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Meeting Information

General meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month. There will be a few exceptions and those will be published in The Pooches' Post.

March's Board Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Thursday, **March 16, 2023** via Zoom.

March's General Meeting will be Thursday **March 23, 2023** at the Library, in the Willow Room at 7:00 pm

April's Board Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Thursday, **April 13, 2023** via Zoom.

April's General Meeting will be Tuesday, **April 26, 2023** at the Library, (meeting room will follow in the next newsletter) at 7:00 pm

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ATD is looking for new Therapy Dog teams in Cheyenne Brochure attached

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www.theelementaldog.com



Dog Classes in Cheyenne

For training classes contact:

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CheyRottRescue@aol.com
register through LCCC



Alliance of Therapy Dogs

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www.therapydogs.com

Monica Turner, CTDI



Certified Trick Dog Instructor

Private Lessons Pet Sitting
Title evaluation Dog Walking



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The Cheyenne Kennel Club works to promote a family-friendly environment at all club functions.

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Cheyenne Kennel Club Board Meeting

February 9, 2023

Via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Kay Allen, Cathy Anderson, Sandy Belg, Chandra Flaim, Frances Flaim, Jo-Lynn Hefferman, Auna Kaufmann, Denise Moody, Bonnie Spiece

Absent: Stacy Woita

Minutes: MPS to approve November meeting minutes as sent by Frances Flaim

Treasurer's Report: MPS to approve the report as sent by Barb P.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Drop-In Classes: Bonnie will be listed as chair and Chandra will be listed as co-chair. They will check on Denise's space soon.

Old Business:

- Stewarding Seminar
 - Was rescheduled to February 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Willow Room
 - There were 2 or 3 cancellations.
- Holiday Banquet
 - The club is eating fees for meals on no show reservations.
 - Chandra motions that we institute prepay for meal reservations at the banquet.
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Chandra motions that we pay the full price of the meal at the banquet for club members who steward either 1 full day or 2 half days at the annual show.
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Membership Application
 - Membership application discussion was tabled to the end of new business

New Business:

- Club Donation
 - Jo-Lynn motions that we recommend to the club to donate \$250 each to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter, Back Dog Animal Rescue, and Canines for Mobility.
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Standing Rules
 - Please bring changes to the March meeting to be presented
- New Committees
 - Constitution Committee: Frances Flaim will chair
 - Specialty Club Liaison: Chandra Flaim and Cathy Anderson will Chair
 - Legislative Liaison: Chandra Flaim, Jo-Lynn Hefferman, and Auna Kaufmann
 - Public Relations Committee: Looking for a chair
 - Financial Audit Committee: Looking for a chair
 - New committees will be brought to the general membership

2023 SHOW COMMITTEES

Show Chairman

(Chair) Chandra Flaim
Assistants:

Judges

(Chair) JoLynn Hefferman
Assistant: Robin Casey

Obedience/Rally

(Chair) Francie Puseteri
Judy Jaspers
Vivian Beard

CGC/Trick Dog

(Chair) Sandy Belg
Assistants: Judy Wrysinski
Shirley Bastin
Carrie Prichard
Barb Sahl

Chief Ring Steward-Conformation

Chief Ring Steward-Obedience/Rally

Trophy/Ribbons

Pee Wee - Janet Daly
Conformation
Obedience/Rally
CGC/Trick Dog – Shirley Bastin
Farm Dog

Vendors

(Chair) Francis Flaim

Lunch Coordinator

(Chair) PJ
Sherry Atwood-Feezer
Hospitality
(Chair) Stacy Woita
Shirley Bastin

Reserved & Free Grooming

(Chair) Bonnie Spiece

Grounds & Security

Catalog Sales

Raffle/Fund Raising

Stacey Woita
John Brouink
Kay Allen
Denise Moody

Set-Up: Chandra Flaim

Available club members
Tear Down Committee
Available club members

Daytime Clean-up Crew

Kay Allen
Denise Moody
John Brouink

- BVKC Farm Dog Event
 - The board believes it will be difficult to find enough members to work the events and are not interested in holding our Farm Dog Trials on the BVKC weekend. Chandra will notify them.

