



"Howler"

The Butler County
Kennel Club, Inc.



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

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE (Unless otherwise noted,
all meetings are held at 7PM, the first Tuesday of the
month at the Butler YMCA – Trustees Room)

(Meeting & refreshment schedule)

March 7th, 2017 – Refreshments – Mary McCurdy

April 4th, 2017 – Refreshments – Deb Pfiefer & Edna Morris

May 2nd, 2017 – Refreshments – Gary & Jeanette Nestor

EDUCATION – 2017 Conformation Class Schedule –
the Class schedule is located on the club's website. For
additional status of classes (cancellation information, etc.)
call: Mick 724-285-1466 or 724-494-5565, email:
wcmenterprise@aol.com or musher1984@gmail.com, or
Gary 724-352-9383.

Conformation SEMINAR - George Alston is going
to have a conformation seminar at Beaver County Kennel
Club. May 6, and 7th. Gary highly recommends it. If
interested, go online to Beaver Co. Kennel Club or call
Johnnet at 724-375-0837.

**Conformation Workshops at WCOTC with
Marty Kroll** – March 25, 2017 at the WCOTC Building,
Delmont PA. (Application for this event with full
information found at the end of this newsletter.)

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION – 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
namachar@outlook.com, 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 in each edition. So please send those pics in
.jpg format. Please forward articles and photos to arrive
no later than 6 June 2017 for the 2017 Spring edition.

BCKC  **has arrived -**

Remember to visit our Facebook page and give it a "Like".
[Questions regarding posting pictures, etc. can be directed
to Jean Kroll at \[krollj@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:krollj@yahoo.com\).](#)

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 lower case!)

3. In the Password box, type in bckc2006 (this is also case sensitive and those are zeros, not the letter o)

SHOW COMMITTEE – Members are encouraged to join respective sub committees in preparation for our 2017 All Breed Show. Sub-committees are; Hospitality, Show Site Setup and Breakdown, Parking, Grounds Management, Club Tent, Advertisement, Vendors, etc.

TREASURY reporting (as of February 7th, 2017) –

Checking -	\$32,256.23
Money Market -	\$15,443.32
Wells Fargo -	\$28,274.74
Heffren Tillotson -	\$27,558.15
Asset Account -	\$2,010.41

*Total of all financial assets - **\$105,542.84***
-Ross Chapin, Treasurer

AKC DELEGATE report – Club members are invited to a new webpage on our website titled "AKC Delegate". This page includes AKC Delegate reports such as "Taking Command", "In Session" and other applicable official correspondence provided to its delegates.

-Cathy Rubens, BCKC Delegate

MEMBERSHIP – The following applicants for membership were voted in at the October Annual meeting;

Courtney Herzing, 2433 Spring Road, Punxsutawney PA 15767 814-952-8617 Siberian Huskies
shamokinsiberians@gmail.com, sponsored by "Maggie" Toth

Sarah & Steven Myers, 2847 Lime Plant Road, Parker PA 16049 814-221-3077 Long & Smooth Coated Chihuahua
myermor@gmail.com, sponsored by Sue Chapin

**Courtney worked the gate, Sarah worked as an assistant ring steward and Steven worked the grounds and equipment relocation at this years show.*

Welcome to the Butler County Kennel Club!



In 2016 we said a final farewell to longtime members Micki Sobota and Jim Martin. Both members will be deeply missed by the membership and the dog world.

Current Membership – 34

-Reba Namachar, BCKC Secretary

MEDICAL EDUCATION – 15 Winter Care Tips For Your Dog - Holistic Care /By Dr. Ashwani Singh



Does your dog love the winter or would he rather cuddle up on the couch under a cozy blanket? Either way, you should be prepared to protect him when he ventures out into the elements.

Many dog owners live with the misconception that because their pets have a coat of fur, they can tolerate the cold better than humans. This isn't necessarily the case. Like us, these fur-coated creatures are used to the warmth of indoor shelter and cold weather can be as hard on them as it is on us humans. Whatever your viewpoint on winter, one thing remains certain: it's a time when our beloved pets need a little extra care.

Preventing Winter Health Risks

We have 15 winter care tips to keep in mind as you explore the winter landscape with your faithful four-legged friend. But first ... let's talk about two serious cold weather conditions that you should take care to prevent.

Frostbite

Frostbite begins when the dog's body gets cold. The body automatically pulls blood from the extremities to the center of the body to stay warm. The dog's ears, paws or tail can get so cold that ice crystals can form in the tissue and damage it. The tricky thing to remember about frostbite is that it's not immediately obvious. Watch for signs of pale or grey skin; the skin may also turn hard and cold. As frostbitten areas warm, they can be extremely painful. Severely frostbitten skin will eventually turn black and slough off.

Hypothermia

A second serious winter weather concern is hypothermia. This occurs when a dog spends too much time in the cold, gets wet in cold temperatures or when dogs with poor health or circulation are exposed to cold. In mild cases, the dog will shiver; ears and feet may grow cold. As hypothermia progresses, she may show signs of depression, lethargy, and weakness. As the condition worsens, her muscles will stiffen, her heart and breathing rates slow down, and she will not respond to stimuli. Severe hypothermia is life threatening. Preventing your dog from frostbite and hypothermia is essential, so learn how to recognize the signs that your dog needs to come indoors to warm up.

