



"Howler"

The Butler
County Kennel
Club, Inc.
February 2021



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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2021 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 2021 – No meeting

February 2021 – In Person and Webex

March 2020 – In Person and Webex

April 2021 – In Person and Webex

May 2021 – In Person and Webex

June 2021 – In Person and Webex

July 2021 – In Person and Webex

August 2021 – In Person and Webex

September 2021 – In Person and Webex

October 2021 – In Person and Webex

November 2021 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2021 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

EDUCATION –

BCKC Handling Classes at BDTA Building on hold until further notice due to Covid.

For additional information, call: Gary 724-352-9383.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION – The "Howler" is our BCKC newsletter. If you are aware of something that club membership should be informed or just have some great pictures of your dog please send to Heather Donley at Heather.Donley@gmail.com, or you may contact her at 412-427-4849, or send correspondence to 78 Seldom Seen Rd, Bradfordwoods, PA 15015. I will include everything I receive in the next addition.

Facebook -

We have a public page and a private group. Send join request for private page. [Questions regarding posting pictures, etc. to the public page can be directed to Jean Kroll at \[butlercountykc@gmail.com\]\(mailto:butlercountykc@gmail.com\).](#)

BCKC WEBSITE ACCESS –

<http://www.butlercountykennelclub.com/index.htm>

To get to the Members Only section of the website, the username and password are the same for EVERYONE

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 & CLUB DIRECTORY – *Heather Donley, Secretary*

Remember to notify the club secretary whenever there is a change to your home address/email address and phone number, send any updates to Heather.Donley@gmail.com.

Current Active Membership – 36

AKC DELEGATE – Barbara Ioia, barjon72@msn.com

FEBRUARY NEWS -

Hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day and are all staying warm! I know some of us with large heavy coated dogs, need to bundle up and get out there as our dogs love it out in the snow!

February's meeting was via Web-ex only due to Covid concerns, and no one wanted to venture out in the cold at night! We will continue to monitor each month, and always try to have Web-Ex available even if we do meet in person, for those that are still not comfortable with in person meetings.

February Meeting Summary:

- Reminder letters/contact info update forms have been sent to the last few people who have not yet paid their dues.
- Per our Bi-Laws, dues are due by March 1st each year.
- Jean got confirmation from Lawrence County Fairgrounds that they will be opening the grounds this year, so the show is on!
- Due to health issues, John, Reba, and Theresa Nemachar will not be renewing this year. Neither will Mary McCurdy, she has a new grandson in Minnesota that is now taking up most of her time. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service over the years! This means however that we will need lots of help with the show this year, especially with parking and hospitality. More to come as the year progresses.
- James is going to talk to Wells Fargo and Hefren-Tillotson regarding recommendations for some of our accounts, as well as AIG, our Insurance Agency. They said they could provide some different options for coverage, so James will see what offerings they have.
- Tammy is continuing to work on our website, any nice show photos, etc. that you might want to put out on the site send them on!

Meet the Biewer Terrier: The Newest AKC-Recognized Breed

By [Ranny Green](#)
Jan 04, 2021



Biewer Terrier Club of America

In the [COVID-19](#) era, you better be careful when uttering the word fever.

But rest assured, Biewer Fever is all about smiles and plenty of engaging inquisitiveness tossed in for good measure.

Welcome the [Biewer \(pronounced Beaver\) Terrier](#) to the American Kennel Club's full-fledged competition family in the [Toy Group](#). As the AKC's 197th recognized breed, the beguiling little character has all the qualities to become America's next top dog.

First imported into the United States in 2003, it has navigated its way up the AKC ladder to full recognition in record time, gaining acceptance into AKC's [Foundation Stock Service](#) in 2014, the [Miscellaneous Class](#) in July 2019, and now into the total limelight. There are presently 1,424 registered with AKC.

So what distinguishes the four-to-eight-pound Biewer from its toy teammates?

"A long-haired, tri-colored dog with a soft-silky coat and its feathered tail curled over its back. Add to that a neat ponytail atop its head and a proud sassy walk," says Myrna Torres, of Sierra Madre, California, one of the co-founders of the breed in the U.S., along with Gayle Pruett, of Jemison, Alabama. Torres is president and Pruett, vice president, of the parent Biewer Terrier Club of America.



