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**CIKC INC. NEWSLETTER**

## May 2017

## Champaign Illinois Kennel Club, Inc.

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## Newsletter……….……..…...……..Colleen Woodcock

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

#### Newsletter

Please send all information for the newsletter to Colleen Woodcock at [ashlandkennel55@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sylvial@wirelessdatanet.net)](mailto:sylvial@prairieinet.net) for more information.

Legislative Liaison

Cynthia Nichols, Legislative liaison CIKC, Secretary, IFDCO [cdnichols@consolidated.net](mailto: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

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

**May Meeting**

The Regular CIKC meeting will be held **Tues May 9th at** **Denny's Restaurant**, located in the area West of Menards at 702 W Town Center Blvd, Champaign, IL 61822 (217 359-7044). The seating area is back past the game room and will be available at **6:30pm** for dinner with themeeting starting at approximately **7:00pm.**

**Reflections From The Show**

Neither wind nor rain nor chill nor gloom of cloudy days kept CIKC working members from the slow completion of their shows on April 27th and April 29th.

Thank you to those die-hard members who helped make sure our 2017 shows were successful. Without you, life would have been more difficult.

While Mother Nature tried to sabotage us, we really didn’t have too many absentees. We had a few complaints. The most difficult one to handle with a straight face and a listening audience was answering why the coffee water container had yellow water in it. My first response was “I’m not really sure. It looks like usual Decatur water to me. I’ll try to find out, though.” That satisfied the woman somewhat and she left, but I could not resist adding “Water from China’s I Pee Daily River, the Yellow River of China, and is that the one I peed in because the restroom’s too far away?” before Jeff, Mike, Rob and Larry made me stop. Rob said I forgot to say it came from ADM’s main pipe line.

While our numbers were down, we had some very high quality dogs present in the groups. The judges were impressed. All in all, we got through this year’s shows. When Guy Fisher from AKC called on the Monday before the show to ask how the AKC could help, I asked for help with the weather. Apparently, the AKC doesn’t have control over that—yet.

Thank you all again. I believe I adapted my intro from the not really official U.S. Postal Creed and used it after my first time as Show Chair after Jackie left and we had the wind, rain, and whatever but only tents and limited gravel and a building. Thank you, Progress City, for putting up buildings and allowing us to use them. Now, if we only had covered moving sidewalks between them or they had listened to Beau’s and my suggestion of having one large geothermic building over a football field long (which surprisingly Luc Boileau also suggested during one of our chats).…

P.S. The Garth Brooks Concert Sunday evening was excellent. Larry said we had attended his concert in 1997 but that was a year I’ve wiped out of memory. ~Pat

After a bit of time to just sit down and reflect on the past few days, I wanted to thank everyone who took their time to make our shows successes.  I received numerous compliments from judges and exhibitors on how we handled the weather.  Everyone was considerate.  I appreciated everyone’s effort to make the best of a “not-so-good” situation.  At the end of the day, I think it went rather well.  Without your efforts and support, it would not have happened.

If there’s something you saw that we could make better for future shows, please don’t hesitate to let me know.  We did distribute a survey on Saturday, and I haven’t taken the time to review them.  We’ll talk about the results at one of our upcoming meetings.

Just a reminder, we will be hiring judges for 2018 spring and fall shows, please give me some ideas to work with.

Also note that two of our competing shows had entries of 316 and 361—our entry was over 423.

Again, thank you all. ~Merle

I would like to add my thanks to all the members who helped make my job easy too. It's always fun at the shows because we all seem to know what to do and work together effortlessly. ~Sylvia

Conformation Classes

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

The Dog Training Club of Champaign-Urbana, 2210 West Ford Harris Road, Urbana, IL 61802 is 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)

The 6-week Spring Conformation session for the Champaign Illinois Kennel Club will end on Wed. May 17th, 2017 and “may” be followed by 2 work nights so watch your email for info.

6:50pm- We will start with a beginner short class at 6:50pm or right after the 4-H Showmanship class ends.  This class will cover basic stacking and movement and will continue into the first half of the ring procedure and practice class at 7:15pm.

7:15pm- Ring Procedure and Practice: This will be an extension of the learning process along with ring practice for those who want to work their dogs in a show ring setting. (Drop-ins are allowed in this class)

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.

#### General Public- $55.00 per handler

### Club Members- $40.00 per handler

Drop-in - $10.00 per handler

## (Make checks out to CIKC)

##### There will be an info card to fill out the first night and a list of rules for use

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

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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)

For enrollment & information Contact**:**

**Colleen Woodcock** [ashlandkennel55@](mailto:ashland@net66.com)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.**

**Legislative Report**

Submitted by Cynthia Nichols  
  
The IFDCO has worked on and/or monitored 28 bills this session in the IL General Assembly, most are not being called or are “back in” assignments or rules committees. It appears that many bills of greatest concern to dog clubs and dog owners have been successfully stopped or appropriately modified.  
  
There are several that remain active and may require your attention, including these:  
  
HB0812 State Designations – State Pet [Jimenez – Wojcicki S] Synopsis:  Amends the State Designations Act. Provides that shelter dogs and shelter cats that are residing in or have been adopted from a shelter or rescue facility in this State are designated as the official State pet of the State of Illinois.  This bill is being addressed by the IFDCO lobbyist with hopes of stopping it.  The bill has not yet been picked up in the Senate but that will probably happen this week.  
  
SB1884 Synopsis As Introduced Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Provides that a research facility, after the completion of any research involving a dog or cat, shall assess the health of the dog or cat and determine whether it is suitable for adoption. Provides that a research facility shall make reasonable efforts to offer for adoption a dog or cat determined to be suitable. Provides that a research facility that provides dogs or cats to an animal adoption organization is immune from any civil liability under the Act except for willful or wanton misconduct. Requires research facilities to have a research facility adoption policy made available on the facility's website. Defines "research facility".  The IFDCO (and the University of Illinois Vet Clinic and other facilities) opposes this bill because the facilities already have placement programs operating so this bill creates unnecessary duplication and mandates.  It is reported that this bill is backed by the Beagle Freedom Project which apparently wishes to end animal research.

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**>< BRAGS ><**

Starwyre Once in a Blue Moon was Winners Bitch for 1 point at Progress City Show n Friday under judge William Potter. ~Lori Yotter

***BRAGS FROM OUR CLASSES……***

***CONGRATULATIONS!***