- Code of Ethics
 - Cathy Anderson makes a motion for the board to recommend to the general membership to adopt a code of ethics.
 - Motion passed unanimously

- Membership Application
 - Cathy Anderson motions that the board recommend to the general membership to adopt a new application with the code of ethics attached.
 - Motion passed unanimously

2023 Show:

- Fee Proposal
 - Chandra makes a motion that we raise fees as sent in the Fee proposal
 - Chandra amends her proposal to raise entry fees as follows:
 - \$30—First entry
 - \$20—Each additional entry
 - \$25—Puppy, BBE, Miscellaneous class
 - \$15—Juniors first entry
 - \$5—Juniors as additional entry
 - \$20—4–6 month puppy
 - \$25—Open Show
 - Free—Pee Wee Competition
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Trophies
 - Chandra motions that we recommend to the general membership that we eliminate trophies for the 2023 Show, unless someone will step up and chair the committee.
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Sponsorship
 - Denise Moody is interested in helping us find some sponsors for our show.

Treasurer:

- Cathy Anderson has resigned as treasurer for the club
- Sandy Belg motions that we accept her resignation, Jo-Lynn Hefferman seconds
- Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Signed: Frances Flaim
Recording Secretary

2023 CLUB POSITIONS

Animal Shelter Liaison:

Specialty Club Liaison:

Education Committee

Stacey Woita, Kay Allen,
JoLynn Hefferman

Public Relations Committee

Awards Banquet Committee

Annual Awards

2023 Temporary Committees

Position Structuring Committee

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

(Chair) Francis Flaim
Election Committee

Legislative Liaison

Financial/Audit Committee
Barb Sahl & Barb Patterson
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
Braggs

Braggs

See pages 4 & 7

Bonnie Spiece called a Special Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:59 p.m.

Chandra motions that we nominate Denise Moody to fulfill the treasure position for the remainder of the year. Auna Seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Spiece swore Denise Moody in.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Signed: Frances Flaim

Recording Secretary

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Recording Secretary

**Cheyenne Kennel Club General Meeting
February 24, 2023
Laramie County Library or Viz Zoom**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes: MPS to approve the November general meeting minutes.

MPS to approve the January minutes with the addition of the Special Award winners and the \$25 gift car winner as an addendum to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: MPS to approve report as sent by Barb P.

Reading of Member Applications:

Justin Lema—second reading

Madison MacDonald—second reading

Ken & Lynn Williams—second reading

Natasha Chilton—first reading

Committee Reports:

Events Committee: We might have someone who is interested in being a member that has a space we could use to hold drop-in classes. She reached out to Bonnie. Cathy A. could help teach along with Bonnie and Chandra.

Website: The club would like to feature its members on the website. Please send a short bio and pictures so we can add you. See the website for examples.

Pooches Post: Sandy asks that if you had an ad in the February Pooches Post please check for any corrections, also please send brags.

Education Committee: They will be meeting via Zoom in February to get started planning the first event. If you have ideas please send them to Stacy at stacyclift17@gmail.com.

Club Activities: No update at this time.

Old Business:

The club is still looking for a Social Committee Chair. If you are interested, please contact any board member.

ATT: Auna has been in touch with some judges and found that June 17th might work for them. After some discussion the club decided that since that is the weekend of the Plum Creek Shows, we don't want to try and compete. Bonnie will ask Auna to keep investigating to find another possible weekend. Natasha Chilton has volunteered to help as a committee member.

Stewarding Seminar:

- The seminar was moved to February 26, 2023. Still at the same time and place.

New Business:

Standing Rules: The board has to revise the Standing rules in the second board meeting of each year. If you have revisions please send them to any board member by March 8th.

