training, showing, etc. of our dogs. Governor Rendell's disregard for the Penna. Federation of Dog Clubs and other moderate groups and refusal to meet with the Federation cannot be ignored. It is becoming apparent that the Governor is only listening to the "animal rights" groups and will be detrimental to our rights. You must, must, must write a letter to:

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
ATTN: Ms. Mary Bender
Penna. Dept of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

and to YOUR STATE Representatives and Senators before this comes to a vote.

Begin by giving your name, address, and a brief description of your involvement with dogs or other reason for commenting on the proposal to the Pa. Dog Law Regulations issued on 12/16/06. Continue by letting them know that many of them are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and will not improve the quality of life for the dogs. Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs on their own residential premises, but are covered by the Penna. Dog Law, and who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the commercial rigid commercial kennel standards. The proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes and sex are contrary to good socialization and training purposes. The record-keeping requirements re exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management are burdensome and would be impossible to verify. Any licensed breeders could not have their dogs/puppies in their homes or in their yards to exercise! The new department would consist of lawyers and Criminal Justice college graduates to serve as an 8-member "swat team" to inspect our kennels (paid for by and increase in dog and kennel licenses fees?)".

For more information contact: Dotsie Keith, Legislative Chair of the Pa. Fed. of Dog Clubs, Box 67, Furlong, PA 18925. phone 215/794-7193. <http://home.paonline.com/pfdc/>

Note: Please send pictures so I can include them in the Newsletter!