



The Pooches' Post

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UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

**August 9 Board Meeting
at Bonnie's Home, 6:30 PM**

**August 23, General Meeting
at Laramie County Library,
Willow Room, 7:00 PM**

Show Schedule

- 8/20/18 Mark & set up RV parking at show site, 5:30 PM (Monday)
- 8/23/18 General membership meeting, Library 7:00 PM
- 8/29/18 Show setup, Frontier Park 5:00 PM (Wednesday)
- 8/31/18 Show – Specialties, Obedience & Rally (Friday)
- 9/1/18 Show – Conformation
- 9/2/18 Show – Conformation
- 9/2/18 Cleanup of showgrounds



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Dog Classes in Cheyenne



Barb Sahl/ "The Elemental Dog, LLC"
Scent detection games for dogs
(307) 421-5514



Alliance of Therapy Dogs
For information contact:
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The term "dog days" has nothing to do with dogs. It dates back to Roman times, when it was believed that Sirius, the Dog Star, added its heat to that of the sun from July 3 to August 11, creating exceptionally high temperatures.



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2018 SHOW COMMITTEES

Show Chairman

Chair: Stacy Clift
Assistants: Judy Wrynsinski

Judges

Chair: Judy Wrynsinski

Obedience

Chair: Judy Wrynsinski

Rally

Chair: Judy Wrynsinski
Assistant: Barb Sahl

Chief Ring Steward (Conformation)

Chair: Bonnie Spiece

Chief Ring Steward (Obedience/Rally)

Chair: Monica Turner

Conformation Trophy, Billing, Catalog Ads

Chair: Dottie Conard
Assistant: JoLynn Hefferman

Obedience Trophy, Billing, Catalog Ads

Chair: Dottie Conard
Assistant: JoLynn Hefferman

Food Vendors

Chair: Janet Dailey/Mary Flanderka

Hospitality

Chair: Kathy and Gary Spahr

Reserved & Free Grooming

Chair: Sandy Trujillo
Assistant: Cathy Anderson

Grounds

Chair:
Assistant:

RV Parking

Chair: Jim Trujillo
Assistant: Sandy Trujillo

RV set-up & planning

Chair:

Catalog Sales

Chair: Cindy Germain

Clean-up Crew

Chair:

CKC Board Meeting June 19, 2018, at Bonnie Spiece's home

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Bonnie Spiece, Robin Casey, JoLynn Hefferman, Barb Patterson, Stacy Woita, Barb Sahl, Cathy Anderson, Jim Trujillo, Chandra Flaim

Minutes: MSP to approve the April Board minutes as published

Treasurer's Report: Report will be presented at upcoming General meeting.

Corresponding Sec: Mail was delivered to the Treasurer for action.

Special Committee Reports:

Website – Bonnie: Nothing new
Newsletter – Match information is much appreciated.
Events – Agility event – Mary Flanderka is proceeding with plans; she'll check proposed dates (Oct 20/21) with agility people. JoLynn thinks we "may" have to join the Barn Hunt Association to hold a practice match.
By-Laws – Robin Casey: needs comments /suggestions from members about updates

Old Business:

City ordinance changes - Robin - Nothing new

2019 Awards banquet/luncheon – Discussion continues on possible locations: (Dad's Café?)

New Business:

Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club is holding an AKC Lure Coursing Test & Trial on Sept 30 at Sunflower Ranch Road, Hillsdale, WY. RMBC is interested in working with CKC on this event.

2019/2020 Shows –

Archer Complex – in 2020? Current quoted prices are \$450/building/day, but it's unclear just which buildings this covers. JoLynn & Robin will check this out when information is available.

Show 2018: Stacy

Grounds/Cleanup/Setup – Annalisa is working on this with Stacy. We'll need about 20 people each day Wednesday thru Sunday.

Vendors – a Mexican food vendor is on board & several others are interested; hoping for 4 total.

Security – arrangements are being made to have a Sheriff Deputy or Police officer on site at night.

Stacy suggested a thank you card and a donation receipt be sent to the show sponsors. Barb will write the letters. These will include CKC's EIN # and note that we're a 501(c)7 non-profit entity.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Signed: Barb Patterson

Recording Secretary

Cheyenne Kennel Club General Meeting June 28, 2018 Laramie County Library, Willow Room

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

- **Minutes:** MSP to approve May General meeting minutes as published in the June Pooches' Post
- **Treasurers Report:** MSP to approve as presented
- **Corresponding Secretary:** JoLynn absent; Barb P reported no mail received.
- **Guests introductions:** None
- **Member Applications:** None pending

Committee Reports:

Event Committee: Bonnie: 4-H club dog classes: Nothing scheduled
Website: Bonnie: Nothing new
Pooches Post: Mary Flanderka:
Education: JoLynn: Absent
Programs: Barb S: a veterinary acupuncture presentation (Dr Marcy) in Sept/Oct.
Judy: a presentation of Canine Therapy Support Squad in Sept/Oct.

