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## Words from Our President

Hello fellow Bu parents,

WOW - the summer is here - I hope everyone is out enjoying. We have been tracking the new titles for 2023 and everyone has been busy - It is great to see - I do not have June and July compiled yet but so far 30 members' dogs have earned at least one new title and many have earned several since July of last year, very impressive. It is great to see.

We are currently working on PROM/PROMX for our performance dogs. More details will be offered at the annual meeting.

In May we had two great supported entries - one in Klamath Falls, OR and one in Kalamazoo, MI. Great job to those who put in all the hard work to offer them. Thank you!!!! Christine VanVleet has already contacted the board about offering another supported entry in 2024 and a member in MA has requested offering one in July of 2024 in West Springfield. I look forward them.

Membership voted on the 2025 National specialty - with an overwhelming response the result was Kalamazoo, MI. It was brought to our attention that there were some issues with the survey system we were using. We are no longer using that system and will be looking at other options for future surveys. I do want to thank Carol Walsh for all her hard work on putting the surveys together and for trying to solve the issues that arose. It was not an easy task.

We may have found someone to be our junior coordinator, but welcome any additional interest in the position. More info is included in this newsletter.

The nomination chair, Heidi Erickson and the committee will be presenting the board the slate in the next week or so and it will be sent to Membership ASAP. Heidi and committee thank your for taking the time to put the slate together.

Lets get those Versatile Award applications to Diana by the end of July, so we have time to get the certificates printed before the specialty.

Til next time. Enjoy the summer, stay safe and stay healthy.

--Faye

# **Congratulations on Your New AKC Titles!**

FIT Dog Bronze	Trollheimen Cara Finna RE AX AXJ CA BCAT ACT2 SWA SHDE CGCA TKP FITB	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Prasad	03/01/23
Champion	CH Cloudpointe's Carpe Diem	Micaela Kenyon & Ted Kenyon & Tameesha VanEtten & Amelia E. McLaughlin	03/04/23
Canine Good Citizen	Starry Sky's Paskejente Linzie CGC TKI	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Prasad	03/12/23
FCAT	Zodiac's Little Norse Wolf FCAT FITB	Sonja Haasper	03/24/23
FIT Dog Silver	Pop's Little Barnstormer CD BN RM2 RAE3 FDC CGCA CGCU TKN FITS	Marcie Babbitt	03/27/23
FIT Dog Silver	Skunk BN RN FITS	Marcie Babbitt	03/27/23
Rally Excellent	Zodiac's Amo Probos De Lady Freya RE	Lori N Blair & Corey L Blair	04/01/23
FCAT2	Forest Grove Farm's Spirit Of Norway CA FCAT2 FITB	Sonja Haasper	04/01/23
Champion	CH Gullhjerte Siriusly Black Magic Of Trollheimen ATT	Monika Grimm	04/07/23
Grand Champion	GCH CH Fabrajs AkseI	Joann Cocoros	04/08/23
Companion Dog	CH Trollheimen Crystal Bu Persuasion Of Gardstun CD BN PT FDC CGC	Ann Wood	04/08/23
FIT Dog Bronze	CH Bo-Co-Pa's Rescued By The Kachimushi At Hanafubuki RN CGCTKI FITB	Zarin Godfrey & Erika David & JoAnn Wright- Godfrey	04/10/23
FIT Dog Silver	Blackrose's Wise Norseman CA FCAT2 FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/10/23
FIT Dog Silver	Forest Grove Farm's Spirit Of Norway CA FCAT2 FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/10/23
FIT Dog Silver	Zodiac's Little Norse Wolf FCAT FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/10/23
Coursing Ability	Zodiac's Little Norse Wolf CA FCAT FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/16/23
Coursing Ability Advanced	Blackrose's Wise Norseman CAA FCAT2 FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/16/23
FCAT3	Blackrose's Wise Norseman CA FCAT3 FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/21/23
FCAT2	Zodiac's Little Norse Wolf CA FCAT2 FITS	Sonja Haasper	04/23/23
Scent Work Interior Novice	Trollheimen Miss Bee Haven FDC SWN	Marcie Babbitt	04/30/23
Scent Work Novice	Trollheimen Miss Bee Haven FDC SWN	Marcie Babbitt	04/30/23
DCAT	Gullhjerte La Vie En Rose DCAT	Christine VanVleet	05/06/23
FCAT2	GCH CH Fjordriket You Are Meant To Shine FCAT2 CGC TKN FITG	Ms. Mona Aasmul Ph.D.	05/13/23
BCAT	Trollheimen's Luck Be A Lady BCAT DJ DN CGC TKN	Alina Tkachenko	05/13/23
Canine Good Citizen Urban	Skunk BN RN CGCU FITS	Marcie Babbitt	05/14/23
Canine Good Citizen	Forest Grove Farm Drage Absolutt CGC	Brenda M Lund & Helen M Boeck	05/15/23
Grand Champion	GCH CH Fabrajs Enchantingly Loyal	Patricia Faye Adcox	05/26/23
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB CH Fabrajs Bravelly Bewitching	Ted Kenyon & Micaela Kenyon & Christa Kenyon	05/27/23
Champion	CH Kyon's Princess Pippi	Catherine Lassesen	05/28/23
Champion	CH Gullhjerte La Vie En Rose DCAT	Christine VanVleet	05/29/23
Champion	CH Tsarshadow He Who Dares	Doug Belter & Dawne Deeley	05/29/23
FCAT3	Forest Grove Farm's Spirit Of Norway CA FCAT3 FITS	Sonja Haasper	05/29/23