New Committees:

- Juniors Committee: Natasha Chilton and Madison MacDonald
- Constitution and By-Laws: Frances Flaim (Chair), Chandra Flaim, Barb Patterson, Bonnie Spiece
- Legislative Liaison: Chandra Flaim, Jo-Lynn Hefferman, Auna Kaufmann
- Public Relations: Looking for members
- Financial Audit: Barb Patterson and Barb Sahl

Membership Application Update:

- Stacy Woita makes a motion to approve the new application as sent.
- Stacy amended her motion to include some minor changes made during the meeting
- Motion passed unanimously with changes

Code of Ethics Adoption:

- Stacy Woita makes a motion to approve the new Code of Ethics as sent.
- Stacy amended her motion to include change to section 2, point 5 to read limited registration papers instead.
- Motion passed with 13 votes for and 3 votes against

2023 Show:

Chandra (show chair) asks that you please consider volunteering for the efforts of the show.

Trophies:

- They are one of our largest show expenses
- More than 50% of clubs no longer offer trophies
- No one enters for the trophies
- Chandra motions that we eliminate trophies for the 2023 show with a review after the show.
- Motion passed unanimously

Show Photographer:

- Chandra motions that we accept Bettina Bienefeld as our show photographer for 2023.
- Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Signed: Frances Flaim Recording Secretary

BRAGGS



Sandy Belg – My year-old Rat Terrier passed his test and 3 observations and has become a therapy dog through Alliance of Therapy Dogs. I'm so proud of this little guy!



Robin Casey - My Greyhound, Sabine, co--owned with Richard Fundom finished at the CKC Friday show under Gloria Kerr! Saturday show she went on to NOHS Group 3! We are looking forward to seeing how she does as a special.



Chandra and Frances -

Leavenworth Kennel Club

3/09/2023

CH Colebrae Qualteri It Must Have Been Love IT CGC

"Palermo"

BOV & Group 4

CH Qualteri This Is The Way IT FDC CGC TKN

"Amonte"

Select Dog

Leavenworth Kennel Club

3/10/2023

CH Colebrae Qualteri It Must Have Been Love IT CGC

"Palermo"

BOV & Group 4 & NOHS Group 1

CH Qualteri This Is The Way IT FDC CGC TKN

"Amonte"

BOV

Heart of America Kennel Club

3/11/23

CH Colebrae Qualteri It Must Have Been Love IT CGC

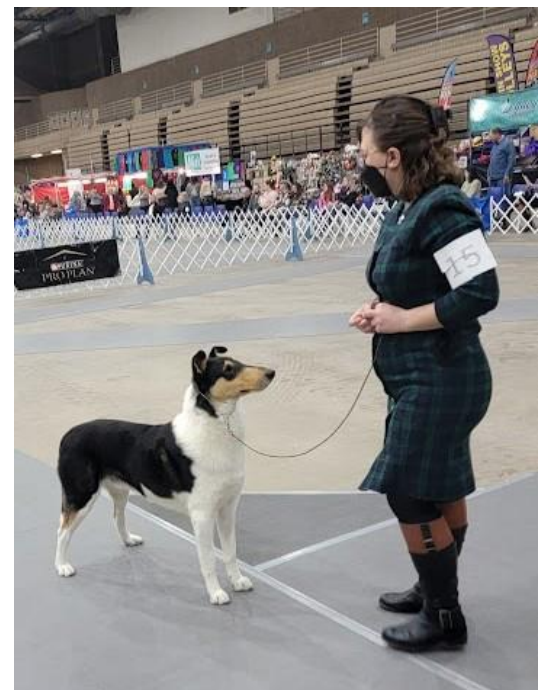
"Palermo"

BOV & NOHS Group 2

CH Qualteri This Is The Way IT FDC CGC TKN

"Amonte"

Select Dog



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Other Items of Interest

Caring People and Sweet Dogs

ATD provides testing, certification, registration, support and insurance for members who volunteer with their dogs in animal assisted activities. We're a network of caring individuals and their special dogs who share smiles and joy with people, young and old alike. Whether you and your dog are looking to become a certified therapy team or your facility would like to start a therapy dog program, Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) is your #1 choice for pet therapy.

