



# "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.

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*(Meeting, Event & Refreshment Schedule)*

November 2019 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2019 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

January 2020 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

February 2020 – Refreshments – Kathie McCormick

**EDUCATION** – BCKC Handling Classes at BDTA Building begin at 8:00PM. 2020 Class schedule TBA.

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**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 Heather Donley at her email address [Heather.Donley@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.Donley@gmail.com), or you may contact her at 412-427-4849 or send correspondence to 78 Seldom

Seen Rd, Bradfordwoods, PA 15015. We would like to add photos of your dogs in each edition. Please send those pics in .jpg format. Forward articles and photos to arrive no later than **Sunday January 12 2020 for the 2020 Winter 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](mailto:krollj@yahoo.com).

## BCKC WEBSITE ACCESS –

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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.

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Current Active Membership – 42

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## **BUTER 2019 SHOWS REPORT AND OVERVIEW** - info from Jean Kroll

The weather was pleasant, but a little hot! Things just seemed to go well.  
Our entries were up!! Saturday – 986 dogs with 1002 entries and Sunday 983 dogs with 997 entries.

I handed David from New Castle our letter on Sunday for next year. I always ask for a contract with more than one year. Dates are September 19 & 20 and deadlines were in the last newsletter.

I hope to organize a meeting before and after the shows next year, either member or board. It is not always easy to contact the fairgrounds. They have new people coming on the board and we may have a different contact.

As always there are glitches and problems but as someone said, if the exhibitors aren't aware of it then it was a success.

BCKC had to investigate and report to the AKC with regard to a dog to dog bite on Saturday.  
Rally entries were not as we had hoped. We will no longer offer Rally obedience. It was discouraging and disappointing that BDTA did not provide the stewards that they indicated necessary and insisted that no outside help was allowed, which I could have had there. We had one member of the four on Saturday and three of the four on Sunday.

I spent a great deal of time talking..... and talking.. and talking!

My goal was to at least build supported entries. Admittedly, I approached many of the breeds that had very nice entries.

Goldens – 2021 their National is the week after our shows at LCFG.

Shelties – said yes. \*I spoke to them since. Apparently they supported our shows when Mick was the chairperson, so were very happy to be asked again.

English Toy Spaniels, Boxers, Frenchies – not sure about this one for I think it is only appropriate to have a club sponsor things.

Dachshunds – They would like Barn hunt. I asked them to work on the details. We will have to clarify who's responsibility or event it is.

Special Events – Discussed different events... Barb Ioia suggested an RV decorating competition. I do know that Canfield has done that in the past and may still do it.

I spoke to the vendors about offering vendor bucks for this event as prizes. We do reimburse the vendors for the VB that are turned in but it would build purchases at the vendors... just a thought.

Barn hunt – I spoke to Eric about using a set of stalls and putting bales of hay in and fencing it off. If the bales are not dirtied, he thinks we should only be charged for the set up.

I did ask Barb Blume for help on special events, so hopefully we can add a different attraction.

Trophies – Looking for suggestions for Best in Show – cost \$50 was voted by the club. It is one of the reasons we have been giving the Group towels. As much as I would like to find a less expensive source, we are paying \$13.25 per towel. I don't think you can get them much cheaper. I still like giving them.

Breed level prizes I can think of – the breed towels I purchased from Running Stitch, Vendor Bucks, Breed garden flags from Lowes.

Please try to have suggestions at the next meetings at the November party and definitely by February.

Deadline for trophy submission is April 30<sup>th</sup> for the Premium is submitted in May

Hospitality – I want to Thank Altha and Mary for taking over the hospitality! You two were great! Altha was kind enough to make wonderful bags for the judges and they were so touched by the gesture! Thank you soooo much! Food was great!

Thank you to Reba for coming and giving guidance and helping all weekend! It was great seeing you.

Building – It was in desperate need of cleaning. I did not think of it until I looked as we left. I will try and remember to put that on Anthony's list of duties, possibly daily but definitely on Sunday.

Security - Having the security guards monitor the pavilion and area was great! I only had to discuss the seating with a few disgruntled people. But all in all the main aisle was clear most of the time and not too many cars came driving through.

We need a sign for the gate so that someone can contact one of us in the event of an emergency during the night.

