



The Butler County Kennel Club "Howler"

The Butler County Kennel Club is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in all-breed conformation. Founded in 1939, we are an AKC member club.

Newsletter - Summer 2014

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2014 Meeting Schedule & Highlighted Events

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 7pm, the first Tuesday of the month at the Butler YMCA - Trustees Room)

September -- 2nd PICNIC 6PM at McCormicks, 20-21 All Breed Show

October -- 7th

November -- Christmas Party (Date & Location to be determined)

December -- No Meeting Scheduled

(Meeting refreshment responsibility schedule)

September - Picnic - Pot Luck

October - Regina Beilstein

November - Christmas Party

December - No Meeting Scheduled

Newsletter Publication Information

The "Howler" is a quarterly newsletter. If you are aware of something that the club membership should be informed of please get that information to Reba Namachar at her email address rnamachar@zoominternet.net or you may contact her at 724-482-2078 or send correspondence to 445 Whitestown Road, Butler PA 16001. We would like to add photos of your dogs to each edition. So please send those pics in .jpg format. **Forward articles and photos to arrive no later than 30 December for the Winter 2014-2015 edition.**



Summer Picnic

Tuesday, September 2nd at 6PM at the home of Kathie and Mick McCormick -

Remember to bring folding chairs and a pot luck dish. Hamburgers, Grillers and Pop will be provided by the club.

DIRECTIONS to the McCormicks (421 Crisswell Rd, Butler, PA 16002)

Go South on Route 8 through Butler and follow the signs that say "Route 8 South Pittsburgh" or go North on Route 8 until you pass the Day's Inn on your right just south of Butler. When you get to a traffic light just south of Butler (at the Greater Butler Mart- a small shopping center with McDonald's), get into the turning lane and turn left onto Litman Road. Follow Litman Rd for 1/2 to 1 mile until it ends at a T intersection with a stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign (this is Old Plank Rd although it is not labeled). Go a few hundred yards and the road takes a sweeping right hand turn and crosses a stream. As soon as you cross the stream, make a LEFT onto Crisswell (which IS labeled and is the road we live on).

Follow Crisswell for 2 1/2 miles until you reach a stop sign. Go through the intersection and we are the 4th house on the LEFT. There are 3 little houses up along the road and ours sits back off the road (the mail box is opposite the driveway). The number is 421 and is on the mailbox--- and the driveway is literally the PITS!!! The directions sound MUCH harder than they actually are. But if you get lost, call immediately!!!!

Butler County Kennel Club Show -

September 20-21, 2014 at the Butler County Fairgrounds.

Set up will be starting on Friday the 19th of September. If you are not already helping and would like to help out, please contact the following members;

Parking and Gate - John Namachar

Hospitality - Reba Namachar

Ring Stewarding - Kathy McCormick

Set up on Friday - Mick McCormick

Breakdown on Monday - Mick McCormick

BCKC Website Access -<http://www.butlercountykennelclub.com/>

In order to get to the Members Only section of the website, the username and password for this site are the same for EVERYONE in the club.

1. Go to this URL: <http://www.butlercountykennelclub.com/membersonly.htm>
 2. The Username box, type in bckcmember (this is case sensitive -all lowercase!)
 3. In the Password box, type in bckc2006 (this is also case sensitive and those are zeroes, not the letter o)
tammy@tjb-consulting.com (webmaster)
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Membership -

The Butler County Kennel Club wishes to welcome the following new members;

Pat Luce of 84 Carmoa Road, Grove City PA 16127. Her breeds are Labrador Retrievers and Sharpei.

At the August 5th meeting there was a second reading of the membership application for **Kenneth & Cindy Pohl**, 720 Saxonburg Rd, Butler PA 16002 (724) 352-1726 kpohl1@zoominternet.net. Their breed is Irish Wolfhounds.

There was also a first reading of the membership application for **Mary L. McCurdy**, 318 McGrady Hollow Rd, Butler PA 16002, 724-282-1282 (cell) 724-822-6202, derbydame@aol.com. Her breed is English Setter.

Congratulations to one of our newest members, **Renee Park** (formerly Renee Dierfield) on her recent marriage.

