



GRIFFIN GEORGIA KENNEL CLUB

May, 2011 Issue

President: Walt Sanderson – V. Pres: Lois Milligan – Secretary: Tammy Sasso – Treasurer: Deb Vanhuss
Board Members: Helen Sanderson - Noel Clarke - Willie Crawford

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

7:30 P. M.

Ryan's Steakhouse
1323 N. Expressway
Griffin, GA
770-233-3326

No Board meeting this month

The days are flying! Here it is, time for another GGKC meeting! I, for one, always look forward to the meetings. We have the friendliest group of members of any club around, and it's fun to get together.

There is an interesting blurb put out by AKC about some proposals in Texas. AKC makes a good point about getting input from the dog fancy before passing pertinent bills. Find that information in this newsletter.

Walt asked me to include these words from the Prez:

"I would like more of our members to come to meetings. Lots of exciting things are going to be happening and I would like all the members to be a part of it."

Well said, Prez!

See you at the meeting!

Willie



"Squirrels ... ya can't live with 'em,
ya can't live without 'em."

Griffin Georgia Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2011

Walt opened the meeting 7:35 P.M.

Secretary's Report

Lois moved to accept the minutes from March and Duane seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Helen gave the report due to Deb's absence.

New Business

Walt read a letter from UGA thanking the club for our donation. Cheryl Bettis is the recipient of our donation. The sponsor's dinner is April 29 if anyone wants to attend. Cheryl Bettis also sent a thank you note to the club. Walt will ask Keith if he would like to attend.

The date of the match is confirmed for Saturday, September 24.

Helen reported she has been working with Willie to form a judges' panel with the cluster for the August show. Lois and Sue are working on the trophies.

We will decide on a date for the summer picnic at the next meeting.

Duane moved to adjourn at 7:48 and Tammy seconded the motion.

Tammy Sasso, Secretary

Members present: Walt Sanderson, Helen Sanderson, Tammy Sasso, Duane Sasso, Lois Milligan, Kelly Burge, Stephanie Hawkins, Beverly Mitchell, and Jay Berkowitz

Texas House Bill Substitute

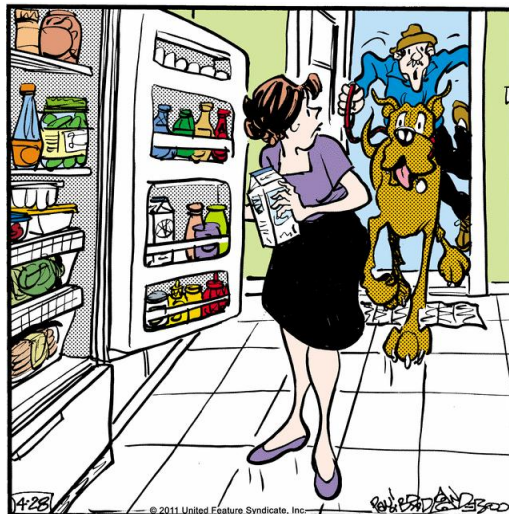
Texas House Bill 2116 has been replaced with a substitute and has been sent to the Local and Consent Calendar for scheduling.

The new bill will prohibit the stacking of crates or cages unless there is an impervious barrier between them. HB 2116 directs the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study regarding the proper care and conditions for dogs and cats and to report those findings to the appropriate legislative chairs.

HB 2116 provides that rules may be adopted based on the study, but it is unclear whether those rules must be proposed by the legislative committees or if the Health and Human Services Commission is allowed to adopt them unilaterally. AKC strongly believes that any new standards should be presented through the legislative process and that impacted owners and breeders have the opportunity to comment on them to their elected officials.

The bill states that, ~~any~~ member of a club or an affiliate organization of a national kennel club whose mission is stated in the charter and bylaws to "advocate the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership" is exempt from rules that may be adopted.+

While the AKC appreciates this proposed exemption, we feel that a more effective strategy would be to convene a stakeholder group composed of responsible breeders, owners, sportsmen, rescue groups and others responsible owners that could draft a set of guidelines based on accepted animal husbandry practices. AKC opposes this legislation as currently drafted and encourages responsible owners and breeders to contact their Representatives in Texas and ask them to oppose this measure.



"His hearing is amazing! We were five blocks away!"