

# Papillon Club of Iowa

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**NEWS** December 2010



## President's Message

The Board was saddened to receive the resignation of Cindy Murray this month. Cindy was a founding member of PCI and contributed many hours to the club. At a special meeting, board members voted to have Nancy O'Connell fill the Treasurer's vacancy.

Wendy Rios volunteered to take back the job as PCI's webmaster. Thank you so much, Wendy; the website is an important tool in our outreach.

Many thanks to Bernie Postle for chairing the B/OB Match in October. Bernie drove 8 hours round trip the day of the match, took care of the AKC approvals and paperwork, and donated a package of goodies-trophies for each participant. It takes such special people for the club to move forward, and Bernie is one of those people!

You will see in the October minutes that we have tapped three people to serve as Breeder Referral Contact, Education Coordinator, and Legislative Liaison. These three, Phyllis Fleming, Nancy O'Connell, and Bernie Postle, will be helping to promote PCI in various ways. They can use your help with these committees—please share your thoughts and time with them.

At a special board meeting on December 13, the Board voted to support members' request to help Deb Cawley, PCA member in Louisiana, get back on her feet after a devastating fire which destroyed her home. For those

that do not know, Deb not only lost her home and its contents, but also one of her papillons, a litter of four puppies and other pets. PCI will be sending a check immediately for \$150.

Soon I will be asking for help with the PCA Midwest Regional Specialty to be held on Friday, September 9, 2011 in Des Moines and the 2010 Five Seasons Cluster in Amana. If you would consider helping with the organization of the specialty or with trophies, give me a call.

I came across this timely bit of wisdom recently, and it is worth sharing: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success!!"

As always, it's my honor to serve as your President.

*John Shonts*

## B/OB Match Report By Bernie Postle

The Papillon Club of Iowa held a B-OB match on October 30, 2010. This was the first time obedience was held at one of our matches. We now have AKC permission to hold all-breed obedience at future matches which significantly helps PCI in covering associated expenses.

There were a total of 17 dogs and 22 entries. Unfortunately, a few of the conformation entries were unable to attend. Best Puppy in Match was Pilot Winghaven Neil Armstrong owned by John and Beth Shonts. Highest Scoring Dog in Match was Novice B Golden Retriever, MVP Char-Tine's Ziva Jh RN, owned by Charlene Wilson with a score of 194 ½.

Our appreciation to our PCI members participating: Phyllis Fleming (Caprice X-tra Special Design), Nancy O'Connell (Zelicaon Ravishing Rosa) and Jill Clarke . No adult dogs were entered in conformation.

After the match we ate delicious food provided by Beth Shonts.

The match report was sent to AKC in a timely manner. AKC responded stating everything was in order.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bernie Postle*

## **The Legislative Front** by Bernie Postle, AKC Legislative Liaison

Much has happened in dog and other animal legislation in 2010 -- most of it not good. The HSUS has been very busy spending millions of dollars in several states to get their agendas passed. HSUS plays the sympathy card to get the general public to support the agenda. They will find the worse of the worse breeder, dairy/beef farmer, egg producer etc. to parade before the public, twist words and pictures to make people believe this is the norm of the industry.

Thirty-two states have an organized group or federation to fight anti-dog/pet legislation. Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin have active groups whereas Iowa and Minnesota have no organizations. Without an organization it is difficult to fight anti-dog legislation. Controversial legislation can be attached to other bills or go unnoticed when initially introduced. By the time a vote is to be taken it is very difficult for individuals to be effective in fighting the legislation. Iowa breeders found this out.

So what can you as an individual do? If your state has a group, join your state group. If no group is functioning in your state join NAIA, National Animal Interest Alliance or SAOVA, Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance. Once you join be sure you join any Yahoo group they may have so you can stay up to date on the latest news.

Nationally the biggest problem we as breeders are facing is the PUPS bill. If this bill is passed it will be devastating to the responsible breeder. We do have a chance that PUPS will not be voted upon in the lame duck congress; currently there are 145 co-signers in the house. Check to see if your representative or senator is a sponsor. In Illinois, four of the co-signers were voted out of office. I hope this is true in all the states.