Where Did Biewer Terriers Come From?

There has always been a debate on the origin of the breed, say Torres and Pruett, which takes its name from the late Werner and Gertrud Biewer, [Yorkshire Terrier](#) breeders in Germany, who in the 1980s began producing tricolor Yorkies. The couple referred to them as black and white Yorkshire Terriers and later as the Biewer Yorkshire, neither of which was recognized by the German Kennel Club. Ironically, Mrs. Biewer joined the [Biewer Terrier Club of America](#) in 2007 to support Torres' and Pruett's goals for her namesake breed.

It's unknown whether the plucky Biewer is the only breed that remains unrecognized in its country of origin, but there's no doubt that it is about to find itself on a fast track in the U.S.

Things changed dramatically in 2007 for this tiny terrier when Mars Veterinary geneticists, studying the DNA from 10 Biewer Terriers, determined that it was a bonafide breed, stemming from the dominant

traits of four others – Yorkshire Terrier, [Maltese](#), and [Havanese/Bichon Frise](#) – making it the first breed in history to be recognized as a purebred as a result of a genetic study.

This set the stage for a major division between the breeders with different theories and those who still believed it was a Yorkie and were not convinced by scientists' finds. Consequently, these early outcasts were often regarded as "mutts," designer dogs, or a Yorkshire Terrier with a recessive piebald gene.

Becoming AKC-Recognized

Since Pruett brought her first Biewer into the United States from Germany in 2004 she has been shepherding its development with imports and a breeding program of her own – with equal input from Torres more than 2,000 miles away.

"I quit importing after the first year of purchasing them from Germany," Pruett explains. "I was looking for the best examples of the breed and bought pretty much everything I was offered – about 15 in all. Some were never bred."

Their collaboration started when Torres' daughter, Stacie Nyborg, found this "new and very rare breed online" called a Biewer Yorkshire Terrier. That piqued Torres' curiosity, who quickly set out to find one. This led to her connection with Pruett. The Alabaman brought Torres' puppy to her in Southern California and the two bonded, forging a commitment toward the breed's AKC recognition.

Their distance apart has not been a barrier, Torres says. "We generally speak daily, and have developed a deep friendship that goes well beyond dogs." Their focus in recent years has not been on breeding, rather staying on course to establish a standard.

So why is this dog with terrier attached to its name, been placed in the Toy Group? Pruett replies, "Although it has many terrier qualities, it's much more of a sit-in-your-lap dog." To which Torres adds, "It has the heart and soul of a terrier and can be quite the little hunter."



Lurking in the weeds, the toy breed has a bit of its namesake terrier in it, too. This guy is wondering "Where'd that gopher go?"

All About the Biewer

What are the perky Biewer's trademarks?

"It is very adaptable," emphasizes Pruett, "and loves the snow as well as the beach and can keep up with the best of hikers." Torres says, "They do as well on the farm as in a house or apartment." Case in point, Torres resides in a residential community and Pruett on 27 acres.

Don't be fooled by its diminutive stature, either, for you will find this versatile character in Agility, Rally, Dock Diving, and Obedience competitions in addition to the Conformation ring.

This is not a low-maintenance dog, however. If you keep your Biewer in a full long silky coat, Torres recommends daily or every-other-day grooming. With a short puppy cut, weekly brushing will suffice. It is one of few breeds that includes a strict grooming clause in the standard. The Biewer's coat texture ranges between cotton and silk, which the two characterize as "soft silk."

Pruett adds, "We do not want our breed to start looking like certain others, and consequently enforce the ponytail atop the head. No teasing the hair to make poofs on the forehead and no ponytail in the middle of the forehead.

"Conformation and coloring set it apart. The Biewer is little longer than tall, making it an off-square, although square is acceptable."

The only health issue to surface thus far, according to Pruett, is a sensitive gastrointestinal system, which she says can be controlled with a good diet.

Developing a sound temperament has been a top priority. "They are dedicated to their owners with a whimsical, childlike behavior. Half of my dogs smile and carry a toy around all the time," says Pruett. "When they get excited, they run zoomies throughout the house."

