



# THE CHATTERBOXER

February 2004

Member, American Boxer Club

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## Ann Arbor Dog Owners Defeat Breeding Restrictions

American Kennel Club ~ December 17, 2003

Congratulations to Ann Arbor fanciers on successfully opposing an ordinance that would have restricted breeding rights and limited pet ownership. The measure, which was rejected by the City Council on December 15th, would have required mandatory spay/neuter of dogs unless owners purchased a breeder's permit. Among other onerous provisions, the proposal would additionally have prohibited residents from keeping more than six dogs and/or cats, and also replaced references to "owner" with "owner/guardian."

Local AKC-affiliated clubs and the Michigan Association of Purebred Dogs were outraged when the measure was first proposed this fall with no input from the dog community. Fanciers reached out to task force members who had drafted the ordinance but their requests to help with the city's animal control problems fell on deaf ears. Dog owners quickly organized an effective grassroots campaign and with the support of the AKC, appealed to the City Council at their meeting this week.

With countless fanciers weighing in, officials ultimately listened to the group's concerns and rejected the proposal in a 9-2 vote.

The American Kennel Club strongly supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of responsible breeders and owners. Ann Arbor's proposed ordinance would have done little to address the heart of the city's animal control problems—irresponsible ownership. The Canine Legislation department outlined these concerns in a letter to the city council in October.



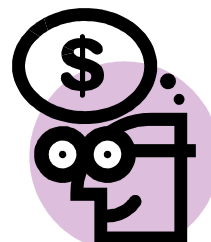
This victory represents yet another example of the strength purebred dog owners have when they come together on legislative issues. Kudos to all who contributed to this hard-fought win!

## Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that MBC dues for 2004 must be **received** (not postmarked) on or before our first meeting on February 3, 2004. After February 3, a \$10 late fee will be required to renew your membership, as stated in the MBC Constitution. The \$10 late fee can be paid up to March 31, 2004. After March 31, members who have not paid yearly dues must apply for new membership.

Remember, we have had a change in Officers - membership dues should now be mailed to:

Dave Stark, Treasurer  
Michigan Boxer Club  
16783 Stanmoor  
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## Chris Randolph Remembered

*The animals at the Rainbow Bridge all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops, and looks into the distance. Bright eyes are intent; an eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, running from the group, flying over the green grass, legs are going faster and faster. A familiar figure has taken the first step in crossing the Bridge and must be met!*

*There is a pause in the journey to savor the joys of reunion. Happy kisses rain upon faces; hands again caress the beloved head; and trusting eyes meet, so long gone from sight, but never absent from the heart.*

*And then they cross the Rainbow Bridge, together . . .*

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### S. Chris Randolph 1950—2004

On January 21, 2004, following complications from a valve-replacement surgery, Chris Randolph was reunited with her beloved Boxers who were waiting for her at the Rainbow Bridge.

Chris got her start in Boxers the way many of us do, with "just a pet" who stole her heart. Some years later she dipped her feet in the show ring with her bitch Suzie (Randolph's Slew Foot Sue). She won her class at that first show and as she left the ring, beaming, she said, "This is FUN!" She had been bitten by

the show bug, and her life was forever changed. Chris was on cloud nine for weeks last summer, after she owner-handled her bitch Rita (Randolph Diamonds Are Forever) to a Best of Breed from the classes.

Not only did Chris enjoy showing her own dogs, she was also thrilled by the successes of her friends. She always called to congratulate us when Hugo won points, and when he finished she was almost more excited than we were. She shared the sad times as well, and was always ready to talk or just to listen.

Chris was fiercely devoted to her own dogs, and to the breed as



a whole. She was heavily involved in the Rescue program, spending countless hours helping Ginger with the dogs who came in, and she donated a large number of the prizes for our Rescue raffles.

This generosity extended to other areas of her life. Chris was always willing to help someone in need, whether she'd known them for 20 years or 20 minutes. As one of Chris' grandchildren said, "If you knew her, you were her friend."

