



THE CHATTERBOXER

Celebrating 60 years of commitment to the breed

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Member, American Boxer Club

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**Our next meeting is
Friday, September 30, 2005
Monroe County Fairgrounds
15 Minutes following Best of Breed**

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Michigan Boxer Rescue Fourth Annual Puppy Match and Rescue Auction Match Judge Mrs. Bridget Brown

We will once again have great items for the silent auction, as well as a Special raffle for a Dannyquest piece

**This is your chance to give back to the breed.
We need your donations!!!**

All proceeds go to our Rescue program

We had a fantastic turn out last year—let's make this year even better!

Remember, it's all for the dogs in need!!

You can bring your donated items to the meeting, the show, or mail them to:

Ginger Johson
51105 Arkona
Belleville, MI 48111
734-461-2816
rescue@michiganboxerclub.com

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The Michigan Boxer Club would like to send good wishes to the following Club members who are celebrating a birthday this month:

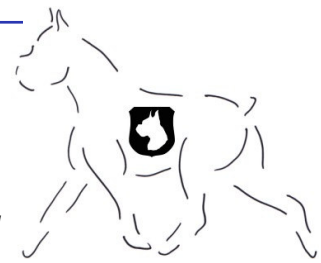
<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Whelped On</u>
Joanna Wojciechowski	October 4
Kathy Zatek	October 14
Judy Brissey	October 18
Charlie Carroll	October 25
Michelle Farless	October 25
Genine DeMaso	October 29



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CONTEMPLATIONS

There has been a lot of rumor, and a bit of fear-mongering, about a strain of canine influenza that has been circulating around Greyhound tracks for some time, but now appears to have made the leap to the general dog population. In the interests of defeating the rumor mill, and presenting accurate, calm, and unemotional information, I've given up space in my column for some information on this virus from the New York State Department of Agriculture. Information on the virus can also be found at the Florida Veterinary Medical Association website, www.fvma.com



PLEASE DO NOT PANIC, and do NOT assume that every cough is Canine Influenza. Kennel Cough from parainfluenza and Bordetella is more common. However, the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell is interested in receiving samples from dogs that appear to have kennel cough.

Clinical Signs: Since this is a new pathogen in dogs, there is currently no natural immunity present in the unexposed canine population. Almost all exposed dogs will become infected, and nearly 80% have clinical signs. In the mild form the dogs will have a cough that persists for 10 to 21 days. The cough may be soft and moist or dry. Many dogs will have a nasal discharge from a secondary bacterial infection and low grade fever. The nasal discharge responds to broad spectrum antibiotics.

In the severe form with pneumonia there is a high fever (104-106 F) and respiratory difficulties. X-rays may show consolidation. These dogs often have secondary bacterial infections and have responded to broad-spectrum antibiotics and supportive care including intravenous hydration.

The incubation period is two to five days and dogs may shed virus for seven to 10 days. The disease can spread rapidly throughout a boarding kennel. Dogs that are coughing **SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO SHOWS or Performance EVENTS.**

Marg Pough

From NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell.

CANINE INFLUENZA VIRUS DETECTED IN DOGS IN NEW YORK STATE

The Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell has reason to believe that canine influenza virus is now present in the New York City area. Reports have been received indicating an unusual form of "kennel cough" has been seen in a number of veterinary practices. Six animals recovering from this clinical presentation are all serologically positive for canine influenza virus. Previous tests of New York State dogs have all been negative.

Canine influenza virus is a relatively new finding in dogs. It was first identified in racing greyhounds and this virus appears to have been the cause of significant respiratory problems on the tracks throughout the US for the last 5-6 years. The Virology Lab at Cornell isolated the first influenza virus from an animal that died from the infection. The virus was sequenced at CDC and was found to be closely related to equine influenza virus. Evidence of infection of non-greyhounds by influenza virus has been found in Florida for the past year.

