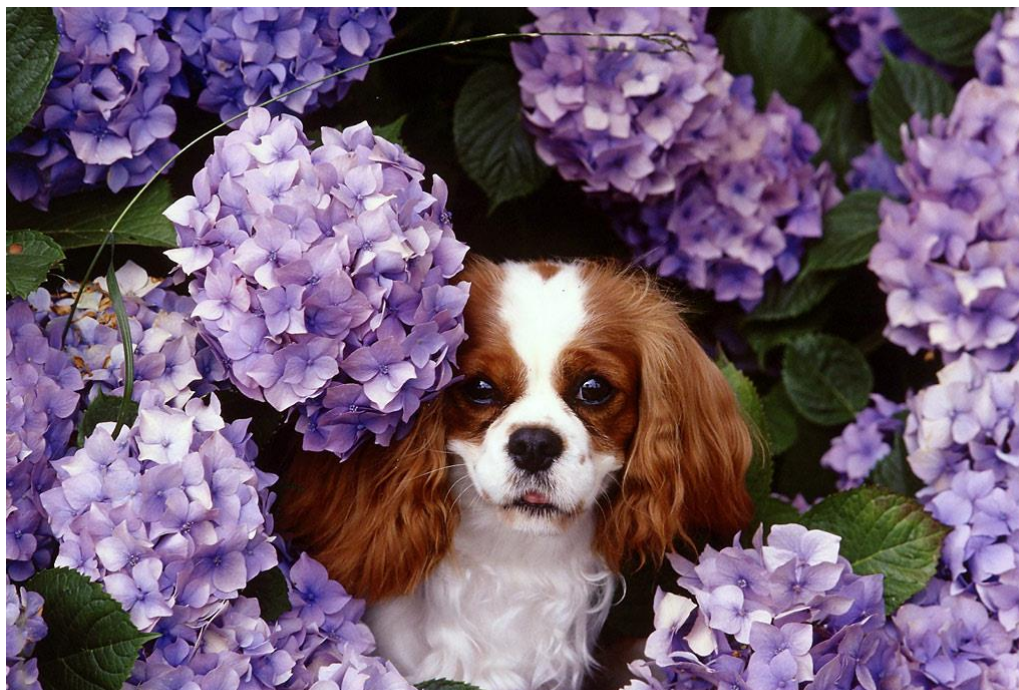




"Howler"

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.

2018 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)

May 1, 2018 – Jeanette & Gary Nestor

June 5, 2018 – Mary McCurdy

July 2018 – *Summer Recess, No meeting scheduled*

August 7, 2018 –

September 4, 2018 –

September 22-23, 2018 - BCKC Show, Lawrence County Fairgrounds

October 2, 2018 –

November 3, 2018 – Christmas Party, Saxonburg Hotel & Inn

December 2018 thru January 2019 – *Winter Recess, No meetings scheduled*

EDUCATION – 2018 Conformation Class Schedule – the Class schedule is located on the club's website. 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 18 July 2018 for the 2018 Summer edition.

BCKC

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has arrived -

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 –

<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)

TREASURY (as of April 3, 2018) – *By Ross Chapin, Treasurer*

Checking -	\$25,504.52
Wells Fargo -	\$35,168.40
Heffren Tillotson -	\$36,216.57
Asset Account -	\$500.00 (residual of the club trailer)

Total of all financial and fixed assets - **\$97,389.49**

MEMBERSHIP – *By Reba Namachar, Secretary*

At the February 2018 meeting Jane Sirkoch and John Sirkoch were voted in as the club's newest members.

Current Active Membership – 41

AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – The Butler County Kennel Club, Inc. has awarded Gary Nestor the OSW award for 2018. His fellow club members have recognized Gary this year for his patient, friendly and knowledgeable training conduct and operations of the BDTA handling classes and as an exemplary owner/handler in the show ring. Gary sends his thanks to all his fellow club members for this distinct recognition!



