

MAWA NEWS

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Annual Picnic Scheduled for August 14

The annual MAWA picnic will return to the City of Pine Lake, Sunday, August 14, at noon. Subs will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring some yummy picnic dish for the potluck.

Jean Ward, with Canine Divine, will attend the picnic to demonstrate "paws"itive strokes. Her flyer is inserted in this issue for your information.

Pine Lake has an air-conditioned beach house and shaded picnic area, which we have reserved. You might want to bring lawn chairs to lounge around outside. Doggies are welcome and encouraged, but remember to bring baggies to pick up after them.

Please RSVP to Sheila at 404-292-1580 or sheilaelwin@yahoo.com by August 10, so we can get a headcount for the subs.

DIRECTIONS TO PINE LAKE

- Take I-285 to the east side of Atlanta
- Exit at Memorial Drive, turn outside the perimeter, and go about a mile
- Turn right on Rockbridge Road (major intersection--Dunkin Donuts, bank, church, etc.)
- Go about a mile, passing Rays and Hambrick Roads
- Turn left on Spring, at light immediately past Pine Lake Baptist Church
- Take immediate right on Poplar
- Take immediate left on Pine
- Pine deadends at the beach; turn right and park on your left, just past the beach house

Sheila's cell: 404-295-4136

The deadline for each month's issue is the first day of the preceding month.





Whippet Events

August 14
September 22-26

Annual MAWA Picnic, Pine Lake
Georgia Classic/Southern Specialty, Jonesboro

Newsnotes

• **September Dog Show:** See the attached insert for information about the Georgia Classic/Southern Specialty to be held in Jonesboro. Additionally, there will be lure coursing on Monday; however, the **coursing will be held in Coweta—not Conyers.**

• **PAWS Updates:** The following were received from the AKC as addendums to their letter (inserted in this issue). "In an effort to keep our constituents updated on PAWS we are providing the following email. PAWS FACT: 1) PAWS is Senator

Santorum's bill. It is not AKC's bill. AKC did not write it, and we did not collaborate with any other organization such as HSUS, DDAL, or PETA in contributing language. AKC supports it because it's good for dogs.

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MAWA MINUTES May 10, 2005

Present: Lura Chacon, chair; Shirri Peak, Les Pekarski (acting recording secretary), Marge Ruppel, Chelle Vinson, Doug Vinson

President's Report: Discussed status of annual fees and the importance of accounting.

Recording Secretary's Report: No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: No report (Emi Yang broke her foot.).

Treasurer's Report: Lura Chacon reported monthly balance of \$5,054.80.

COMMITTEES

Show: Marge Ruppel reported all accepted for specialty: application, judge panel, trophies paid, premium list info okay. The following are in charge of these areas:

lunch, Emi Yang; dinner, Jan Swayze Curry; trial, Marge Ruppel, Les Pekarski, and Shirri Peak; trophy, Sue Hammerbeck (flowers). Rita Stovall will be ring steward. Judges: Gary Doerge, regular; Jan Curry, OR's; Chris Durance, sweeps.

Membership: There are 24 regular members and 7 associates. Dues collection will be extended one month. Applications go to Marge Ruppel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rescue Report: Vinsons will meet ??/Gwinnett Paw Fest.

Monday Trial: Moved to Coweta.

Meeting Site: Brookwood Grill.

Meeting adjourned.

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Whippet Help Needed

We received the following communication from a whippet owner. Please respond directly to her.

Hello, I am on a mission to try to identify what is happening to Tate, my 6-year-old Whippet. Maybe someone can enlighten me as I have gone to different vets, specialists, acupuncturists and dog therapy programs to no avail.

About a year ago Tate began "phantom scratching", drawing his hind leg up to his neck, shoulder area, he will hobble around on his other 3 legs. These episodes will occur apparently at random times. Lately however it is brought on by exercise almost always. And it can occur while at rest (doing it laying down). It is hard to tell if he is in any pain. He does not whine or cry out but will limp off very dramatically afterwards.

These episodes can go on for several minutes. I have filmed these and shown it to everyone I could but nobody can come up with any answers. X-rays showed nothing. They seem to be coming on more frequently and we are concerned. Does anyone have any ideas? Please help, we love our boy and are very worried about him.

Carol Flaner
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MAWA MINUTES

June 14, 2005

Present: Lura Chacon, chair; Sheila Elwin, recording secretary; Sue Hammerbeck, Shirri Peak, Les Pekarski, Marge Ruppel, Chelle Vinson, Doug Vinson

May minutes were read by Les Pekarski.

Miscellaneous: Doug Vinson will check on the club's incorporation papers. Shirri Peak will check on MAWA's insurance to see what coverage is. The Vinsons will find out to what (and why) the afghan club switched.

President's Report: AKC sent a notice about holding an event for "Responsible Dog Ownership Day." MAWA might combine with TARA for the event.