*New Title Information was obtained from the American Kennel Club records system on June 19, 2023, for events processed from March 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023. This list may also include previous titles not processed until this time period. Please email [buhundnews@gmail.com](mailto:buhundnews@gmail.com) with any corrections.*

# Junior Coordinator Position

The AKC Board approved the role of a Junior Coordinator for all breed clubs. The person filling this role is to be submitted with the officers from each club as the Judges Education Coordinator and Public Education Coordinator. This will allow the AKC to communicate with the individual in this role. Please email Faye if interested in volunteering for this position: [corgpinmom@aol.com](mailto:corgpinmom@aol.com)

## **Parent Club Junior Coordinator – Suggested Activities**

The coordinator may wish to form a committee to assist in handling the development of opportunities for Juniors with the breed, the following are suggestions:

- Contact person for Junior members
- Coordinate activities for Juniors participating at the National Specialty which might include: handling clinic, introduction to other events, grooming clinic, invite to attend judges education seminar, breeder education seminar, social gathering and or outing, goodie bags.
- Maintain list of Juniors competing with the Breed in all events
- Coordinate the awarding of Scholarships for education to Juniors who competed with the breed.
- Provide information for the Parent Club Web site about the Junior activities.
- Coordinate the highlighting of Juniors in Club publications.
- Contact for those who may offer a dog to a Junior
- Coordinate recognition and awards for Juniors that have competed in any event with the breed.
- Reaching out to Juniors who may have the breed who are not Junior members.
- Provide guidance to local Specialty Clubs to enhance activities for Juniors
- Include Juniors in opportunities where the breed is being represented: Meet The Breeds
- Establish Mentorship with officers of the club for Juniors to learn the roles of other positions.
- Coordinate Juniors participating in the Companion or Performance Events to assist with the events at the National.
- Coordinate volunteer activities for Juniors, throughout the year as well as at the National: assist with social media, set up of any of the different events, monitor raffle, catalog sales, grooming space- etc.

## **2023 National Specialty**

**Saturday September 16th, 2023**

National Specialty Judge - Julie Felton

Sweeps and Junior Showcase Judge - Deidre Petrie

Concurrent with the Blue Mountain Cluster,

September 14-17, 2023

Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie PA

Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., Superintendent

(610) 376-1880

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# Specialty Chair's Report

Hello fellow Buhund enthusiasts!

I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready to jump into summer with fun events and maybe even some vacations. As of this writing, Michigan has already experiencing summer-like temps; hitting 90+ degrees for several consecutive days now. I hope this isn't a pre-courser to what summer will actually bestow upon us. As the weather turns warmer, stay safe, cool and hydrated!!!

