



The Pooches' Post

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Next Board Meeting: Sept 19, 2019, 7PM, Bonnies House
Next General Meeting: Sept 26, 2019, 7PM, Location TBD



Beware of harmful algal blooms (HABs)

By Nancy Kerns (Whole Dog Journal)

There are many global environmental disasters that I am concerned about in a big-picture way, but at this time of year, the one that I am personally and most immediately afraid of on behalf of my dogs has to do with harmful algal blooms (HABs), also known as toxic blue-green algae.

When certain types of algae experience a sudden burst of growth, they can produce toxins that effectively poison the water. Animals that drink the water, inhale water droplets, or swim in the water and lick themselves later can all become sick and die from these toxins.

The town I live in has a good-sized river running through it, the Feather River, an integral component of the California State Water Project. The river flow is actually split into two halves, with half the water flowing through the center of town in the river's historic bed, and half flowing through a canal into two shallow man-made lakes, referred to locally as the Forebay and Afterbay. There are thousands of acres of open space on either side of the river, and even more acres of land surrounding these lakes – and this is where, for 13 years now, I have been walking and swimming with my dogs. Year-round, we walk in these open spaces, referred to as the Oroville Wildlife Area, and my dogs drink, wade, and swim, no matter what the weather.

In one of our favorite Afterbay locations in June, when we still had little foster guy Odin with us. But late this summer, as in the past couple of years, there have been warnings about toxic algae keeping me away from our favorite places to cool off.

There are a few small ponds in the Wildlife area that turn brilliant green late in the summer – and I have avoided those areas like the plague; that just makes sense. Also, there are a few places on the edges of the lakes that are particularly shallow and the water is still; it's never turned the bright green that often indicates a HAB, but it starts looking greener than normal. When I see this, I leash the dogs and we walk on until we get to places where the water looks clear.

But just this past week I read about a family who lost four of their five dogs after the dogs drank and swam in a pond on their farm in Michigan – a pond whose water looked perfectly clear! The toxin in that case was found in the mud at the bottom of the pond.

And last week, the major newspaper published in our state Capital, the Sacramento Bee, ran an article about how quickly HABs can bloom, and how quickly they can kill dogs (and small children!) who ingest the water – and how the conditions are just right for these blooms to occur in local waterways.

This has me avoiding our regular walks, taking them only to places where there are no natural water sources (carrying lots of water for them to drink instead), and only taking them to parts of the river where the flow is vigorous. I miss our favorite places, but won't take a chance with this!



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**2019 SHOW
COMMITTEES**

Show Chairman

Chair: Robin Casey
Assistants: Jerry Sweeny

Judges

Chair: Robin Casey

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Chair: Stacy Woita

Rally

Chair: Stacy Woita

Chief Ring Steward

(Conformation)

Chair: Bonnie Spiece

Chief Ring Steward

(Obedience/Rally)

Chair: Monica Turner McPherson

**Conformation Trophy,
Billing, Catalog Ads**

Chair: Dottie Conard and Jo-Lynn Hefferman

**Obedience Trophy,
Billing, Catalog Ads**

Chair: Jo-Lynn Hefferman

Food Vendors

Chair: Stacy Woita

Hospitality

Chair: Kathy and Gary Spahr

Reserved & Free Grooming

Chair: Sandy Trujillo

Grounds

Chair: PJ Kuzdal

RV Parking

Chair: Sandy & Jim Trujillo

RV set-up & planning

Chair: Bonnie Spiece & Robin Casey

Raffle Committee:

Chair: Bonnie Spiece & Stacy Woita

Catalog Sales

Chair: Cindy Germain

Clean-up Crew

Chair: Stacy Woita

Vendor Committee

Chair: Stacy Woita

**Cheyenne Kennel Club General Meeting
August 22, 2019
Laramie County Library**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

Minutes: APPROVED

Treasurer's Report: APPROVED

Motion that treasurer's report be e-mailed: APPROVED

Corresponding Secretary: Tags for club trailer came in.

Guest introductions:

Member Applications: Taylee Young Third Reading: APPROVED
Rebecca Weskamp Second Reading

Committee Reports: None

Event Committee: None

Website: Reserve grooming has been removed because it is full. Group pictures at show.

Education: None

Newsletter/Pooches Post: Email brags to Mary.

Old Business:

2019 SHOW: Trash bins, emergency vet, Onofrio bills with obedience and conformation separated. Frontier Park is paid, waiting on streamers for rosettes, please sign up for potluck, permits done, 3 vendors, reserved grooming is full, RVs are great, vet must be available at 7:30 am on Friday, disaster trailer should be available, raffle with tickets, Kathy would update the perfect potluck to indicate tacos/nachos on Friday, all workers are eating at potluck.

New Business:

Announcing venue change for next year's show
Puppy Pee Bingo -Sandy Trujillo

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:05

Signed: Monica Turner
Recording Secretary

2019 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

PENDING APPLICATIONS: Taylee Young & Rebecca Weskamp