



"Howler"

The Butler
County Kennel
Club, Inc.
WINTER 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.

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2020 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 2020 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

February 2020 – Refreshments – Kathie McCormick

March 2020 – Refreshments –

April 2020 – Refreshments –

May 2020 – Refreshments –

June 2020 – Refreshments –

July 2020 – No Meeting

August 2020 – Refreshments –

September 2020 – Club Picnic

October 2020 – Refreshments –

November 2020 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2020 – Winter Recess, No meeting scheduled

EDUCATION – BCKC Handling Classes at BDTA Building begin at 8:00PM on Wednesdays. 2020 Class schedule:

3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17

8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16

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 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. 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 **Sunday July 13, 2020** for the 2020 Summer 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/>

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– Sue Chapin, Secretary

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

Current Active Membership – 43

AKC DELEGATE – Barbara Ioia, barjon72@msn.com

BUTER 2020 SHOWS UPDATE - info from Jean Kroll

We are looking for someone to help Altha with hospitality, working in the kitchen area during the weekend. It is very important and sometimes a long day and even longer when only one person works at it.

Mary has other responsibilities so she cannot continue helping Altha.

Important Dates:

Trophies due - April 30

First premium draft is due - May 13

Review and final due - July 22

Ads due - August 8

Closing - September 2

Shows - September 19 & 20.

Thanks for supporting the club with our shows!!

Jean Kroll

Butler County Kennel Club Show Chairperson

Meet another one of the Newest AKC-Recognized Breeds: Dogo Argentino

By [Ranny Green](#)

Dec 31, 2019 | 4 Minutes



Large white Dogo Argentinos, Bragado and Brava El Remate, bred by Kassi McLaughlin, of San Antonio, Texas, offer a perfect contrast to Texas wildflowers. Bragado is owned by Susan and David Van-Spruill, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; McLaughlin owns Brava.

Let's get this straight right from the outset: If you're thinking [Dogo Argentino](#) (Dogo), you must be a leader and an experienced dog owner. In other words, firm, confident, and consistent.

That's the clear message from Amy Collins, a Dogo Argentino owner since 2000 and secretary of the parent club, the [Dogo Argentino Club of America](#), founded in 1985.

This fearless, yet sensitive dog, is [one of two breeds](#) joining the American Kennel Club all-breed show scene January 1, 2020, and will be competing in the Working Group.

Newly Recognized, But Not For the Novice

Collins, of Springfield, Ohio, says, "They are not for the novice. Dogos are very active and need some type of job to keep them stimulated. They can be needy and seek out attention as well. They need to know their boundaries from the outset.

"They should have a family that will engage and place a [high priority on socializing them](#) from the minute they come into their house. This is a strong-willed breed and can be very stubborn and challenging. The owner needs to have the same mentality to make it a cohesive pack. A bored Dogo can be a destructive Dogo."

As for introducing most newcomers to a household with a resident dog or [young children](#), Collins recommends bringing in a puppy rather than an adult, which enables the owner time to establish control, a respectful relationship, and an obedience regimen. Despite its intimidating appearance, this breed loves to be petted and craves close physical contact.

Prior to 2000, when she purchased her first Dogo, Collins had owned the following: Bull-type terrier, Chow Chow, Doberman Pinscher, Dachshund, Shiba Inu, and Jack Russell Terrier.

She was attracted to the Dogo by its "majestic and regal appearance. And as I began to study more about the breed and its intended purpose, I became intrigued by its unique character. At the time, we were raising three sons and wanted a family guardian that would be capable of handling any family activity. The Dogo Argentino fit that need with its athletic build, lasting endurance, and loyalty to the family."

Getting to Know the Dogo

The Dogo's identity is marked by its white coat and powerful, athletic build. Males are 24-26½ in height and weigh 88-100 pounds; females are 24-25½ tall and 88-95 pounds.

When it comes to character and temperament, the breed standard reads: "The Dogo is a strong, tenacious and rustic dog that was created to protect family and property, as well as to hunt large game and destructive predators. He is a faithful companion at home and in the field. Of all the Dogo's attributes, he is above all else, courageous."

