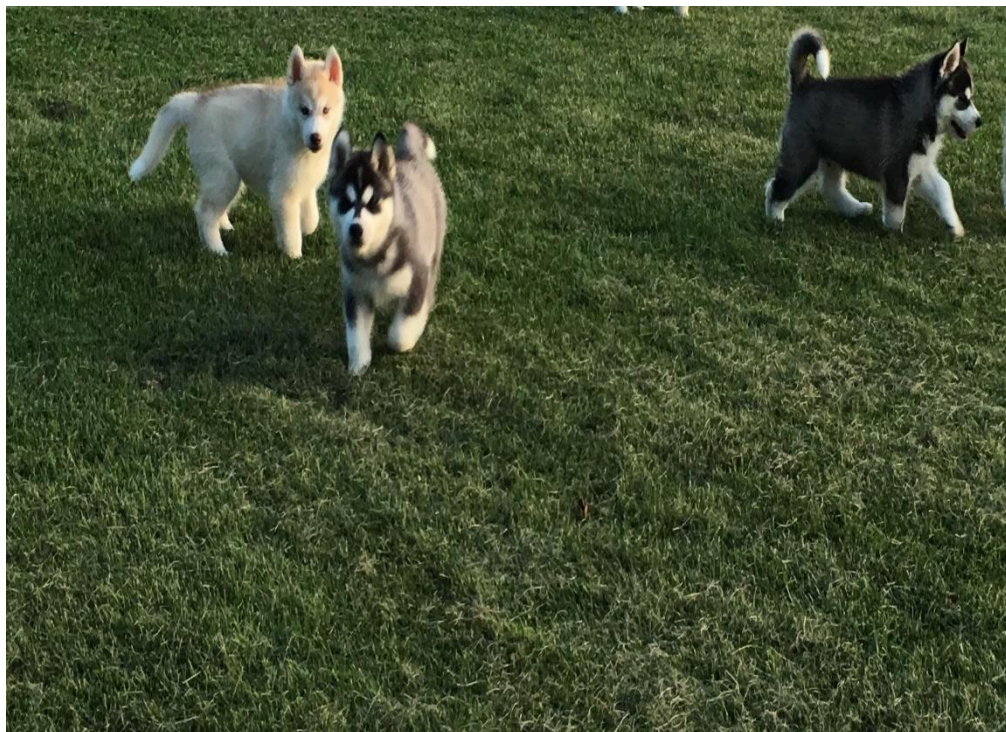




"Howler"

The Butler
County Kennel
Club, Inc.
SPRING/SUMMER
2019



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 –

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2019 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)

August 2019 –

September 2019 – Club Picnic, Cathy's House!

October 2019 –

November 2019 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2019 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

EDUCATION – 2019 BCKC Handling Classes at BDTA
Building begin at 8:00PM on the following dates;

May 15, 22, 29

June 5, 12, 19

August 7, 14, 21, 28

September 4, 11

For additional information, 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 Heather Donley at her email address 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 **1 October 2019 for the 2019 Autumn 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.

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)

MEMBERSHIP & CLUB DIRECTORY– *Jeanette Nestor, Secretary*

Remember to notify the club secretary whenever there is a change to your home address/email address and phone number.

Current Active Membership – 40

NEXT AKC DELEGATE MEETING – *Info from David Bagaley*

Delegate Committee Meetings are scheduled for September 9.

The next AKC Delegate Quarterly Meeting will be held on September 10, in Newark, New Jersey

The focus will be on the election of Delegates for the Standing Committees.

Now is the time to discuss issues to be brought before the Delegate Body – contact your AKC Delegate / Representative / Member.

The BCKC Delegate is Barbara Ioia, barjon72@msn.com.

SHOW NEWS AND INFORMATION! - *info from Jean Kroll*

Dates to remember:

July – Premiums are being printed and distributed by MBF.

August 8 – Submit adds to Jean

August 10 – Catalog ads submitted to MBF

August 24 – absolute Catalog deadline

September 4 - Closing date of Shows

Thursday and Friday, September 19 & 20 – Setup!!!

September 21 & 22, 2019 – Show Dates!

Clean Up – Saturday and Sunday at the end of the shows.

Sunday especially since we are to be off the grounds that night.

October 1 - Meeting – Round up of 2019 and beginning to plan for 2020.

April 30, 2020 - Trophy submission to trophy chairperson

May 13, 2020 - Premium submission

September 19 & 20, 2020 - 2020 Show dates

As always a show takes everyone's time and cooperation. We had to get the cooperation of New Castle to allow us onto the site and the time of members to coordinate:

the grounds,	contacting judges,	hotel for judges,	premium list,	tents,
porta johns,	golf carts,	EMT,	veterinarian,	cleaner for the bathrooms,
vendors,	trophies,	hospitality for judges and workers.		