Designated Parking - handicapped parking and the area across from the rings need roped off with caution tape at the least. Individuals still feel that it is just fine to drive through onto the drive around the pavilion. I did discuss with AKC rep and she agreed for safety reasons people should not drive there. We could take the area across from the rings- rope it off and charge Prime parking rates and they will have to pay extra to be in that area. I think Memorial day cluster does this. Just a thought for more revenue.

Rv parking – we had 59 pre registered and 13 at the gate for a total of 72. Some did not show up for their spot. Rv parking is not a free part of our contract as it has been in the past. It costs us \$25 per day for the electric only and \$35 per day for the full hook up. I do not know if Eric made a big deal over the number and counted but if he or the new person comes in and starts counting rvs, they will charge us accordingly. Our contract did not give us permission to park any rvs on Thursday and the last two years. They could charge us \$100 per rv on Thursday & Monday. We did have to ask for a special consideration for the two workers that start working on Thursday and stay all weekend working. I want club members to register their rv with John. I will leave it up to the club about charging any members

Parking – We may add a fee for individuals wanting to park for the day and plug in.

Vendors - we had 1 (one) food vendor and 9 (nine) other vendors. Hopefully the food vendor was happy with the amount he made this year. I did talk to the coffee vendor that used to do Memorial Day and does Canfield. If we could find a way to get even a third day, he would consider coming (since he was here competing!)

Porta Johns - in spite of the number we provided and having them cleaned both Saturday & Sunday morning, they were full by mid-day! Especially the one between the buildings.

Our choices are to provide more or keep it at the level and empty that evening as well. We will be moving the one that was located at the Rally ring up in the general competing area. This may help with that situation.

Workers – As always the same group doing the majority of the work and I for one am truly grateful to have them! Many members come and help at the event as much as possible and I think we all are truly grateful for the help. Regardless of what judges are hired and how much work I do towards the shows... it is the members that make the difference!

# How the American Kennel Club Decides New Dog Breeds



[Lisa Marie Conklin](#)



**There are upwards of 400 dog breeds in the world today but only 193 are recognized by the American Kennel Club. Here's how a pup makes the cut.**

Three new dog breeds were recently recognized by the [American Kennel Club](#) (AKC), and they are already stealing our hearts. So why haven't we seen the Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes (pronounced NAY-dehr-lahn-seh KOY-kehr-hahnd-jeh), the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, and the Azawakh (pronounced Oz-a-wok) before? They've actually been around for hundreds of years, but that doesn't automatically give them the green light to AKC status.

It's a process for a breed to be officially recognized by the AKC. First, there has to be an official request with documentation that an acceptable foreign or domestic registry officially recognizes the breed, says Brandi Hunter, vice president, public relations and communications, AKC. After the initial request, the breed must enter the AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS), a record-keeping service for all purebred breeds not currently registrable with the American Kennel Club. In addition, a questionnaire, documented breed history spanning a minimum of 40 years, a written breed standard, and photographs of the breed as puppies and adults, including males and females must be submitted. "Before a breed is recognized, they are eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class, a stepping stone from the FSS to Full Recognition." Here's [how to pick the best dog breed for you](#).

Breeds typically stay in the Miscellaneous Class status from one to three years. In the waiting period, a national club with at least 100 members in 20 states must be established, more litters of puppies must be born and the enrollment of dogs in FSS and participation in AKC event must grow. (Advancement to full registration is contingent on this growth.) The AKC requires a prospective dog breed to have a three-generational pedigree and there must be at least 300 dogs registered with the AKC FSS. It's not a given that every proposed official breed will become one; the Belgian Laekenois, for example, has been stuck in miscellaneous class since June 2011. Here are some of the [most popular dog breeds from all 50 states](#).

Once the breed is finally recognized by the AKC, they can compete in dog shows and be registered with the AKC. The Nederlandse Kooikerhondjes and the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen were able to compete in the 2019 Westminster, but the Azawakh was only recently recognized on January 1, 2019, and can just compete in dog shows within its class—the hound class. But when February 2020 rolls around, the Azawakh is eligible to compete in the prestigious all-breed Westminster Dog Show. Read on to see the [50 cutest dog breeds as puppies](#).

Last newsletter we learned a little bit about the Azawakh, this time we'll talk about the GBGC – Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen.

