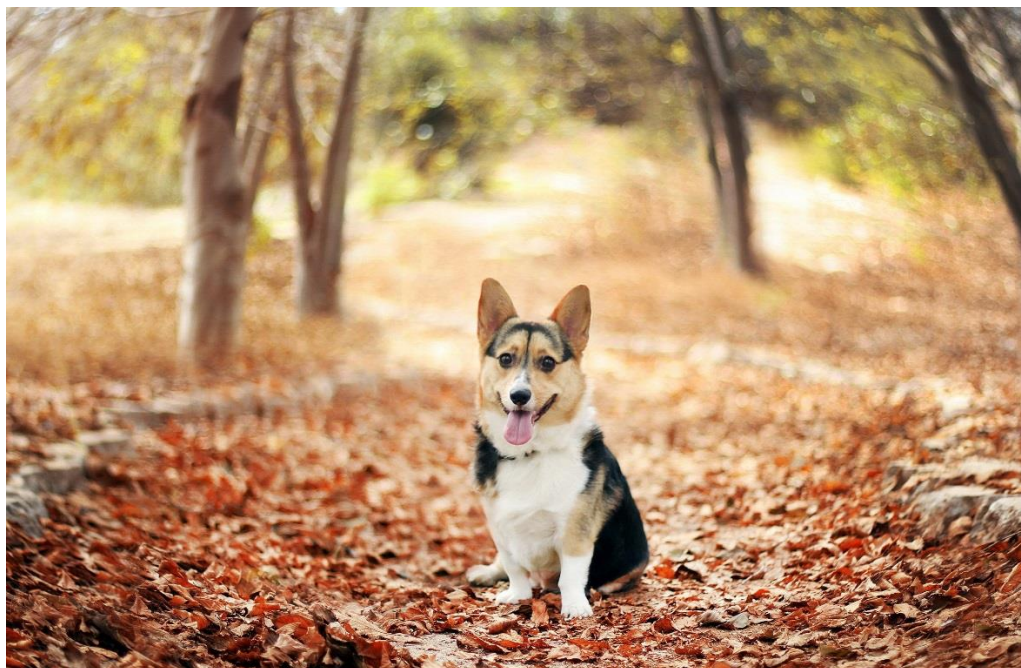




"Howler"

The Butler County
Kennel Club, Inc.
AUTUMN/WINTER
2018



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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.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE (Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at 7PM, the first Tuesday of the month at the Butler YMCA – Trustees Room)

(Meeting, Event & Refreshment Schedule)

January 2019 – *Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled*

February 2019 – Kathie McCormick

March 2019 – John & Reba Namachar

EDUCATION – 2019 BCKC Handling Classes at BDTA Building begin at 8:00PM on the following dates;

March 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 15, 22, 29

June 5, 12, 19

August 7, 14, 21, 28

September 4, 11

For additional status of classes (cancellation information, etc.) call: Gary 724-352-9383.

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

rnamachar@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 30 March 2019 for the 2019 Winter/Spring Edition.

Facebook -

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.

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 (also case sensitive, zeros, not the letter o)

MEMBERSHIP DUES — 2019 dues must be received by the club treasurer by January 1, 2019. Checks or Money Orders must be made out to Butler County Kennel Club and mailed to Ross Chapin, 641 Kiester Road, Slippery Rock PA 16057

MEMBERSHIP & CLUB DIRECTORY— *Jeanette Nestor, Secretary*

Remember to notify the club secretary whenever there is a change to your home address/email address and phone number.