Is your dog cold?

If it's too cold for you to stand at the door without your coat, it's probably too cold for your dog too, so pay attention to his behavior while he's outdoors.

If you notice your dog whining, shivering or appearing anxious, or he stops playing and seems to be looking for places to burrow, then it's time to bring him in.

15 Ways to Protect Your Dog in Winter

1. Let's talk temperature!

Some dog breeds are blessed with thick fur that keeps them warm naturally, even in very cold temperatures, but dogs with thin coats may need to wear a sweater or coat when out for winter walks. A good coat should reach from the neck to the base of the tail and also protect the belly. But remember that coats will not prevent frostbite on the ears, feet or tail ... so even with a cozy coat, don't keep your short haired dog out too long in freezing temperatures.

2. Go outside when the sun shines

If your dog feels the cold, try to walk him in the late morning or early afternoon hours when temperatures are a little warmer, and avoid early morning or late evening walks. Spend time playing outdoors while it's sunny; sunshine brings the added benefit of providing both you and your pet with vitamin D. Play fetch with toys, not sticks, which can cause choking and other injuries. So, if your dog likes to chew and chase, pack a Frisbee, ball or other safe toy and play together in the sun.

3. Indoor pets are happiest

Our family pets need to be indoors with us. The happiest dogs are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but live inside the rest of the time. Don't leave pets outdoors alone when the temperature drops. A good rule of thumb is to go out with them and when you're ready to come in, they probably will be too.

4. Cozy bedding

In addition to limiting your dog's time outdoors on cold days, don't let your pooch sleep on a cold floor in winter. Choosing the right bedding is vital to ensure your dog stays warm. Warm blankets can create a snug environment; raised beds can keep your dog off cold tiles or concrete, and heated pet beds can help keep the stiffness out of aging joints. Place your dog's bed in a warm spot away from drafts, cold tile or uncarpeted floors, preferably in a favorite spot where he sleeps every day so that the area doesn't feel unfamiliar.

5. Protect your dog from heaters

Dogs will often seek heat during cold winter weather by snuggling too close to heating sources. Avoid space heaters and install baseboard radiator covers to avoid your pet getting burned. Fireplaces also pose a major threat so please make sure you have a pet proof system to keep your heat-seeking pal out of harm's way!

6. Moisturize

Dry and cold weather can do a number on your pet's skin. Help prevent dry, flaky skin by adding a skin and coat supplement to his food. Coconut and fish oils are easy foods that can help keep your pet's skin and coat healthy. If you find your pet's paws, ears or tail are dry or cracking, you can also apply coconut oil topically as needed.

7. No overfeeding please!

Although dogs may need an extra layer in winter, make sure it comes from a coat and not a layer of fat. Unless your dog lives outdoors during the winter, he usually won't need any additional calories during the winter chill. Cold temperatures may even bring on lazy behavior and the need for fewer calories. Be attentive to your dog's activity level and adjust his calories accordingly. A high quality, whole foods, preferably raw meat based diet will help ensure a healthy coat and good energy for the cold winter months.

8. Keep your dog hydrated

Dogs can dehydrate just as quickly in winter as summer. Although many dogs eat snow, it's not an adequate substitute for fresh water. If your dog spends time outdoors in your yard, make sure he has access to a water bowl, check it often and break ice that forms on top.

9. Groom your dog

Your dog needs a clean, well-groomed coat to keep him properly insulated. This is especially important if your dog spends a lot of time outdoors. After bathing, dry your dog thoroughly, especially before allowing him outside.

10. Paw care is a must

Just as we tend to develop foot cracks in winter, dogs can also suffer from cracked pads. If your dog has furry feet, trim the hair that grows between his pads to prevent ice buildup between the pads. Winter salt on city sidewalks can also burn your dog's pads and is toxic, so after walks around the neighborhood, rinse or wipe your dog's paws to remove any salt – you don't want him licking it off. If your dog shows signs of discomfort when walking outside on frozen or salted surfaces, consider using dog booties to protect his paws.

11. Snow removal

Snow can be a lot of fun but also dangerous for your dog. Snow piled near fences offers your dog escape routes that even well trained dogs often can't resist. When you clear snow in your yard, pile it away from fences to prevent your dog from climbing over. Snow and ice often accumulate on rooftops and if the sun is out or as temperatures rise, this accumulation can slide and injure your dog. If you can't clear the snow from the roof, keep your dog away from the roof overhang to prevent injury.

12. Watch where your dog plays

Although your dog is likely to be having a great time outdoors, take frequent indoor breaks for water and

warming and don't ever stay out too long. If you're walking or playing in unfamiliar areas, keep your dog close. It's easy for him to venture onto unsafe surfaces such as frozen ponds or lakes. These may be covered in snow and not easily visible.

