



## Letter from the President

AKC Parent Club Conference

Attended by Rod Beckstead, President

Last August, I had the privilege of attending the AKC Parent Club Conference at the AKC Headquarters in Raleigh, NC. During this trip we got a nice tour of the AKC's building and got to meet many of the department heads. It is quite an operation.

The main focus of my attending was to obtain more information on our requirements to move Kooikers into the Miscellaneous Class for conformation shows. We are a bit away from this at this time.

The requirements are :

An active parent club -- which we have.

- Have a Constitution and Bylaws for the parent club – which we have.
- Conduct Matches – which we are doing. We have had two and are planning another for the Summer of 2011.
- Have at least 150 dogs registered with three generation pedigrees. We currently (as of 3/1/11) have 88 dogs with the required pedigrees and 20 more that do not have the full three generation pedigrees.

There have been some Kooikers born and sold within the United States that have not been registered by the breeders or new owners. This

registration is vital if we are to meet the numbers to be accepted into AKC Conformation Shows.

It is my suggestion that from the sale price, every breeder use some of the money to register the pup before it goes to the new home. There have been some imported puppies that do not have the required registrations. Foreign registration certificates will be accepted by the AKC if they have three generations listed.

Some dogs are registered with the UKC and will be accepted by AKC if there is a full three generation pedigree.

Kooikerhondjes will be in the Sporting Dog Group and should be very exciting when they show up in the Group Ring at shows. Some of our Kooikers have made great strides in all venues in UKC. Some have been invited to the UKC Invitational Show in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

If you happen to meet new folks that have a Kooiker, please get contact information and forward it to me. I will follow up with invitations to join our group as well as make sure the dogs are registered in the AKC FSS program. Several have contacted me after having seen the Animal Planet Dogs 101 program.

Good Luck and Hugs all around.

Rod

# Treasurer's Report

**Kooikerhondje Club of the USA**  
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Date entered	Name/Action	Description	Amount
	Membership and Donation	Total receipts as of 09/01/09	\$191.00
	Membership	Total receipts as of 12/01/09	\$292.00
	Membership	Total receipts as of 02/01/09	\$317.00
	Membership	Total receipts as of 05/01/2010	\$327.00
	Membership	Total receipts as of 08/01/2010	\$357.00
	Kooiker Match Entries 11 @ \$3.00 = \$33.00	Total receipts as of 11/23/2010	\$390.00
	Membership and Donation	Total receipts as of 03/31/2011	\$455.00
8/27/2009	Deposit	Checking account	\$171.00
8/27/2009	Deposit	Savings account	\$20.00
11/14/2009	Deposit	Checking account	\$101.00
1/18/2010	Deposit	Checking account	\$25.00
3/26/2010	Deposit	Checking account	\$10.00
11/23/2010	Deposit	Checking account	\$63.00
3/28/2011	Deposit	Checking account	\$10.00
4/9/2011	Deposit (Mis-filed Information)	Checking account	\$55.00
		Total deposits as of 04/11/11	\$455.00
		Total expenditures as of 04/11/11	\$0.00
	Total Kooikerhondje Club account balance 04/11/11		\$455.00



## The Animal Planet Story

All About Dogs 101, Spring 2008

By Rose Shenk

I was sitting in my sister-in-law's living room when my cell phone rang--it was a producer from Powderhouse Productions, who creates Animal Planet's Dogs 101. They were featuring rare breeds in an upcoming season, and had seen the Rosewood website. They wanted to know if we were interested in coming to New York for a photo session. Of course, yes! We arranged for May 15, 2008.

Joyce and Elsie took a train down to NYC from Boston. Hamlet and I jumped in the car and drove up from Virginia. We stayed with a lovely little kooiker named Rosie, who lives a gorgeous Manhattan flat, not far from the Fifth Avenue studio where the filming would take place.

