

## **May 2011 President's Message**

There is a great deal going on at the TVKC. Our annual elections will be held on Tuesday May 17, 2011 at our regular meeting room. There were no nominations from the floor at the April meeting so the slate of nominated officers will officially be voted in at this meeting. Our program this month will be a doggie version of the family game show "the family feud" I hope you will plan to join us for the meeting as well as the program.

The November cluster plans are well under way. The Judges have been hired and the premium list preparation has begun. If you wish to donate a trophy please be sure to contact Carol Sommerfelt at 865-986-1614 or by e-mail at [csommerfelt@embryodonation.org](mailto:csommerfelt@embryodonation.org) for 2011 the cluster will again be offering the beautiful pottery from Alewine Pottery in Gatlinburg. Paula Smiddy and Bernadine Luketich are well into the planning stages of our sanctioned B-OB match and meet the breeds day at Market Square in Knoxville on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, more information can be found on our clubs web site.

Following a report from Beth White on the performance vision committee the board approved a proposal to move forward on a plan to locate a suitable training facility as well as funding to provide for agility equipment to be used for training purposes. Beth and several other members are in the process of securing a site and determining equipment needs.

The board also approved a motion to dedicate the upcoming November Shows in memory of long time member Roberto Jimenez who passed away suddenly last month.

Our annual Club Awards will be held at the June meeting. This year we will be having a picnic meeting to be held at the "Two River Pavilion" in Louisville, TN. The club will be furnishing Hamburgers and Hot dogs for grilling, Jean Dinkins is furnishing the beverages and the club members are asked to bring a "Pot Luck" side dish and condiments. The Meeting/Pot Luck will start at 6:00 PM so bring a dish, a healthy appetite and enjoy the food, fellowship, and awards with your fellow members. And as always guests are invited it would be great if each member would invite just one guest to the picnic/meeting so we can meet more of our fellow dog lovers in the Knoxville area.

Our club continues to grow as we have welcomed several new members this year and have several more already in the membership process. DruAnne Martin is representing the club at a meeting of the group trying to make Knoxville the "Most pet friendly city in America". We all look forward to hearing what she reports back to the club. Speaking of DruAnne I would like to extend the club's best wishes to her and fellow member Dave Nutzell as they will be married on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The happy couple will be residing in Lenoir City and we wish them years of great Happiness.

Just a reminder that the club is always looking for volunteers to serve on committees, work at shows, trials, and events. Volunteering is a great way to get involved with many of your fellow members and learn about them, their breeds and interests as well as share in their knowledge of the various aspects of the world of purebred dogs. I encourage everyone to get involved, don't wait to be asked just let any board member know your area of interest and we will direct you to the right place. For those of you that may be "New" to the sport please do not feel that you do not have enough experience to get involved, just remember everyone, even the seasoned veterans were New to all of this at one time or another. It is working together and sharing new ideas and information that allows us to grow.

That's it for now I hope to see everyone at the upcoming May meeting.

Walter Sommerfelt

President TVKC