Chris was also dedicated to the health of the breed, and was determined to beat the heart and spinal problems that we see all too often. She was always

striving to do the best for her dogs, and spent hours researching various health issues, from cardiomyopathy and degenerative myelopathy down to every last ingredient in dog food.

Chris owned/co-owned several Boxers in addition to Suzie and Rita, including Katie, Charlie, Lucy (Cameliard's Satin N' Lace), Abe (Weston's Cry For Freedom, pictured), Velvet (Randolph's Black Irish Velvet), Xena (Newcastle's Crown Jewel of Randolph). A new puppy, Randolph's Bojangles, will be hitting the ring this spring. Her dogs will continue to be shown, and carry on the legacy of love Chris has left behind.

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The Michigan Boxer Club has started a fund to help Chris' family with the expenses of her hospitalization. If you wish to donate, please make a check payable to the MBC and put Chris' name on the Memo line. Checks should be sent to:

Dave Stark, Treasurer  
Michigan Boxer Club  
16783 Stanmoor  
Livonia, MI 48154

If you wish to send a card or note to Chris' husband, Harry, the address is:

Harry Randolph  
8817 Oakville-Waltz Road  
Willis, MI 48191

The Michigan Boxer Club Spring Specialty Show will be dedicated to the memory of Chris.

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2003 Awards

Thanks once again to Joan Johnson for a fantastic job with our Awards presentation. Here, alphabetically, are the recipients:

CHAMPIONS

- Am/Can Ch. Bentbrook's Barter For Roses (Carroll)
Ch. Cameliard's Coals to Newcastle (Walker)
Am/Can Ch. Icon Silhouette (Walunas)
Ch. Windy City's Eli's Coming (Dorfman/Kollar)

SIRE OF MERIT

Am/Can Ch. Bentbrook's Image of High Noon (Carroll)

ABC TOP TWENTY 2002

Am/Can Ch. Nastinan's Love Me Tender (Renda-Francis)

TUNSTILL AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
John Connolly

This award is to recognize those members of the Club who have gone above and beyond in their contributions to the Club throughout the years.



Officer Elections

At the December meeting of the Michigan Boxer Club, elections for Officers and Board of Directors for 2004 took place. Following are the results of those elections. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to another exciting year in the MBC!

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. Rows include President (Alan Dorfman), Vice President (Joan Johnson), Secretary (Jennifer Walker), and Treasurer (Dave Stark).



Table with 1 column: Name. Rows include Joanna Dorfman, Virginia Johnson, Al Petri, Marilyn Stark, and Barry Wyerman.

Member Birthdays

The Michigan Boxer Club would like to send good wishes to the following Club members who are celebrating their birthday in February:

Table with 2 columns: Member Name and Whelped On. Lists members like Luella Steele and Doug Johnson with their birth dates in February.



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## The "Puppy Protection Act" Introduced in the House

American Kennel Club - November 11, 2003

The so-called "Puppy Protection Act" (PPA) has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY) designated H.R. 3484. 36 co-sponsors have already signed onto the bill. H.R. 3484 is virtually identical to the PPA introduced by Whitfield in the 107th Congress, except that it does not require setting federal "socialization" standards for dogs. Companion legislation is expected to be introduced in the Senate shortly, sponsored by Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA). The AKC urges all fanciers to write or call your U.S. Representative asking him or her NOT TO COSPONSOR H.R. 3484.

The PPA is once again being promoted by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), a Washington-based animal rights organization that opposes all purposeful breeding of pure-bred dogs. The PPA would amend the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to require the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to regulate the breeding practices of dog breeders covered by the Act, including the frequency and age at which bitches are bred. It would also require the USDA to adopt a punitive "three-strikes-and-you're-out" enforcement policy revoking the license to breed and sell dogs of persons who commit three violations of the USDA's regulations over an eight year period. According to an HSUS press release, the decision to drop socialization standards from the current version of the PPA was a "strategic" decision intended to reduce opposition to the bill this year. Clearly the HSUS has not given up on the idea of socialization standards in the long run.

