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Letter From Our President - Faye Adcox

I am sad to announce that the 2020 National will be canceled - Great Falls has canceled the show. Our judge cannot travel as there is a travel ban for all non-essential travel in Norway until the end of August. The board also feels as much as we all want to show that it would be better to consider the health and safety of our members.

We are going to keep the 2020 plans for 2021. That way the West does not miss out on the rotation. Otherwise, we would not return to the west for 4 years. The reason the rotation was set up to move across the country and to different states is so that it would be fair for all members.

Please, everyone stay safe as this virus is serious. I know, we are waiting right now to hear if one of my sons and his girlfriend are positive for it. Personally as a mom I am terrified because he has asthma and this could be life threatening to him.

I also just found out that the Marion supported entry is also canceled. One of the reasons these shows are being canceled is that it is too expensive and difficult for clubs to comply with their state's mandated requirements to be able to hold a show. Clubs know that entries are going to be low at first, and it is very expensive to host a show. It is expensive to put on a National specialty. Please be understanding with all the clubs right now. Yes, we all want to get back in the ring. Some of us have young puppies we need to socialize and get in the ring but for now we need to wait. Be understanding.

I know this is a rough time for all of us. AKC has offered virtual trick dog titles - you can train your dog, video tape it and send it to your evaluator. I have been doing this with my dogs. Our dogs are used to being on the go with training, shows, classes and right now, like us, they are stuck at home. During this time find other activities to try - there are many you can try at home.

I know we all want to get out and show. I miss it as much as anyone else but we need to be cautious. Think of others, not of yourself.

Faye



Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement - from akc.org

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.

RECOGNITION LEVELMINIMUM NOHS POINTS

<i>Bronze</i>	250
<i>Silver</i>	500
<i>Gold</i>	1,000
<i>Platinum</i>	2,000

For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog's AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered would be awarded only the highest Level of Achievement certificate and pin that they have earned.

More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent in the near future. The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO LINDA LUNDSTROM FOR THE NEW NBKA WEBSITE!

Check out the new and improved www.buhund.org

There are lots of beautiful Bu pictures, including historic ones! And, new tabs to explore such as approved stud dogs, available puppies, and members page.

Members: You should have received an email in April to set up your member access and password. If you need assistance, contact Linda – Linda@zodiacranch.com

Congratulations On Your New Titles!

Title	Dog Name	Owner/s
Agility Excellent	Trollheimen Cara Finna AX AXJ CA BCAT ACT2 SWA SHDE CGCA TKP	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Prasad
Excellent Agility Jumper	Trollheimen Cara Finna OA AXJ CA BCAT ACT2 SWA SHDE CGCA TKP	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Prasad
Canine Good Citizen	Blackrose's Moves Like Jagger CGC	Adrea Benkoff & David Benkoff
Canine Good Citizen	Fjordriket New Beginnings CGC	Cheryl A Lee & Benjamin J Wemer
Canine Good Citizen	CH Windsong When Doves Cry At Valhasar CGCA	Richard Valentini & Mrs. Joy A Fowler
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	CH Windsong When Doves Cry At Valhasar CGCA	Richard Valentini & Mrs. Joy A Fowler
Trick Dog Novice	Fjordriket New Beginnings CGC TKN	Cheryl A Lee & Benjamin J Wemer
Trick Dog Novice	GCH CH Windsong When Doves Cry At Valhasar CGCA TKN	Richard Valentini & Mrs. Joy A Fowler
Companion Dog Excellent	GCH CH Jotunn's Dashing Darwin CDX GN RAE FDC NA NAJ BCAT SWN	Vali Eberhardt & Marti Kincaid



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submissions subject to
approval by the NBCA
Board of Directors..
Submissions may also be
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The deadline for submission to the editor is the tenth of the month
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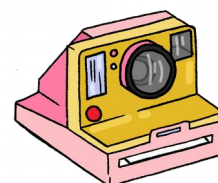
Please share your
accomplishments & pictures for
future newsletters!

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

**Send a picture of
your Buhund to be
included in the next issue!**



From the editor:

Please help make our Summer issue more exciting!! This Spring issue was majorly affected by Covid 19. Normally, there would be pages of information in anticipation of our yearly Specialty. This virus, with the emotional, political and economical toll has affected us all. As a result, I have struggled with lack of enthusiasm to put this issue together. I still look forward to the next issue. Please send in photos of your Buhunds to include in the Summer issue. I'm fortunate to be able to be home with my Buhunds most of the time, whether there's a stay-at-home ordinance or not. Here's what's happening at Gardstun Buhunds! I hope you all stay healthy and safe!

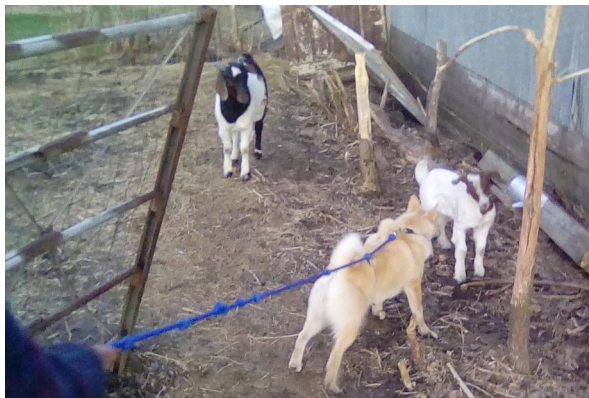
Best Regards,
Ann Wood



Krupnik keeping his eye on the pigs!