Education -



New Federal Regulations Protect Canine Health and Restrict the Age of Puppies Imported for Resale

Monday, August 18, 2014

http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=5637

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) today released [new regulations](#), effective November 17, that will restrict the importation of puppies younger than 6 months of age into the continental United States **for the purpose of resale, research or veterinary treatment**. *The new regulations do not restrict individuals who wish to import dogs they intend to keep for personal use, such as a pet or as part of a breeding program.*

The AKC is pleased about the finalization of these regulations, which implement an amendment to the 2008 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 110-246/ 7 U.S.C. 2148) supported and developed by the American Kennel Club and a number of other animal welfare groups. *The rule addresses public health concerns about the large numbers of puppies that are imported with little oversight into the United States for the purpose of resale or adoption.* The AKC supported and [provided some remarks](#) during the rule's public comment in September - October 2011.

The rule is designed to assure the health and welfare of dogs that are imported into the US from overseas. In many cases, these animals come from unknown origins (strays or street dogs) or unregulated high volume commercial breeders and may pose health and temperament risks to both the human and canine populations they come into contact with. The measure is expected to curtail the "dumping" of puppies from unknown origins or substandard breeding facilities on US markets, where in many cases they may be marketed as "rescues".

Strong enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act is supported by the American Kennel Club and other animal welfare organizations who recognize that that a large number of puppies are being bred overseas and imported into the United States in order to bypass the welfare regulations and standards required of U.S. breeders. In many cases, irresponsibly bred and undocumented foreign puppies end up at shelters, rescues or other informal or unregulated retail venues. Diseases borne by such animals can create public health risks for both animal and human populations.

What the Rule Does:

The new regulations allow for implementation of section 18 of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), which "prohibits the importation of dogs into the United States for resale purposes, unless the Secretary determines that the dogs are in good health, have received all necessary vaccinations, and are at least 6 months of age."

The regulations provide guidance needed by US Customs to prevent the continued "dumping" of unregulated foreign puppies for resale onto US markets. The underlying law (7 U.S.C. 2133) defines resale to include "any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months to another person, for more than de minimis consideration."

The new rule further clarifies that USDA considers *de minimis* to have "the standard dictionary meaning, which, according to Merriam-Webster is, 'lacking significance or importance; so minor as to merit disregard.'" In most cases, adoption fees would not be considered *de minimis*; hence there is not a specific exemption for rescue dogs.

Similarly, the rule also clarifies that "consideration" means, "the inducement to a contract or other legal transaction; specifically: An Act or forbearance or the promise thereof done or given by one party in return for the act or promise of another."

The rule does not consider that dogs imported for training as working or service dogs to be imported for the purposes of resale. Therefore, the rule will not apply to the importation of those types of dogs. APHIS recognizes that not all dogs that are imported for training purposes ultimately achieve their final training goals, and some may be subsequently transferred. However, APHIS also warns that if puppies are imported for working, personal use or other exempted categories, and "it appears that a person is importing dogs for resale, research or veterinary treatment without meeting the requirements of the rule, [APHIS] may initiate an investigation and take appropriate action based on the results of that investigation."

The new regulations do not restrict individuals who wish to import dogs they intend to keep for personal use, such as a pet or as part of a breeding program. The U.S. Centers for Diseases Control (CDC) govern importation of dog imported into the U.S. Although the CDC does not require general health certificates for pet dogs, many airlines, transporters and states do will require this information. Pets are also subject to inspection upon entry and dogs that do not have rabies certificates may be required to complete a period of confinement, demonstrate proof of rabies immunization, or obtain a rabies vaccination prior to or upon arrival. For more information about importing a pet visit the [US Centers for Disease Control](http://www.cdc.gov) website. AKC Government Relations will continue to provide information and guidance regarding the implementation and impacts of this new rule.



2014 Conformation Class Schedule - For status of classes (cancellation information etc.)

Call: Mick 724-285-1466 or 724-494-5565, or Gary 724-352-9383

All classes are held in the Butler Dog Training Building, Mitchell Hill Road on Wednesday Evenings starting at 8:15 PM - remaining dates - 8/27, 9/3, 9/10, 9/17

Drop ins are encouraged to contact us about class size BEFORE dropping in to class.

Please contact Mick for more info:

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Email: Wcmenterprise@aol.com or musher1984@gmail.com