Current Active Membership – 40

Why Do I Breed? - *Copied from a longtime friend, been there, done that!*

I love my little puppy; she makes my house a home. She is my very sweetest little friend; I never feel alone. She makes me smile; She makes me laugh; She fills my heart with love . . . Did some person breed her, or did she fall from above? I've never been a breeder, never seen life through their eyes; I hold my little puppy and just sit and criticize. I've never known their anguish; I've never felt their pain, the caring of their charges, through snow or wind or rain. I've never waited the whole night through for babies to be born, the stress and trepidation when they're still not there by morn. The weight of responsibility for this body in my hands, this darling little baby, who weighs but 60 grams. Should you do that instead of this . . . or maybe that was wrong? Alone you fight and hope, one day, he'll grow up proud and strong. You pray he'll live to bring great joy to someone else's home. You know it's all just up to you; you'll fight this fight alone. Formula, bottles, heating pads, you've got to get this right, two-hour feedings for this tiny guy, throughout the day and night. Within your heart you dread that you will surely lose this fight, to save this little baby, but God willing . . . you just MIGHT. Day one; he's in there fighting; you say a silent prayer. Day two & three, he's doing well, with lots of love and care. Day four & five . . . he's still alive; your hopes soar to the heavens. Day six he slips away again, dies in your hands, day seven. You take this little angel, and bury him alone. With aching heart and burning tears, and an exhausted groan, You ask yourself, "Why do this? . . . Why suffer through this pain?" Yet watch the joy your puppies bring, and everything's explained. So, when you think of breeders and label them with "Greed," Think of all that they endure to fill another's need. For when you buy your puppy, with your precious dollars part, you only pay with money . . . while they pay with all their heart.



Pet Food Recalls, Canine Nutrition, Ingredients Analysis

Death Drug Allowed in Dog Food

ABC news and independent testing revealed pentobarbital in THESE BRANDS had sickened or killed dogs, causing FDA and CVM to update their pages!



June 5, 2018 | TheDogPress.com
[Nel Liquorman](#), Investigative Reporter

Who to blame? Problems in the dog food chain appear to be caused by bad actions, or lack of actions on the part of the food safety agencies! Recalls started for Evanger's but then four other dog food brands tested positive for Pentobarbital. **List of contaminated foods below but first, see how this happened so you are forewarned next time you buy pet foods.**

This set off a firestorm of updating and testing, complete with the dog food recall of 4 brands because the tests indicated a presence of pentobarbital. The FDA/CVM updated their web page on 11/21/2017.

Those "experts" at the Food and Drug Administration/Center for Veterinary Medicine indicated that they believed that their decision in the report of 2002 was correct: that their own testing proved that it was safe to render food animals that had been put to death with pentobarbital and to make those rendered animals available as a dog food ingredient. [*Euthanasia](#) (see display below)

The FDA experts said that it would not leave enough of the poison in the food to cause harm to dogs! To intelligent dog owners, that decision seems like a really bad one!

Evanger's problem stemmed from poisoned meat. This incident was not about rendered ingredients containing a death drug. They cooked a big single piece of meat in the can, claiming that it was human grade beef. Testing later found poison in the meat.

The story given by Evanger's kept going downhill as the investigation continued. Evanger's has filed a lawsuit against the company that supplied the meat, which was apparently not beef but horse meat, and it appears to be from animals put down with pentobarbital. See [Evangers \\$20 million lawsuit](#)^{1} against the meat supplier.

When ABC News did a laboratory test on many different dog food brands, the findings ultimately gave the FDA/CVM a clue that they had better take some action!

On Feb. 16, 2018, the FDA/CVM changed its stance on the Pentobarbital issue, despite the fact that they had approved a deadly ingredient for use in dog food since 2002 without telling consumers that it was allowed in dog food. They are offering no explanation to consumers for the change/update.

The FDA/CVM pages now state that **"any detection of pentobarbital in pet food is a violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act – simply put, pentobarbital should not be in pet food"**. Find the [new pentobarbital statement](#).^{2}

While we would hope that veterinarians at the FDA/CVM actually know the FFDCA (or FD&C Act) and understand it, we must question why they added pentobarbital to the diets of some poor test dogs to see if small amounts did them harm. Why would they make a decision that contradicts the law for which their agency exists?

Did CVM vets know the laws as they should have? Or, were they making decisions based on outside influences, which could include a wide range of people without reasons to care about the health of your dog. There should be an investigation to determine what laws were broken and who did the breaking!

Apparently, the FDA/CVM group has gone looking for pentobarbital in dog food recently, and it appears that they knew where to start as evidenced by this announcement:

[FDA Alerts Pet Owners About Potential Pentobarbital Contamination in Canned Dog Food Manufactured by The J.M. Smucker Company, Including Certain Gravy Train, Kibbles 'N Bits, Ol' Roy, and Skippy Products.](#)^{3}

Evanger's problems may have stemmed from some criminal activity but no matter how you cut it, the FDA/CVM must take credit for allowing the pentobarbital-tainted rendered animals in the J. M. Smucker's brands and we have no way of knowing how many other brands!