The Future of the Biewer Terrier

You will find Biewers just about anywhere, but their price tag isn't cheap. The average cost for a show or breeding dog ranges from \$3,500-\$4,000. [Pet quality Biewer puppies go for \\$1,000-\\$2,500.](#)

Moving forward the two have concerns, however. "Our best advice," say Torres and Pruett, "is buyer beware. There are already many puppy mills out there cranking out inferior and unsocialized dogs. So be careful and go to [our club's website](#) to find reputable breeders."

Torres adds, "Don't be taken in by fancy websites and pretty pictures. If a breeder refuses to offer any references, it's time to run and do your homework."

The Biewer is still a newcomer, hence Pruett and Torres recently addressed breeders: "Acquiring dogs that completely fit the standard is going to take a while, so do not take offense when another breeder tells you that your dog needs more color, the ears are too big, the body or legs are long and so on. Do not try to fix all the problems all at once, either. You may have to work on conformation first and when you have accomplished that, move on to the next issue.

"Established breeds have gone through many changes and standards before achieving the look they have today.

"We're also worried that both professional handlers and owner-handlers may over-groom our breed and have it looking like the Yorkie or Shih Tzu in the ring. It needs to establish its own identity."

Pruett concludes, "We are the caretakers for a breed in its infancy. If breeders stay conscientious about health issues that may arise and eliminate them now, in 50 years followers may proudly have an opportunity to say this breed is free of any major genetic concerns."

Brag and Member Updates!

Gary and Jeannette's Hercules is a proud dad! Mom Merry Mabelline of Ozarks (Mabel), who lives in Tennessee, had three puppies on 1/24/21!

The pups are registered in Futurity and will be at the Basset Nationals in Lima, Ohio this year.



The front cover photo is in memory of my first ever litter/sweet little puppy Molly, who unfortunately didn't make it past eight weeks. We think maybe she had a reaction to the Distemper vaccine that she had at seven weeks, as she suddenly had neurological virus/distemper like systems and had to be rushed to the emergency clinic. The picture is my girl, Nightwind Misty Blue, with little Molly, Nightwind Breaking Dawn at Mistic Grove.

Winter Escapades at Dancing Winds!

Maggie and Courtney are having a blast in all this cold weather!

Maggie has been introducing Courtney to the sport of dog sledding with Maggie's team of Dancing Winds Siberians.

They sure are enjoying the snow & so are the Siberians! It looks like fun I hope to come watch them someday!



Right Lead: 'Talia' Ch. Dancing Winds Heaven's Mist C.G.C., T.D.I.

Left Lead: 'Pawnee' Ch. Dancing Winds Here By Chance C.G.C., T.D.I. Pawnee is 9 years plus & extremely the best lead dog ever to drive the team because he stays focused on the trail.

Right Wheel: 'Nadia' G.Ch.Ch. Jalerran's Heaven Sent At Dancing Winds C.G.C., T.D.I.

Left Wheel: 'Nitro' Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane C.G.C., T.D.I.





*"I had to decide—am I living for the
American Kennel Club, or am I living for me?"*

BCKC February 2021 Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Attendees:

- In Person
 - n/a
- WebEx
 - Kathy McCormick
 - Marty Kroll
 - Deb Pfeifer
 - Gary Nestor
 - James Miller-Marquez
 - Jean Kroll
 - Sue Chapin
 - Regina Beilstein
 - Ron Huber
 - Jackie Brinker
 - Heather Donley

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Reading of October Minutes - Key items from last meeting

- Elections
- Website being updated
- Marty reviewed Federal pet bill getting a lot of politician backing
- Continuing to collect dues via mail
- Jean writing New Castle regarding our show as usual, lots of shows being cancelled
- Jackie Motioned to Accept the Minutes as Read
- Debbie Seconded the Motion

Report of the President

- Not too much to report on, will address most things in items below

Report of the Secretary

- Received a letter in November from AKC, stating that 2020 application processing fees extended to 2021 due to covid
- AKC made some other permanent and extended policies and sent a list of those, such as
 - Putting in premium that can determine location of judging, indoor/outdoor day of event
 - Extending distance can travel from territory from 125 miles to 200 miles
- Membership Dues Collection
 - Heather suggested sending a letter to members who have not paid their dues yet
 - Per Marty according to the Bi-Laws, March 1 is deadline for dues, at that point not considered a member, and go back through the application process
- Marty felt this was a reasonable approach, and the club would be willing to re-imburse costs for sending letters
- Heather will try to get a letter out this weekend