Our Supported Entry held on 05/28/2023 in conjunction with the West Michigan Apple Blossom Cluster was a huge success; we had a great turn out of 17 dogs; 5-6 (4-2), which was way above my expectations. I want to thank all who joined us and congratulations to all the winners. A special thank you to Faye Adcox for once again helping me with my long list of questions, and to Christa Kenyon who assisted me in pulling this event together. I am planning to work on future supported entries and will keep everyone updated. My goal is two per year; having said that, if anyone has suggestions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me; my email is midoglv4@comcast.net.

Our National Specialty in Macungie, PA is rapidly approaching. We have several people working on raffle items and I am working on a supported entry for Sunday, 9/17. Again, if anyone has thoughts, ideas, suggestions, please contact me! Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer; see you in September!!!

--Christine

## 2023 National Specialty Dinner

*All are welcome! Dinner will be held in a paviloin at the show site after Best in Show on September 16th*

### Catered by BJ's Brewhouse

#### Menu

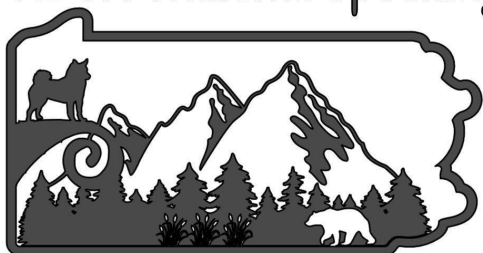
New Orleans Jambalaya  
Lemon Thyme Chicken  
Cauliflower Quinoa bowl (vegetarian)  
House salad  
Garlic knots  
Fruit  
Cookies

**Cost: \$25 per person**

Make checks payable to NBCA.  
Please send reservations and payments to  
Mona Aasmul:  
2540 Bridlewood Court, Obetz OH 43207

Checks must be received by 8/31/2023

## NBCA National Specialty



Macungie, PA September 15-18 2023

This year you will be able to pre-order T-shirts with the National Specialty Logo on them. Pre-orders will be taken starting in June, and the cost will be \$25.00 for a T-shirt and \$30.00 for a long sleeve shirt.

TO PLACE AN ORDER OR FOR MORE INFO  
CONTACT CHER LEE AT  
orders.nbca2023@gmail.com

# Specialty Lodging and Travel

## Hotel Information

Homewood Suites. Allentown, PA  
7686 Industrial Blvd Route, 100, Allentown, PA  
18106 (about 6 miles from show site).  
King studio suite. 1 king bed, pullout sofa bed,  
kitchenette, free breakfast.

\$164.00 plus tax 1 time pet fee \$75.00  
Sept. 14 to Sept 18

610-336-4860

Request rate for NBCA Specialty, available now.

## Camping Facilities

RV and Trailer Camping \$40/night or \$140 for  
all 4 nights.

*Dry camping only at the show site, no electricity  
or water will be available.*

**See registration form at end of newsletter for  
details.**

## Canine Genetics Seminar at the Specialty

**Friday September 16, 2023**

**after best in show, location on show grounds TBD**

Seminar will run about 2 hours. **We will have pizza for seminar attendees.**

The Norwegian Buhund Club of America is hosting a seminar on canine genetics, open to all who are interested in a layperson's overview of population genetics in domestic animals and how science can advance the art of breeding dogs. Special discussion will highlight advances in genetic testing available to consumers and potential applications (and limitations) of these products for dog breeders.

### **Cost:**

\$15 per person for members of the Norwegian Buhund Club of America.

\$40 per person for all non-members.

### **Registration form**

Name:

Email:

Address:

Pizza: do you prefer:      Regular crust      Gluten free crust      Vegetarian

**Make checks payable to NBCA or Norwegian Buhund Club of America.**

Mail registration and payments to:

Mona Aasmul

2540 Bridlewood Court

Obetz, OH 43207

OR register via email/zelle: norwegianbuhundclubofamerica@aol.com

**Registration/Payment must be received by 8/31/2023**

# Member Photos



*Congratulations to Octavia Stensen and Pineapple who placed 2nd in the 2023 Junior Showmanship Finalist at the Westminster Kennel Club!*



*Congratulations to Zarin Godfrey and Tonni who placed Best of Opposite Sex in the 2023 Westminster Kennel Club show!*