By [Ranny Green](#)



*Courtesy of Jolanda Huisman*

This GBGV trio (from left, Brunette, Grenache and Paco), from Greffier du Roi of the Netherlands, enjoy their time in a Pack class at the Club du Griffon Nationale d'Elevage in Malville, France, in 2011.

How do you feel about a grand adventure, with a bit of challenge and surprise tossed in?

If this appeals to you, the [Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen](#) may satisfy that urge.

With fewer than 400 in the United States, the rough-coated scenthound, a native of France, is one of two new breeds the American Kennel Club (AKC) is introducing into companion events competition this month, including into the [Hound Group](#) for conformation.

Grands weigh between 40-45 pounds and have a life expectancy of 13-15 years.

Don't think for a minute, however, that there will be an explosion of GBGVs nationwide any time soon. "The GBGV is not easy to breed," emphasizes Corey Benedict, of Howey-in-the Hills, Fla., president of

the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, who along with his partner, Brent Humphrey, has been breeding and showing GBGVs since 2004.

"They are not cookie-cutters, as breeders often say, and consistency is difficult to achieve. We encourage the breeding of out-crosses (dogs not related), which means we do no line breeding. This breed has a very small gene pool, and getting new pedigrees that will pass health clearances is not easy."

Most European breeders, adds Benedict, "do not prioritize health testing comparable to that performed in the U.S." Since all of the GBGVs imported to the U.S. have originated in Europe, it was crucial, he continues, "to begin breeding programs with dogs that have passed health tests in order to establish a base line for future generations and insure the preservation of the quality of the breed."



Oh, my, it's been a tiring day," says Stella, a young Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, bred by Cindy and Phil Wilt of Mobile County, Alabama. The pet pup is the best friend of a 3-year-old boy in a military family stationed in Florida. The breed is eligible to compete in all American Kennel Club companion events beginning this month, including the Hound Group in conformation.

"We only breed – and own – dogs that have Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) hip final clearance and current Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) registration of the eyes as clear or the equivalent of Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) clearances. There have been cases of epilepsy and lion's jaw

disorder (excessive abnormal growth on the skull and lower jaw usually seen in dogs 3-8-months old) in the breed. Thankfully, we have not produced either."

Cindy Wilt, a member of the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America board of directors, along with her husband, Phil, of Mobile, Ala., started with Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (PBGV) in 2007 and became interested in Grands after seeing one at a dog show in Atlanta. "The similarity to Petits was the obvious attraction, and the larger size without being overly large, was something that we had been wanting to add to our family for some time," she says. They imported their first Grand, Sophie, from the Netherlands in 2012.

Benedict and Wilt praise the breed's suitability as a family companion, but they also point out its challenges.

Benedict says, "They are bred to hunt in packs in France, so they should get along with other pets. They love kids, but being a hound means they have to be kept in a fenced-in area or on a lead. Their temperaments are more laid-back than those of their cousins, the PBGV.



Chuey, a Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, competes in agility at the 2007 American Kennel Club Foundation Stock Service Expo. Chuey was the first GBGV to be awarded an AKC companion event title.

"While they love their families, like many breeds they need to learn their place in the pack at an early age. If you are not a leader, they will become the leader. We do not encourage owners to let them get on the furniture and strongly suggest [crate training them as a puppy](#)."

Benedict cautions, "They are sometimes not the best breed for a first-time owner. They can be comical, but stubborn, when it comes to training."

Cindy Wilt adds, "While they are a larger hound, they are not high energy and can live in just about any environment, including apartments, as long as they get several daily outings. They are sensitive and thrive on attention. A properly socialized Grand possesses an innate ability to assess its audience, adjusting its energy level accordingly. If handled and trained properly, they can make superb [assistance or therapy partners](#)."

When it comes to maintenance, the GBGV is relatively easy, needing a thorough combing at least twice weekly, according to Wilt. "Bathing is infrequently necessary; they are low shedding and do not produce a doggie-smell like some rough-coated breeds. Their lovely, long, hound ears should be free of excess hair buildup, moisture, or debris, and nails should be trimmed regularly."

Yearning for more?



Queenie, bred by Corey Benedict and Brent Humphrey, of Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., and Laura Offerdahl, of Orlando, Fla., and co-owned with Rodney Jones and Bryan Helvey, of Marion, Ill., won Best of Breed at the 2016 Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen National Specialty. Here, she poses for a 2017 private photo shoot at the Purina Event Center in Grays Summit, Mo. Photo by Christina Freitag.

