

THE BARKER BLOG

2023 HOLIDAY PARTY

Moore County Kennel Club held its Annual Holiday Party Wednesday, December 6 at Valenti's Italian Restaurant in Vass. The only thing better than the food was the company. Members, Applicants and Guests and Friends considering joining Moore County Kennel Club were present, as well as the very special friends of our Club from the Pet Responsibility Committee.

The party began with the very capable Betty Chapman and Beth Verner handing out Name Tags to partygoers. People of all ages, including a couple of lovely Junior-aged kids, came in and sat one of six tables Valenti's had decorated with the holiday theme. The club added to the festive decor with bags of dog cookies ready to take home, as well as festive candies sprinkled throughout. Valenti's Christmas Tree was lit and decorated beautifully. And our Club's Banner was displayed with pride.

Attendees were welcomed by Corresponding & Recording Secretary Ellen Pfann with: "It's so nice to be in a room with other people who relate every single major life event by which dog they owned.

And then, President Jane Hammett Bright introduced the guests attending.

That was followed by a toast – we all had some very nice sparkling wine!

Buffet Dinner was served. Everyone thought it was delicious!

While dessert was being served, we played a rousing game of "DOG SPORT JEOPARDY," which featured the categories of BREEDS, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, LET'S EAT (foods dogs can and cannot eat), JUMP (Agility), SIT MEANS SIT (Obedience / Rally), and CLUB HISTORY. Correct answers were rewarded with candy being thrown at them. It was a fun and educational experience for all!

The event was truly a fantastic opportunity to build on existing friendships and make new. And if it is any indication of the things in store for this club in 2024, then we will have a fun-filled year ahead.

A special thank you to Melissa Dewitt and Ursula Walsh for helping to set up!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FRIENDS!

BOARD MEETING

The Final Board Meeting in 2023. First, thank you to our outgoing Board Members. You have been among the most talented and hardest working board members ever for this club. Thank you for your Leadership and Commitment to our Club.

At this meeting, the board discussed the Treasury, Membership, New Software, the Upcoming (now past) Holiday Party, The Benefits of using Rising Star for Agility, FAST CAT, and CAT Trials, the Palmetto To Pines Cluster, as well as a commitment to apply branding to each of our events in 2024. [GET UP TO DATE, CLICK HERE.](#)

CANINE UPPER RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Precautions Regarding Canine Upper Respiratory Illness There are a lot of unknowns about this newest canine illness. We should all do our best to avoid the spread of this disease by following these basic recommendations from the AKC.

[READ MORE BY CLICKING HERE](#)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Currently 63 Members. 3 Applications have been approved by the BOD and were read to General Membership: Angel Rosa / Billiejo Anderson-Rosa, Ann Marie Saunier, Annette Giraud. The Membership is scheduled to vote on their applications at the January Meeting.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year! **RENEW YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP** to Moore County Kennel Club by December 31, 2023.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Renewal Form. Check Payable to MCKC, mailed to Betty Chapman (address on Renewal Form).

Single = \$15; Two Adults = \$20; Family = \$25.

UPCOMING DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

KEY: **Membership Meetings** **Board Meetings** **Agility Trials** **Dog Shows** **FAST & CAT**

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - Board of Directors Zoom Call 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 3, 2023 - DINE & DOG TALK - Annual Meeting, Elections

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 19-21, 2024 - Moore County Kennel Club Agility Trials

Monday, January 29, 2024 - BOARD MEETING BY ZOOM, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 1, 2024 - GENERAL MEETING, DINE AND DOG TALK, 6:00 PM

February 9-11, 2024 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday - MCKC's FAST CAT AND CAT

Monday, March 4, 2024 - BOARD ZOOM at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 - GENERAL MEETING / DINE & DOG TALK at 6:00 PM

Monday, April 1, 2024 - ZOOM BOARD MTG, 6 PM

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - DINE & DOG TALK, 6:00 PM

April 25-28, 2024 - PALMETTO TO PINES CLUSTER -- Thursday-Friday MCKC, Saturday-Sunday/MBKC. All-Breed Conformation

Monday, April 29, 2024 - ZOOM BOARD MEETING, 6:00 PM