*Reisling says "this travel stuff is crazy!"*



*Ghost Veteran Group 1, South Shores dog show, Canada*



*Hagrid Group 3, South Shores dog show, Canada*

# Food for Thought: Research Summary Series

*The following article summary is the first to be presented in the NBCA Quarterly, highlighting research from the past 10 years on the subject of sterilization in dogs. Future article suggestions as well as editorials are welcome! Please email the editor at [buhundnews@gmail.com](mailto:buhundnews@gmail.com) with comments, articles or suggestions.*

ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN STERILIZATION STATUS AND LIFESPAN & CAUSE OF DEATH  
by Conny Kraus | Feb 10, 2021 | Functional Dog Collaborative:  
<https://functionalbreeding.org/2021/02/10/associations-between-sterilization-status-lifespan-and-cause-of-death/>

Article: Hoffman, et al. "Reproductive capability is associated with lifespan and cause of death in companion dogs". Plos One (2013): 8: e61082.

## Full Text:

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/file?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0061082&type=printable>

This study investigates the effect of reproductive capability (intact vs sterilized status) on lifespan and the distribution of causes of death in dogs.

## Background

Lifespan is the outcome of the differential risks of a myriad of possible causes of death. While life history theory suggests that reproduction carries a potential survival cost, we actually know little about how reproductive capability affects lifespan and the risk of dying of specific causes of death. Because elective sterilization (spay-neuter) surgery is commonly performed in pet dogs, they provide an excellent model to investigate this topic. The authors studied the effect of surgical sterilization on lifespan and cause of death in a large sample of domestic dogs. They controlled for age in their analyses, which is important, because a longer lifespan might lead to a higher risk of dying of diseases that strike at a later age.

## Data & Methods

The authors performed survival analyses on lifespan and cause of death data of over 40,000 dogs stored in the Veterinary Medical Database (VMDB), which contains the medical records for dogs that died at North American teaching hospitals. They accounted for age at death and size in their causes of death analyses, and they looked at the most frequently encountered breeds separately to investigate the generality of the patterns observed.

## Results

**Lifespan:** Sterilization increased lifespan in both sexes: by 26.3% in females and 13.8% in males.

**Cause of death:** Sterilization led to different changes in mortality risk dependent on pathophysiological processes. Sterilization decreased the risk for dying of infectious disease, trauma, vascular disease, and degenerative disease, but it increased the risk for dying of neoplasia (cancer) and immune-mediated disease (bold print emphasizes large effect sizes). Surprisingly, despite different endocrinological consequences of sterilization in females and males, the direction and magnitude of the effects was similar for both sexes. The patterns identified also largely held for different age and size classes, as well as in the within-breed analyses.

With respect to cancer, 4 of the 8 most commonly diagnosed cancers had a significantly higher frequency in sterilized dogs (transitional cell carcinoma, osteosarcoma, lymphoma and mast cell tumors). Only mammary cancer was significantly more common in intact dogs. In contrast, for infectious diseases, 4 of the 5 most commonly diagnosed ones had a significantly lower frequency in sterilized dogs (intestinal parasites, canine distemper, heartworm and parvovirus).

## Discussion

The lifespan advantage of sterilized dogs has been documented in several studies. However, the size of the lifespan gap varies substantially among studies: the one documented in this study is comparatively large. The lifespan advantage is typically larger for females, and even absent in males in some studies. All causes of death were included, with intact dogs being much more likely to die of traumatic processes such as accidents. These are extrinsic causes of death, which arguably do not contribute to an intrinsic risk of death due to the physiological consequences of sterilization. Sterilization likely affects the risk of traumatic death via its effect on reproductive behaviors such as roaming.

Additional to the (near) absence of gonadal hormones in sterilized animals, many factors could contribute to the observed shift in lifespan and causes of death, such as effects on growth, development and down-stream effects on the HPA (Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis related to stress physiology). The higher cancer risk in sterilized dogs might be associated with them growing taller than their intact counterparts if altered before puberty, due to the delayed closure of growth plates. Growth is a known risk factor for a number of cancers, such as osteosarcoma. The lower risk of sterilized dogs to succumb to infectious diseases could be linked to the immune-modulating effects of testosterone and progesterone, but it could also be an indirect result of a decreased risk of exposure due to changes in behavior (e.g. less roaming and fighting), or a combination of both processes.