A key factor in defining the significance of this infection in dogs is to obtain additional isolates so that sequencing can be done to determine whether the virus is evolving in the dog. We are requesting assistance in this endeavor from practitioners that have respiratory cases in dogs >1 year of age. Samples that we need are pharyngeal swabs taken from dogs at the onset of clinical signs (fevers of 39.5 to 41.5oC, a soft, gagging cough for 10 to 14 days). Samples for virus isolation taken late in the infection will not be useful for virus isolation. Swabs should be placed in a sterile tube (red top vacutainer for example) with 5-6 drops of sterile saline. Do not place swabs in bacterial transport medium. Ship samples overnight on ice packs. Samples will initially be screened by PCR for influenza virus. Positive samples will be processed for virus isolation. There will be no charge for the influenza screening at this time.

Acute and convalescent serum samples will also be helpful to define the extent of the infection in dogs. If one has cases of dogs that have recovered, a single serum sample can be used to determine exposure. Should animals die of a respiratory infection, fresh and fixed tissue can be submitted for influenza virus screening.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to:

Dr. Edward Dubovi
Director-Virology Lab
ejd5@cornell.edu

Samples should be shipped to:

Animal Health Diagnostic Center
College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell
Upper Tower Road
Ithaca, NY 14853

Signed,

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DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

Hurricane Katrina Relief

In an emergency meeting on August 31, 2005, the Michigan Boxer Club Board of Directors voted unanimously to send donations to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A \$250 donation was sent for to the AKC CAR for animal relief, and another \$250 to the Salvation Army for human relief. Club members are encouraged to send individual donations as well. Following is information from some of the groups who have organized relief efforts.

ANIMAL RELIEF

AMERICAN BOXER CLUB

The American Boxer Club will be participating in hurricane relief. Our primary goal is to give financial assistance to local organizations in areas hard-hit by Hurricane Katrina who are, or who will be when circumstances permit, providing food, water, and shelter to dogs, particularly Boxers, displaced in the storm. If you or your club want to make a donation to this effort, please send contributions to:

American Boxer Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 865
Sugar Land, TX 77487-0865.

Individuals may also be in need of assistance during this difficult time. To make a donation to a fund that will be used to help individuals who are experiencing financial need related to the care of their pets, especially Boxers, please send your contributions to:

Boxer Benefits, Inc.
1822 Eldridge Rd.
Sugar Land, TX 77478-2516.

Boxer Benefits is a separate fund, not connected with or under the direction of the American Boxer Club. If you have any questions about making a contribution, please contact Sharon Steckler, (281) 242-1178, email steckler@swbell.net

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

One hundred percent of your generous donation will be used to assist animal victims of natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. AKC CAR does not retain any portion for administrative purposes. Please make check donations payable to the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund and mail to:

AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund
American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue - 4th Floor
New York, NY 10016-2401

You can contribute to the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund online through an account in the AKC online store. If you have an account, simply log in and click on the Donate to Support and Relief Fund option. If you don't have an account, it takes less than 60 seconds to create one. You may also call 800-252-7894 to make a donation to the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund.

HUMAN RELIEF

AMERICAN RED CROSS

To Donate Online: <http://www.redcross.org/>
By Phone: 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669)
By Mail: Send checks earmarked 'Disaster Relief' to
American Red Cross
P.O. Box 37243
Washington, D.C. 20013

(Alternatively, visit the Red Cross online for a form to fill out and send in with your donation.)

SALVATION ARMY

To Donate Online: <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>
By phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY
By mail: Send checks earmarked 'Disaster Relief' to
PO BOX 4857
JACKSON, MS 39296-4857

In person: Visit your local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club to donate to The Salvation Army's Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

There are, of course, many other organizations also working on Katrina relief efforts. Further information can be found on the Boxer Underground website, http://www.boxerunderground.com/bu2000/hur_disaster_assistance.htm

UPDATE ON PAWS BILL

A SAOVA message to sportsmen, farmers and pet owners concerned about protecting their traditions, avocations and livelihoods from anti-hunting, anti-breeding, animal guardianship advocates. Forwarding and cross posting, with attribution, encouraged.

Dear sportsmen, animal owners, clubs and others opposed to S1139 (PAWS):

The first and likely only S1139 fact-finding hearing is expected to be scheduled in the very near term, perhaps by October 7, 2005. SAOVA is concerned that Senator Santorum's PAWS bill may not get thorough scrutiny by the Senate Agriculture Committee due to the press of Hurricane Katrina and Rita responses, U.S. Supreme Court vacancies, government spending bills and other congressional business. This situation is compounded by Senator Santorum's chairmanship of the eleven member subcommittee which plans to hold what could be the only PAWS fact-finding hearing.

