



"Howler"

The Butler
County Kennel
Club, Inc.
October 2020



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.

THE BUTLER COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS –

President – Marty Kroll, bckcpresident@gmail.com

Vice President – Sue Chapin, swimfinn@zoominternet.net

Treasurer – James Miller-Marquez, James.Millermarquez@gmail.com

Secretary – Heather Donley, Heather.Donley@gmail.com

Board Members – Regina Beilstein – snowball493@aol.com, Jeannette Nestor – bassetj@zoominternet.net, Barb Blume – blumebb@yahoo.com

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)

November 2020 – Online meeting? Tbd

December 2020 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

January 2021 – No meeting scheduled? Tbd

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? tbd

December 2021 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

EDUCATION –

BCKC Handling Classes at BDTA Building begin at 8:00PM on Wednesdays. No classes until March 2021, dates will be published as we get closer.

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.

BCKC WEBSITE ACCESS –

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

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 – 40

AKC DELEGATE – Barbara Ioia, barjon72@msn.com

2021 BOARD MEMBERS -

The Annual Board Election was held during the Tuesday October 6, 2020, new board is as follows:

President: Marty Kroll
Vice President: Sue Chapin
Secretary: Heather Donley
Treasurer: James Miller-Marquez
Board Members: Jeannette Nestor, Regina Beilstein, and Barb Blume

OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS -

For full detailed minutes, see section at the end of the newsletter.

The annual meeting was held in person at the Butler YMCA, as well as WebEx for those who could or did not feel comfortable attending in person.

Action Items from the Meeting:

- All members who did not pay in person at the annual meeting please send 2021 dues to James at:
James Miller-Marquez
109 Oak Lane
Mars, PA 16046
- See Problematic Breeder Mandates Bill section below with instructions, members are being asked to contact their representatives regarding Federal proposed bill that contains strict new regulations regarding breeders/dogs
- Heather to send new board to AKC – complete
- Heather to upload active membership list to AKC – in progress
- Jean to send letter to Terrier Specialty Club, allowing them to have a specialty during our show dates
- Jean to send letter to New Castle Kennel Club requesting permission to have our 2021 show at our regular show site
- James to send \$100 donation to Kittanning Fire Department in memory of Jim Stitt
- Heather to send all dues collected at meeting to James – Complete
- Heather to email Tammy regarding website upgrade – In Progress
- Any Members wishing to join the private club Facebook page, please send request to Jean, Ron, Heather, or Marty

BUTER 2021 SHOWS UPDATE -

Jean has some judges lined up for our 2021 show. Jean received a call from a Terrier Specialty club, that held shows at one of their member homes during our normal 2020 weekend. They are requesting to do this again during our 2021 meeting. Jean will send them a letter of consent. It is far enough away that we do not feel that this will take away from our shows.

Jean will also need to send a letter to New Castle again, requesting permission to have our shows at the Lawrence County site, as usual.

We have supported entry from the Lake Shore Doberman club, we will continue to update as any other clubs request supported entry.

With all of the new Covid guidelines and number of attendee limits, it is very hard to get into shows right now. If you don't jump on it immediately as soon as entries open, you might get closed out/limit already reached.

Several shows have already cancelled for the year, Erie being one of them, and Tallmadge doesn't look like it has any shows listed as being held there for quite some time.

Anyone know if Westminster will happen? It is crowded in the best of times, let alone during Covid!

GENERAL CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES -

Long-time member Jan Stitt, who always planned our annual Christmas Grab Bag and game, her husband passed away the Saturday before our annual meeting. He had been in and out of nursing homes for the past 16 months.

Kathie spoke with her, and she had requested that instead of flowers, people send donations to the Kittanning Fire Department. James will be sending a check for \$100 as a donation from our club.

PROBLEMATIC BREEDER MANDATES BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE -



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/us-congress-problematic-breeder-mandates-bill-introduced-senate/>

October 2, 2020

Dear Club Legislative Liaisons, Officers and Delegates, please take action on this alert, and forward it to your club members asking them to take action too. Scroll down for information and resources on how to [take action](#).