Here's a Q&A with the two GBGV breeders:

Q: Because of their versatility, do you see a lot of GBGVs in [dog sports](#)?

Benedict – "Hounds aren't high scorers when it comes to companion events. People must keep in mind, if you want a dog that lives to obey your every wish, a Grand is not that breed. I know of trainers who have purchased

them and ended up frustrated. It's no surprise the breed excels in nose work. Overall, the owner must have a good sense of humor."

Wilt: "I have seen them compete in agility, obedience, rally, barn hunt, and scent work/tracking. Grands are trainable, with positive and consistent training methods, and love entertaining their owners. Many of my Grands love to swim and water retrieve, so dock diving could be an option."

Q: When you're at dog shows or out in public, what are some of the most common questions you're asked about your dog?

Benedict – "No. 1, Is that a hairy Basset Hound or a big PBGV?" And second, How much weekly maintenance does that dog require?"

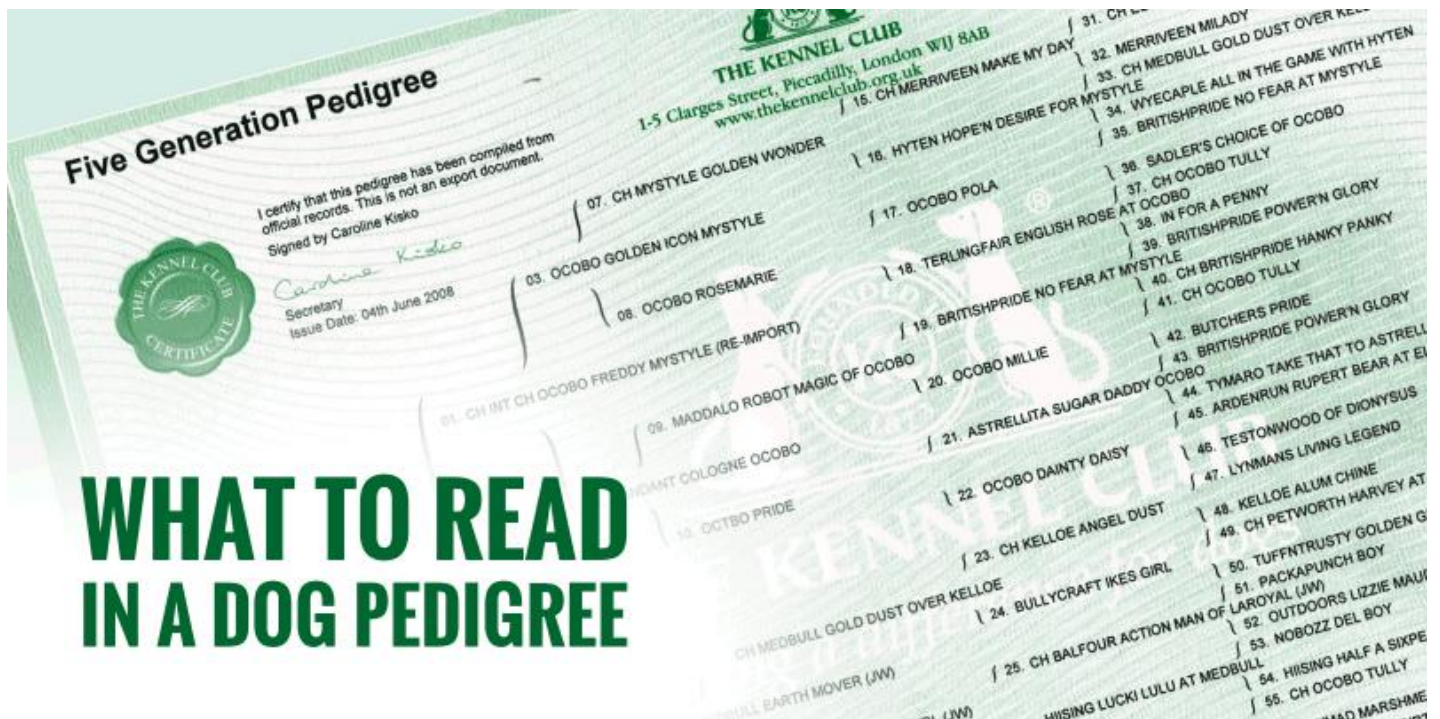


"I'm having a Grand time, how about you?" Murray, bred by Sidekick GBGVs (Benedict and Humphrey), hams it up for a calendar photo shoot at Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. Photo by Close Encounters of The Furry Kind, LLC.