That subcommittee's staff reports to Mr. Santorum and has indicated the only testimony received during the hearing will be from parties that support the bill's basic premise, i.e., that the Animal Welfare Act's regulation of pet animal care needs a total overhaul. It's possible that the few subcommittee members present during such a hearing will hear one-sided, biased testimony favoring this devastating bill and little more. A six member quorum could subsequently report out a cosmetically amended PAWS bill for full committee consideration.

All of our efforts to-date to educate legislators about PAWS's adverse impacts will have been wasted if the full committee rubber-stamps a bill developed through such a process. Should the full Agriculture Committee report out S1139, the Senate will pass it. We need to immediately launch an aggressive program to ensure all parties concerned with PAWS are permitted to testify and that our legislative supporters attend both the subcommittee fact-finding hearing and any PAWS markup session.

Considering the havoc caused by Hurricane Katrina and the outpouring of generosity recently shown by so many of you - it is with great reluctance that I ask for contributions to implement this NO PAWS program.

An ad hoc group of three organizations that have taken a high profile in this legislative struggle need your monetary assistance to fully respond to this threat to our way of life. The three groups cooperating in this effort are the Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (www.saova.org), the North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners' Alliance (www.ncraoa.com/alerts.html) and the Dog Federation of Wisconsin (www.dfow.org/paws.htm). These organizations have already gone on record with the Senate Agriculture Committee, opposing PAWS. Our August 28, 2005 filing may be viewed at the following sites:

[www.ncraoa.com/PDF/SenateAgChairVersion\[1\].pdf](http://www.ncraoa.com/PDF/SenateAgChairVersion[1].pdf)—Cover Letter
www.saova.org/1139opponents.html—PAWS Opponents List
www.ncraoa.com/PDF/Rebuttal_SantorumSpeech8_22_05.pdf—Santorum Rebuttal
www.ncraoa.com/PDF/HelsdonPAWSforHillAg.pdf—Helsdon PAWS Analysis
www.ncraoa.com/PDF/ThoughtsAboutPAWS.pdf—Ann Billington Letter

Even the most dedicated and experienced advocates, carrying out the best designed lobbying program, can only do so much when matched against the resources of the AKC, HSUS, DDAL, ASPCA and PETA. Our NO PAWS program's anticipated out-of-pocket expenses for the congressional session ending this fall are \$15,000, less than 0.5% of what we estimate AKC alone has spent trying pass PAWS. Consider what you have invested your animals and what you spend on them annually. Please find a way to support this critical, pro-active NO PAWS effort. Time is of the essence.

To make a supporting donation:

1. Use your credit card via PayPal on the SAOVA Website: www.saova.org. Mark "Oppose PAWS".
2. Or send a check, payable to "SAOVA" and mark "Oppose PAWS".

Checks should be mailed to:

The Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (SAOVA)
 Attention: Bob Kane
 559 Thoroughfare Road
 Brightwood, Virginia, 22715

Thank you to the members of the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia and the Dog Federation of Wisconsin for their early donations!

Please forward and cross post widely.

Sincerely,

Bob Kane

Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance -Working to identify and elect supportive legislators

** Oppose S1139/HR2669 (PAWS) **

SAOVA is a nonpartisan volunteer group working to protect Americans from the legislative and political threats of radical animal rightists. It is the only national organization fighting this struggle for both sportsmen and animal owners, natural allies, in these arenas. Visit our website at www.saova.org for this program's goals, methodology and list signup details.

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NOTES & NEWS

Miami Valley Boxer Club Specialty

A Note from the MVBC

Nov, 18-19-20, 2005 is the Columbus Ohio Shows at the State fair grounds. They have added and upgraded the electrical for RV's and Campers. MVBC is having our Specialty on Friday the 18th. We are raffling a Danny Quest piece called "Puddle of Puppies". Proceeds go to Boxer Rescue and charitable health.

We are going to have a potluck dinner the evening of the 18th starting at 6 PM. It will be located at Jim & Priscilla Killman's home in Columbus. All Boxer fanciers and friends are welcome. We ask that out-of-towners please bring a dish to pass or snacks, cookies, pies, cakes, pop, and anything they feel that will enhance the meal. The MVBC members are going to furnish the main courses for the meal. It is always a great time when the fanciers can get together and just enjoy the moment.

