

November 4 - 6, 2005 Show Report

Everyone made it home from KY and what a great time we all had! Seems like the wins were spread around nicely and got to meet and put faces to names for a lot of people. I think everyone got to meet and make friends with Jesse, Barbara William's grandson, he became good buddies with Terry and Jennifer. And boy did we have fun at the costume contest. Lenor got some great shots of everyone that entered, be sure to check them out. Bob Cook, for one was a sight to see! One lady had her jack Russell decked out like a horse with a bridle and saddle and wrapped legs and even a drape of roses! He was so cute.

Thursday, all those that arrived earlier helped separate all the goodies into the prizes and awards for the Specialty, the goodies for the raffles and all the goodies for the Welcome/Thank-you bags that go to each person entering the AKK Specialty. Everyone met back at the Best Western in Terry, Tammy and Lenor's rooms for our AKK social where we had some good BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, other goodies and some cold beverages and great companionship.



Friday was a very long day, most of us showed up at the show site at 9 am to get everything in order for the AKK Specialty registration and the show that started at noon. We had 34 AKK registered to show in the Specialty, and people came from AK, AR, CA, MA, MI, MO, NJ, OR, PA, TN, TX. The competition was keen, and the prizes were outstanding, thanks to all the donations we had.

Congratulations to Marian Campbell and Kiara for the BISS!! The showmanship

award was won by Debbie Clifton. This award is given to the adult that shows the best showmanship skills in the ring. **Congrats, Debbie!** The traveling plaque, the Gail Compton Sportsmanship Award was won by Judy Taninies. **Congrats, Judy!** Last years winner Susie Cain received a plaque to replace the traveling plaque. This award is voted on by the exhibitors at the show.



**A big thanks to Tammi Callahan for volunteering to be our Ring Steward for the Specialty!
And a really BIG thanks to all those who donated their time and gifts/awards!!**

At 5 pm the Mason Dixon Multi-breed show started. The Northern Group was the largest group in the show with about 80 dogs, and the AKK made up over a third of the group. Barbara Williams and Tempo had some tough competition but won Group so we stayed to the bitter end to cheer her on. Sadly, she didn't win BIS, but just the fact that we had an AKK out there was a winner. Everyone was beat after the Mason Dixon show ended and we got back to the hotel around 10ish, so we did not have an AKK social.

Saturday, Show 1, Desarie Fletcher and Koda won BOB and a Group 1, they tried hard in BIS, but to no avail. Show 2, Tammy Martin and Amarok won BOB and a Group 3. The competition in both **Breed** and **Group** was tough all weekend.

Saturday, Carol Din invited everyone over to her Big Red Van for lunch where everyone pulled up a chair and enjoyed the warm sunshine and chit chatted about AKK, the show and just about everything else. Thanks Carol! Several of us had walked over to the Country Store before lunch and helped to support the local economy :) Of course, the Mason-Dixon club had two shows on Saturday as well as the costume contest, so it was another long day, but we weren't too tired to go to the Judge's dinner Saturday night!

The Judge's dinner was held at Claudia Sanders Dinner House. on Saturday night. History Note: "The Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville was KFC headquarters in the early years. At one time it was actually owned by Claudia Sanders, wife of the Colonel and a kitchen wizard in her own right. Claudia is gone, but her recipes survive to tempt new generations. The Colonel used to live in Blackwood Hall next door." But next time guys let's not sit in the corner! haha Don't think we ever received *more* dinner rolls... LOL!

And that Sprite made a lot of trips around the dining room before it got to Linda. (We think they forgot who it was for!)

In Sunday's Show, Debbie Clifton and Hiatt won BOB and a Group 4.

The hotel was very clean and the rooms were huge! And they were smart enough to put all us dog people close enough that no one could complain about the noises. There were horse people there this weekend as well. And the show site was great, only minutes from the hotel.

It was said that the Mason Dixon Club is going to show there in July and then see about next November. They wanted people to vote on finding a site with a hotel/show site combination or showing again at the Super Dog Sports Center. NOTE: Last heard was that the November show will be at this same location. The building is a good site!

Both raffles, the Mason Dixon's and the AKKAOA raffles were plentiful and everyone made out like bandits, (well, at least Marian and Barbara did) hahaha! And lucky Ruth won the dog treat guessing gaming, she hit it right on the head! What a fun time we all had and we cannot wait to do this again. The only problem was that it was so tiring! Every night we would go back to the hotel totally exhausted. And what did we do to get that way? Sit around and wait! Hahaha

Several people got out of "Dodge" on Sunday around noonish, some had shorter distances to go than others and others had 11 hours or more, good grief... talk about dedication!

We thank everyone for coming & for participating in all the events and shows during the weekend.

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**Best in
Specialty Show**

Best of Breed



**CONGRATULATIONS!!
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owned by Marian Campbell**