Wilt – "First, What mix is that?" And second, What is the breed's name? If you own a Grand, you had better rehearse the proper pronunciation of your breed. Other typical questions are: Is the Grand stubborn like other hounds? Do they bark a lot? Do they shed? Do they get along with other animals/pets? Are they good with children?"

Q: What are a few things you would like the general public to know about your breed that has not been promoted previously?

Wilt – “They’re sensitive, yet noble. Their happiness depends on their acceptance and inclusion as members of their pack. They should be handled with respect. As a true pack hunter, their ability to think independently while working and communicating systematically with others of their own species toward a common goal makes them one of the most intelligent breeds of dog.”



Reading a dog's pedigree is an overwhelming task for novice dog breeders. Often, you look at the chart and linked data without much of an objective. It's hard to find a piece of information we don't even know we are looking for. Breeding dogs has nothing to do with luck and everything to do with genetics and heredity. Therefore, knowing how to read a dog's pedigree is essential if you want your bloodline to be amongst the best.

In essence, a dog's pedigree is its family tree (so yes, every dog has a pedigree). What people tend to mean by pedigree is a family tree where each family member was registered on a pedigree dog registration scheme — such as the Kennel Club, the International Sheep Dog Society, and there are plenty others. The simple rule is that all exceptional dogs are registered but not all registered dogs are exceptional.

For newcomers in the dog breeding world, the pedigree is not clearly understood and a common mistake is to get a registered Dam and Sire and think it is a great start. Well, not really. Not at all quite frankly. Being registered does not mean, in any way, that the dogs are of high quality: it is just a record in a database. The simple rule is that all exceptional dogs are registered but not all registered dogs are exceptional. What makes the difference is who is composing the pedigree of a particular dog or litter.

In short, you need to dissect it and research its family members to then study them individually. It is called the pedigree analysis. If they fit the characteristics you are looking for, you then want to have a deeper look at them and see how well they performed in championships and shows.

For example, if you are breeding herding Border Collies, you want to find a dog that has a line which demonstrated amazing herding abilities, either by reputation or by actually winning herding contests and championships. Obviously, the more champions there are in a bloodline or a pedigree, the more expensive the puppies produced will be. This is exactly why you really need to figure how much you are ready to invest.

This article tells you what you should pay attention to in every single pedigree you read. Obviously, every breeder has different needs, and each pedigree displays its very own set of unique pieces of information. With experience and by having a clear dog breeding program laid out, reading the pedigree of a dog will become a simpler exercise.

## Titles and Awards

All the titles and awards a dog earns at qualified AKC events becomes part of its record maintained by the AKC. When a dog or bitch wins a championship title in an AKC qualified event, it will have it permanently noted in its pedigree. Any buyer of an offspring of a champion dog will know it by looking at the pedigree. The various kennel clubs share a common core of several abbreviations and titles, [you can find a list here](#).

The abbreviation "CH" appearing before a dog or bitch's name on a pedigree means "Champion". Please mind that UKC records note CH in red. Champion or "CH" means a champion in a Conformation show. Meaning, the dog carrying the "CH" before its name conforms closely to the standards for that particular breed. A close look at the ancestors' names on the pedigree for the abbreviation "CH" indicates how many champions have made up the genetics of this particular dog. With dog breeding, it can also give some assurance that the future offspring of the dog, if mated well, will carry on those desirable traits. Proven dogs are always scoring better.

Other championships and trials like Field and Obedience also have their abbreviation and are noted on the pedigree. For example, an "FC" before a dog's name indicates a dog that is champion in the field, e.g. perhaps a pointer or retriever. A label like this would be most important for a breeder who specializes in breeding dogs for duck hunting, and the likes. Other awards appear behind a dog's name and, also, carry their own abbreviations. For example, the abbreviation "CD" means that this dog or bitch has been certified in a formal process as a companion dog. Again, this information can be very important to a particular breeder or buyer. The American Kennel Club, of course, is the primary source for the decoding of information appearing on its pedigrees.