If you would pass this info onto your members we would greatly appreciate it. We hope who ever is coming to the show can come to the dinner.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Thank you
 Roger K. Dopp
 MVBC
 Tri-Starr Boxers
tristarrs@q1.net

DogRead Mailing List

It's time once again for an updated schedule from one of my favorite mailings lists, DogRead (www.dogread.com)

October 1-15, 2005

"Try Tracking: The Puppy Tracking Primer" by Carolyn A Krause
www.firedogenterprises.com

October 16-31, 2005

"Training Dogs: A Manual" by Colonel Konrad Most (1954)

November 2005

"Senior Dogs for Dummies" by Susan McCullough

December 2005

"Tricks of the Trade" by Pat Hastings
www.dogfolk.com

January 2006

"Genetics and Breeding Strategies: Essays for the Dog Breeder" by Susan Vargas-Thorpe, PhD.
 ebook available free from the author, Docvite@aol.com

February 2006

"Dog Training for Dummies" by Jack and Wendy Volhard
www.volhard.com

March 1-16, 2006

"The Complete Idiot's Guide to Dog Tricks" by Liz Palika
www.lizpalika.com

March 17-31, 2006

To Be Scheduled

April 2006

"Working Dogs" by Elliot Humphries & Lucien Warner (1934)
 "The New Knowledge of Dog Behavior" by Clarence Pfaffenberger (1963)
 Both books all month.

Titers: What Do They Tell Us?

By Christie Keith, Caberfeidh Scottish Deerhounds

Many people who are trying to reduce vaccination are interested in using "titers" as a test to measure whether or not their dog is still immune to a disease. They often speak of titers as showing "high" or "low" immunity, or of "having to" re-vaccinate when a titer is low. While there is not a tremendous amount of research on titers in dogs, I think it's fair to say there is quite a bit of misunderstanding on the part of pet owners, and even many veterinarians, as to what a titer test does or does not tell us.

A "titer" is a measurement of how much antibody to a certain virus (or other antigen) is circulating in the blood at that moment. Titers are usually expressed in a ratio, which is how many times they could dilute the blood until they couldn't find antibodies anymore. So let's say they could dilute it two times only and then they didn't find anymore, that would be a titer of 1:2. If they could dilute it a thousand times before they couldn't find any antibody, then that would be a titer of 1:1000.

A titer test does not and cannot measure immunity, because immunity to specific viruses is reliant not on antibodies, but on memory cells, which we have no way to measure. Memory cells are what prompt the immune system to create antibodies and dispatch them to an infection caused by the virus it "remembers." Memory cells don't need "reminders" in the form of re-vaccination to keep producing antibodies. (Science, 1999; "Immune system's memory does not need reminders.") If the animal recently encountered the virus, their level of antibody might be quite high, but that doesn't mean they are more immune than an animal with a lower titer.

Dr. Donald Hamilton, a holistic veterinarian and author of *Homeopathic Care for Cats and Dogs: Small Doses for Small Animals*, compares antibodies to fire engines. Just because the fire engines aren't racing all over town all the time, and the fire fighters are back in the firehouse, sleeping, eating or playing cards, doesn't mean they aren't ready to jump in their trucks and head to the fire when the alarm sounds.

So what does a low or zero titer tell you? Nothing much. A high titer is strongly correlated with either recent infection or good immunity, but the opposite isn't true. You can use a titer test about two weeks after vaccination to determine if the vaccination was effective in stimulating an immune response (in other words, if the animal was successfully immunized from the vaccine), but testing that same animal's titer years down the road doesn't really tell you anything new.

The only other uses for titer tests in my opinion are to check immunization status on dogs with an unknown history, to provide documentation for legal purposes such as travel, or licensing in areas that accept rabies titers in lieu of rabies vaccination, to satisfy curiosity, or to provide peace of mind for pet owners. However, for every person who has his or her mind relieved by finding his or her dog "has a titer" to a disease they were worried about, there is someone else who now thinks his or her dog or cat is "unprotected" against a disease to which they are most likely really immune.

