



ALL BREED  
DOG CLUB

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Based in Newton, Iowa

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# CENTRAL IOWA KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011

## 2011 ALL BREED DOG SHOW

Our 2011 dog show is in the books. We thank everyone who helped us make this show a wonderful success. Our Sanctioned B match on Friday night and our Meet the Breed event on Saturday were both a big hit.

## 2012 DOG SHOW FRIDAY SPECIALITES

We are considering adding an extra day of specialties the Friday before our annual January dog show. Members of Iowa Breed Specialty clubs, please contact Lois Grier if your club is interested in participating! [lgrier@iowatelecome.net](mailto:lgrier@iowatelecome.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

Wednesday evenings beginning May 4, 2011.

### Conformation handling classes

CIKC is very pleased to sponsor conformation handling classes beginning May, 2011. The instructor will be registered handler Kristina Bowman. Drop in classes will be held at the Prairie City, Iowa city park on Wednesday evenings (weather permitting) at 7:00-8:00 pm. Cost is \$3 for your first dog and \$2 for every dog after that. Times and location are subject to change, for more information or for an update please contact Kristina @ 515-250-6284.

**Saturday May 7, 2011**

**ALL BREED CANINE HEALTH AND 20x20 OPTIGEN CLINIC**

CIKC is hosting to host a health clinic on Saturday May 7, 2011 at Des Moines Obedience Training Center in Des Moines, Iowa. We are very pleased to offer several very important tests to breeders and pet owners, as well as microchipping.

- **EYE CERTIFICATIONS:** Eye certification is important to breeders. It helps prevent the breeding of purebred dogs which have known genetic eye diseases. Some of these diseases can be both blinding and/or painful to the dog.
- **MICROCHIPPING:** Microchips are a permanent radio-frequency identification chip implanted under the dog's skin and read by a chip scanner or wand. The procedure is quick and easy, and provides unique, permanent identification of pets, purebred show and breeding dogs.
- **HEART AUSCULTATION:** The most common tool used to diagnose heart disease is auscultation. Auscultation involves listening to the heart with a stethoscope in order to detect abnormal heart sounds such as murmurs. When heart disease is detected late, prognosis is usually poor. Early diagnosis is important in order for the veterinarian to initiate a treatment regimen that will assist in delaying the progression of heart disease to heart failure.
- **OFA THYROID:** Canine Hypothyroidism is the underproduction of thyroxin, the hormone produced by the thyroid gland. This hormone and the thyroid gland are very important in controlling growth and development and maintaining normal protein, carbohydrate and lipid metabolism of the dog. Thyroxin is so important that almost every tissue in the dog's body is controlled by the thyroid gland. There are many causes of hypothyroidism. However, one of the most common causes of this disease is the immune system attacking the thyroid gland. Genetics plays an important role in the type of hypothyroidism.
- **BRUCELLOSIS TESTING:** Highly infectious disease that attacks dogs. It causes abortion, resorption, stillbirths and sterility.
- **PATELLA SCREENING:** Luxating patella, a painful, potentially crippling genetic disease. It can cause temporary or permanent pain and lameness, and can occur in one or both rear legs. The patella, or the bone known as the kneecap, is part of the stifle joint.

- **20x20 OPTIGEN TESTING:** Optigen is a service company established to provide DNA based diagnoses and information about inherited diseases of dogs.
  - Available tests can be found at [www.optigen.com/opt9\\_test.html](http://www.optigen.com/opt9_test.html) Costs vary according to the test.
  - Blood or cheek swabs are acceptable depending upon the test. Instructions for completing cheek swabs can be found on the Otigen website [www.optigen.com/opt9\\_cheekswb.html](http://www.optigen.com/opt9_cheekswb.html)
  - Participants will receive a **20% discount** on optigen tests submitted at this clinic. Online pre- registrations will receive an additional **5% discount**, for a total discount of **25%.** **ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATIONS--MUST INCLUDE CLINIC CODE.**

For more information on this health clinic please see the flyer enclosed, check our club web site [www.cikc.org](http://www.cikc.org) or contact Pam Talley @ [pgt5911@aol.com](mailto:pgt5911@aol.com) or 515-577-7719

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011**

## **Annual Sanctioned B Match and CGC Testing**

Our annual summer sanction B Match, CGC testing and pot luck will be held this year at the Prairie city park in Prairie City Iowa. Prairie City is a very short drive east of Des Moines right off Hwy 163. CGC testing and registration for the match will begin at 10:30 and judging begins at 11:30. CGC is \$10 and match entry fees are \$5 for the 1<sup>st</sup> dog and \$3 for every dog after that. Classes will be 3 to 6 months, 6 to 12 months and Open. No major pointed dogs. Stacey Sellers from Briarwood Labradors will be judging the match. Bev Klingensmith with CIKC will be doing CGC testing. After the match everyone is invited to stay for a pot luck provided by CIKC. For more information and for an entry form, check our website [www.cikc.net](http://www.cikc.net) or contact Denise Carroll @ [FDBGSD@AOL.COM](mailto:FDBGSD@AOL.COM)

**Join our online mailing list**—receive this newsletter, notices and club information online. Sign up on our website [www.cikc.net](http://www.cikc.net)

**See our website for updates and more information regarding these events, club member contact information, enrollment forms and much more information. All dates are subject to change.**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The object of the club shall be to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs; to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials; and to conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows and obedience trails under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

### **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Membership is open to all persons eighteen years of age and older who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club.

Monthly meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. If you wish to attend a meeting, confirm the scheduled meeting and location with the club secretary.

See our web site for more information and a membership application form.