

AKC ALL-BREED Dog Show

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The Jackson Tennessee Dog Fancier's Association held its annual dog show March 24 and 25. Their mission is "Dedication to the care and preservation of purebred dogs as defined by the American Kennel Club." Jackson is fortunate to have this event for several reasons. "Local spending by participants in an AKC event can inject more than \$1.7 million into the community." People from Franklin and Knoxville, New Orleans, Mississippi, Illinois, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia were present. As Kent and Tracy McKown from Illinois stated, "We enjoy the southern hospitality of this show, and the preservation of purebred dogs is very important to us." They had 525 dogs entered both days from all over the country. The organizers were thrilled to have several dogs compete in Jackson that had participated in The Westminster Dog Show and the AKC Nationals in Orlando. The club has approximately 30 members and would like to see more people get involved. A membership application may be found at www.jtdfa.org. From the proceeds the club has donated a bullet-proof vest for the K-9 unit of the Jackson Police Department, \$500 for the upkeep of the L.A.N.A. Dog Walk in the past, and 13 sets of pet oxygen masks to the Jackson Fire Department. They are very thankful for the support from the Fairgrounds staff, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, R&J Feeds, AT&T Pioneers Group, The Baker's Rack and students from Madison Academic who volunteered this year. If you are interested in purchasing a purebred dog, this event is a great opportunity to speak with responsible breeders/owners to learn more about the breeds. This event is packed with family fun, and it costs only \$5 per car to enter. Do not miss it next year!



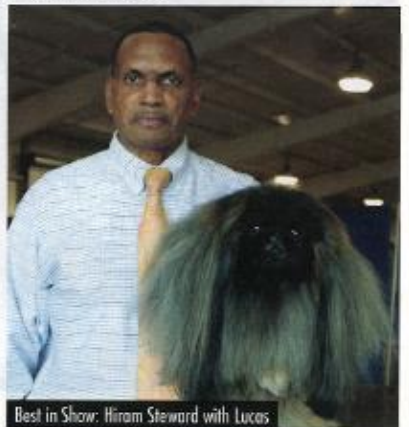
Taylor Blankenship with Airy & Demi



Angie Cooke with Sonny



Lauren Segraves with Limousine



Best in Show: Hiram Steward with Lucas



Cathy Burleson & Jill Marts



Barbara Allen & Patrice Willis



Judge Jerry Watkins & Barbara Conley



Debbie Snider & Mark Doran



G.G. Bray & Judy Rhear

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Kent & Tracy McKown



David Nutting with Thor



Ellen Perry with Guinness, Chloe & Tee



Danielle Sankheil with Barrett