Earlier this week, Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) introduced a bill that would make changes to the federal [Animal Welfare Act](#) to mandate arbitrary new requirements for certain professional and small hobby dog breeders. [S. 4757](#) - the "Puppy Protection Act of 2020" - is a companion measure (with the same language) to [HR 2442](#) introduced last year by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1).

In recent months, animal rights or "protection" groups have been pressuring members of Congress to sign onto the measure ahead of elections. More than 150 legislators have signed onto the bills as co-sponsors.

Arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure.
- Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride". This creates a potentially dangerous environment for dogs.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain kennel types.
- Mandated pre-breeding screenings. No specific details are provided for what the screening would involve or who would make such decisions.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.

Further, it prohibits the breeding of a female dog:

- Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.
- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.

While some portions of the measures include reasonable generalized guidelines for canine care, **arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates.** Arbitrary, one-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that allow expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding.

How This Impacts You:

These measures would apply to anyone who is subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 "breeding females" (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and sell or transfer even one of the offspring "sight unseen". "Breeding females" include any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc. ([Learn more](#)).

What you Can Do:

Most members of Congress want to do the right thing for dogs, but they are not experts in this area. It's likely they do not understand the nuances or unintended consequences of arbitrary legislation that may "sound good" to a non-expert. They also hear a lot from animal rights/protection groups, and they also rely on hearing from constituents. Unless we help educate our lawmakers, we will be subject to bad laws.

Your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Please **contact your member of Congress and your U.S. Senators today**. Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center and type your address in

the "Find Your Elected Officials" box to [find out who represents you and get their contact information](#).

Tell them:

1. H.R. 2442/S. 4757 mandate arbitrary one-size-fits-all requirements for temperatures, kennel engineering standards, and breeding bans that are not appropriate for all types or breeds of dogs and could harm some dogs.
2. Explain you are a constituent. Respectfully share your experience and concerns as a dog owner/breeder/expert and based on the talking points above.
3. Ask them to not support advancing the bills out of committee.

For questions or more information, contact doglaw@akc.org, visit www.akcgr.org or contact 919-816-3720.

Thank you for your action to protect the future of our breeds and the integrity of responsible, expert breeders.

Learn More - Take Action

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Bragg and Member Updates!



Hercules got a Select ribbon at Smithfield Ohio, under judge Douglas Johnson, and a 5 point major the next day! Yay Hercules!

Debbie's Elliot earned his CGC last week!

Barb finished her puppy in 4 shows!

Heather bred both of her girls end of August, hoping at least one of them has puppies!

BCKC October 2020 Meeting

Sunday, October 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Attendees:

- In Person
 - Heather Donley
 - Dave Bagaley
 - Marty Kroll
 - Jean Kroll
 - Debbie Pfeifer
 - Jeanette Nestor
 - Gary Nestor
 - Barb Blume
 - Ron Huber
 - Regina Beilstein
 - Sue Chapin
 - Jackie Brinker
- WebEx
 - Kathie McCormick
 - Margie Miller-Marquez
 - James Miller-Marquez

Tuesday October 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Reading of September Minutes

- September minutes were ready by Sue
- Gary Motioned to Accept the Minutes as Read
- Deb Seconded the Motion

Report of the President

- Notice came out Friday from AKC, there is a new federal bill getting backing from a lot of politicians regarding pet canine care
- There are some really outlandish items in it
- Go to links in email that will be sent out by Heather, and follow the AKC government relations page, puppy protection act of 2020
- This is a companion to another bill introduced last year
- Bill contains things such as mandated indoor space to allow tallest dog to stand on hind legs and not touch top of kennel
- Unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosure to dogs' exercise area
- Mandated dental exams
- Marty sent email to heather to put in newsletter
- Go to the website in the instructions, find out who your representative is, contact them, let them know that we do not support this and oppose this bill
- This is a federal bill, not state level, would be applied to everyone, so that is the biggest problem with it