These items are done the whole year prior to the show!

The weekend of the show we need help on the spot so all runs smoothly.

So please take a minute and sign up to help at the Show!

Signup at <https://signupschedule.com/bckcshowvolunteers>
or email heather.donley@gmail.com!

Some of the tasks that can be signed up for using the above link, or email heather.donley@gmail.com, and I can add you to the signup sheet.

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cleaning and Setting up	_____	_____		
Parking			_____	_____
Hospitality am		_____	_____	_____
Hospitality pm		_____	_____	_____
Clean up after show			_____	_____
Judge transport during show (golf cart)			_____	_____
Helping at the club table			_____	_____
Stewarding Conformation			_____	_____
Stewarding Rally			_____	_____

We are always looking for another set of shows to add and specialties but there are restrictions as to who we can ask. There is a five year clause in our agreement with regard to any that have been at New Castle Memorial day Cluster.

It was agreed at the June 2017 meeting that Clubs that want a specialty or a supported entry at our show must inform us in writing. I would assume that would go to the show chair (Jean, presently) or the Club secretary. Those clubs are given \$1 per dog for a supported entry and \$2 per dog and rosettes for a specialty. Trophies must be submitted at the latest April 30th.

Trophies – The show chair has made the decision that Trophy ideas must be submitted at the October meeting and the deadline for member submission of trophies to the trophy chairperson is April 30th. Please do not send them to the show chair. It makes the whole thing chaotic.

We look forward to trophy ideas so please submit them at the October meeting and provide all the details: description of the item, cost per item and so forth.

Judges – Everyone wants to suggest judges. So I am passing on the rules that were told to me by other show chairs and some of my thoughts.

1. Judges have to do at least two full groups, preferably three at the minimum. Please don't suggest judges that do a few breeds and no groups. The judges' fee is not the expense we have to watch but the judges' travel expenses and so forth really adds up. Often I do like to hire a husband and wife for it cuts down on the room expense and more. Provisionals are okay but we will not pay expenses just a flat fee per dog up to an agreed upon limit.
2. Preferably not a local judge. I only look local as a last resort when I am running out of time. Plane costs are almost the same regardless of the distance. Sometimes we are killed by someone driving more so than a flying judge.
3. Judging frequency in our area. Judges that are judging at local shows two and three and sometimes up to four times in a year will not get us an entry.

I do hope you understand what all goes into putting on a show and we see you during the show helping out.

Thank you to all for your hard work and efforts!!

Jean

Brucellosis Outbreak in the Midwest: How to Avoid Infection and Manage an Outbreak

By [Mary Robins](#)
May 15, 2019



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An outbreak of the [contagious disease brucellosis](#) has hit Iowa, after starting at a dog breeding facility in Marion County, southeastern Iowa.

Brucellosis is a contagious disease caused by the bacterium brucellosis, specifically *Brucella canis* in dogs, which can result in infertility, abortions, and stillbirths. *Brucella canis* can devastate a kennel, and it is zoonotic, meaning it can infect humans too. Handling infected canine blood, semen, or reproductive tissues can be a source of infection to humans—though cases of infection in humans are rare.

AKC.org consulted veterinarian and diagnostics specialist Dr. Matthew Krecic for more information about brucellosis and how breeders can avoid this contagious disease in their kennels.

Symptoms of Brucellosis in Dogs

Clinical signs are often vague and non-specific, if they develop at all.

Since many dogs have no clinical sign of an infection, and yet the disease can have a huge impact on reproductive success, all dogs involved in a breeding program should be tested for the presence of brucellosis, even if they show no clinical signs of the disease.

For stud dogs, some infected dogs will have epididymitis, scrotal enlargement (which can be painful), and scrotal dermatitis. For bitches, some will abort in late gestation without any other clinical signs.

Sometimes an infected bitch will deliver stillborn puppies—but not always. Some bitches deliver weak puppies. Some bitches that have had unsuccessful pregnancies go on to deliver normally in the future. However, these bitches may still in fact be infected.

While brucellosis affects the viability of the litter, it doesn't always affect fertility. An infected bitch will often continue to go into heat and breed.



Brucellosis in Humans: Risks and How to Avoid Infection

There's no [vaccine](#) for either humans or dogs, though infection in humans in the U.S. is rare. However, certain populations are considered more vulnerable than others, namely: pregnant women, children, and those with compromised immunity.

Brucellosis is carried in bodily fluids, so infection can spread to humans through direct contact with the urine, feces, blood, semen, milk, vaginal secretions, and other fluids of an infected dog.