Where We Work

Our teams provide therapy in many settings, including but not limited to airports, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab facilities, special needs centers, mental health institutions, schools, hospitals, cancer centers, hospice facilities, college campuses and can also provide therapy in patients' homes. ATD doesn't restrict where our teams visit.



What Makes a Good Therapy Dog?

We look for well-mannered, well-behaved dogs that enjoy meeting people. ATD doesn't require formal training, certifications, or tests other than our own. ATD is open to register any breed of dog except wolf or coyote mixes because the rabies vaccination is not proven to be effective with those breeds.

- A dog at least one-year-old;
- A calm and gentle disposition; and
- A dog that is attentive to its handler

Our Unique Testing Process

Unlike other therapy dog organizations, we have a unique testing process that involves handling your dog. Our testing is designed to make sure you and your dog have a good relationship with each other and that your dog has the right temperament for therapy dog work. After the test, a Tester/Observer (T/O) will monitor you and your dog during three visits to facilities that include two visits to a medical facility. During these supervised visits, the T/O will instruct you and your dog on the art of visiting and give you advice and guidance while observing you in action. If all goes well, the T/O will pass you and your dog and recommend you for certification with ATD.

Our Human Members

We do not prioritize fundraising nor rely on fundraising to succeed. None of the therapy teams you see in action nor our testers who evaluate teams for registry are paid or permitted to charge fees. Even our board of directors is made up of volunteers who donate their time to our mission. Our only paid employees are our office staff. This keeps our membership costs low and allows us to provide therapy dog services at no cost to facilities that we visit.

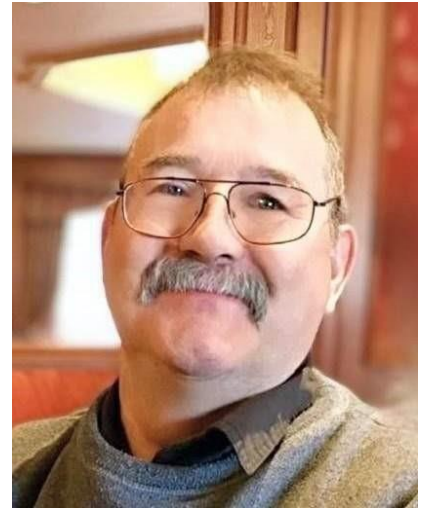
Affordable Registration

Registration is very affordable. For \$30 a year (plus an initial one-time \$10 new member fee and a \$20 background check fee), a team can be registered with ATD and covered by our insurance in order to share in the mission of sharing smiles and joy with their dog.



Gary M Spahr

July 12, 1954 — February 1, 2023
Cheyenne



Gary Michael Spahr was born to the Rev. Keith Wayne and Norma Jean (Rutledge) Spahr in Loveland, Colorado, 12 July 1954, and passed away peacefully at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center on 1 Feb 2023. He was a graduate of Fort Collins High School and recently enjoyed attending his 50th high school reunion. As a student, he sang in multiple choirs and ensembles, played the baritone in marching band and symphonic orchestra, and played piano at home.

Following graduation in 1976 from Colorado State University with a degree in Business/Finance, Gary moved to his much-loved adopted state of Wyoming. He pursued a banking career at Cheyenne National Bank, where he met Kathy, his beloved wife of 41 years. When banking no longer suited him, he obtained a real estate broker's license and bought his own real estate company. His motto was, "Just be nice."

With their mutual love of dogs evident, Gary and Kathy decided to raise and show pugs, which led to traveling the country to attend dog shows. Gary was active in the Cheyenne Kennel Club, the Rocky Mountain Pug Dog Club, the Pug Dog Club of America, and the National Exchange Club, serving in many official capacities.

In high school, Gary bit through his lip while jumping on a trampoline, then sported a mustache for the rest of his life to cover the scar. As a young man, he enjoyed golfing, Putt-Putt golf tournaments (record score of 21 on 18 holes), softball, bowling, bungee jumping, rock climbing, cliff jumping at Horsetooth Reservoir, and white-water rafting (yes, he fell out on occasion). He was fearless.