Interpreting Titer Results

Sue Stevens-Schultz was kind enough to send me Sparky's titer results from the MSU Diagnostic Lab, which prompted this article. The results on the report are a bit different from what you might generally see, and in fact are different from the guidelines given in the "Comments" section of the report. I spoke to Dr. Maes at MSU to clarify this discrepancy. Basically, the results simply show the number of dilutions, while the titer is number of dilutions expressed as a ratio. In other words, Sparky's blood could be diluted 512 times before they couldn't find the antibodies any longer, and this is the equivalent of a titer level of 1:512. (Dr. Maes did remark that the "Comments" section should probably be expressed as a dilution, and not as a ratio, for clarity.)

The minimum titer considered "protective" by MSU for distemper is 1:80—so Sparky is well-covered, with an antibody level 6.4 times higher than the minimum. (As a side note, Martin Goldstein, DVM (author of "The Nature of Animal Healing") considers a titer of 1:5 protective, as does the CDC for human rabies prevention, so Sparky's antibody levels are more than 10 times higher than those minimums.) Sparky's parvovirus titer is 12 times higher than the minimum "protective" level.

These titer tests were run shortly before Sparky would have been due for a booster on an annual vaccination schedule. Sparky's results, and those of thousands of dogs like her, are some of the most compelling arguments for extending the revaccination interval—perhaps even beyond the three years that the AAHA and many vet schools now recommend.

Sue mentioned that this panel cost \$59—slightly more expensive than a vaccination, but without the risks of adverse reactions! There is an in-house titer test on the market, which gives results in about 15 minutes and may be less expensive than sending the bloodwork out, but at this point in time it seems not many vets stock it. As titer testing grows in popularity, look for this test—called TiterChek—to become more widely available.

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Sample Titer Report

Submitted by Sue Stevens-Schultz, Sassy Lane Boxers

REPORT OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION

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Lansing, MI 48909-7576
Phone (517) 353-2296

DIAGNOSTIC CENTER
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VIROLOGY

(1)

Case Number: 3065986
Reported : 03/29/05
Received : 03/18/05
Case Origin: COURIERS (OTHER)

PRIVILEGED INFORMATION
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Client Account: 2830

Owner:

LEVAN ROAD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
15200 LEVAN ROAD
LIVONIA MI 48075

STEVENS, SUE

Phone: 734-464-6281

Anim. #: 1 Name: SPARKY Age: 2y
Breed: BOXER Sex: FEMALE

SPECIMEN: SERUM (PLASTIC TOP)

Virus neutralization test for Canine distemper virus, titer: 512

Virus neutralization test for Canine adenovirus, titer: 512

Hemagglutination inhibition for Canine parvovirus, titer: 640

COMMENTS:

The following titer levels are considered protective for the Canine Vaccine Panels; CPV 1:80 or higher, CDV 1:50 or higher, CAD any detectable titer.

Roger K. Maes 03/29/05
Section Chief, Virology (517) 353-2296

***** CLIENT NEWS *****

Starting February 1, 2005 the fee associated with EIA by ELISA will increase from \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Championship Awards

It's time to be recognized for your Boxer's achievements in late 2004-2005. If your Boxer has completed their American or Canadian Championship or achieved Sire or Dam of Merit Status in late 2004-2005, please complete the form below and return it to Joan Johnson by **October 15**. To avoid mail delays, Canadian members should mail EARLY! The Michigan Boxer Club policy for trophies, plaques, and awards is included in this month's ChatterBoxer.

Remember, it is your responsibility to have made the minimum trophy pledge and to relay the information to the trophy chairperson clearly and accurately in readable form. The owner of record at the time the title was earned must request the plaque.

Record of New Champion, Sire of Merit or Dam of Merit

(Circle titles that apply)

Boxer's Registered Name _____

Boxer's Call Name _____

Boxer's Color _____

Breeder(s) _____

Owner(s) _____

Sire's Registered Name _____

Dam's Registered Name _____

Date Title Achieved USA _____

Canada _____

Title(s) _____

Whelping Date _____

Ownership from _____ to _____

Return Completed Form to

Joan Johnson
31081 Westfield
Livonia, MI 48150
jodiboxer@aol.com

REMINDER — Completed form is due by October 15, 2005. Any forms received after October 15 will not be accepted. Your trophy contribution for 2005 must have been a minimum of \$20.00 to qualify for a Championship plaque. **NOTE As of**