## In the Waiting Room

The next morning, we took the three dogs to the studio. We shared the waiting room with a number of rare breeds. A Bergamasco, native of Italy, lay panting on the floor like an animated string mop, while a North African desert dog, the Azawakh, stood nearby as sharp and thin as a desert shadow. A Coton de Tulear (descendant of dogs who survived an ancient shipwreck near the Madagascar coast) occupied his human's lap--this pretty puff looked anything but shipwrecked.



## Filming for Dogs 101

The purpose of the shoot that day was to capture a model dog as representative of the breed against a white backdrop.

They filmed Hamlet and Elsie together, Hamlet by himself, and Hamlet with some of the other breeds. They took video as well as stills. Joyce, an amateur photographer, was particularly interested in the technical aspects of the shoot.

I was more concerned about Hamlet's ears. Hamlet, an extremely sensitive and conscientious dog, was unsure about what was expected of him in this strange, artificial environment. I had taken him to a trainer to acclimate him as best I could to cameras and flashes, giving him treats when he would prick up his ears and look interested and confident. Hamlet, smart and loath to offend, did everything I asked of him. But not with enthusiasm! As clearly as words his expression said, "I know you want me stand like this in front of these cameras, but this is truly the most ridiculous thing you've asked of me." He seldom pricked up his ears!



### **Budget Cuts**

Initially, the kooikerhondje episode was supposed to air as part of the Rare Dog series sometime in the fall or winter of 2008. They planned to send a film crew to The Netherlands to capture the duck hunting method for which the kooikerhondje was bred. However, this was mid economic crisis. Follow-up phone calls to the project manager revealed that due to budget cuts, the episode would not be finished and the project was shelved.

### **Two Years Later, 2010**

It's probably optimistic to say the economy has recovered; nevertheless, I called up Powderhouse Productions last summer just to see about the status of the kooikerhondje episode. I don't know if they had plans to resurrect the project or not. But in the intervening year, I had gone to The Netherlands to bring back Yorick, and his breeder, Roel Steenhuis, had taken me to an endenkooi. I was so enthusiastic about this elaborate process of kooikerhondje duck seduction that I was able to convincingly pitch the trip to the production manager. I put him

in touch with Roel, and soon the shoot was planned!



### **Episode Aired November 27, 2010**

The Dogs 101 episode has aired a number of times and is now listed on the [Animal Planet](#) web site. The one-hour episode focused on large and small breeds. Only the first part of the segment is posted on the Animal Planet web site. To watch the entire episode, including the demonstration of the duck-hunting technique, you can buy the DVD from the Animal Planet store or from Amazon's [Video on Demand](#). The kooikerhondje segment begins at minute 31:45.



### **Message From The Editor**

Welcome! My name is Sheryl Fuller. I am the new editor for the The Kooiker Chronicle. I want to thank all the members who contributed articles and ideas for this issue. Please feel free to send pictures and articles for future issues.

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## 24 July 2010 Match Day

### Kooikerhondje's Only

A match was held at Rod and Marta Beckstead's home in Allentown, Pennsylvania. We had a great turnout with 13 dogs ranging from 4 months to 13 years old. Vonlin's Temple of the Wind's (Lucy) owned by Sheryl Fuller and Linda Culpepper was selected as "Best of Breed" by Judge Lori Baycar. Everyone had a great time and special thanks to Rod and Marta for their hospitality.



## Profile of LaVon and Linda Culpepper

Vonlin's is a small kennel located in Lake Jackson Texas. I found the Kooikerhondje breed by accident in 1998 while looking at Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers on the internet. While looking at a site I saw a small link to what it said was a "Dutch cage dog". Thinking it was a cartoon I clicked it expecting to get a laugh. What I got was a web site in Dutch for a Kooiker breeder, and a craving to learn more about this beautiful breed of dog. Not being able to read Dutch it was a hit and miss journey of clicking on links and hoping I found more pictures. After several weeks I finally found some web sites in

English and began to understand a little about the Kooikerhondje and knew I had to learn more.

In 1999 after many overseas calls and more than a little concern about sending so much money somewhere I could not drive to, our first Kooiker arrived from Denmark.