Also beware contact with aborted dog fetuses from infected bitches, as these can also carry infection. In very rare cases, humans might contract the disease by breathing in air contaminated with the bacteria.

The disease can enter the body through broken skin, or simply through the eyes, nose, or mouth. To avoid infection, always wear protective clothing (i.e. gloves, goggles, and a face mask) when handling dogs that have brucellosis, or anything has come into contact with them. Never allow an infected dog to lick you, particularly on your face. And make sure to wash your hands well after handling dogs.

Brucellosis in Humans: Symptoms and Treatment

Symptoms tend to appear in humans within five to 30 days, most often three to four weeks after exposure, though sometimes it can take months. Be alert for flu-like symptoms, such as fever, body pains (particularly in the back), enlarged lymph nodes, headache, night sweats, vomiting, diarrhea, poor appetite and weight loss, and/or a sense of weakness.

If you suspect you have come into contact with an infected dog, or that you have symptoms of brucellosis, consult your doctor for a blood test. As with dogs, the disease is treated with antibiotics.



Testing For Brucellosis in Dogs

Several tests are available through veterinarians and commercial reference laboratories. These include rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT), agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), and polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Culture of the bacteria is the gold standard test.

The RSAT identifies the presence of antibodies to combat the infection, not the bacteria themselves. The test requires one drop of a dog's serum (the clear fluid remaining after collected blood has been allowed to clot), which is combined with *Brucella* antigen—a sample of brucellosis bacteria, supplied with the test. If the serum contains antibodies for *Brucella canis*, it will agglutinate or adhere to the antigen, causing clumping that your veterinarian sees. This test is quite sensitive and veterinarians can have in-hospital results within two minutes.

If the dog tests positive, there is a second step that involves combining two drops of the dog's serum to two drops of another reagent contained within the test kit. Then this solution is combined with the *Brucella* antigen and clumping is once again determined within two minutes. If clumping is seen, the dog is presumed to be infected. Confirmation via AGID, PCR, and/or culture tests is recommended.

If clumping is not seen, the dog may not be infected, or the infection may only be in its early stages. In this situation, re-test the dog in three to four weeks with the RSAT.

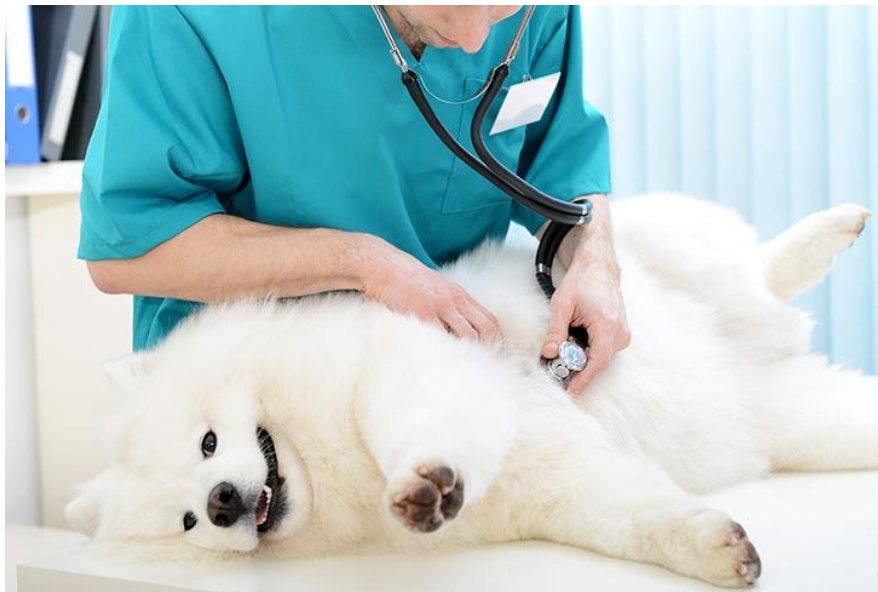
Treating Brucellosis in Dogs

Veterinarians often prescribe antibiotics, but their success at resolving the infection is questionable because the bacteria like to hide within the dog's cells, and antibiotics are only moderately able to penetrate cells to clear all of the bacteria. Therefore, relapses of infection are common after stopping antibiotics.

Rather, the body's own defenses through cell-mediated immunity are often a better way to clear bacteria within cells.

Infected stud dogs should be removed from the breeding program and neutered to reduce the risk of infection to humans (i.e. their owners, trainers, handlers, and others involved in their care.).

Infected bitches could seemingly "recover" and deliver normal litters in the future, while still, in fact, harboring the bacteria. In such cases, transmission to the offspring in utero is probable.



