



Barks and Tails

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MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is *Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at Kay's Bar-B-Cue, 1552 King St. (SR 520), Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm.* Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00.

Directions: From I95, take Exit201 (SR 520 toward Cocoa Beach. Travel to Clearlake Road and make a U-turn. Kay's is on the north side of 520.

Website: <http://www.kaysbarbque.com>.

2018-2019 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Edna Corney
Vice-President	Leslie Glaze Kovacs
Secretary	Kristin Halkovic
Treasurer	Maureen Finch
Directors	Catherine Crampton
	Marsha Dyal
	Donna Lee

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FIRST AND FORMOST I WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANNUKAH, AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The November show is finished and Catherine has some exciting news about our December show.

At the meeting, when no waitresses are there, we will be talking about moving the meeting to another venue. El Charos in Cocoa Village has a room large enough for us. As long as we have enough people, he will not let anyone else in the room.

A couple of us went to try it out and unfortunately we did not care for the food. The owner asked me if I liked the food and I told him that I didn't like Mexican food in Mexico. He offered to cook me a hot dog.

I am spoiled, though. A group of us went to a Mexican restaurant in Ocala and Maureen ordered something wonderful and shared.

If you haven't been to El Charos, please stop and try it out.

If people have no other ideas, we will vote on the move.

SPEAKING OF FOOD, AS YOU KNOW THIS MEETING IS OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING. PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

See everyone soon.

Edna



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 7, 2018

With notice having been given, and a quorum present, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Brevard Kennel Club was called to order at 7:10pm by Board Member, Catherine Crampton.

Attendance – on file with Secretary

Minutes – not available

Treasurer Report – Maureen Finch – on file

Show Report – Catherine Crampton

The November show went without incident. It was suggested that we negotiate with the Ocala Club to not charge \$20 to park an RV for the day with no hook ups. Pam Hinton asked if we wanted to purchase coffee from Hot Java for the show in November 2019 or continue to make our own. We will make our own coffee.

The premium for the December show is out. We will do volunteer sign up for the December show at our December 5th meeting. Two club members would like to see us offer Veteran Classes as well as Puppy Classes.

Fast CAT – Marsha Dyal

We have been approved by AKC to hold our Fast CAT on February 2nd and 3rd 2019 at the property on 524 in Cocoa. We will need plenty of volunteers to set up on Friday evening and tear down on Sunday afternoon.

Match – Jewel McDonald

Our B Match is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Fox Lake Park in Titusville. Jewel will reach out to Leslie Kovacs and Heidi Petersen about putting on a carting or drafting event and ask Canine Star Training Academy if they want to offer

a Scent Workshop. Jewel will also see if Dr. McDaniel would like to offer a health clinic of some type. We are going to need volunteers for this event.

Disaster Trailer – Edna Corney

The trailer is at the Sheriff's office in Melbourne. They are doing a publicity photo shoot on Friday, November 9th at 1:30.

Property – Maureen Finch

We are waiting on Kristin Halkovic to email the contract to Jewel so Jewel can send the contract to her attorney for review.

New Business

Tracey Eberhardt and Melody Gibson attended the NAIA meetings in Orlando and will provide a report at our January 2019 meeting. The 2019 Police Canine Competition will be held on Saturday, October 12, please mark your calendars.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.



New Grand Champion Sunset's Kickstart My Heart. Finished her GCH being awarded Select Bitch at the Ocala show on November 3rd. The previous day, at the BKC show, the judge made my year by pulling us out of a strong group of Brittanys considering her for Best of Breed! Alas, we didn't get BOB, but BOS.

Valerie Davis

Florida Amendment 13 to Ban Greyhound Racing in Connection with Wagering Passes, No Impact on AKC Events Expected

Florida voters approved a new state constitutional amendment that will phase out commercial dog racing in the state in connection with wagering by 2020. *Passage of this amendment means that Florida will join 40 other U.S. states that ban this practice.* The amendment passed with 69% of voters supporting the amendment. The amendment provides that after December 31, 2020, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations may not race greyhounds or any other dog in connection with any wager for money (or any other thing of value) on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in Florida. The new amendment only applies to those who are approved by the state to conduct racing operations related to gambling.

Santa Paws for the Cause!



Photos with Santa

Sunday, December 2nd
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Benefitting:



at

Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo)
Cocoa Village, Florida



4x6 Color Photos w/Keepsake Frame



Goody
Bags!

Only \$10.00

No appointment
necessary!

HOSTED BY:



All pets must be on a leash (or in appropriate carriers), and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends. For more information, call: (321) 305-4584

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*Happy Holidays
from the Orlando Cluster*

*Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Inc.
Brevard Kennel Club, Inc.
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.*



***Orange County Convention Center
North/South Building
9899 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
December 11, 12 & 13, 2018***

A reception to honor the memory of Betty Page will be held after best in show on Wednesday, December 12.

Appropriate Behavior at Dog Shows Is Key for Breeders

By Allan Reznik

Not all of the judging at a dog show takes place in the ring. As a breeder-exhibitor, your demeanor and interactions with others will be judged from the moment you set foot on the showgrounds. Stewards, the superintendent and AKC field staff, the show committee, the media, fellow exhibitors, and, perhaps most importantly, the public, will assess and remember how you speak to them. Here is where courtesy, patience, and good sportsmanship count, as much as expert grooming of your prized exhibit.

Spectators attending a show are in awe of the exquisite dogs, the sparkling trophies, and the distinguished-looking judges. They walk through the grooming area, see everyone diligently brushing and blow-drying, and honestly don't know when it's okay to approach an exhibitor and ask if they can touch your dog or take a photo. This is the time to point to a stack of business cards on your grooming table and an open photo album they can flip through. Tell them what time your breed will be judged and in what ring. If they make it back to your grooming setup for a later chat, great. If they don't, they now have your contact information to follow up with a phone call or email about puppy availability.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars change hands in the dog game, yet it's amazing how many longtime participants still tear out the back page of the catalog to scribble down their name and number when an interested party approaches them. Would you feel confident dealing with a lawyer or

accountant who scribbled down his name and number on a slip of scrap paper? Not likely. Yet, you are potentially selling someone a puppy with a much higher price tag than the cost of doing a tax return. That calls for a professional image and great PR.

Do what you can to stand out at a show, whether you are a club member or not. Make the most of your day. Does the club offer a "Meet the Breeds" display or a parade of purebreds in the ring during the lunch break? Volunteer to participate. It's a great showcase, not only for your breed but also for your kennel, as it distinguishes you from your many peers. An ad in the show catalog achieves the same thing. Just as people buy a souvenir program or T-shirt at a concert, they tend to think of a catalog in the same way: a memento of their day. Be sure your ad can be found in that "book of memories." It's a nominal investment that can pay big dividends.

You entered your well-bred dog at the show to impress the judge and take home points, a breed win, or a group placement. But remember that you want to impress the public, as well, which includes potential puppy buyers, reporters from the local newspaper and TV station, and busloads of students and schoolteachers on a class field trip. They don't give two hoots about your breed standard, but they will remember the kind breeder with the beautiful dogs who spoke knowledgeably about dog shows and made time for them to take a picture with a perfectly groomed champion.

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