KIDS DAY AMERICA 2017 – The Butler County Kennel Club, Inc. has received a plaque as a 2017 "Bronze Sponsor" in recognition for our unwavering commitment and leadership for the children of Butler, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Show 2018 – *By Jean Kroll, Show Chairman*

In order to increase our show in any capacity we need the members to volunteer! Please find out where you can help or maybe accept a specific job for a year or two. Sadly all too often it is the same members doing the set up and clean up and bigger jobs.

- Dates: Show dates – September 22 & 23
- The Shows will be in memory of Harry Logan
- NOHS and 4-6 puppy each Day
- Armband Raffle each day.
- New Exhibitor briefing Saturday
- Popcorn and apples both days
- No Sandwiches this year, Campers did not take advantage of this.
- Chief Ring Steward – Judy has retired as well, so will use person she suggests and then go from there next year.
- Location: Lawrence County Fairgrounds with New Castle Kennel Club permission

New Castle Kennel Club has allowed us to enter their territory again this year but with the stipulation that we search for a venue within our territory. I am at a loss as to any other site that could possibly house our show with the numbers we have been getting the last couple years and with the increasing number of RVs & camping. We are open to suggestions to sites other than the Big Butler Fairgrounds that we were already using and the Butler Farm show grounds (not sure of name, by the small airport). I think that if we can prove that we made a good faith effort to find a location they may allow us more than one year but one can only guess.

Set up Dates: Thursday, September 20th with no RV hook ups allowed by anyone! Not even club members. We are being charged a hefty price for Thursday and after Monday. Generally, we start set up with cleaning and setting up the kitchen, marking off RV space and etc. setting up tables and chairs.

Friday, September 21st is the big day for set up. We need help on these days and Sunday night after the show as well. We would like to be completely out of the site on Sunday. That way no one has to go back on Monday for final clean up and etc.

Site usage: Presently the plan is to use the pavilion, the small red building that we used last year and both bathrooms. Please realize that once it is stated in the premium list that all judging is out of doors it must remain outside under a tent or pavilion. We cannot move inside unless there is good cause. As always we hope to grow and continue to add numbers even with two days and each year it is assessed as to what to add. Each building and structure costs us in addition to the basic rental.

Presently the Lawrence County Fairgrounds have a camping group using the full hook up areas until Friday morning and they should be out of the site by approximately 10 am so motor homes and RVs have to wait until afternoon in the full hook ups.

Trophies- Edna and Deb are in charge again this year! Edna still has some snow globes available if there is any interest. Please contact them if you wish to have a trophy added to the premium list for your breed. Contact: kinmor@comcast.net or bassetgirl2@yahoo.com. BIS will be an engraved Mantle clock.

Events – Events have been discussed like: CAT, Obedience, barn hunt and even dock diving.

- CAT – to this day we have not received a firm yes or no from the operator of that event, Sue Chapin is still looking into it.
- Obedience – we can only offer Rally trials on the weekend for we are in conflict with another trial and within the 100 miles allowed. To my knowledge, BDTA has not offered an answer of yes or no as to having a trial. An offer to maybe do CGC was given but the cost of a building would be prohibitive, so it would have to be out of doors and we can advertise the event but it would be BDTA's event.
- Dock Diving – thinking next year.
- Barn Hunt – thinking of next year.

Changing of the guard – These are positions that maybe someone can step up and help with or take over.

Hospitality - Reba will be retiring from doing hospitality for health reasons. At the present time, I think she is doing it this year but cannot be there Saturday so Theresa her daughter is stepping up to the plate but she is not a member of the club.

Parking – RV and daily. I know that many help with the daily parking during the weekend. John would also like to step down from the responsibility of this. I think James Miller-Marquez is helping this year but always offer if you have a minute.

Each meeting a roster is circulated to ask what job you may be able to help with and etc. Please take a moment and help make this show the best two day show we can manage!

EDUCATION –

Troubleshooting Heat Cycles in Dogs - What are Split Seasons?