Old Business:

Possible Cheyenne city council ordinance changes – Robin: Nothing new

Agility MATCH this fall along with a Barn Hunt practice match; probably October 20/21 at the Realta site east of town - JoLynn, Annalisa, and Mary: Lori Oakley will put on a Barn Hunt for a fee. JoLynn will contact her about the fee and the possibility that CKC will need to join the Barn Hunt Assn.

New Business:

Committee to examine By-Laws for possible changes/updates – Last update was in 2002. Robin will spearhead; Frances Flaim volunteered, but we still need 1 more non-officer volunteer. Suggested changes/updates are requested from ALL members.

2019 Awards luncheon suggestions: Discussion seemed to favor Dad's Café on 17th Street, so Tess will contact them for more information & costs for 30-35 people. Barb P. will assist Tess.

Show 2018:

Grounds (including setup) and Cleanup: Still working on getting this under contract. About 25 people are needed to cover these jobs, with 4-5 needed to cover the gate & direct cars & RV parking.

Discussion covered sponsors, food trucks, trophies, possible raffle, RV setup and parking.

It was decided that a donation "bucket" would be set up by the catalog sales (proceeds to the Animal Shelter).

Food for judges, Onofrio & photographers – Stacy/ Kathy Spahr - Perfect Potluck will be set up when Kathy is ready to ask for food donations from members. It was suggested that a notice of the procedure changes for volunteers & stewards be published in the Pooches Post so there are no surprises on show day. Coffee & breakfast items will still be available for stewards.

Setup on Wednesday 8/29 will begin at 5:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided by the club. Sandy will need help with taping the reserved grooming areas.

Marking the RV parking will begin on Monday 8/20 at 5:30 p.m. Stacy has diagrams & equipment from Pepper, but the club will need to purchase 2 new measuring wheels.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Signed: Barb Patterson
Recording Secretary

2018 CLUB POSITIONS

Animal Shelter Liaison:
Robin Casey

Specialty Club Liaison:
Cathy Anderson

Events Committee:
Tess Galloway

Awards Banquet & Annual Awards

Membership Committee
Tess Galloway

Finance & Audit Committee
Barb Sahl



MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Corresponding Secretary Report
- Guest Introductions
- Member Applications
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment
- Brags



PENDING APPLICATIONS
None

The Poodle haircut was originally meant to improve the dog's swimming abilities as a retriever, with the pom-poms left in place to warm their joints.

With simple observation and proactive management, you can prevent the three conditions that most frequently compromise dogs' quality of life.

By [Nancy Kerns](#)

There are innumerable exotic diseases and bizarre injuries that can potentially afflict any individual dog, but, sadly, the vast majority of dogs in this country today will suffer from one of a few very prosaic disorders. And many dogs suffer from every single one of the maladies discussed below! Even sadder: All of these life-impairing conditions are 100 percent preventable – easily preventable!

1. Obesity

There are so many overweight pets in this country that there is at least one organization whose sole purpose is to quantify them and help their owners reduce the problem. The [Association for Pet Obesity Prevention](#) (APOP) estimates that more than 50 percent of the dogs in this country (and almost 60 percent of cats!) are overweight or obese.

Obese dogs are prone to a number of health problems that are directly related to their weight, including strongly increased incidence of osteoarthritis, high blood pressure, heart and respiratory disease, cranial cruciate ligament injuries, kidney disease, many forms of cancer, and a decreased life expectancy. Though many people assume otherwise, there is actually no clear evidence that obesity causes diabetes in dogs. However, obesity can contribute to insulin resistance, making it more difficult to regulate overweight dogs with diabetes. Obesity is also a risk factor for pancreatitis, which can lead to diabetes.



Fat dogs get caught in the same vicious cycle that fat humans do: the extra weight they carry makes it harder for them to exercise by putting extra strain on their joints, muscles, tendons, and ligaments, and discouraging them from exercising as much or as long. A fat dog has to work harder than his slim counterpart on the same hike, just as you would have to work harder if you were carrying a backpack with an extra 20 percent or more of your body weight in it. Given the extra workload, a fat dog may ache more than the slim dog the day after a long walk, and be less enthusiastic about going on the next walk. And the less exercise he gets, the fatter he may become.