## Inbreeding Level

Inbreeding in dogs has its good and bad sides. On the good side, it increases the likelihood that puppies carry on the most desirable traits of their breed. In fact, inbreeding is how many of our most popular breeds came into existence. People in the late 19th and early 20th centuries didn't have the scientific knowledge of current canine genetics, but they did understand from years of raising farm animals how selective breeding worked. In fact, *eugenics* which now carries many negative associations was a very popular thing among the rich and intellectual elites in that time period. The creation and recognition of dog breeds in an organized way sprung out of that movement. Inbreeding will appear simply on a dog's (or bitch's) pedigree by the reappearance of a certain dogs' names and identifying registration number on different lines of the same family tree. In case of grading up, the same stud will appear over and over again with his distant offspring.

A championship dog or a national champion dog will be a carrier of valuable genes (as a eugenicist might say.) That dog will be sought after for stud services, and the owner of the dog may try to breed that dog also (this is how the popular sire effect begins...) If that dog is bred with one of its own progenies, inbreeding will appear on the puppies' future pedigrees. Those puppies are now more likely to be champions themselves because of their advantageous genetic makeup. This is generally called coming from or having a *championship bloodline*.

The bad side of inbreeding is that a closed gene pool increases the chances of bad genes being passed along, too. A knowledgeable breeder will understand the risks involved with the appearance of inbreeding and linebreeding on a dog's pedigree.

For example, a breeder of German Shepherds knows that hip dysplasia is a major problem within the breed. If inbreeding occurs in a pedigree of a German Shepherd pup, a responsible owner of that pup will be on the lookout for screens of that condition so that it is not bred in the future. Unfortunately, it is difficult if not impossible to know from just a pedigree if a puppy or dog has come from responsible breeders. This is why it is a starting point that will require further research (and hours of investigation sometimes.)

In general, inbreeding in breeds with a high number of known genetic diseases and conditions may be more of a worse than a good thing to see on a pedigree. Genetic diversity is very important and this is how humans and most animals on Earth thrive over centuries. Inbreeding depression can irreversibly destroy a bloodline or a breed.

The pedigree of a dog carries a lot of information just on the face of the document. It doesn't contain all the information, though. If a dog does not carry that "CH" in front of the name, does it mean that it has some flaw or does it mean that the dog didn't compete in any show? This is where pattern recognition will help!

## Patterns of Desired & Undesired Traits

A close reading of a dog's pedigree with a bit of detective work will give much information about a dog and how its genetic makeup translated in our practical world. Most genes only represent a potential that the dog's environment and life experiences will express to a certain extent.

Seeing how often a particular characteristic appeared in a dog's ancestors can give you an idea of what can appear in your future litters. This goes with most traits that you seek to have or better in your own bloodlines. These traits may be

the ability to perform a specific job (herding skills, or athletic performance for example), or a particular physical attribute that you are keen on (e.g. longer and more powerful legs, longer snout, naturally more muscular body, etc.) Reality is, undesirable traits may be more difficult to glean from a pedigree because not having a "CH" in front of the name of a dog doesn't necessarily mean that the dog had flaws. And unless a dog is a champion or participated in many shows, it will be hard to find relevant information for you to work with. Perhaps the owner never wanted to compete nor breed himself. Many fine AKC dogs with good bloodlines do simply serve as companion animals while many flawed puppies are registered by unscrupulous breeders just to be able to raise their price tag.

## Health

The health of a particular dog at this point in time is not going to appear on every pedigree. The good news is that the American Kennel Club has taken some very progressive steps to try to bring 21st-century science into a 19th-20th-century system. The AKC now includes a DNA analysis and a unique number on dogs that are categorized as Frequently Used Sire (i.e. a stud who sired more than seven litters of puppies or sired three litters in a calendar year.)

Many types of diseases have genetic roots. Tests may be developed in the future for common canine ailments like cancer and diabetes. The AKC, by building a genetic database and also displaying on a dog's pedigree that it has that information available, will someday be extremely valuable to a breeder or a prospective buyer. A dog with a DNA record will have the annotation DNA and its unique number on its pedigree so the public can dig deeper. Currently, there are few but important pieces of health information that can be found on a pedigree. The abbreviation OFA is an important abbreviation to see on a dog's pedigree. It stands for the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. The OFA has maintained a database on hip dysplasia in dogs since 1966 and sets out standards for the examination of a dog for this condition. A dog examined under those standards is given the grade of E (Excellent), G (Good), or F (Fair). The age of the dog when it was examined (in months) and the grade are sent in by the breeder or owner to be noted on the pedigree.