So, readers should not feel guilty if collusion comes to mind once again! Or, if all of this makes them really angry!! This is America and we have a right to know what is in any product that is in the human OR pet food chain!

Reference and Related Articles: {1} [Evanger's \\$20 Million Lawsuit](#) {2} [FDA/CVM Event](#) {3} [List of Recalled Food](#) ~ [FDA Statement](#)

Editor's note: this is why so many dog owners are learning how to easily and economically [Feed Your Pets Naturally](#). Read more for [ii The Carnivores Diet](#).

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Poppins

Champion on 5/17/18
CH Guerin Nearly Perfect
Sire: CH Krystal Eye of the Storm at Guerin
Dam: CH Petitchien's Holly Goodhead
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch

Rose

Champion on 1/18/18
CH Guerin Wild Irish Rose
Sire: CH Clearlake Amica John Smith
Dam: CH Guerin Dash of Class
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch

Danny

Champion on 2/18/18
CH Guerin Danny Boy
Sire: CH Clearlake Amica John Smith
Dam: CH Guerin Dash of Class
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch

Aedan

Champion on 1/19/18
CH Guerin Irish Eyes are Smilin'
Sire: CH Clearlake Amica John Smith
Dam: CH Guerin Dash of Class
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch

Elvis

Champion on 9/30/16
Grand Champion on 10/29/16
Grand Champion Bronze on 4/2/17
Grand Champion Gold on 1/13/18
CH Guerin One Bar None
Sire: GCH CH Guerin Finders Keepers
Dam: CH Petitchien's Holly Goodhead
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch

Patrick

Champion on 12/7/17
Grand Champion on 6/1/18
CH Guerin Voice of the Irish
Sire: CH Clearlake Amica John Smith
Dam: CH Guerin Dash of Class
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch

Miss Z

Champion on 6/22/18
CH Guerin One Bar None
Sire: GCH CH Guerin Finders Keepers
Dam: CH Petitchien's Holly Goodhead
Breeder/Owner: Jane A & John B Sirkoch



Paloma

Basset Hound
CH. Paloma It's So Floppy 06/17/2018 –
Best of Winners @
Greater Clarksburg
KC



Wilbur Pembroke
Welsh Corgi
GCHB Cardinal's
Learning to Fly
04/08/2018 –
BOB @ Shawnee
KC



Hercules

Basset Hound
GCH Tuckleberry
Hercules
Unchained
07/12/2018 – BOB
@ Cuyahoga Valley
Hound Association



Hercules

Basset Hound
GCHB Tuckleberry
Hercules Unchained
09/02/2018 – BOB
@ Fort Steuben KA

"Hercules" went the distance and achieved his Bronze level!



"Pawnee" Ch. Dancing Winds Here By Chance
C.G.C.,T.D.I.

News from "Dancing Winds" Siberians, by Maggie Toth -

"Talía" Dancing Winds Heavens's Mist had her first litter of four beautiful puppies 06-30-18, sired by



"Nitro" Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane C.G.C.,T.D.I. will be shown in A.K.C. conformation shows 11/17&18/18 At Philadelphia K.C. & this is Nitro's very first shows.

Other than riding dogs in golf cart all is well!

UPDATE!!!! "Nitro" Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane: Nitro entered his first show this weekend & he took a big win in Philadelphia, Pa. getting a 3 point Major under Judge Lloyd Graser Jr.!!!! Handled expertly by Jennene Stang.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Have a great Winter, stay warm – and don't eat yellow snow!



Note from the Editor – In the March issue we ask our members to submit articles and photos highlighting rescues, companion and service dogs. We understand that not every member actively shows their dogs in competition, but may instead be involved in community service or just want to share a story about a loving companion. We would like to recognize their efforts, achievements or story. Also, if I did not get the data correct on new champion titles, please let me know and I will make corrections in the March issue. – Reba Namachar