Breed registrations have grown steadily since 2008 (when there were two registered litters) to 2018 with 104. Total dogs registered jumped from 11 in 2001 to 311 last year. Pups in each year's litters – known as a complement – have moved from 15 in 2008 to 1,290 last year.

The parent club lists 195 members. The breed's stronghold states are Texas and Florida, according to Collins.

Building a highly respected breeding program is a top priority for Collins, with an emphasis on sound temperament, solid structure, a good, strong head, and fluid movement. "A Dogo," she says, "must be harmoniously balanced and functional."

When it comes to genetic health issues, deafness, [hip dysplasia](#), elbow, allergies (food and environment), cardiac and eyes are all on breeders' radars. Reputable breeders prioritize puppies undergoing [BAER](#) (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) for hearing and PennHIP testing for osteoarthritis or hip dysplasia and auscultation or echocardiograms for heart function.



Aquada El Remate seems to be telling her owner, McLaughlin, to “come and get it” during playtime in the backyard.

A Loyal Hunter and Guardian

The Dogo's history can be traced back almost a century. It was developed by Dr. Antonio Nores Martinez, a renowned doctor, and his brother, Augustin, in 1928 in the Cordoba region of Argentina. The pair was striving for a companion that was a good pack hunter and a guardian. The foundation stock included the Great Pyrenees, Pointer, Great Dane, Dogue de Bordeaux, Boxer, Spanish Mastiff, Bull Terrier and what is now an extinct breed, the Dog of Cordoba.

It was accepted by Fédération Cynologique Internationale in 1973 as the first and only Argentinean breed, chiefly due to the passion and effort of Dr. Augustin Nores Martinez.

When it comes to AKC sports, the Dogo is well-suited for [Conformation](#), [Agility](#), [Barn Hunt](#), [Obedience](#), Tracking and Coursing. “Because our breed needs stimulation and continued activity, these complement hunting nicely,” adds Collins. They have also been successfully trained in search and rescue, police work, guard dogs, narcotic detection and Schutzhund.



Part of the Family

Collins and her husband, Beau, deploy their Dogos, along with Parker Curs (native to Louisiana) for hunting wild boar in Ohio, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. "The Dogo, which has a sharp sense of smell, is designed to hunt in the packs, even if it's not their own," she explains.

Conditioning and stamina are key here, not only from covering miles of terrain but from taking down a wild boar that could weigh up to 300 pounds.

"The short white coat serves a purpose to differentiate the dog from the quarry, making it is easy to spot a white dog during a night hunt, Collins adds. "The areas we hunt are thick and thorny. With their coat, we use [protective gear](#) (cut vest, collars, and tracking collars) to help protect our Dogos who put their life on the line each hunt. But this is no guarantee they will not be injured. This is what they are bred to do and it also gives them a sense of purpose doing a job. They love it and it makes for a very well rounded and sociable dog."

Wondering what a Dogo will cost you? Figure on \$1,500-\$3,500, says Collins. But because of the numerous caveats, only go to a [reputable, experienced breeder](#).

Brags and Member Updates!

On the cover – BISS GCH-Gold Starbright Winning Bet BN RN, soon to be 13 years old – Jean Kroll



Always great to see members out and about at the shows!

Gary, left, and James, right, caught on camera by Altha at the Tallmadge shows in March!



Dancing Winds Updates



Poor 'Pixie', left, CH. DAVIK's SNOWMIST Pixie Dust, tore her A.C.L., and is restricted to limited walks on lead, but is healing quite well all things considered!



'Nitro', CH. Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane, C.G.C., T.D.I. Says 'Not near enough snow to pull The sled this winter season!'



And Talia, CH. Dancing Winds Heaven's Mist, T.D.I. is expecting a litter April 6, 2020! Keep us posted Maggie!

New Puppies for 2020!

Courtney Herzing had a litter of Siberian Husky puppies born on 2/23/2020! One black and white girl, and two red boys.

Sire is CH. Jalerran's Origins, 'Victor creed'

Dam is Maplelane's First Lady of Shamokin, 'Laika' (Courtney's bitch).



What precious little sweethearts!





‘Being this good looking is exhausting work’

Lyndsey Matthews, Lifestyle Editor