Show Chair

- Jean got permission from New Castle to have our show in their territory again.
- Note that Marty and Jean moved, please use new address, mail isn't always forwarded.
- Sent the letter on to AKC, our show is registered with AKC, paperwork done.
- Sent letter to Lawrence County Fairgrounds, stating that we wanted confirmation as to whether they would be opening their grounds this year.
- Right after that, they called Jean and said definitely opening the grounds, Jean asked for this in writing as well.
- People Sign Waivers, so the show and AKC is really well covered. Don't know of anyone that has been sued for Covid.
- We will need all the help we can get for the grounds, parking, etc. Missing a lot of help that we had in the past.
- Will reach out to group that Ron was trying to get help last year to see if they would be willing to help still.
- Parking especially, no one really knows how to do it.
- Have some judges, need to get a few more. Rumored that one judge is retiring, but he already signed a contract and hasn't said so.
- Kathy suggested putting in Premium that we will be limiting numbers.
- Between vaccinations, other dog shows, by Sept feel people should be comfortable coming out to shows.
- Hoping by then we won't have to put a Waiver in, that takes a whole page, lots of other pages for Covid directives as well. By June we should know a lot more.
- Probably make two premium lists - one with Covid and one without to be prepared either way.
- Maybe try to get a few select trophies/gifts from Wendall August Forge. Have to see. May be able to get a discount. Jean will call them and ask.

Treasurers Report

BCKC	February 2021						
Assests			Debts				
Accounts as of Last Reporting						Totals:	
FNB	\$ 17,448.94		TJB Consulting	\$ 255.00		Assests	\$ 98,486.99
Wells Fargo	\$ 43,492.75		Butler YMCA	\$ 200.00		Debts	\$ (551.00)
HF	\$ 31,858.60		WebEx	\$ 96.00			
Trailer	\$ 5,676.70					Total:	\$ 97,935.99
Credits							
Dues (Herzing)	\$ 10.00						
FNB:	First National Bank						
WF:	Wells Fargo						
HT:	Hefren-Tillotson						

- WF and HT: James talked to advisors in October after last meeting
- Their recommendation was to hold them in cash, due to upcoming election.
- Now that the election is over, James will reach out to them again now and see what their recommendation is
- Our insurance, AIG, brokered through Sportsmen's Insurance Agency, reached out to us offering to quote us some different options regarding our insurance policy.
- Jean thinks it can't hurt to talk to them about what we have now, what other options they have, etc.
- James will reach out to them

Membership

- Sabrina Lane emailed Heather her application
- Heather will check back in with her, to see if she is going to send a check for dues, see if she will attend the next meeting

Education/Legislation

- No news

Unfinished Business

- Website
 - Tammy continuing to update site
 - We should look to gather some new content, photos to put on the site
 - Marty suggested that use some of our Photographer show photos, Kathy said they used to give us disks at show of winners?
 - Jean said she's never gotten anything. Kathy thought we used to get something.
 - Sue gave Heather a bag of items, she will look and see if any photos/disks in there.
 - May need to ask for this coming year to make sure we get photos.

New Business

- Nemachars will not be renewing their membership.
- Reba emailed James a list of List of items that she has at her house.
- What arrangements do we want to make for these?
- Sue said she is probably the closest to them. Could take and put in trailer once it is taken out of storage.
- John likely has a key too?
- Can't get into the trailer until April
 - Blue table covers
 - Blue aprons
 - Safety vests
 - New Champion Rosettes
 - New Grand Champion Rosettes
 - Breed towels
 - Breed Painting of Airedell Terrier
 - Breed Painting of Red Chow

Motion to Adjourn

- Jean motioned to adjourn
- Jackie seconded

Meeting adjourned 7:51

Braggs

- Jackie got a new puppy in November, looking good for show, hoping she makes it
- Gary and Jeannette's Hercules sired a litter of puppies
- Kathy has been doing scent work with Betsy

Mostly everyone is just trying to stay warm!