

# THE POOCHES POST

*Cheyenne Kennel Club Newsletter*



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## **Pandemic Puppies**

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What a really great time to raise a puppy! If we have to stay home or we are working from home, a puppy keeps us company, gives us something to do during our long days and they bring us such joy and comfort.

I just raised a litter born in February 2020 and you may be questioning how we socialize our new puppies when we are "social distancing" ourselves.

# Pandemic Puppies

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Here are some things your puppy will experience at your breeders home the first 8-10 weeks:

Birth to 2 weeks: As soon as the dam is comfortable with the immediate family handling the puppies, we will all do cuddle sessions. I begin Early Neurological Stimulation as soon as the pups are no longer stressed after any vet visits.

2 - 3 weeks: Eyes and ears have opened but we avoid any bright light at this time. I begin touching, stroking and having individual cuddle sessions daily with the pups. We introduce tactile items and/or new experiences everyday. We had close non-family members who we knew were not sick, come to the house to begin in home socialization. We were lucky to have close friends with very small children to introduce to the pups at this time. During this time frame we also begin to work on sudden sounds and startle recovery.

3 - 4 weeks: This is the week we begin to introduce small, soft treats, tiny soft toys, and obstacles. I will also set up a Bluetooth speaker in the room for some music, we will vacuum and add a blow dryer to begin to get them used to noises. I am still having a few close friends come by to play with the pups.

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Australian Shepherds, Vivian Beard

# Minutes

## MAY GENERAL MEETING

May 28, 2020 Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:07

Treasurer's Report: As of April 30, balance of \$23,120.58.

APPROVED

Minutes: APPROVED

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing

Member Applications: First Reading: Jennifer Mehle, St.

Bernard and border collie Second Reading: Kayla Gilmer-

Brown/Aaron Brown, bullmastiff and mix

Committee Reports:

Event Committee: - SuperDay canceled

Website: Update front page

Education: Newsletter/Pooches Post:

Old Business:

Conformation Classes - move to park? Motion: to start having conformation classes every other Sunday at 10 AM at a

different park, to be determined. Discussion: Starting June 7, North Cheyenne Community Park, prices same as before - APPROVED

Flyers - Chandra - could email flyers

Show -

Motion: Club to purchase 50 personalized Cheyenne Kennel Club logo masks for judges and Kennel Club members. Discussion: APPROVED

Motion: To purchase a minimum of 500 disposable masks to have on hand for show. Discussion: APPROVED

New Business:

Farm Dog Test - \$35 application fee per event, Ribbons, Pay judges Secretary (\$3.50 per application) Show chair - Vivian Beard

Motion: to hold two Farm Dog Certified tests at Vivian's home with Vivian as show chair on August 22. Discussion: APPROVED

Look at moving our show to a weekend in October or early November. should pick 4 possible weekends, Archer Complex rent will be transferred to new weekend, should decide by July 1 possible dates based off of current shows: 10/3, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/21

Motion: To talk to AKC and Archer to explore possibilities of moving the show to one of four dates those dates rather than deciding only whether or not to on July 1. Discussion: Dates of 10/3, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7 APPROVED

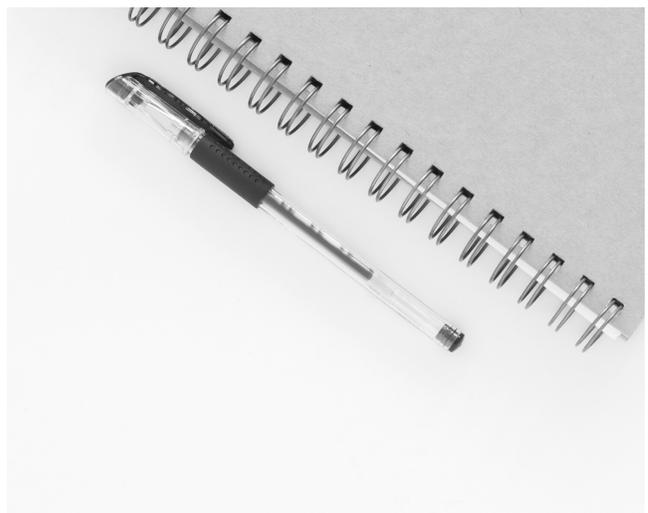
Meeting was adjourned at: 8:23

Signed: Monica Turner Recording Secretary



*My fashion philosophy  
is, if you're not  
covered in dog hair,  
your life is empty.*

*-Elaine Boosler*



# Braggs

*from the May general meeting*

Pepper is turning 90 on June 16.

Barb S.: Charlie not getting carsick

Vivian: Rose - intermediate trick dog

Cary - novice trick dog at 13.5 weeks

Barb P: Brekka turned 6, is a veteran

Nikki turned 10 months old

Judy W: Gemma turns 11 on June 9

Monica: Mae and Rocky had birthday photo shoots

Danish-Swedish Farmdog and Belgian Tervuren,  
Monica Turner



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*Scratch a dog and  
you'll find a  
permanent job.*

*-Franklin P. Jones*

# Upcoming Events

*Next general meeting:  
7pm  
Thursday, June 25th  
Zoom*

*Conformation classes:  
Sunday mornings  
See Facebook for  
details!*

*AKC.org has a banner  
link at the bottom of  
the homepage to a hub  
with information about  
staying healthy and  
about show  
cancellations.*

*Cheyenne Kennel Club  
Farm Dog Certified  
Test - August 22!  
Enter at  
[CheyenneKennelClub.com/FarmDog](https://CheyenneKennelClub.com/FarmDog)*

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4 weeks until they go home: Every day now, we are challenging the pups; barrier challenge, teaching puppy call, climbing over low obstacles, outdoor time, teaching the clicker AND beginning to put the pups in a crate (with raw meaty bones) in the car. I would always wear a mask and I took the pups to feed stores, Lowe's, Home Depot, the park. I would ask that people not touch the pups and would steer away from people not wearing masks.

I was lucky enough to have friends with litters or singleton pups who would bring their pups over to play. We could stay outside and practice social distancing. It takes a little more time and effort to set up proper scenarios for socializing during this pandemic, but is well worth the effort.

Once you have your puppy at home, try to set up play dates using "social distancing" with other new puppy owners. Classes are starting back up in some states, so look for puppy classes with instructors who will be following the Covid-19 guidelines for gatherings as set up by the state's governor.

Have fun and enjoy that new puppy!



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