What are Split Seasons?

Split heats happen when a bitch comes into season and does not ovulate, and then eventually finishes her heat cycle with another set of follicles. Females do interrupt the cycle after standing, do not ovulate, and bring up another set of follicles standing a second round to be bred. When this happens, her second standing heat is fertile. This may be the result of a vitamin B deficiency.

The bitch was bred but missed.

- ***She was probably bred too early or too late.*** It's important to remember females ovulate at the end of heat. And not every bitch is ready to mate on the traditional days 11 and 13. If you are lucky you will have a stud dog that

will let you know when she is ready. Or, you can resort to progesterone testing to ensure you are breeding on the right days.

- **Not ovulating.** This usually happens when they are three to four years old. They have come out of resting female or the show ring and it is time to breed but they do not get pregnant. Often you will see with progesterone that does not rise to ovulation levels. The long-term cure is to get the ovary healthier! Change her diet to a top quality food and supplements. Vitamin deficiencies can cause a variety of problems, including missed heat cycles, irregular heat cycles and other heat cycle problems. Recognizing the signs of a deficiency can help you determine what your bitch is lacking in their diet.
- 1. B-1 Thiamine –The female in heat flirts but she won't stand for the male. Oftentimes this is blamed on behavior but most often is a result of a thiamine deficiency. Thiamine is also needed for adequate swelling of female during heat.
- 2. All B Vitamins – Long or delayed heat cycle.
- 3. Folic acid deficiency can also cause a lack of pheromones or chemical signals that lets males know when to breed. It also contributes to birth defects when deficient.
- 4. Iron is an important mineral during pregnancy; however, it does not have anything to do with heat cycles. A female dog's red blood cells increase by 25 percent when pregnant and puppies are forming red blood cells late in the pregnancy. An iron deficiency in a female is hard on mom and can result in puppies born anemic and weak.

You must determine which issue you are facing before trying to correct it. Measuring progesterone determines if mom is ovulating or if breeding at the wrong time is causing a missed or false pregnancy. If the female is not ovulating or too late ovulating for semen to be viable. Generally, once your bitch gets pregnant, her system should be reset and she should ovulate normally the next heat cycle.

- **She Has a Healthy Heat Cycle but is Still Not Getting Pregnant?** If your bitch is coming into heat regularly and standing for the male but not getting pregnant, it might be time to have your male examined. Males must be in good shape and producing high numbers of sperm for breeding success. For every one million sperm deposited in the female, only 40 make it up the fallopian tube to the egg. Only one sperm cell can make it into the egg for fertilization.

Equally important is keeping males young or some will start producing small litters, even though we have plenty of sperm, as sperm attrition increases in older males. Males reach peak fertility at five years. After five years of age you want to be proactive about managing their fertility with a supplement. Incidentally, a glucosamine supplement called Gycloflex is made with Green Lipped Mussels and a side effect is increased sperm production and motility.

Article taken from the Pekingese Club of America Newsletter

Raising Little Orphan Annie – by Courtney Herzing



Five weeks ago I got a phone call from a friend of mine who raises Siberian Huskies and whom I've gotten my Siberians from, telling me about her two-year-old Siberian bitch ready to have her first litter. Lyric gave birth to a little red and white female around 8 a.m. Sunday, March 11. A few hours later, the breeder began to become concerned as Lyric had not had any more puppies and she knew there was three other puppies. She called her vet and he told her to bring Lyric into the office immediately. Once he opened her up, he found the other puppies dead, and that her uterus had ruptured also causing pyometra (an infection of the uterus). Lyric had to

be immediately spayed of course and was very sick. Her temperature had raised to 106 degrees and she became septic. After given hope that Lyric would recover but it wasn't going to be easy, she got a phone call a few hours later stating that Lyric passed away. At three days old, I had taken in the female puppy to raise.