In the 107th Congress the PPA was opposed by the AKC, the American Veterinary Medical Association, most other animal interest organizations, and even some animal welfare organizations. An attempt to circumvent normal legislative processes and attach the PPA to the 2002 Farm Bill was soundly rejected by House-Senate conferees.

The AKC strongly supports the Animal Welfare Act and has a longstanding history of opposing substandard kennel operations. The AKC maintains care and condition standards which it enforces through regular inspections of all breeding establishments. In 2002 the AKC conducted more than 4000 kennel inspections. The AKC denies registration and other privileges to breeders who do not comply with the AKC's standards. Nevertheless, the AKC opposes H.R. 3484 because it is bad public policy and sets dangerous federal legislative precedents.

- The Animal Welfare Act currently does not regulate breeding practices of any species of animals. H.R. 3484 will, for the first time, thrust the federal government into a whole new arena of animal regulation. The federal government should not be in the business of specifying and regulating breeding practices of dog breeders. Furthermore, and very importantly, there is no scientific basis for the specific breeding restrictions included in H.R. 3484.
- The USDA's Animal Care regulations already require commercial dog breeders to follow a program of veterinary care developed and supervised by a licensed veterinarian to protect the health of all animals in commercial breeding facilities, including the breeding stock. Breeding decisions should be made by breeders and their veterinarians. H.R. 3484 would co-opt the judgment and discretion of breeders and veterinarians.
- As a practical matter, it will be impossible for the USDA, which enforces the Animal Welfare Act, to police breeding practices

without imposing overwhelmingly intrusive burdens on persons who breed dogs.

- The "three-strikes-and-you're-out" approach to enforcement of the animal care regulations will undermine rather than enhance compliance with USDA's regulations. Rather than providing incentives to admit and promptly correct violations, it will create incentives to contest alleged violations, and bog down the USDA's enforcement process in litigation.
- Compliance with the Animal Welfare Act has improved substantially in recent years. Congress has increased appropriations for USDA enforcement by more than 50 percent over the past several budget cycles, and the number of USDA inspectors has nearly doubled. Industry groups such as the AKC also conduct educational programs and kennel inspections. The AKC alone conducted more than 4000 kennel inspections in 2002, about half as many kennel inspections annually as the USDA.
- Current USDA Animal Care regulations, including the veterinary care standards, strike an appropriate balance in protecting both the welfare of dogs in commercial breeding establishments and the public who purchase those dogs, without being overly intrusive or injecting the federal government into decisions which should properly be the province of individual dog breeders and owners. H.R. 3484 would upset this balance, and impose excessive burdens on small business owners without improving the welfare of animals.

The AKC believes that what is needed to improve the welfare of dogs in substandard kennel operations is not legislation imposing new standards on dog breeders, but legislation that strengthens the USDA's tools for achieving compliance with the existing standards. We believe the purpose of the Animal Welfare Act is to assure compliance with the Act, not put breeders out of business. H.R. 3484 would undermine rather than enhance the USDA's efforts to achieve compliance with the Act. The AKC is working with several members of Congress on the introduction of legislation that would strengthen enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, and truly address the problems of commercial breeders who do not comply with the Act, without imposing additional restrictions on responsible breeders.

The AKC urges all fanciers to write or call their Representatives asking them not to co-sponsor H.R. 3484. The AKC has also sent letters to all members of the House of Representatives urging them not to cosponsor the bill.

**Editor's Note:** To date there are now 41 co-sponsors of H.R. 3484. Three Michigan Representatives have signed onto the bill:

**Dale E. Kildee (Flint)**  
2107 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-2205  
Phone: (202) 225-3611

**Fred Upton (St. Joseph)**  
2161 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-2206  
Phone: (202) 225-3761

**Sander M. Levin (Royal Oak)**  
2300 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-2212  
Phone: (202) 225-4961

Contact information for other Michigan Representatives can be found here: <http://clerk.house.gov/members/index.php>

## **MBC Educational Programs for 2004**

Over the last three years, the Michigan Boxer Club has made a concerted effort to have an educational program as part of its monthly meeting. The MBC Board and Officers felt that a monthly program added an additional benefit to Club membership and provided added incentive for members who live a distance from the metropolitan Detroit to attend monthly business meetings. We have had programs on Advances in Boxer Heart Testing, Canine First Aid, Raw Diets, Puppy Neonatal Care, Video tapes of Ch. Bang Away of Sirrah Crest, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and the Canine Rescue unit of the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team, to name a few.