Report of the Secretary

- Yesterday Sue received the annual announcement regarding the sportsman award
- How do we want to handle this year?
 - Have everyone send Heather their vote to tally
- Heather will tell Barb Ioia to send emails to Jean Kroll and Marty Kroll, they are no longer getting them?
- Heather will also ask her to fix Debbie's email as well, it is bassetgirl1, not 2

Show Chair

- Jean receive a call from a Specialty Terrier club
- They wanted to take over our dates for next year, since we didn't register our show yet
- He asked for a co-existence or for us to not having our show!
- He called one day and wanted the letter sent out that day
- Jean will send a letter allowing them to co-exist
- Jean will also have to write New Castle regarding our show, to confirm we can have the show in their territory again
- Doberman club, Lake Shore, will be a supported entry
- Jean doesn't know of any PA shows going on right now, Erie has already cancelled their shows
- Tallmadge in January is already cancelled, nothing out on Info dog until May for the Tallmadge site
- Being able to enter a show now is very hard, since there are limits on entries, if don't jump on it immediately, you get shut out
- There also seem to be a lot of issues, know of someone who called, they confirmed the persons dogs were entered, and then they traveled 7 hours, got there, and then said they weren't entered!
- Is Westminster going to happen, anyone know?

Treasurers Report

- Heather collected dues at the meeting from everyone present, and will put them all in the mail together and send to James
- Heather will put reminder in newsletter about sending dues to James for those not present

BCKC October 2020

FNB	\$	17,378.94	Total:	\$	98,578.12
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WF	\$	43,665.55
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HT	\$	31,856.93
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Trailer	\$	5,676.70
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FNB:	First National Bank
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WF:	Wells Fargo
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HT:	Hefren-Tillotson
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Membership

- Heather will reach out to Sabrina Lane - Done
- See if she wants to send in her app now, and potentially join next meeting via web-ex, or just bring her application in person to next meeting (January or February)

Annual Officers/Board Elections and Voting

- Election - need to vote for 3 Director positions, 4 running
 - Jeannette Nestor, Regina Beilstein, Barb Blume, Ross Chapin
- Voting was held, the 2021 Board is now as follows:
 - Directors
 - Regina Beilstein
 - Barb Blume
 - Jeanette Nestor
 - President - Marty Kroll
 - Vice President - Sue Chapin
 - Secretary - Heather Donley
 - Treasurer - James Miller-Marquez
- Heather will send new board to AKC - done
- Heather will upload membership list to AKC - in progress
 - Need AKC to complete updates on website
 - Once I see that they have me listed as the Secretary out on the site, I can request an access code
 - An access code is needed to upload the active membership list
 - Need to create a specific excel/comma delimited format of the list to do the upload

Unfinished Business

- Website - In progress
 - Heather will check back in with Tammy
 - Last we spoke, Tammy was going to start upgrading our site, will see where she is at with this
 - Emailed Tammy the September minutes to upload to the site, and asked her about upgrade progress

New Business

- Jan Stitt - was a member of club for years, always ran the Christmas Grab Bag/made a game of it
 - Her husband Jim's condition has kept her away, he has been in and out of a nursing home for 16 months now
 - Jan lost her husband this past Saturday
 - No viewing, Marty didn't get a chance to read the obituary, Kathie talked to her, suggested sending donations to Kittanning Firehall.
 - Janine Stitt was their daughter, also a former club member or current
 - Jean proposed giving \$50, Dave seconded
 - Kathy suggested amending the motion to \$100, Dave seconded
 - All in favor, motion passed
 - James to write a check in the amount of \$100 to Kittanning Fire Department, Kathie to email James the address
- Facebook Members only group
 - Members can join the club group, Butler County Kennel Club Members
 - It is a private group, send request to join.
 - Jean, Marty, Ron, and Heather are admins
 - Nice way to share information amongst ourselves
 - You need to be Friends on Facebook with at least one of the admins in order to make a request or us send you a request to join

Motion to Adjourn

- Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting
- Debbie seconded

Braggs

- Debbie's Elliot earned his CGC last week
- Barb finished a puppy in 4 shows!
- Heather bred both of my girls end of August, hoping that at least one of them is pregnant!