There are many reasons that dogs get fat – and the first is owner non-recognition of their dogs' obesity! I've hurt the feelings of several friends and family members when I've tried to educate them about their dogs' condition. I try to be kind and tactful – and I suspect their veterinarians do, too, because almost invariably, people will tell me, "My vet has never said anything about it!"

It shouldn't take a friend or a veterinarian to "diagnose" a fat dog. Your dog is likely overweight if, when viewed from above, she has no appreciable waist; or if you can't very easily feel your dog's ribs. Running your hand across her ribcage should feel rather like palpating the back of your hand, with bones covered with only a thin layer of skin and muscle. If it feels more like it does when you palpate the palm of your hand just below your fingers, she's likely overweight; if it feels more like the meaty part of your palm at the base of your thumb, she's probably obese!

But perhaps you know your dog is a little heavier than she ought to be – you just hate to take away anything that makes her happy. Please remember that she will decidedly not be happy when she's suffering from osteoarthritis at age 5, or exercise-intolerant at age 7. Our dogs' lives are short enough! Condemning them to even shorter lives, full of pain and (at the very least) discomfort for the latter half of their lives is not very kind at all.

Ideally, you help your dog stay fit and trim with an appropriate diet and the right amount of daily exercise. If your dog is already fat, make it a priority to help her lose weight and gain fitness. If you (slowly) increase the lengths of the walks you take her on, you just may find that you lose some weight as well! For most of us, that would be a very good thing, indeed!

2. Dental Disease

I'm certain I've never met a single dog owner that liked maintaining her dog's dental hygiene – unless her dog had perfectly clean teeth without any efforts from the owner whatsoever. Whether you brush your dog's teeth and/or pay for



your dog to have her teeth cleaned at the veterinarian's office, it's an unhappy chore. Some dogs do go through life, from puppyhood to old age, without forming a bit of dental calculus (also known as tartar). But most dogs have significant dental issues by the time they are middle-aged; one study identified periodontitis (inflammation of the tissue around the teeth, often causing shrinkage of the gums and loosening of the teeth) in a whopping 82 percent of dogs aged 6 to 8 years!

What's the problem with that? Periodontal disease can lead to histopathologic changes in the kidneys, liver, and myocardium, and has been linked to cardiac diseases in dogs.

Also, unless a dog is anesthetized fully for a dental cleaning, things like cracked or broken teeth may go undiagnosed for a long time, leaving your dog in daily pain, especially when eating or trying to play with toys. And a dog who is forced to endure chronic dental pain may be (understandably) cranky with his human and canine family members. (I can't tell you how many times I've heard about dogs who had developed aggressive behavior that went away almost immediately after a cracked tooth was finally detected and removed.)

It only makes sense to keep an eye on your dog's teeth – including those hard-to-see molars in the back – and take appropriate action to keep them clean and healthy. When you schedule your dog's annual wellness exam (you do take your dog in for an annual exam, don't you?), make sure your veterinarian takes more than a one- or two-second peek at your dog's teeth. (You can facilitate this by training your dog to allow you to lift his lips for increasingly longer moments, until his teeth can be visually inspected pretty thoroughly.) And plan on taking whatever steps are necessary to maintain his dental health, from daily brushing and the regular use of dental rinses or gels that help control dental tartar, to a professional dental cleaning under anesthesia at your veterinarian's clinic.

3. Over-Long Nails

Nice nails! This dog's nails are trimmed close to but not touching the "quick" – and the quick itself hasn't had an opportunity to grow far from the toe.

This problem may not seem as dramatic as the first two, but while it's true that long toenails only rarely cripple a dog and don't cause systemic disease, they can significantly decrease a dog's quality of life by making his every step uncomfortable. (Plus, this can contribute to or aggravate a weight problem, as a dog whose feet hurt more and more from over-long nails becomes reluctant to exercise.) Super-long nails are usually easy to spot, but dogs who have long hair on their legs and feet may be hiding painfully long nails – and perhaps even lesions on their toes from where long, curving nails have created pressure sores on adjacent toes.

But if they are not yet at an obvious, curving, "Call the SPCA" length, how do you know if your dog's nails are too long? The best test is to listen closely as he walks across a tile or hardwood floor: If you can hear his nails go "Tick, tick, tick, tick," as he walks, they are too long! (I'm guessing 90 percent of you just went, "Ugh!")



If your dog's nails are thick and long, don't despair – but don't avoid this important, basic responsibility, either. If you are easily able to cut your dog's nails, trim a tiny bit off each nail weekly. If it's a struggle for you (for any reason, whether your dog's behavior or your own squeamishness), look for a groomer who will help you schedule trimming visits frequently enough to restore your dog's feet to health over the next few months.

