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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

First, I want to remind you to save the date for and come to the Holiday Party and Membership Meeting on December 12 at the Marion Township Hall, located at 2877 W. Coon Rd., Howell. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and the party will begin at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass, and the club will supply the meat. Please plan on a gift exchange by bringing a \$15 gift. We have had fun the last few years with the Pirate Exchange, but if you have other ideas for fun ways to exchange gifts, please let me or Cathy Renkema know.

Second, I want to gush over our Agility Trial held October 24 and 25 at the Kalamazoo Kennel Club. Once again we had less than ideal weather. Saturday was rainy, but not as cold as last year. Sunday was pretty nice, though. We had great worker participation with almost all exhibitors pitching in as well as our members without whom we couldn't have handled a two day trial. I want to list everyone who helped, but I'm afraid I will leave someone off. Sunday took over the lead on the trials and did a fabulous job heading everything up. Roz and her husband were invaluable. Robbi, Cathy R., Kathy D., Sue, Amy, Tracy, Jeri, Mikie, Tami, and Joan stand out as people who helped. Thanks to Heather and Liz for handling the Conformation Shows so we could do both on the same weekend. Thank you always to Lori for all of your contributions including transporting our Agility judge. We had a very successful weekend, and despite the work, it was fun! Congratulations to all who had qualifying runs and earned new titles. I hope to read their brags in this issue.

Third, I want to thank Cathy for a beautiful Membership Directory! I know she worked hard on this and went above and beyond to make the ads look their best and to get the Directory printed and ready for distribution at the October Show. Thanks for a quality Club Directory!

I hope to see you all at our Meeting and Party on December 12!

Thanks,

Ann

2009 ASC of Michigan Events:

11:30 am ~ December 12-General Membership Meeting

1:00 pm Annual Holiday Party

April 16,17, & 18 ~ Kalamazoo Kennel Club
Conformation & Obedience

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May 28, 29, 30, & 31 ~ St. Joseph County Grange
Conformation & Obedience

Lori Anglemyer - 269-544-0203

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June 19 ~ Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds
Conformation

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July 2, 3, & 4 ~ Midland County Fairgrounds
Conformation & Obedience

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September 3, 4, 5 & 6 ~ Branch County Fairgrounds

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Other ASCA Shows:

Buckeye ASC~ November 21 & 22

Agility Trial

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Upper Midwest ASC ~November 27-28

Agility Trial

<http://www.uppermidwestasc.com/>

Heart of New York ASC ~ December 5-6

Conformation & Obedience

<http://honyasc.com/>

Upper Midwest ASC ~December 12-13

Conformation & Obedience

<http://www.uppermidwestasc.com/>

Great Lakes ASC ~ January 23, 2010

One Conformation Show

<http://www.greatlakesasc.org>

Current MSU Cancer Studies:

You can find a list of current canine cancer studies at MSU here:

<http://cvm.msu.edu/hospital/clinical-research/oncology/the-role-of-genetics-in-cancer-that-occurs-in-purebred-dogs>

Did You Know???

- That all show results are now published on the ASCA website. <http://www.asca.org/DogandShowResults>
- That you may renew your ASCA membership online at <http://www.asca.org/MembershipRenewal>
- That you may look up ASCA shows all over the country at <http://www.asca.org/Events/EventCalender>
- That all forms and rule books can be downloaded at <http://www.asca.org/FormsandRuleBooks>

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If you have any funny/cute pictures you would like to share in The Pause, please email them to me with a brief explanation and I will try and publish a new one each edition of the newsletter!



I thought it might be nice to get to know everyone a little better, so every month I will spotlight a different club member or two. I will publish the answers in the next *Aussie Pause*.