"Duchess" was soon followed by "Niklas" and they were the beginning of Vonlin's Kooikerhondje. Duchess and Niklas taught us about showing dogs in conformation at ARBA shows and were the first dogs shown by our youngest daughter Alex.

When we found out about the Foundation Stock Service through AKC we started working with Dee Nichols and the Kooikerhondje Club of USA to gain entry into the program. This turned out to be a very daunting task as the number of Kooikerhondje in the US was very low. It was not until I met Dr. Burndt, who had come to judge the Brazoria Kennel Club all breed show, and told him about the Kooikers while driving him from the airport that any progress was made. As I told him about our dogs and showed him pictures he became very interested and asked me to send him some information after the show, which I did thinking that an AKC judge might be able to help us. I did not know at the time that Dr. Burndt was a past president of AKC and had more than a little influence. After Dr. Burndt received the info I sent him we were accepted into the FSS at the next board meeting. While the number of Kooikers in the US is still pretty small it is growing and we will someday get full AKC recognition.

At Vonlin's we breed for temperament and structure following as close as possible the breeding rules of the Kooikerhondje Club of the Netherlands. We dual register our dogs with UKC and AKC. We have a strict spay/ neuter policy unless our pups are going to a known show home. All of our dogs are Von Willebrandt disease free by parentage and/or DNA testing.

We are members of the Brazoria Kennel Club and the Kooikerhondje Club of USA.

Vonlin's is in good standing with AKC, UKC, and ARBA.



## Profile of Susanne and Erroin Martin

Find out more on [www.kooikerexpress.com](http://www.kooikerexpress.com)

Susanne P.K. Martin:

Born and raised in Munich, Germany, where I finished Medical School in 2006. I had met my husband, Erroin, during an exchange elective in New Haven. I moved to the US right after my graduation from Medical School and did some research in Neuro-oncology at Yale. I am currently in my last year of residency in Internal Medicine.

How did I become a Kooikerhondje lover?

When I was looking for a dog in 1997, my choices came down to a Border Collie, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever and the Kooikerhondje. After meeting Monika Dassinger's kooikerhondjes at a national dog show, I knew that this was the right breed for me (read further down about our dogs).

Goals: I would love to be an active member in the US Kooikerhondje Club as I had been one back in Germany. I hope to contribute some of my knowledge and experience of the breed and make this amazing breed more known in the US. I am also very interested in the health aspects of

this breed with its unique challenges and genetics.

Erroin A. Martin:

He became a dog lover and fan of the breed since living with Nelle. Erroin used to work for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in the sales force and is now running his own consulting business. He is interested in getting involved in the Club and is taking care of the online representation of our homepage. He likes to travel and be outdoors including hiking, playing soccer and kayaking (with the dogs). His other interests are history and social media.

Nelle:

My first Kooikerhondje is Nelle, or Nelleke-Lara van de Kooikerexpress, FCI certified. We picked her up from her breeder in Holland in June 1998. She just turned 13 years, is pretty fit and travelled with me around the world. I had showed at several shows in Germany, did some agility with her and she participated as a film dog in movies and some magazine commercials. Finally, when she was almost 3 years old, we found job she liked the most: Search and Rescue work. She had been an active Search and Rescue Dog for almost 6 years with the ASB, a non-profit aid organization in Germany, and participated in numerous field and ruin searches in and around Munich. She moved with me to the US in 2007 and is basically retired since from being a Search and Rescue Dog. Her other hobby was hiking in the Alps and is now hiking in the East and West Coast Mountains. She did quiet some travelling inside the US with car trips across the country to Washington State and Canada, both British Columbia and Quebec. She spends more time now at home with my husband Erroin. We hope that she continues to participate in our lives for as long as possible.

Toni:

Since June 2009, Toni, or Terminator-Toni von Chicostein, is our second Kooikerhondje. He is AKC and UKC recognized. He is a handsome 2 year old intact male dog. His strength is being a people lover and therefore he is a certified Delta society therapy dog for the last year. We are visiting the hospital where I work at and once a week Branford Hospice. He also likes doing agility. I plan on showing him at UKC shows and think that he has good breeding potential.