Programs for 2004 are now being scheduled and will be selected from the following topics. Please check the most recent issue of the ChatterBoxer for changes in this schedule.

**February** – no program, business meeting and future show planning

**March** – Breeding and Genetics, Video from ABC by Dr. Jerrold Bell

### **Future programs:**

Advances in Laser Surgery for Dogs  
Dog Chiropractic Care for Degenerative Myelopathy  
Current Information on Boxer Heart Issues, Video from ABC by Dr. Katherine Meurs  
Hypothyroidism in Boxers, Video from ABC by Dr. Peter Graham  
Seminar on Degenerative Myelopathy, Video from ABC by Dr. Natasha Olby  
The Key to Movement Video, Part 1, Coming and Going  
The Key to Movement Video, Part 2, Side Movement  
Show Grooming for the Boxer  
Conformation Handling  
Breeding Basics  
Dog Law, Owner Responsibilities and Liabilities  
Puppy Contracts  
Canine Nutrition  
The Dog Game - Tax Implications as Business or Hobby  
Obedience Training with the Boxer  
Agility Training with the Boxer  
Human Personality and Dog Breed Preferences

If MBC members have suggestions for programs or know speakers who can add to the Club's wide interests, please contact Barry Wyerman, Education Chairman at 248-344-7944 or e-mail: wyerbr@aol.com

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## **New at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)**

The AKC is pleased to present on-line Litter Registration as the first of many anticipated services available at [akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

The AKC Board of Directors approved a policy change in July, 2003 to require only one owner of a co-owned dam to submit an application online. The owner submitting the application is required to have permission of all the co-owners of the dam and be able to support the permission to the AKC upon request. The policy of requiring all the co-owners to sign-off on a puppy sale is still in effect. If an owner was to register a litter online without the other co-owners permission, by the time of the puppy sale the co-owners would have had to agree in order to sell the puppy, or the owner would have committed fraud by registering online, and would perpetrate additional fraud by signing all the co-owners names to the application.

Visit the AKC site at [www.akc.org/litters/](http://www.akc.org/litters/) for more information on this service.

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## Boxer Shorts

Genine DeMaso, Debut Boxers

### DOG SHOW BARBIES

**DOG GROOMER BARBIE** - This Barbie is always brushing, trimming, clipping and bathing. Her only draw back is that she is constantly wet and covered with hair. Comes with clippers, grooming table, comb, brushes, grooming smock, lint brush and Band-Aids. This Barbie is so busy, her canine clients often look better than she does.

**DOG HANDLER BARBIE** - She comes with a moveable arm which can be snapped into place for perfect show handling. No way to lose with this Barbie beauty showing your mutt. She will do anything to win. She has been known to sleep with judges. This Barbie includes the book, "How to Suck Up and Win", along with many pocketed outfits for showing. Motor home not included.

**DOG HANDLER ASSISTANT BARBIE** - She's a handler wannabe who loves abuse. She is covered with hair, chalk and grooming spray. She comes with her pockets stuffed with assorted leashes, collars, combs, squeaker toys, and brushes. She is often seen with a variety of spray bottles hanging from her belt. She always smells of liver and has dark circles under her eyes. She has permanent leash marks on her hands from dogs whose owners insisted they were trained. She comes with all of the above plus a stress management video.

**DOG SHOW JUDGE BARBIE** - This Barbie is looking for the right dog. After many years of picking "losers" for men, Judge Barbie is content finding "winners" in the dog ring. She comes with clipboard, granny glasses, frumpy dress, the AKC guidelines on the perfect dog, a white glove to detect foreign substances, sensible shoes and a current rabies shot.