Similarly, the OFA has set out criteria for a pass examination for elbow dysplasia in dogs. A pass on that exam will appear only as OFAL and the exam date in months. Finally, EYE means that the dog passed the eye examination and was free of any apparent eye disease when tested. These kinds of certifications can be very important for prospective buyers and breeders of breeds known to have problems with such conditions.

## Coat Types, Colors, and Patterns

Coat colors should appear on a dog's pedigree when the color of the dog's coat is one of the breed's standards. For example, Labrador Retrievers will conform to breed standard with one of three colors: yellow, black or chocolate. The pedigree of a Labrador puppy normally shows each parent's color indicated by the abbreviations *ylw* (yellow), *blk* (black) and *chlt* (chocolate). Many other breeds have allowable and disqualifying coat colors. Information about coat color is a piece of important information on a pedigree to note, especially if you have a particular focus on your bloodline's appearance. If the same coat color appears everywhere on the pedigrees of a mated bitch and dog, the puppies have an extremely high probability of having the same color. That is simple genetics. However, an ancestor somewhere in the family tree with a different color — even a conforming to standard one — increases the chances of a random puppy being born with a beautiful but potentially disqualifying mix of two conforming colors. The same goes for the different coat patterns and lengths.

Canine genetics are just beginning to be analyzed and understood and there is much more scientific research that still needs to be done. Yet, the genetics behind dog colors is very well covered on this particular website.

## Stud Book and Ancestry

The Stud Book is the key to the success of any kennel club. For over a century, the original and first British Kennel Club as well as the American Kennel Club have kept a careful record of the breeding of its qualified dogs. The number on each pedigree will provide information as to the lineage of a particular dog. This kind of information can be used for all kinds of purposes, even just for the curious. Need a name for a dog? A look at the pedigree will show great-great-grand dog was a Champion and carried the name, "Sylvester" — a great name to pass down to a pup. There could be even litigation that calls into question whether this dog produced those puppies. The studbook, then, could even find its use in a courtroom. The pedigree is what sets purebred dogs apart from the average mutts on the street (no judgment here, all dogs are amazing.) It makes them, perhaps, more interesting for a dog breeder seeking particular traits and characteristics. A pedigree does, in fact, make a dog more valuable.

## Brags and Member Updates!

Our members and their dogs continue to do amazing things both in and out of the show ring!

Congratulations to all, below are a few highlights that members sent to me.



Ch. Fox Hollow's Aura, bred, owned & handled by Margie Marquez. This is her second group 2!



Canadian, Russian, and America Silver Grand Champion Sirius Black Tie Affair, 'James', homebred by Pat Cox and co-owned with Maria Morozova. He is currently #3 in Canada, and #1 in the USA. James finished #1 last year in breed points. James is currently in Russia with Maria, pictured below.



## Collie Palooza 2019!

Every year a dear friend to our Collie Club, who has adopted several retired show collies over the years, has what we have fondly come to call 'Collie Palooza'!. Each fall she invites us to her home, and we are allowed to bring our dogs! A fun time and picnic for both people and the dogs! This year we had 16 collies and a Chihuahua!



Karen, our hostess, left, being greeted by all her collie friends! The picture on the cover was also from Collie Palooza. The collies greeted each newcomer as they arrived! We like to think that is what it will look like at the gates of heaven lol!



At right, my Maisy and Misty, relaxing at the picnic!

Misty, on the right, is out being bred for the first time, to American Canadian Ch. Tallywood Neverland.

Crossing my fingers for puppies!

## Siberian Updates!

What's happening on the Siberian front, from Courtney Herzing and Maggie Toth!



Laika and Courtney out enjoying a golf cart ride!



Happy Birthday Laska, who turned 7 years old on September 16<sup>th</sup>!