Recording Secretary's Report: Explained the main points of the AKC response to our submitted constitution changes. We must have Regular and Associate, but no Pending memberships, but we can require attendance before applying. We can limit the number of meetings per year, but all notifications must be via paper. Discussed sending the newsletter via email, with a simple postcard in the mail for meeting announcements. Lura Chacon will check on how to do the reading of applicants, since we will meet fewer times. Changing the regular meetings to

four times a year (with additional as needed) was suggested.

Treasurer's Report: Membership checks of \$332 were deposited. Monthly balance is \$5,386.80.

COMMITTEES

Show: All applications and judges are in or approved. We need a trophy solicitation letter coordinator to send out letters to the club. Les Pekarski will do some calling around to raise funds.

Field Report: Les Pekarski will get a check from Sue Hammerbeck to hold the Coweta field for September.

Membership: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

July Meeting Site: Napolito's Mexican restaurant off Barrett Parkway.

Picnic: Sheila Elwin will try to reserve Pine Lake for August 7 or 14, depending on the date of the Midwest Specialty. Canine Divine's Jean Ward will come to the picnic to demonstrate "paws"itive strokes.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Newsnotes, Cont...

2) Rescue groups have nothing to fear from PAWS. PAWS does not require regulation of not-for-profit rescue groups. To read more about why rescue groups will not be

negatively impacted by PAWS visit:http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/paws_QA.cfm?page=2#rescue. 3) PAWS does not single out persons who sell or breed hunting or sporting dogs. To read

more about why persons who sell and breed hunting dogs will not be negatively impacted by PAWS visit:[#27](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/paws_QA.cfm?page=2&class=showall).



Upcoming Meetings:

August 14, 2005

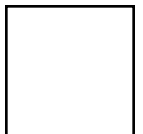
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September 22-26, 2005

Southern Specialty - see inside flyer



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

MAWA Specialty

Breed: Gary Deorge

Sweeps: Chris Durance

JrShowmanship: Jan Swayze-Curry

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MAWA Supported Entry

Breed: Sandy Frei

AWC Southern Specialty Sweepstakes

(30 minutes after BIS)

Sweeps: Johnnie M. Roe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

AWC Southern Specialty

Breed: Barbara Alderman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

AWC Supported Entry

Breed: Carol Curry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER

ASFA/AKC JC Lure Coursing

Contact: Les Pekarski, 770-975-7134

• **ASFA Lure Coursing; AKC JC Test**

• **Judge's Education** (contact R. Tincher)

• **Raffle & Silent Auction**

• **MAWA/AWC Dinner**

Friday during Sweeps judging; contact Marge Ruppel,
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SUPERINTENDENT: Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC

REGISTRATION: www.onofrio.com

HOST HOTELS: **Drury Inn—Atlanta South, Prop. #94**
6520 S. Lee Street, Morrow, GA
(800-325-0720); \$56/1-4 people;
must use "Metro Atlanta
Whippet Association" for rate;
reserve by September 1

Red Roof Inn (770-968-1483)
1348 Southlake Plaza Dr., Morrow
\$59.99/double; must use "Confirm.
#B114MAW" for rate by September 1

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Dear Dog Lover:

July 7, 2005

On May 26, 2005 Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) introduced a new bill, the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (PAWS), intended to amend the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The AKC supports this bill and believes it is good for dogs and for our constituents.

- PAWS offers a reasonable balance between addressing a changing marketplace where dogs are sold over the Internet and imported from foreign countries, and protecting breeders from excessive regulation.
- The bill strengthens the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ability to enforce compliance with the AWA and to identify persons who are evading it.

Of interest to hobby breeders:

- The bill would for the first time create a specific exemption for small breeders and dealers, instead of classifying them as retail pet stores, as they are now.
- To be subject to the provisions of the bill, a breeder would have to breed 7 or more litters **AND** sell 25 or more dogs each year.
- Over 96 percent of customers who register litters with the AKC will not be affected by PAWS.

Of interest to commercial breeders:

- The AKC very much supports all breeders who register their litters with us. We appreciate your cooperation with our own inspection program to ensure the standards that our registry requires.
- By supporting PAWS, breeders can indicate to the general public -- their ultimate customer -- that they are dedicated to providing healthy, happy pets. We feel this bill is an opportunity for the many responsible commercial breeders who do business with the AKC to distinguish themselves.
- The percentage of our litter registrants who are covered by the "dealer" definition in PAWS is under 4 percent, and more than 2 percent of those are already covered by existing law.
- The AKC is not allied with any animal rights organizations. In fact, AKC's influence has resulted in reasonable legislation protecting the rights of breeders and dog owners.

Some erroneous information has been spread about this bill. To get the facts, please visit our PAWS "Question and Answers" page, which is prominently displayed on the AKC home page at www.akc.org. If you have further questions, please email us at Doglaw@akc.org.

We trust that once you have familiarized yourself with the details of PAWS, you will join us in support of a bill that is good for dogs and those who love them.

Respectfully,

Ron Menaker
Chairman, American Kennel Club

Dennis Sprung
President, American Kennel Club