**DOG SHOW CHAIRMAN BARBIE** - A blunder on our part, this Barbie comes complete with a case of Lady Clairol, a prescription for Prozac and an unlisted phone number.

**RING STEWARD BARBIE** - This Barbie is shy and reserved. She wears Nike running shoes for those quick trips to the potty due to lack of relief stewards. She comes with a map of the show site, so she can find her way back to the ring, crying towel for those inconsolable losers, rubberbands, armbands and a megaphone for the hard of hearing. She also has a monogrammed folding chair for her use only.

**JUNIOR HANDLER BARBIE** - She is always a winner in her own mind. She comes complete with a short skirt, a ponytail, and a bad attitude. Unfortunately her life span is very short.



**POOPER-SCOOPER BARBIE** - This Barbie has no sense of smell (for obvious reasons) and is a gluten for punishment. She comes with a pooper scooper, muck boots, an orange vest, a lighted miner's helmet for those evening pickups, a sack of shavings, bleach, a mop and a bucket. She is often found surrounded by flies and "cleanup" is her middle name. She has a Certified Sanitation Engineer Degree through her local Community College.

**DOG SHOW VENDOR BARBIE** - This Barbie is not cheap and neither is her merchandise. She comes complete with a vending tent and sunscreen. She also has a variety of dog related items. If this Barbie doesn't have it, they don't make it.

**DOG SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER BARBIE** - This Barbie is truly a sight to behold. Her photographer's vest is loaded with no less than fifty rolls of assorted film and a multitude of squeaker toys to get your dog's attention. She never takes a bad photo and will refuse to shoot ugly dogs. If you mention her name in your ad, she will give you extra 8 x 10's for free!

**WHELPING BARBIE** - This Barbie completes our line of Dog Show Barbies. She goes anywhere help is needed. She births babies at a moments notice. Comes with van, cell phone, dental floss, scissors, towels, goat's milk, forceps, coffee, and a pillow for those endless nights.

And last, but not least, the most popular one of all is the **DOG CLUB PRESIDENT BARBIE**, who comes with TWO cases of Miss Clairol hair color (to color her own gray hair), a monogrammed strait jacket, a leather-bound copy of "Robert's Rules of Order", and a gold-plated gavel. The gavel unscrews at the end and is secretly a 357 magnum which can be used to keep unruly club members under control or just get rid of them all together!

Four wheel drive Sport Utility Vehicles and Mini Vans complete with dog crates are sold separately for all versions of Barbie.

## Show Wins

**Am/Can Ch. Bjay's Traveling Man**  
**"Travis"****Owners:** Rick & Cindy Walunas, CR Boxers  
**Handler:** Genine DeMasoBy Am/Can Ch. Bayview Strides Ahead, SOM x  
Ch. Skidoo's Special Blend of Cabernet**Best of Breed**Central Indiana Kennel Club—9/13/03  
Judge: Mr. Arley Hussin**Best of Breed**Mad River Kennel Club—10/12/03  
Judge: Mr. Robert Stein**Best of Breed, Group 3**Holland Michigan Kennel Club—10/18/03  
Judge: Ms. Patricia W. Laurens**Best of Breed**Grand Rapids Kennel Club—11/9/03  
Judge: Mrs. Arlene K. Davis**Best of Breed**Skokie Valley Kennel Club—12/13/03  
Judge: Jane Kay**Best of Breed**Skokie Valley Kennel Club—12/14/03  
Judge: Leslie Valiunas**Am/Can Ch. Full Circle's Mighty Zeus**  
**"Zeus"****Owners:** Virginia Johnson, Cameliard Boxers &  
Rick Luckenbacher, Full Circle BoxersBy Ch. Cameliard's Tribute to Starjax x  
Marble's Black Rose**Winners Dog, Best of Winners—3 points**Skokie Valley Kennel Club—12/13/03  
Judge: Mrs. Jane Kay  
Handler: Genine DeMaso**Winners Dog—1 point**Livingston Kennel Club—1/16/04  
Judge: Mrs. Ann Fleming  
Handler: Genine DeMaso**Winners Dog, Best of Winners—2 points**Livingston Kennel Club—1/17/04  
Judge: Mr. Josef Hedl  
Handler: Genine DeMaso  
**\*\*New Champion\*\*****Ch. Kaja's Little Rascal**  
**"Darla"****Owner:** Janet E. Smith, Kaja Kennels