1. I was born in the month of APRIL.
 2. My favorite thing to do with my aussie is JUST HANG OUT/VOLUNTEER/GO TO DOG SHOWS.
 3. I have HAZEL eyes.
 4. My favorite food is MEXICAN.
 5. A hobby (besides aussies) of mine is MY HARLEY.
 6. My favorite show venue is ASCA IN GENERAL ring.
 7. My favorite color is PINK (right now).
 8. I have owned an aussie for SIX years.
 9. I have attended ONE ASCA Nationals.
 10. The farthest state/place I have ever traveled to show was INDIANA.
 11. My favorite liquid refreshment is VODKA & CRAN BERRY OR COFFEE IN THE MORNING.
 12. My favorite season of the years is FALL.
 13. The one thing I would like to learn to do with my aussie is TRACKING (it seems very cool).
 14. I have (fake) BLOND hair.
 15. I own ONE (two in my house) cat(s).
 16. My favorite store is PET STORE, THEN KOHL'S.
 17. To relax I HANG WITH MY DOG/GET AWAY FROM PEOPLE.
 18. My favorite vacation was COLORADO.
 19. The state I would like the 2013 ASCA Nationals to be in is MICHIGAN.
 20. My aussies favorite toy is BALL/FRISBIE.
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1. I was born in the month of JULY.
 2. My favorite thing to do with my aussie is OBEDIENCE CLASSES
 3. I have HAZEL eyes.
 4. My favorite food is GRILLED SALMON.
 5. A hobby (besides aussies) of mine is HOME IMPROVEMENT
 6. My favorite show venue is NON REGULAR PUPPY ring.
 7. My favorite color is SAGE GREEN.
 8. I have owned an aussie for 37 years.

9. I have attended EIGHT ASCA Nationals.
10. The farthest state/place I have ever traveled to show was COLORADO.
11. My favorite liquid refreshment is STARBUCKS MOCHA/RASBERRY.
12. My favorite season of the years is FALL.
13. The one thing I would like to learn to do with my aussie is RALLY.
14. I have BROWN hair.
15. I own ONE cat(s).
16. My favorite store is MENARDS.
17. To relax I WATCH HGTV.
18. My favorite vacation was COLORADO.
19. The state I would like the 2013 ASCA Nationals to be in is NEW JERSEY OR COLORADO.
20. My aussies favorite toy is SQUEAKY PONY.

1. I was born in the month of SEPTEMBER.
2. My favorite thing to do with my aussie is HANGING-OUT.
3. I have HAZEL eyes.
4. My favorite food is FLANK STEAK.
5. A hobby (besides aussies) of mine is WEAVING OR ANTIQUEING.
6. My favorite show venue is AGILITY ring.
7. My favorite color is TURQUOISE.
8. I have owned an aussie for 27 years.
9. I have attended TOO MANY TO COUNT ASCA Nationals.
10. The farthest state/place I have ever traveled to show was OREGON.
11. My favorite liquid refreshment is BLODDY MARY/CRYSTAL LIGHT.
12. My favorite season of the years is SUMMER.
13. The one thing I would like to learn to do with my aussie is BE BETTER AT STOCK.
14. I have BROWN/GRAY hair.
15. I own ZERO cat(s).
16. My favorite store is K-9.
17. To relax I READ/SLEEP.
18. My favorite vacation was ONE OF MY MANY NATIONALS.
19. The state I would like the 2013 ASCA Nationals to be in is ARIZONA.
20. My aussies favorite toy is WUBBA.

**Last Month's "Who Am I" people were:
Kathy Dawson, Dakota Duvall, and Cathy Renkema**

Wags & Brags

As most of you know, I have returned to college full time to get my RN degree. I received official notice that I made the President's List (Dean's List at other schools). Guess living in the library, drinking lots of coffee, and giving up my social life is worth it.

Amy Hiscock

I am proud to announce that Rowena (Fairoaks Lady-Rowena) has earned her JS-N agility title. Because of her intensity and high drive it has been a bit of a challenge to get to this point, and I have learned patience along the way....a lot of patience :-). She really loves agility, so it has been worth it!

Lee Anne McCarthy

Dave and I would like to congratulate Robbi & Corey Norman on Hank's Best in Show at the October 31st UKC show in La Porte, Indiana. Hank was entered in 2 shows, he took Best in Show in Show #1 under Judge: Karen Johnson and Reserve Best in Show in Show #2 under Judge: Sandra Shaw, with Corey doing an awesome job handling him. Since he was the only Aussie there, they didn't get to finish his Gr CH, but what a wonderful day for them!

We would also like to congratulate all the big winners at our October show. It was really fun learning how an agility trial works and Ann and Sunday supplied a wonderful lunch to all the workers.

Dave & Cathy Renkema

Congratulations to Sisko and Kathy who finished an Agility title at our trial. Way to go!!

Robbi & Corey Norman, Allstar Aussies

A Blast from the Past..... Do You Know Who I Am?



ASHGI News:

ASHGI is aware of the concerns being expressed about the juvenile renal dysplasia (JRD) DNA test. While it is clear that JRD does occur in our breed, as evidenced by necropsy findings on a dog whose owner has been exemplary in bringing this disease to the breed community's attention, it is unclear that this test is the definitive diagnostic tool we had hoped for. At this time, ASHGI has withdrawn support for this particular test until resolution of questions and concerns has been achieved.