13. Avoid exposure to toxins

With winter comes antifreeze. Antifreeze tastes sweet and dogs (as well as some children!) will readily lick or drink it. Antifreeze is extremely toxic and just a small amount can be fatal. Keep your dog out of the garage and off the driveway where she may encounter antifreeze or other harmful chemicals.

14. NEVER leave your dog unattended in the car, no matter what the season

Just as cars can get dangerously hot in summer, freezing cold temperatures are equally dangerous for your dog in winter. Leaving the car running involves additional risks, including carbon monoxide poisoning if the car is parked in a garage. Leave your dog at home when you go out to run errands.

15. Special care for seniors

Cold weather will often aggravate existing medical conditions in dogs, particularly arthritis. It's very important to maintain an exercise regimen with your arthritic dog, but be mindful of slippery surfaces and make sure your dog has a warm soft rest area to recuperate after activity. If you don't already give your senior dog a natural joint supplement to lubricate the joints and ease the discomfort of arthritis, you may want to consider adding one in winter. Just like people, dogs are more susceptible to other illnesses during winter weather.

Harsh winter weather brings a wide variety of concerns to responsible dog owners. Bitter cold, numbing wetness or biting winds can cause discomfort for that special dog in your life. Paying special attention to your loyal friend's wellbeing during the winter season will insure that you both enjoy the season to the fullest.

And don't forget that winter cuddles with your canine buddy are a great way for everybody to keep warm!

BCKC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – Please remember to notify the club secretary of any changes to the membership directory – rnachar@outlook.com

BRAGS & WAGS – What's been happening At Dancing Winds Siberians:

Nadia "Ch. Jalerran's Heaven Sent At Dancing Winds" handled by Jennene Stang has been winning at a series of shows working towards her Grand Championship.

10-02-16 Select Bitch under Judge: Jacqueline Quiros Kubat



10-16-16 BOB under Judge: Joseph Gregory



10-22-16 BOS under Judge: Helene Nietsch



10-29-16 Select Bitch under Judge: Terry Stacy



10-23-16 BOS under Judge: Roland Pelland



Nadia also taking time for a Therapy Dog visit at a local nursing facility & she is much loved by the patients.





"Nadia" also took a Group 2!!! Nadia is now home and enjoying life with the hope of being a mommy the first week of April 2017!!



"Nadia" is now Grand Champion Jalerran's Heaven Sent At Dancing Winds, CGC, TDI!!! Nadia finished with a 4 point major defeating 10 top specials under Judge Valerie Gervais!



"Hercules" taking Best of Breed – Variety at the Richland County Kennel Club under Judge Charles E. Trotter on December 8th, 2016. CH. TuckleberryHerculesUnchainedGoingTheDistance – Owner – Gary Nestor

CLUB T-SHIRTS AND POLOS –

Members wishing to order club embroidered T-Shirts or Polo Shirts can contact T-Shirts & Sew On, LLC at 724-285-5100, tshirts@zoominternet.net, 190 New Castle Rd, Butler, PA 16001 (*new location*).



As with last year, the club will reimburse for half the cost. Just present your paid invoice to the treasurer, Ross Chapin, and he will reimburse you half the cost.



Conformation Workshops at WCOTC With Marty Kroll

Each workshop will be approximately 3 hours in length with a break.

The first part will be focusing on stacking, free baiting and moving a dog properly.

The second portion is a presentation and question/answer session to include beginning basics of showing your dog in conformation, from registering your dog, reading a premium to filling out an entry and more.

The final portion will focus on handling specific problems that participants may be having and building attitude and a final run through.

Handout will be provided for the working participants.

What to bring - Conformation leash/collar that you use, treats and toys

***Table dogs are required to bring a table to this workshop.**

Please indicate specific things you wish to work on the back of the registration form.

Times: 10:00 am Large Breeds

2:30 pm - Table Breeds

**Date: March 25, 2017
Location : WCOTC Building,
16 Potters Rd, (Rt 66),
Delmont, PA 15626**

**Time: Large Breed Dogs 10:00 am
Table Breed Dogs 2:30 pm**

Pre-register by: March 17, 2017

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**Contact: Jean Kroll at krollj@yahoo.com or
412-881-6115, if you have any questions**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER
March 17, 2017
Make fee payable to
WCOTC and mail to:**

Dawn Logan
96 Lover Jonestown Rd.,
Charleroi, PA 15022

Registration before March 17, 2017

- ☐ \$40.00 Participant (circle)
10:00 am Large Breed
2:30 pm Table Breed
- ☐ \$20.00 Audit (circle)
10:00 am or 2:30 pm
- ☐ \$30.00 Junior (circle)
10:00 am Large Breed
2:30 pm Table Breed

Registration received after March 17, 2017

- ☐ \$50.00 Participant (circle)
10:00 am Large Breed
2:30 pm Table Breed
- ☐ \$30.00 Audit (circle)
10:00 am or 2:30 pm
- ☐ \$40.00 Junior (circle)
10:00 am Large Breed
2:30 pm Table Breed

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Breed: _____

Sex _____ Dog's Age _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. _____ Date _____