By Ch. Sentry's Loud N Proud x Kaja's Luck of the Seventh

**Reserve Winners Bitch**Detroit Kennel Club—3/16/03  
Midland Michigan Kennel Club—5/10/03  
Midland Michigan Kennel Club—5/11/03  
Genessee County Kennel Club—5/18/03  
Ann Arbor Kennel Club—7/6/03  
Lexington Kennel Club—8/30/03**Winners Bitch, Best of Winners - 2 points**Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County—4/26/03  
Judge: Terry B. Carter  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex - 1 point**Genessee County Kennel Club—5/17/03  
Judge: Kenneth A. Buxton  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Bitch, Best of Winners - 2 points**Ann Arbor Kennel Club—7/5/03  
Judge: Bonnie Linnell Clark  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex - 3 points**Northern Kentucky Kennel Club—8/29/03  
Judge: Bob-John Ellieff  
Handler: Mel Holloman**Winners Bitch - 3 points**LaPorte County Kennel Club—10/30/03  
Judge: Jane Forsyth  
Handler: Mel Holloman  
**\*\*New Champion\*\*****Best of Opposite Sex**Sturgis Kennel Club—10/31/03  
Judge: Lin Jensen  
Handler: Perry Payson**Best of Opposite Sex**Marion Kennel Club—11/1/03  
Judge: Keke Kahn  
Handler: Perry Payson**Best of Opposite Sex**North Eastern Indiana Kennel Club—11/2/03  
Judge: Robert Forsyth  
Handler: Perry Payson**Best of Breed, Group 4**Decatur Kennel Club—11/8/03  
Handler: Mel Holloman

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## Show Wins, Con't.

**Kaja's Doc Elliott**  
"Doc"

Owner: Janet E. Smith, Kaja Kennels

By Ch. Winland's Epiphany x Kaja's Myaka

**Reserve Winners Dog**Midland Michigan Kennel Club—5/10/03  
Ann Arbor Kennel Club—7/5/03  
Pontiac Kennel Club—9/7/03  
Monroe Kennel Club—9/28/03**Best Puppy, Puppy Group 2**Midland Michigan Kennel Club—5/10/03  
Judge: Terry B. Carter  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Dog - 1 point**Genessee County Kennel Club—5/18/03  
Judge: Kenneth A. Buxton  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Best Puppy, Puppy Group 2**Grand Traverse Kennel Club—6/14/03  
Judge: Rita J. Biddle, Esq.  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Dog - 3 points**Mahoning-shenango Kennel Club—8/3/03  
Judge: Judith Goodin  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Dog - 1 point**Pontiac Kennel Club—9/6/03  
Judge: Bruce E. Voran  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Winners Dog, Best of Winners - 5 points**Michigan Boxer Club—9/26/03  
Judge: Stephanie Abraham  
Handler: Janet E. Smith**Ch. Nastinan's Love Me Tender—"Lazer"**Owner: Lori Renda-Francis, Dreamteam Boxers  
Handler: Kimberly PastellaBy Ch. Hi Tech's Johnny J of Boxerton, SOM  
x Ch. Huffand's Arriba of KK N' K, DOM**Best of Breed**