Annie (after Orphan Annie) came to me weighing 7 ounces and now is almost 5 pounds! It has been a rewarding experience to be this little girl's mommy and watching her grow every day!



BCKC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – Please remember to notify the club secretary of any changes to the membership directory – rnamachar@outlook.com



BRAGS & WAGS –

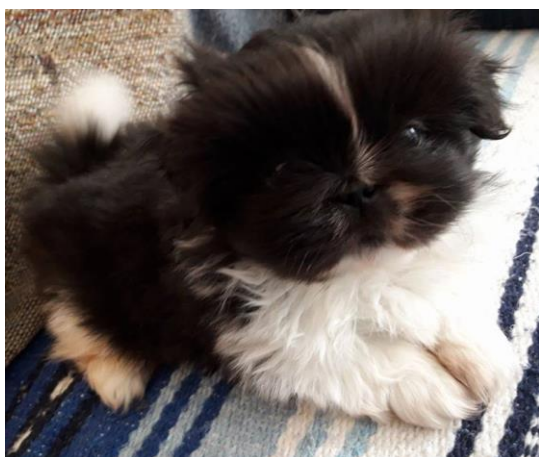
Picture is of Wilbur and I taking a Group 3 back in January in Tallmadge at the Rubber City KC show, so here it is. Wilbur also finished his Bronze on April 8 at the Shawnee KC Show in VA. GCHB Cardinal's Learning to Fly (Pembroke Welsh Corgi) - "Wibur" - my buddy who makes me look good in the ring!

Previous recent wins for Wilbur are as follows; December 8 (Western Reserve) - BOB for 5 GCH points, December 9

(Richland County) - BOB for 5 GCH points, January 5 (Columbiana County) - BOB for 4 GCH points and January 6 (Rubber City) - BOB for 5 GCH points & Herding Group 3! – *Edna Morris*



UPDATE! In the Winter edition of the "Howler" The Chapin's announced the newest member to their canine family, Nuvak's Polar Vortex at Deneb, call name Lars (Samoyed of course). We now have some photos of their new puppy.



Sneak Peak on Cimarron's Pekingese newest puppy "Panda"! Not due to arrive until mid- May from Olpe, Germany. – *Reba & John Namachar*



The Nestor's announce the following win for their Basset Hound, "Hercules" – Best of Breed at the Erie Kennel Club on January 28th, 2018.



"Dutch" is like a fine wine. He just gets better with age. At the 2016 ABTC National he was awarded Best of Opposite Sex out of 50 male specials and over 100 specials participating. He would be 9 in the next month! In 2017 Dutch won a Herding Group One (July), won over 100 GCH points to finish his Grand Champion Gold title (August), and then went on to win a Best In Specialty Show from a breeder judge (September) all after he turned 10 years of age!

Soon to be 11 years old, he was in the top ten of the breed to be invited to Westminster and was awarded the Grand Champion Select! He was also in the top ten all breed within the breed and was invited to the top ten function during the National Specialty at Purina Farms this year. Dutch was garnered with an Award of Merit out of 75 males and 150 total specials in the ring!!!

Sadly we have to retire our boy Dutch but he still loves to show and is in fantastic condition!

Dutch is BISS, BOSS (2016) GCH-G Starbright Winning Bet, BN, RN, AOM (2018) – Jean & Marty Kroll



What's New At Dancing Winds Siberians: Introducing a new member to the pack: (Pixie), "CH. DAVIK'S SNOWMIST PIXIE DUST". I did not need another dog but had no choice but to keep Pixie who is the sweetest Siberian ever! Pixie always came here for grooming & boarding & even then she never left my side & always was looking up at me with a smile as if to say "I really love you"! She's so much of a side kick I tell



her "You're too much of a good thing "LOL! Pixie's owner was diagnosed with cancer last July & is doing very well now, & said Pixie needs you! Pixie is in obedience classes now & is part of the pack & is really enjoying life here with all the others! – Maggie Toth



Have A Great Spring!!!