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Show Wins

Ch. Royal Palms Smarty Pants—"Smarty"

Owners: Alan & Joanna Dorfman, Boca Boxers

Jack & Gloria Bower, Royal Palms Boxers

Breeders: Jack & Gloria Bower

Handler: Guy Fisher, Murbe Boxers

Am/Can Ch. Karizma Backatcha Touchstone
x Royal Palms Gucci Gucci

Best of Breed

St. Clair Kennel Club, Inc.—9/17/05

Judge: Mrs. Patricia A. Hess

Best of Breed

St. Clair Kennel Club, Inc.—9/18/05

Judge: Ms. Charlotte P. Patterson

Send Show Wins & Litter Announcements to

Jennifer Walker

28423 Kendallwood

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Phone: 248-489-1963

Fax: 248-489-1720

secretary@michiganboxerclub.com

2005 Trophy Donors

The following Michigan Boxer Club members have made the minimum \$20 trophy donation required for a Championship award: If there are any errors or omissions, please contact me at secretary@michiganboxerclub.com

Heather Arneil
Margaret Ashman

Marianne Balzer

Pamela Barnwell

Charles & Diane Beauchamp

Liz Bistline

Mary Lou Bumpus

Sherry Canciamille

Charles & Barb Carroll

John Connolly

Terry & Genine DeMaso

Tom & Judy DeWolf

Mary Dohm

Alan & Joanna Dorfman

Michele Farless

Guy & Nicole Fisher

Christina Fleisher

Steve & Lori Francis

Cindy Hearn

Dick & Joan Johnson

Ginger Johnson

Clare & Julie Lodenstein

Lisa Lovasco

Laura McKarge

Phyllis Michaud

Bruce & Maggie Papesh

Phyllis Rader

Jeff & Sue Stevens-Schultz

Sherryl Schultz

Joanne Shay

Medley Small

Janet Smith

Luella Steele

Jennifer Walker

Rick & Cindy Walunas

Barry Wyerman

MBC Policy: TROPHIES—PLAQUES—AWARDS.

1. Recipient must be a member in good standing of the Michigan Boxer Club.
2. Recipient must provide proof of ownership of the dog at the time of finishing by furnishing a copy of the AKC Certificate of Championship.
3. Only one award per dog will be furnished by the Club. In the case of co-ownership, any additional award can be provided at the owner's request and expense.
4. A minimum \$20.00 trophy pledge or trophy of equal value as determined by the awards chairperson must be made in the year the dog finishes, **prior to the date of the Fall Specialty.**
5. Awards will be given only to Boxers whose American Championship or Obedience Title is confirmed through AKC. This information must be given (names and dates of shows, points won, etc.) to the Awards chairperson by October 15th to be verified. Additional titles, such as a champion earning an Obedience title, will be recognized with an addition to the original award. Certificates will be awarded to dogs finishing in conformation or obedience in Canada.
6. Any dog who achieves the title of Sire or Dam of Merit as defined by the American Boxer Club will be awarded a trophy equal to that of a Conformation or Obedience Champion. The names of the finishing offspring (seven for Sire, four for Dam) must be submitted by October 15th.
7. A majority of eight conformation points or one leg toward an obedience title must be won while the owner is a member of the Michigan Boxer Club in order to qualify for any award.
8. Any dog selected to participate in the American Boxer Top Twenty competition at the American Boxer Club national specialty will be awarded a trophy as determined by the Awards chairperson. Additionally, the breeder of this dog who is a member of Michigan Boxer Club will also receive a trophy.

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENT

At our October meeting, we will discuss holding a fundraising raffle for lodging at the 2007 ABC National Specialty. The current idea is that the winner will either have the Club pay for four nights' lodging (Monday—Thursday), or take \$500 in cash. The raffle will run for several months, with the prize drawing in April (this will allow us to promote the raffle at both of our 2006 Specialties).

Another idea is to have members sell raffle tickets, and the member who sells the most tickets also wins the prize. (Alternatively, the member who sells the winning ticket wins the member prize.)

Please bring your ideas for this raffle to the meeting, or send them along to someone who will be there. You can e-mail your comments, suggestions, or questions to me at secretary@michiganboxerclub.com

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