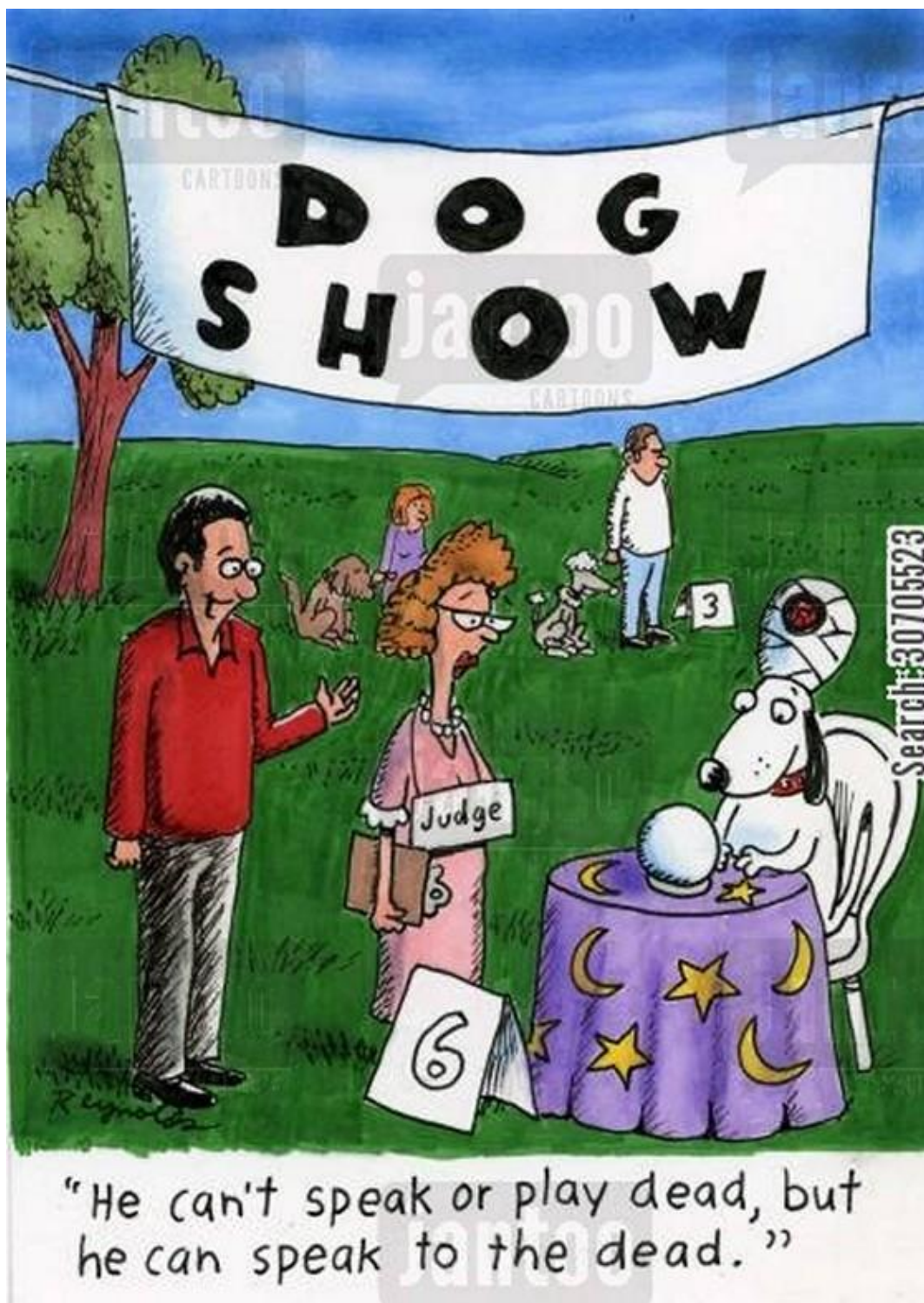
Nitro, Ch. Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane, C.G.C., T.D.I. enjoyed a day at Moraine State Park riding the Pontoon, he just relaxed and watched all the water fowl while taking in the scene!



Aria, Dancing Winds Spirit of Snowmist, is the youngest member of the pack, and learning quickly the command to sit for a group pic with the older Siberians!



CH. DANCING WINDS BEA EXTRAORDINARY "ZOLA" is 2 years old & working towards her Grand Championship in a very short time.  
9-7-19 "Zola" took a 4 Pt. Major under Judge: Janet Cohen.  
9-8-19 "Zola" took a 5 Pt. Major under Judge: Mr. Robert L. Vandiver at the Bridgewater, N.J. shows.  
9-29-19 "Zola" took a 5 Pt. Major under Judge: Cindy STANSELL



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