Chenango Valley Kennel Club—11/13/03

**Best of Breed/Group 3**

Del Otsenango Kennel Club—11/14/03

**Best in Specialty Show**

Boxer Club of Western New York—11/15/03

**Best of Breed/Group 1**

Susquenango Kennel Club—11/16/03

**Best of Breed/Group 1**

South Windsor Kennel Club—11/21/03

**Best of Breed**

Windlash County Kennel Club—11/22/03

**Best of Breed**

Springfield Kennel Club—11/23/03

**Best of Breed/Group 1**

Worcester County Kennel Club—11/29/03

**Best of Breed**

Worcester County Kennel Club—11/30/03

**Best of Breed/Group 2**

Middlesex County Kennel Club—12/4/03

**Best of Breed/Group 2**

Eastern Dog Club—12/6/03

**Best in Specialty Show**

Middlesex Boxer Club—12/6/03

**Best of Breed/Group 1**

Eastern Dog Club—12/7/03

**Best in Specialty Show**

Granite State Boxer Club—12/7/03

**Best of Breed/Group 4**

Lehigh Valley Kennel Club—12/14/03

**Best of Breed**

Columbiana Kennel Club—1/2/04

**Best of Breed/Group 2**

Rubber City Kennel Club—1/3/04

**Best of Breed/Group 1**

Rubber City Kennel Club—1/4/04

**Best of Breed/Group 3**

Greater Lowell Kennel Club—1/10/04

**Best of Breed/Group 2**

Merrimack Valley Kennel Club—1/11/04

**Best of Breed/Group 3**

Merrimack Valley Kennel Club—1/12/04

**Lazer** finished as the #5 Boxer again in 2003  
76 BOB, 12 BISS, 10 Group 1**Kaja's Lord of the Manor**  
"KC"

Owner: Janet E. Smith, Kaja Kennels

By Ch. Sentry's High Time x Kaja's Golden Heart

**Reserve Winners Dog**Oakland County Kennel Club  
Judge: Mr. Nestor J. Anselmi  
Handler: Janet E. Smith  
11/23/03

## Show Wins, Con't.

### Ch. Debut's Hero "Justice"

**Owner:** Dan & Debi Frangis &  
Terry DeMaso, Debut Boxers

By Ch. Debut's Renegade x  
Firerose of Brilliant Dog Star JP

### Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed 2 points

Fox River Valley Kennel Club—12/12/03  
Judge: Mr. Clint Harris  
Handler: Genine DeMaso  
**\*\*New Champion\*\***

### Ch. Karizma Backatcha Touchstone "Louie"

**Owners:** Alan & Joanna Dorfman, Boca Boxers

By Ch. High River's Taylor Made of Backwoods x  
Karizma Seaside Coobertedy

**Winners Dog—1 point**  
Savannah Kennel Club—11/28/03  
Judge: Mrs. Annie Rogers Clark  
Handler: Kay Palade-Peiser

**Winners Dog, Best of Winners—3 points**  
Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—12/12/03  
Judge: Mr. William Cunningham  
Handler: Kay Palade-Peiser  
**\*\*New Champion\*\***

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## In Search Of...

### CHAMPIONS

We are trying to fill in our record of Champions to date. If you have a Boxer that received a Michigan Boxer Club Championship Award, please check the "Champions" section on our website to be sure your dog is listed. Information from the years 1995 and 1998 is missing entirely, and 1996 and 1997 may only be partially complete.

### PUPPIES

If you have puppies available, in addition to listing them on the MBC website, please let Marilyn Stark know. Marilyn is our puppy referral person and gets several calls for puppies every week. The website to post available puppies is [www.michiganboxerclub.com/listpuppies.htm](http://www.michiganboxerclub.com/listpuppies.htm) - please remember that the bitch must be owned by an MBC member to take advantage of this listing service. Marilyn's phone number is 734-422-0205 - she will take information on litters sired by dogs owned by MBC members as well.