Attention Cheyenne Kennel Club Show Volunteers: This year there is a change with volunteer lunches. CKC will be providing food truck vouchers for your use with the food trucks in attendance.

Front Range Events

August									
8/4	8/5	AKC	AG	Arvada	CO	Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club (GDSCWT); APEX Field House; All Breed	I	Deb Lewis; 970-532-3124	LookoutTS@aol.com
8/3	8/5	AKC	AG	Dolores	CO	Durango KC; Joe Rowell Park	O	Kelly Misegadis; 719-649-8910	hoosierboston@yahoo.com
8/4	8/4	Match	B/OB/R	Golden	CO	High Country Newfoundland Club; Jefferson CFG	I	Terri Desnica; 303-989-5008	desnica5008@msn.com
8/5	8/5	Match	B/OB/R	Brighton	CO	Colorado KC (CKC); Adams CFG	I	Mary DeLisa; 720-529-1954	divinemastiffs@gmail.com
8/11	8/12	AKC	AG	Arvada	CO	Mile High Agility Club (MHAC); APEX Field House	I	Deb Lewis; 970-532-3124	LookoutTS@aol.com
8/11	8/12	AKC	Herdng	Elizabeth	CO	Pikes Peak Herding Assoc.; Halcyon Station	O	Susie deKieffer; 303-646-0667	halcyon@kellin.net
8/11	8/12	Seminar	OB	Sheridan	CO	BSKD	I	Lynn Kaemmerer; 303-794-9246	badblackcorqi@gmail.com
8/16	8/17	AKC	AG	Castle Rock	CO	Mile High Golden Retriever Club (MHGRC); Island Grove Park; All Breed	O	Helen Hittesdorf; 303-457-1350	fordogstuff@msn.com
8/16	8/17	AKC	OB/R	Greeley	CO	Rocky Mt. Belgian Tervuren Club / Irish ??? Club; Island Grove Park; All Breed		Deb Lewis; 970-532-3124	LookoutTS@aol.com
8/18	8/19	AKC	B/OB/R	Greeley	CO	Greeley KC; Island Grove Park	I/O	Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181	mail@onofrio.com
8/24	8/26	AKC	AG	Denver	CO	Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club (RMATC); Schaefer	I	Deb Lewis; 970-532-3124	LookoutTS@aol.com
September									
9/1	9/3	AKC	AG	Denver	CO	Front Range Agility Assoc. of Denver (FRAAD); Schaefer	I	Red Johnson; 303-757-4492	ldared@comcast.net
9/1	9/2	AKC	B/OB/R	Cheyenne	WY	Cheyenne KC; Frontier Park	I	Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181	mail@onofrio.com
9/8	9/9	AKC	B/OB/R	Greeley	CO	Evergreen KC; Island Grove Park	I	Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181	mail@onofrio.com
9/15	9/16	AKC	Earthdog	Bellevue	CO	Rocky Mountain Earthdog Club	O	Brian Scott 719-596-9246	bryonlscott@yahoo.com
9/22	9/23	AKC	AG	Golden	CO	Newfoundland Club / Basset Hound Club; Applewood Park; All Breed	O	Carol Makowski; 303-665-9007	carolmakow@aol.com
9/22	9/23	AKC	B/OB/R	Aurora	CO	Arapahoe Kennel Club; Arapahoe CFG	I	Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181	mail@onofrio.com
9/21	9/23	AKC	AG	Casper	WY	Agility Club of Central Wyoming; Central Wyoming FG	I	Karen James; 307-259-2752	kkjames@bresnan.net
9/28	9/30	AKC	AG	Denver	CO	Briard Club of America; Schaefer	I	Deb Lewis; 970-532-3124	LookoutTS@aol.com
9/29	9/30	AKC	OB/R	Elbert	CO	Pikes Peak Obedience Club (PPOC); Latigo Trails; 2/day	I	Helen Hittesdorf; 303-457-1350	fordogstuff@msn.com
9/29	9/30	AKC	B/OB/R	G. Junction	CO	Grand Valley KC; Mesa CFG	I	Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181	mail@onofrio.com

Abbreviations: AG - Agility, B - Breed (Conformation), CA - Coursing Ability, CFG - County Fairgrounds, DOC - Dog Obedience Club,, DTC - Dog Training Club, FG - Fairgrounds, KC - Kennel Club, N/A - Not applicable, NW - Nosework, OB - Obedience R - Rally, UNK - Unknown