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**CIKC INC. NEWSLETTER**

## Jan 2017

## Champaign Illinois Kennel Club, Inc.

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**Legislative Liaison**…………..………..Cynthia Nichols

#### Newsletter

Please send all information for the newsletter to Colleen Woodcock at ashlandkennel55@gmail.com by the end of each month.

##### Membership

Prospective new members must attend two meetings (program meeting count as a regular meeting) before a membership application can be turned in. After it is submitted the application will be read by the board two times before voting on membership. Contact Sylvia Lofrano at: sylvial@wirelessdatanet.net for more information.

Legislative Liaison

Cynthia Nichols, Legislative liaison CIKC, Secretary, IFDCO cdnichols@consolidated.net

Club Calendar 2016-2017

October: Working Meeting

November: No Meeting

December: No Regular meeting (member’s Christmas gathering)

January: No membership meeting, Board to meet at a set date and time

February: No Reg. Meeting*,* Westminster Party Feb 13/14

March: Regular Business Meeting (Show) Health Day on March 25th

April: Regular Business Meeting (Show)

April 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2016 Progress City Cluster Shows with CIKC on the 27th & 29th.

May: Regular Meeting (Show reports)

June: Program Meeting

July: Social Event (member’s picnic at Monticello)

August: Regular Business Meeting

September: Annual Meeting (Election of Officers, ***no guests***)

September Barn Hunt

**CIKC Member’s Christmas Gathering**

The CIKC member’s Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 10that the home of Merle and Carolyn Taylor, who once again served an array of tasty treats and beverages. Members shared a casual afternoon with fellow CIKC members.

Those attending brought an unwrapped child’s gift, which was later delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution in the name of CIKC.

**CANINE HEALTH DAY**

Mark your calendars for this year’s Canine Health Day! It is being scheduled for March 25th. More information will be in the next Newsletters.

***THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET ALL YOUR DOGS IN FOR***

***THEIR HEALTH NEEDS AND CERTIFICATIONS!***

Winter Conformation Classes to begin!

\*Held in the DTCCU Climate Controlled Training Building\*

(we meet in ring 1 on the North end near the kitchen)

The Winter Conformation classes for the Champaign Illinois Kennel Club **was scheduled** to begin on **Wed. Jan 11th, 2017 at 7:00pm** at the Dog Training Club of Champaign-Urbana, 2210 West Ford Harris Road, Urbana, IL 61802 located ¼ mile East of the Ford Harris Road and Route 45 (approx. 3 miles N. of I 74) (we meet in ring 1 on the North end near the kitchen)

**\*\*\*\*\*Due to issues getting the new flooring for the DTCCU Training building delivered and laid, the Conformation Class will be postponed until further notice.  This may be a week or more, so watch for an email giving further info on when the winter classes will begin.  DTCCU has spent a lot of time and effort researching new flooring for the training building and once we begin classes I ask that you all be diligent in caring for it.  With everyone's careful attention, this matting can last the club a very long time.**

The CIKC will begin the New Year with **conformation "warm-up" classes.** This class will be ring practice for those who want to work their dogs in a show ring setting.

We request that you **please** **email and sign up** if you plan to attend so we know how many to expect. If we do not have enough we will cancel and postpone the class until later in the winter or this spring.

If we have **enough beginners** who wish to sign up to learn how to handle their dog in a conformation ring, we will adjust class times to accommodate them, please **send your request** along with your name, email, and info of your breed.

**Again, everyone intending to come to CIKC classes in January please email Colleen Woodcock at** **ashlandkennel55@gmail.com** and **let me know that you plan to attend.**

Please Note- Understand that weather changes in a moment’s notice. **Use your discretion if weather is a question.** We will do our best to announce

closings on the CIKC website: <http://champaignillinoiskc.com>,

on Facebook: Champaign Illinois Kennel Club – CIKC, DTCCU on Twitter

(If the Dog Training Club Classes are canceled…we are not holding classes either)

There will be paperwork to fill out and a list of rules for use

of this facility will be handed out to each new participant.

If you are new to our class or have not been for a while, please bring an **updated copy**

of your dog's **vaccination record**

including proof of rabies with you **to be kept in our files**.

Dress comfortably with good “running” shoes. You may want to bring water for your dog also.

For enrollment & information Contact**:**

**Colleen Woodcock** ashlandkennel55@gmail.com

**Please Remember:**

**\*All participants and their guests are expected to follow the guidelines set forth by both clubs at all times while on the grounds. Please pick up your copy of the rules at the ringside table when filling out your class card.**

**\*It is required that all participants pick up after their dogs. Use only the areas marked for**

**this purpose. Equipment is available on the grounds along with a proper outside disposal area. If clean up is needed inside the building, please dispose of all solid waste outside in the disposal area.**

**\*Remember that humane treatment of your dogs is imperative at all times, but especially while on club grounds.**

**\*Bitches in season are not allowed to participate. Please contact the class coordinator if you are unable to attend due to your female coming in season. Beginning handlers are encouraged to come and watch.**

**\*Also remember that Handicapped Parking areas are only for those with the correct parking passes properly displayed.**

**AKC Club Forms a Development Department**

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the formation of a Club Development Department. Clubs are the cornerstone of AKC events and have a major impact on the success of AKC sports. On occasion, unique issues arise that can be difficult for a club to address on its own. The AKC has created a new unit in order to provide assistance when needed. Its purpose will be to work cooperatively with clubs to address challenging situations and enhance their ability to hold quality events.

The functions of the Club Development Department will include:

* Champion the Best Practices being developed by Delegate Committees and communicate the successes being experienced by other clubs.
* Proactively reach out to clubs when trends or feedback indicates assistance may be helpful.
* Develop educational material to pass on the knowledge needed by new event committee members.
* Work with clubs to address issues regarding the loss of show sites or cluster partnership problems.
* Assist clubs in exploring the feasibility of adding special attractions or complimentary events. This can range from adding 4-6 month puppy classes, NOHS or Open Shows to dock diving, Fast CAT or other new events AKC has in the works.
* B-Matches. Assist clubs in developing pre-event publicity and follow-up with success stories.
* Mentor new clubs during their start-up process or when adding new event types.

The Club Development Department will be led by Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support. Working with Glenn will be Guy Fisher, Club Development Manager.

One of the first special projects to be undertaken by the Club Development Department is to re-emphasize the importance of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

“Sportsmanship is essential to the long-term health of our sports,” said Ron Menaker, Chairman of the Board of Directors. “We must never compromise our commitment to fairness, respect, and a sense of fellowship.”

Superintendents will be provided large poster boards with the Code of Sportsmanship to be displayed at events. A smaller size will also be available. Interested clubs may obtain these free of charge by contacting the Club Development Department.

“Creating an organizational champion for clubs will provide the resources and focus that is consistent with the importance that clubs have to our future,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. “If your club is facing challenges or is seeking advice, please feel free to contact the Club Development Department at [ClubDevelopment@akc.org](http://emessage.akc.org/tvFQ230tQL0MA00BL1000HB).”

**>< BRAGS ><**

Wire Fox Terrier Champion Statwyre Procyon (Nova) was Best Opposite at the National AKC Owner Handler show in Orlando.  ~Lori Yotter

Alaskan Malamute, Bernadette, finished with a 5 pt major over Specials from the Bred-By class. She got all her points from Bred-by and is the 10th Champion from her mother, Penny. Bernie is now Ch Poker Flat's Burn Notice. ~ Robin Haggard

***BRAGS FROM OUR CLASSES……***

***CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!***

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