Gary loved Vedauwoo Climbing Area, Water World, Cheyenne Frontier Days, warm weather, travel, and, especially, the standard Wyoming greeting: "Howdy." He made excellent pizza and chocolate chip cookies. He was a humble man with a deep personal faith. He loved his family and was protective, supportive, and responsible. Growing up, he wanted everyone home before too late; he preferred no one be away overnight. From a young age, he cared for his mother when she was alone/widowed, until her death.

As a teen, Gary embarked on a lifelong battle with type 1 diabetes, forcing him to develop more sedentary interests in his later years. He continued to enjoy raising pugs but also expanded his activities to include numismatics, sudoku, and television. He loved life and fought hard to live cheerfully and well.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived, and mourned, by his wife, (Kathleen Desch) Spahr of Cheyenne, WY; twin sister Janet (Ed) Bigler of Loveland, CO; sister Diane (Roy) Shaw of Loveland, CO; sister SarahJean Tracy of Grand Junction, CO; brother Daniel (Kim) Spahr of Torrington, WY; brother Terry (Shelly Sudia) Spahr of Stone Mountain, GA, and a vast extended family.

A Celebration of Life will be held later, when the weather is warm, as Gary would want. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the American Diabetes Association and the Cheyenne Animal Shelter as expressions of sympathy.

About Alliance of Therapy Dogs

We are a volunteer organization of dedicated therapy dog handlers and their dogs on a mission of sharing smiles and joy. ATD's goal is to provide testing, certification, registration, support, and insurance for members who are involved in volunteer animal-assisted activities. These activities include, but aren't limited to, visits to hospitals, special needs centers, schools, nursing homes, and airports. Our objective is to form a network of caring individuals and their special dogs who share smiles and joy with people, young and old alike.



Therapy Dogs for Facilities

Researchers and experts agree that pets excel as therapeutic agents and that dogs are an antidote to depression. Studies have shown a decrease in both blood pressure and stress levels during therapy dog visits.

A visit from one of our therapy dog teams can break the daily routine, increase overall emotional well-being, and stimulate the mind in dramatic ways. Our certified therapy dogs offer so many wonderful benefits to people of all ages.

If your facility would like to start a therapy dog program, Alliance of Therapy Dogs is at your service. Best of all, there is no cost to your facility.

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therapydogs.com

Alliance of Therapy Dogs

Sharing Smiles & Joy





AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Wednesday March 8, 2023

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/aphis-extends-environmental-enrichment-comment-period-april-10/>

Earlier this week, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) **announced that it has extended the comment period** for future proposed changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act's (AWA) rules and standards, including adding regulatory requirements to address species-specific environmental enrichment for dogs and other regulated animals. Originally scheduled to end this week, the comment period will now end on Monday, April 10, 2023.

SUMMARY

Currently, AWA rules only contain environmental enrichment requirements for non-human primates and marine mammals. APHIS is considering expanding those requirements to better address the needs of species known to exist in social groups; species-specific feeding, foraging, and food acquisition behaviors; and enclosure space, lighting, and design that allow for species-specific behaviors.

In its **January request for comments**, APHIS noted that because licensees would be able to use their own expertise to determine the specific

enrichment measures to implement, future regulations could be implemented on an individual basis. Under this “performance standard” approach, licensees would be required to develop and implement a written plan specifying measures they would take to provide for environmental enrichment, which would have to be approved by an attending veterinarian. Licensees would be required to monitor the plan on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance and to make adjustments if needed.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) views play as an important enriching factor in the care of dogs, so much so that daily play and exercise and positive human contact and socialization is included in our **Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy**. As part of the comment process, AKC will provide information to APHIS to help guide the agency in developing sound, fair, and easy-to-implement regulations.

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments to APHIS may be submitted here. Comments will be accepted through Monday, April 10, 2023. APHIS will review and consider all comments before later developing a proposed rule.

AKC will post its comment to APHIS **on our Regulatory Resources page** when finalized, and will continue to provide information on this important federal regulatory issue. For more information, contact AKC Government Relations at **doglaw@akc.org**.