In individual states, Missouri's Puppy Mill Cruelty Act passed. HSUS will now try to do the same in other states. Over 4 million dollars was raised to pass this legislation, HSUS contributing over half. Wayne Pacelle recently had a town hall meeting in Nebraska. Even though he insisted Nebraska was not next on the "hit list," well, we know Wayne always tells the truth. BTW Nebraska does not have a federation.

To find out if your state has a federation go to [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and look under legislation.

ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS AND OWNERS – [www.ifdco.org](http://www.ifdco.org)

MISSOURI FEDERATION OF ANIMAL OWNERS – [www.mofed.org](http://www.mofed.org)

DOG FEDERATION OF WISCONSIN – [www.dfow.net](http://www.dfow.net)

NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE – [www.naiaonline.org](http://www.naiaonline.org)

SPORTSMAN'S & ANIMAL OWNER'S VOTING ALLIANCE – <http://saova.org>

Now that you know where to look, get involved!

## Meet the Breed Event

The Central Iowa Kennel Club is hosting a “Meet the Breed” event during their annual all-breed dog show, Saturday, January 22, 2011. Meet the Breed is a special event where breeders/exhibitors/handlers are invited to present their breeds to spectators. Quality representatives of each breed are presented to give the public a point of comparison before purchasing a puppy. Time slots are about 45 minutes.

This will definitely help PCI fulfill our AKC requirements for licensing. Beth and John Shonts will represent the club, but anyone is also welcome to participate. The time slot has not been assigned, but ring times will be taken into consideration.

## Next General PCI Meeting

A regular meeting is scheduled for January 22 during the Central Iowa Kennel Club show in Des Moines. (Entries close for this show on January 5.) We'll send out a reminder as to the exact time and place. If there is anything you would like placed on the agenda, please email John Shonts at [bshonts@q.com](mailto:bshonts@q.com) or call at 515-238-0423.

## Membership Dues

It's that time of year again! PCI's fiscal year closes December 31, so look for your 2011 dues statement this month in your mail or email box!

## How to Wrap Gifts with Dogs in the House

From “The Way Home” Papillon Haven Rescue. Found on the Internet author unknown [http://www.dogbreedz.com/dog\\_articles/dogarticle/wrap\\_presents\\_with\\_dogs.htm](http://www.dogbreedz.com/dog_articles/dogarticle/wrap_presents_with_dogs.htm)

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc., in middle of living room floor.
2. Get tape back from puppy.
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth.
4. Open box.
5. Take puppy out of box.
6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth.
7. Take scissors away from puppy.
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth.
10. Put gift back in box after removing puppy from box.
11. Take scissors from older dog and sit on them.
12. Remove puppy from box and put on lid.
13. Take tape away from older dog.
14. Unroll paper.
15. Take puppy OFF box.
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as it “helps.”
17. Let puppy tear remaining paper.
18. Take puppy off box.
19. Wrap paper around box.
20. Remove puppy from box and take wrapping paper from its mouth.
21. Tell older dog to fetch the tape so he will stop stealing it.
22. Take scissors away from puppy.
23. Take tape older dog is holding.
24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog and sit on them again.
25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape and tape another spot.
26. Take bow from older dog.
27. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with.
28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
30. Remove puppy from gift and hurriedly slap tape on.
31. Take now soggy bow from puppy and tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
32. Take pen from older dog, address tag, and affix while puppy tries to eat pen.
33. Grab present before puppy opens it and put it away.
34. Clean up mess puppy and older dog made playing tug-of-war with remnants of wrapping paper.
35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies and tell dogs what good helpers they are!

**(This completely mirrors our experience with Holly this year, so I had to share. December 25 is Holly's first Christmas with us and her first birthday. She's a little dickens! BS)**

## **PCI Board Meeting Minutes October 30, 2010 (Draft)**

A regular meeting of the Papillon Club of Iowa Board of Directors was called to order on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. at Canine Craze Performance Center, 3101 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3, Urbandale, IA by John Shonts, President.

Members present: John Shonts, Phyllis Fleming, Beth Shonts, Cindy Murray, Nancy O'Connell and Jill Clark.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

There were no reports from the President or Vice President.

### **Unfinished Business**

Shows. Phyllis Fleming proposed that PCI consider a supported entry on Saturday after the Midwest Regional Specialty. PCA offers trophies for the supported show consisting of medallions for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. Medallions are also available as other prizes: High in Trial, Best Junior Handler, etc. If PCI were to proceed with a supported entry, PCA must have a proposal 8 months prior to the event and the Des Moines Kennel Club must have the information in January 2011. A vote will be taken at the general meeting.