We have been in regular contact with Dr. Whiteley, are gathering additional information and we will be consulting with outside experts. We will release more details when we have it, within a few days at most. In the interim, we suggest that anyone planning on having their dogs tested hold off on doing so until we have a better understanding of this situation and can provide our Aussie owners and breeders with more information.

ASHGI Board of Directors

The Journey

As I sit back and watch my dogs sleeping at my feet, my thoughts go back to all the different endeavors we have begun together. What a trip it's been. I think about the dogs long gone to Rainbow bridge that brought me here and the debt of gratitude I owe them. I think about my old dog's path, allowing me to painfully learn to be a better trainer as we walked the maze together, with friends gracious and unselfish in their knowledge and generosity.

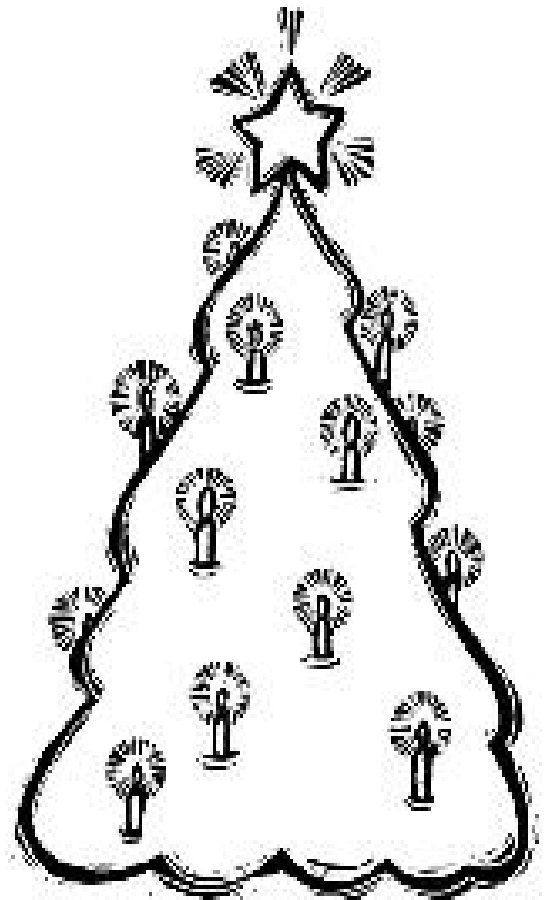
My heart is full of joy, just looking back to our October show, when my 11 year old completed his two Novice agility titles! After 9 years, those dreams have been realized, and it took so long to get here. Although, when I look at Sisko sleeping at my feet, he seems unimpressed with his accomplishments, almost matter of fact, as if it was just another weekend of fun with Mom and now time for rest. His joy has been in the journey. Training with mom, the cookies, the sounds of other toe nails on the A Frame, or in the tunnel... anticipating his turn... WHAT JOY! His joy is truly in the process. Not in little green 'Q' ribbons that sit right now on the dining room table.

Sisko's joy is sharing a path that has been woven from time together. Learning a new trick, being in a church musical production, photo shoot for a print ad, grooming for a show, the camper showing up in the driveway signaling a fun weekend is about to begin, a training class, the ASC of Michigan Shows, hot dog dunking, relay races, showing in the ring, walks around the neighborhood, laying at my side, slurping my feet (yes, he loves that) and laying against my back in bed as we both enter our own world of dreams.

As I look at Sisko, I see the journey that led us to today, the dreams that have been fulfilled and I wonder what more we'll do. As I look at my young two year old sleeping next to Sisko, I see the potential, the dreams that are yet to come. And just like the dogs, when the camper shows up, I'm excited about the journey we are about to take...together.

Kathy Dawson
Voyager Aussies
(It's all about the journey.)

Sundew Cisco Kid, ASCA Pointed, RV-N, JV-N, DNA-VP (Sisko)
Chakotay's Princess of Sundew, DNA-VP (Kira)
UAGII Sundew's Start Your Engines, DNA-VP (Mac)



ASC of Michigan

Annual Christmas Party
December 12, 2009 @ 1:00 pm

Marion Township Hall
2877 W. Coon Rd., Howell

\$15 Pirate Gift Exchange
Please bring a dish to pass.
Meat will be provided by the club.

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Hey Mom,
Please let me go!
It's not that far
down, I see some-
thing moving, and
I need to go get it!

