



"Howler"

The Butler
County Kennel
Club, Inc.
February 2022



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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2022 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 2022 – No meeting

February 2022 – In Person and Webex

March 2022 – In Person and Webex

April 2022 – In Person and Webex

May 2022 – In Person and Webex

June 2022 – In Person and Webex

July 2022 – In Person and Webex

August 2022 – In Person and Webex

September 2022 – In Person, location TBD

October 2022 – In Person and Webex

November 2022 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2022 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

EDUCATION –

BCKC Handling Classes – Will start again in April – the 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, and 11th, at the Butler Dog Training Association (BDTA) building. Wednesday nights at 8pm.

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 Ron Huber at hoodoodobes@gmail.com or Jean Kroll at butlercountykc@gmail.com.

BCKC WEBSITE ACCESS –

<https://butlercountykennelclub.com>

To get to the Members Only section:

1. Go to this URL: [Members Only | Butler County Kennel Club](#)
2. First time Click Password Reset Link, fill in email address
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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 Membership – 34 Active, 2 Pending Members

AKC DELEGATE – Barbara Ioia, barjon72@msn.com

FEBRUARY NEWS -

Thank you all who trekked out in the cold for our February Meeting!

In some ways it feels like we just finished up with our 2021 shows, but we're already well under way planning for 2022 shows! Jean and Ron have been hard at work coming up with new things for this year! We'll have Dock Diving all three days, possibly a Health Clinic, and working on some other items as well.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! -

Altha came up with the idea of a new member drive - The member who brings in the most new members (by the Christmas party?), gets something – free hoodie? Any other ideas?

As a start to the drive, new member Adele suggested that the club could set up a table at her school's Community Day, coming up in April. It is indoors, so no worrying about bad weather, and you can bring dogs! If anyone is interested, please let us know, and we can bring the brochures, etc. to the March meeting to hand over for using at the booth/table.



Meet the Mudi, one of the newest AKC Breeds for 2022

By [Ranny Green](#)

The Mudi is a medium-sized herding dog with a wash-and-wear coat. Like other herding breeds, the Mudi is smart, dependable, and driven.



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The [Mudi](#) (pronounced moody), [one of two newly-recognized](#) American Kennel Club breeds gaining full recognition January 1, brings a little bit of everything to the table.

But make no mistake about it, this herding breed with Hungarian origin comes with a few caveats.

"If not mentally and physically challenged, the Mudi can be barky and demanding," says Susanne Bergesen, of Tracy, California. Bergesen, [Mudi Club of America](#) corresponding secretary, adds, "This is not the breed for a first-time dog owner. While some may call the breed stubborn, I see it as getting bored if constantly drilled. They are thinkers, love to learn, learn quickly, and do not need lots of repetitions to acquire most skills."

The Mudi's pathway to full recognition didn't come overnight. In fact, it is still a rare breed with only an estimated 450 in the United States and 3,000-4,000 worldwide. It was first recorded in the [Foundation Stock Service](#) in 2004 and has been eligible to vie in AKC companion events since 2008.

Sometimes mistaken for a "doodle" mix by the public, one fancier compared the breed to a cross between a [Miniature Poodle](#) and a [German Shepherd Dog](#) both in look and temperament. Yet another noted it gives the impression of a curly-coated small [Spitz](#). From a familiarity standpoint, the Mudi takes a back seat to its two other Hungarian farm brethren, the Puli and Pumi, all of which faced near extinction following World War II.

What you see in puppyhood isn't what you get later. Mudi are born with floppy ears, which will gradually become pricked. Sometimes Mudis are born without a tail or with a natural stump tail that is not regarded as a fault.



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Brittan, owned by Jeanine Cowger, of Union City, Calif., charges out of the tunnel during an agility competition. Photo courtesy Sarah Spiegelman.

This breed boasts lots of sizzle, from the farm to the front room. Colorfully fluid and versatile, it competes in [AKC sports](#) such as conformation, agility, rally, tracking, herding, flyball, Frisbee, lure coursing, and barn hunt.

Asked to list a few adjectives or descriptive phrases that capture this breed, interviewees cited whip-smart, fast learner, protective, funny, dependable, devoted, quirky, and driven. A bored Mudi is not a happy Mudi. "Being constantly on the alert, an unattended bored Mudi will bark nonstop," adds Cynthia Protheroe, who saw her first Mudi in 2003 at an agility trial in Spokane, Washington.

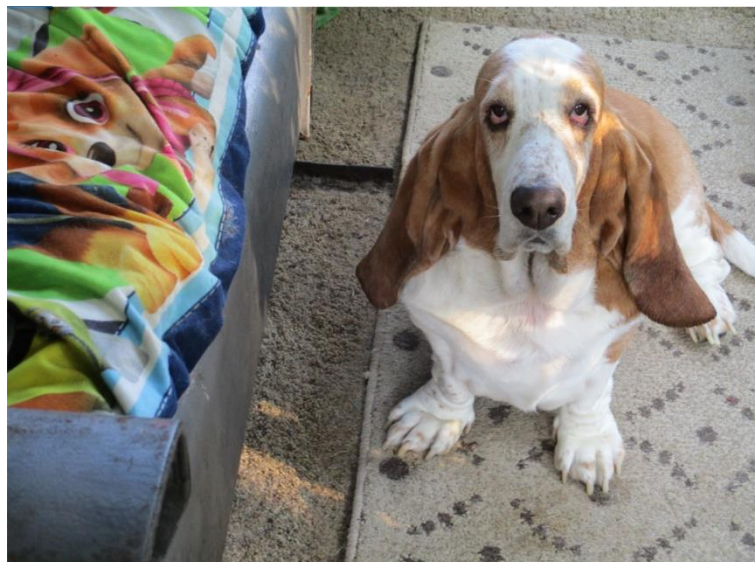
The Mudi Club of America website has an excellent assortment of information, including breed history and frequently asked questions.

The Q&A section notes "the average Mudi is neither shy and fearful nor exuberant and overjoyed when meeting new people. . . . Still, he is first and foremost a herding dog, and as with most herding breeds he can display a certain aloofness during initial meetings. Once he knows and trusts a person, however, he is generally easy-going, playful, and affectionate. The Mudi does well with children and other animals when exposed to them from puppyhood."

Brags and Member Updates!

On the cover, In January, Debbie DeAngelis' Liberty became CH Silversmith Sweetland Of Liberty in South Carolina!

Congratulations Debbie!



Jeannette's Queen is now a ROM! Queen has had 5 pups that are now Champions. She is now Pan Clan Queen Elizabeth GCH TDI/CGC ROM!

Gary's Hercules was #2 Basset Hound in PA in 2021, for the most Grand Champion Points!

Congratulations Gary and Jeannette!



Hope Everyone Had a Nice Valentine's Day!