### VOLUNTEERS

Our Committees are looking for people to participate in various aspects of the Club operations. If you are interested in joining a Committee, please contact the Committee Chairperson(s):

Spring Show: Marilyn Stark  
Trophy: Joanna Dorfman  
ChatterBoxer Editor: Jennifer Walker  
Publicity & Fundraising: Steve Francis  
Rescue: Virginia Johnson  
Annual Banquet: Virginia Johnson

Fall Show: Dick Johnson/Lori Renda-Francis  
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## Dogs On the Air, In the News, and Online

### **WESTMINSTER. THERE'S ONLY ONE.**

The buzz in dog show circles in mid to late January always turns to Westminster, and this year is no exception. With a newly-redesigned website and, for the first time, the Empire State Building lit up in Westminster's purple-and-gold, the 128th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show promises to be a resounding success, both for the Kennel Club and for USA Network, who is once again providing live coverage of the Group and Best In Show competition.

Westminster airs on Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10 on USA from 8-11 p.m. The Working Group is the first competition Monday night, so the Boxer will be in the ring early (as usual!). Each night's broadcast will be replayed the following day at noon. The Westminster website will have an online catalog available at 8 a.m. Monday, and Group results will be posted online as judging is completed. For more information, visit [www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org) or [www.usanetwork.com](http://www.usanetwork.com)

### **PUREBRED HOTBED**

Former IKEA U.S. President Steen Kanter's consultancy firm, Kanter International, has ventured into the puppy business. The Edison, NJ-based chain, Woof & Co., has already opened two stores in Boston, and plans to add six more stores in 2004, with an eye toward going national in 2005. The store will sell purebred puppies, obtained from the leading wholesale puppy broker in the world, the Goodman, MO-based Hunte Corp.

A self-proclaimed "lifestyle store," Woof & Co. will sell puppies for \$750-1800, prices "comparable to a private breeders", with a 50%-plus profit margin. Puppies are covered by a three-year warranty against congenital and hereditary defects. The chain is being marketed as in competition with private breeders, not with large pet supply chains such as PetsMart or PetCo. Puppies will get 75% of the retail space for 80% of sales. High-end accessories get 15% of retail space; basics get 10%.

### **DOG SHOW CANCELLED OVER CARPET** Associated Press, 1/19/2004

The dog show will go on - just not on the carpet. The Muncie Kennel Club has canceled four days of dog shows usually held at the Horizon Convention Center in January because management would permit them only if the group covered the center's newly carpeted floor with plastic.

"Convention officials wanted us to cover the carpeting with plastic, but the insurance company wouldn't cover it and the dogs and their owners wouldn't tolerate it," said Tim Catterson, the kennel club's president. Catterson said club members were afraid that either they or their dogs would slip and fall if the shows were held on plastic-covered floors.

Joann McKinney, the convention center's general manager, said she was disappointed that the dog shows were canceled. She said, however, that the new carpeting had increased business from corporate meetings and weddings and needed to be protected. "The convention center people did everything they could for the dog shows, but they couldn't overcome the carpet," McKinney said. "I hope someday we can bring the shows back. It's a unique piece of business that has been very good for the city."

The shows typically drew about 1,000 dogs plus their owners and handlers from around the country, bringing nearly \$2 million in estimated visitor spending to Muncie. Catterson said the kennel club had not been able to find another suitable venue for its winter dog shows, but has decided to expand its August dog shows at another site.

### **WANNA TALK DOG BOOKS?**

There is an e-mail "book club" set up for dog lovers, to discuss various dog books with not only other dog lovers, but also the authors of those books. It is a great opportunity to "get into the head" of the author, to clarify some key points and to expand on the concepts presented in the books. This list is called DogRead, and is hosted at Yahoo. Discussions can get lively, depending on the book, and the list ranges from 500 to 2,000 messages per month. You can also sign up to read the messages on-line only—which keeps your Inbox from overflowing but still allows you access to the archives from all the past discussions.

Upcoming books on DogRead are Raw Meaty Bones by Dr. Tom Lonsdale for the month of February ([www.rawmeatybones.com](http://www.rawmeatybones.com)), and The K-I-S-S Guide to Raising a Puppy by Liz Palika for March ([www.lizpalika.com](http://www.lizpalika.com)). You can subscribe to DogRead at [www.dogread.com](http://www.dogread.com).