Preventing a Brucellosis Outbreak—Information for Breeders

Prevention of any infection is so much easier than managing the consequences of infection. Antibiotics often do not resolve the infection, and no vaccine is available. Pre-emptive testing is therefore best.

Have your veterinarian [test all dogs in your breeding program for brucellosis](#) prior to every breeding and/or every six months. This is also an ideal time for your veterinarian to examine your dogs completely to ensure health, successful breeding, and healthy litters. The RSAT test is a fast, easy, and economical way to screen dogs and hopefully prevent brucellosis from affecting your kennels.

Managing a Brucellosis Outbreak

A brucellosis-affected kennel is a challenge to manage. With guidance from a veterinarian, the kennel should be quarantined and infected dogs eliminated. If these dogs are to be treated and/or retained as pets, they should be neutered and moved to separate housing. Disinfect and handle dogs and their discharges/secretions, including urine, with gloved hands.

If a breeder suspects a brucellosis outbreak, they should contact their veterinarian, who will provide a course of action.

American Kennel Club – New Breeds of Dogs 2019

Adapted from Prudent Pet Pet Insurance website, www.prudentpet.com

Each year the AKC comes out with their newly recognized dog breeds and of course, these are all purebred pups. In 2018, the AKC added two dogs, which debuted in the 2019 West Minster; the Grand Basset Griffon Vandeens and the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje. Already in 2019, one breed has been recognized by AKC, the Azawakh. These breed names are quite the mouthful!

Azawakh

The Azawakh breed is an ancient dog breed from Northwest Africa. These dogs were bred to serve as guard dogs and hunters. They have incredible speed and endurance and oftentimes are confused with Greyhounds.



These dogs are very loyal and playful and would make for the perfect running buddy!

Braggs and Member Updates!

Gary and Jeannette Nestor's Basset Hound Hercules Unchained has been winning up a storm!

He defeated 7 other champion males and 6 other champion females with the total dogs (37 bassets) for Select and 5 Grand champion points at the Potomac Basset Hound Club show in Manassas, VA!



In his first all breed show, Mattaponi, he got Select for 5 grand champion points as well. There were 34 bassets for that show. His total for that Saturday, May 18, was 10 points!

Hercules also received 4 points in New Castle for the Saturday Basset Hound show, with Richard Jackson as the judge, and 15 points over the weekend at the Madison Ohio show. He got a 5 point major that Sunday, and his son got his championship the same day! Way to go Hercules!

Queen

When he's home relaxing from all the shows, Hercules now has a new friend as well!

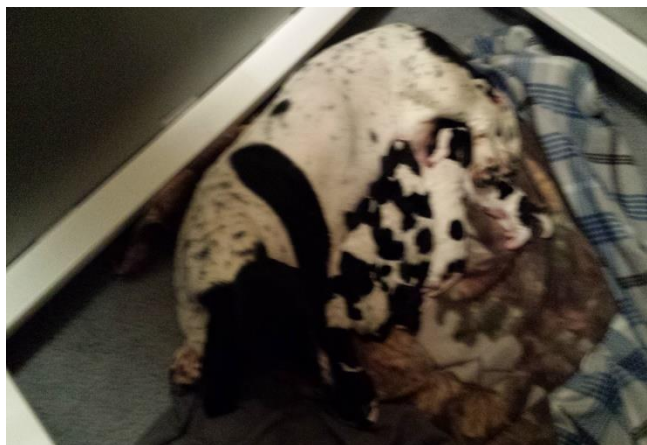


Litter Announcement!

And more on the Basset front, Edna Morris is proud to announce her new litter:

BISS GCHB Fort Merrill Skyler x Ch Paloma It's So Floppy

5 boys and 2 girls, whelped 05/28/2019. Look how cute they are, all learning to eat out of their own bowls! - Heather Newborn in the picture on the left, 6 weeks old in the picture on the right.



Summer Fun!

Who says Siberians only have fun in the winter!

What's happening at Dancing Winds Siberians by Maggie Toth:



"Nitro", CH. Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane, C.G.C., T.D.I., and his sister "Talia", Dancing Winds Heaven's Mist, C.G.C., T.D.I., celebrated their 3rd birthday!!!



"Pawnee" CH. Dancing Winds Here By Chance, C.G.C., T.D.I., & "Nitro" are riding around seeing where we should put the hanging baskets.



"Tess", Pleasant Acres Test of Time, is just relaxing on a beautiful evening enjoying the sounds of nature, after making sure the Siberians are all settled down!

Look at all those cute adorable puppies! Puppy time is my favorite time of year! - Heather





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