Gretchen relaxing by the maple syrup cooking fire!



Crystal keeping the goats on the move!



How to Socialize Your Puppy During Times of Social Distancing

By [Yasmine Ali, M.D.](#) Article from akc.org
Apr 01, 2020

Puppies have a short time window for optimal socialization, and that requires exposure to multiple different surfaces, people of all backgrounds, and various new situations. But what about the puppies who happen to be within that window now, during this time of necessary [social distancing due to COVID-19](#)? How can they be socialized so they can grow to be confident and happy dogs for the rest of their lives?

The Goals of Socialization

First, it's important to keep in mind [the goals of puppy socialization](#). Paul Owens, professional dog trainer and bestselling author of *The Dog Whisperer* books, points out that “socialization does not mean putting a dog in a new situation and seeing what happens. Socialization means introducing new situations and making them safe, positive, confidence-building experiences.”

Certified dog trainer and [CGC evaluator](#) Jacqui Foster, CPDT-KA, agrees: “As one of my mentors says, ‘Absence of one bad experience far outweighs 100 good experiences!’” She adds that each puppy learns differently, so “work with the dog in front of you ... I tend to lean more towards developing self-confidence in the puppy, rather than flooding the dog with loads of people, noises, and experiences.”

The Most Important Exposures for Your Puppy

There are certain new situations to which all puppies should be exposed if possible, preferably during the first 16 weeks of life, and the good news is that most of these can be accomplished in and around your own home. Each positive experience builds your puppy's self-confidence. These exposures include:

- Different surfaces: grass, leaves, concrete, gravel, linoleum, carpet, wood, sand, etc.
- Different sounds: think of all the everyday sounds around your home, including hairdryers, phone ringtones, radios, vacuum cleaners, and more. There are even recordings of sounds like thunder and other dogs barking that you can download for your puppy to hear. Be sure to make each noise exposure a positive experience by acting happy around the sound and associating the sound with yummy treats, and watch your puppy for any [signs of stress](#).
- Other dogs: this can be done if you have other dogs in the neighborhood you know and trust to be safe and well-mannered with your puppy. It will be important for you to know the other dogs' owners as well; the best-case scenario would be to have a trusted, healthy friend who is also a dog owner, as you could then arrange safe play dates with the other dog while maintaining a safe distance from the other owner (more on this below).
- Other people: this may be the most difficult of all at this time, but there are still ways to achieve this exposure for your puppy. Certainly have your puppy socialize with all the members of your household who are healthy. You can also let your puppy look out the window of your home as other people go by, and let your puppy see you act happy about those people. Also, consider all that your puppy can see and hear from the safety of your own car.

Your first worry may be that your puppy can pick up or spread COVID-19 to you or other humans. However, statements from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),

and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) have all emphasized that, based on the available evidence, [dogs cannot transmit COVID-19 to humans](#).

Kelly L. Moore, MD, MPH, is a medical epidemiologist and public health physician with expertise in pandemic planning and response; she trained at the CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer. She notes the importance of paying close attention while out on a walk so as to maintain your own six feet of space from the nearest human being—that's the length of a six-foot leash—and, above all, the vital importance of [washing your hands](#) for at least 20 seconds after every encounter.

Dr. Moore adds, "It's helpful to identify trusted friends that you know will tell you if they develop any symptoms of illness and that you can trust when they say they're feeling well, who can spend time with your puppy."

She also notes that "being outside is a great thing for people to do. The outside is an open environment with air that's well-circulated; you're able to stay more than six feet apart, so that's a good environment for puppies to socialize in. I would have no issue with someone petting my puppy if they're also healthy and have no symptoms [as long as] when you come back in from your walking and socializing, you wash your hands thoroughly."

Crate Training Is Still Important

Even though you may currently be at home all day, your puppy still needs a structured schedule to reduce stress on everyone and to let the puppy know what is expected. Trainer and dog sports enthusiast Alexa Hagood, LVMT, states that this is a good opportunity to institute periods of "alone time," like crate and nap breaks, so the puppy doesn't develop separation anxiety when you do return to your place of work. [Crate training can be an invaluable tool](#) for your puppy at this time, just as with any other time.

As Hagood puts it, "Just because someone is home with the puppy, doesn't mean they need to be with the puppy 24/7. Crate breaks, even when brief, can help the puppy become acclimated to going in the crate and having some alone time, even when people are home." She recommends starting with feeding times inside the crate (for five to ten minutes), and when the owner needs to do daily chores.

Is This a Good Time to Get a Puppy?

While Dr. Moore acknowledges that [puppies can be a wonderful source of joy and distraction](#) during stressful times, Paul Owens suggests thinking hard and being extra prepared if this will be your first puppy. He notes that "all the things related to having a new puppy, like vet visits, grooming, and socialization, can be more of a challenge" at this time. He adds, "But the first thing I would suggest, if a dog does come into a home, is to contact a professional trainer."

Enlisting the help of a professional trainer can still be done during social distancing—you can do so over the phone or via online sessions, which many trainers are now offering. For example, AKC GoodDog! Helpline is live telephone service that connects you with a professional trainer. The trainer will offer virtual, individualized advice on everything from house-training to behavioral issues.

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The AKC is here to help dog owners adapt to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Find answers to all your coronavirus concerns, plus at-home activity ideas, training tips, educational resources, and more at our ['Coping With Coronavirus COVID-19' hub](#).