Because this is a retrospective study, several potential confounding factors have to be considered. Dogs dying at a teaching hospital are likely not representative of the general dog population. More serious or complicated cases are typically referred to university hospitals, and the socioeconomic status of owners is likely comparatively high. Treating reproductive status as a time-invariant variable might bias the estimated lifespan gap between sterilized and intact dogs, because dogs sterilized later in life contribute to the sterilized population, despite having experienced hormone exposure for a varying number of years. This effect will be dependent on the rate of increase in the proportion of sterilized dogs with time. Still, the patterns found for causes of death of sterilized vs. intact dogs are consistent across age, including in early age classes with limited gonadal hormone exposure. Parity and reproductive history of female dogs were also unknown variables in this study. However, if the two groups partially overlapped with respect to reproductive experience that would minimize the differences between them and lead to an underestimation, rather than overestimation, of the effects identified. Again, the major effects of sterilization on causes of death were already evident in early age classes, when presumably, few dogs were reproductively active.

**This retrospective study documents a relatively large lifespan advantage of sterilized vs. intact dogs and identifies differences in the cause of death distribution of both groups, with consistent patterns over size and age classes. Analyses of more representative dog populations with the inclusion of age at sterilization as a factor will be needed to more accurately quantify the association between reproductive capability, lifespan, and causes of death in dogs.**





## Welcome New Members!

James and Patti Wamsher  
Eli and Bruce Chamberlain  
Judy and Jay Cayudo  
Shawn Meyers  
Else Turner



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## Newsletter Info

### Submissions Policy

We welcome ideas, suggestions and critiques concerning the newsletter. Our submission policy is open, with submissions subject to approval by the NBCA Board of Directors. Submissions may also be edited for length, clarity, appropriateness and style.

### Publication Schedule

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\*Since the October edition is also typically the Specialty edition, publication may be delayed to middle or end-of month.

### Submissions Deadlines

The deadline for submission to the editor is the fifteenth of the month (December, March, June and September) for publication the first week of the following month. Please send submissions to: [BuhundNews@gmail.com](mailto:BuhundNews@gmail.com)

**BLUE MOUNTAIN CLUSTER - RV CAMPING CONTRACT**

Pocono Mt KC \* Lehigh Valley KC \* Berks County KC  
Sept. 14 - 17, 2022 Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

\$40.00 per night or \$140.00 for all 4 nights with advanced reservation.  
\$45.00 per night CASH without reservations. Reservation form and fee's must be received by August 31, 2022. No refunds after this date. **INCOMPLETE Reserved Day Parking Forms submitted will NOT be accepted and will be RETURNED TO SENDER.**

Complete form, **Sign at bottom** Make check payable to: PMKC There will be a \$40.00 fee for any returned checks.

**Mail to: Blue Mtn Cluster c/o Sandra Krieger  
178 Neyhart Rd  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
kasan@ptd.net**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

license plate # \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Type: Motorhome (Class A B C) \_\_\_ Truck-Van-Trailer Other \_\_\_\_\_

PMKC \_\_\_ PMKC \_\_\_ LVKC \_\_\_ BCKC \_\_\_\_\_

Your total fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to: PMKC

**NOTE: There is no electric or water available. No filling of water tanks, on any vehicle.** All camping units must be self-contained and have working fire extinguishers. All generators must have approved raised stack generator exhaust system when in use. Generators must be turned off between the hours of 11 pm. to 6 am.

Anyone wanting to park next to each other must submit in same envelope. Dumping of grey/black water will not be tolerated. Keep your site clean. Septic pumping available for a fee if enough campers are interested.

**Please use the Route 100 entrance to the park only!**

**RV Check-in \*DO NOT\* arrive at the park before 1PM, Wednesday, Sept 14, 2022**

By signing this form/contract, you agree to all terms and conditions stated on this form. \*Camping/RV parking is completely at the exhibitors, family members and guests own risk. Blue Mountain Cluster which includes Pocono Mountain, Lehigh Valley and Berks County Kennel Clubs, will not be responsible for any loss which includes but not limited to bodily harm, fire, theft and damage to personal property owned by the exhibitor or spectator at said events. \*Blue Mountain Cluster Kennel Club's will not be responsible for the towing of any vehicle; the name of a towing service will be available as needed.

Signature required \_\_\_\_\_