### **New Business**

Website. Cindy Murray reported that the current website has some limitations. She suggested changing to Blue Host for its ease of use, bandwidth, low price and email hosting. The cost would be \$4.95 per month. Beth Shonts moved that Cindy proceed in obtaining a contract on or about January 1, 2011. The motion carried.

Beth Shonts suggested that PCI appoint a Breeder Referral Contact, Public Education Coordinator, and Legislative Liaison. In this way, PCI can show continuous development of the club. The following members volunteered: Phyllis Fleming, Breeder Referral Contact;

Nancy O'Connell, Public Education Coordinator; Bernie Postle, Legislative Liaison.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

## **PCI General Meeting Minutes October 30, 2010 (Draft)**

A regular meeting of the Papillon Club of Iowa was called to order on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 2:15 p.m. at Canine Craze Performance Center, 3101 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3, Urbandale, IA by John Shonts, President.

Members present: John Shonts, Phyllis Fleming, Beth Shonts, Cindy Murray, Nancy O'Connell, Jill Clark, and Bernie Postle.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

There were no reports from the President, Vice-President, or Secretary.

### **Unfinished Business**

Cindy Murray will file the PCI incorporation papers and include the required fees. Once PCI is incorporated, insurance costs will be about \$600 per year. PCI would be applying for 501(3)(c) status so that the organization would not have to pay taxes.

### **New Business**

President Shonts appointed three committee chairs: Bernie Postle, Legislative Liaison; Nancy O'Connell, Public Education Coordinator; Phyllis Fleming, Breeder Referral. Beth Shonts will notify AKC of the new chair positions.

Phyllis Fleming will research and come back with a proposal to promote PCI breeders to the public.

Phyllis Fleming initiated discussion of a supported entry on Saturday following the Midwest Regional Specialty in Des Moines in September 2011. A motion was made by Beth Shonts "to support the Papillon entry on Saturday

with PCA Medallions provided that there would be no cost to PCI.” The motion carried.

Pictures from the 2010 Midwest Regional Specialty in Des Moines will be posted on the PCI website.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2010 at a place to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

## Special Board Meeting Minutes December 13, 2010 (Draft)

A special meeting of the Papillon Club of Iowa Board of Directors was called to order on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:01 p.m., via teleconference, by John Shonts, President.

Members present: John Shonts, Phyllis Fleming, Beth Shonts, Cindy Murray, Nancy O’Connell and Jill Clark.

The agenda for the meeting was

- to determine the amount of the donation to Deb Cawley, PCA member, whose home and contents were destroyed in a fire on November 29,
- to appoint a Treasurer and a webmaster to fill the vacancies left by Cindy Murray,
- and to establish a new PCI bank account, since the PCI account was closed by the former Treasurer.

Beth Shonts moved that \$150 be sent to Deb Cawley on behalf of the Papillon Club of Iowa. Motion carried.

Nancy O’Connell volunteered for the position of Treasurer. There being no objections, the Board moved that Nancy O’Connell be appointed Treasurer. Motion carried. John Shonts will solicit members for the position vacated by Nancy.

Wendy Rios volunteered to step back in as webmaster and was appointed by the President.

A cashier’s check in the amount of \$1,644.13 was received, certified mail, by the President on December 13 which served to close the PCI account with

Landmands Bank in Audubon, Iowa. The statement summary showed a beginning balance of \$1,672.73 with payments made on 11/09 for \$48.60 (check #1038) and on 11/16 for \$80.00 (check #1037). Nancy O’Connell will bring back a proposal to set up a new club checking account at a bank in Des Moines, as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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**Correction:** In October’s newsletter , President’s Message, we stated that “incorporation papers (were) filed.” That is incorrect; it is still in progress. BS

### Membership in Papillon Club of Iowa

Individuals may apply for membership in the Papillon Club of Iowa (PCI) by using an approved form and agreeing to abide by the PCI Constitution and Bylaws and the rules of the AKC. Applications and dues for the current year should be mailed to the Secretary, Beth Shonts. Applications will be read and voted on by secret ballot at the first general meeting following receipt. Acceptance requires the approval of two-thirds of the members present.

### Subscriptions to Electronic PCI Newsletter

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