



"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 2019 – Holiday Dinner, Saxonburg Hotel

December 2019 – 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 March 15, 2020** for the 2020 Spring 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

The show committee, which does include the board, had a meeting with members of the Fair Board on January 14th. We discussed further options and potentials to grow with events, the reason for certain fees within the contract (\$100 per RV parking 24 hours prior to the event). We also settled the bill as far as the electric, discussed next year, and were provided with a contract for next year. In December, as a result of no contact with anyone regarding our remaining balance, I formulated a letter with the calculations of what we owed that I then sent to James to pay so that we were not remiss on our part.

The show committee discussed supported entries and what has been offered to them. This year AKC is asking clubs to focus on breeders, so we discussed adding Bred By groups. Special events were discussed, supported entry clubs, and hopefully leading to adding some specialties working into our shows; with some hope leading to a third day (Friday) of specialties and special events such as CAT testing, dock diving and barn hunt/farm dog. Obedience would be difficult for there is a club we are in conflict to provide a full potential for that.

As of this date, all the committees agreed to continue in their positions. YAY! Thank you sooo much, I could not do it without you!!! 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 one of the Newest AKC-Recognized Breeds: Barbet

By [Ranny Green](#)

Dec 31, 2019 | 5 Minutes



Barbet come in a variety of coat colors and curls. Colors include black, brown, fawn, and pied (more white than black or brown), with or without white markings.

There seems to be no shortage of fun-filled adjectives to characterize the [Barbet](#), one of two dog breeds earning full American Kennel Club recognition on January 1, 2020.

For starters, try playful, quirky, goofy, clownish, and loving. According to the biggest Barbet boosters – longtime [Barbet Club of America](#) (BCA) officers – “loyal” and “smart” should be added to the mix as well. For fun, you can toss in “doodle,” a common, constant misidentification made by others upon seeing a Barbet.

“At one point, I had someone try to convince me that it was indeed a ‘Goldendoodle,’” recalls BCA club treasurer Lynn Vogt-Kinsey. “I said ‘no, it’s a rare breed called a Barbet.’ He went away confused and shaking his head.”

The Barbet was introduced to the United States for the first time in 1994. Today, there are an estimated 500 in the country. The national breed club members number slightly more than 100.



Barbet love the water, and some have a strong prey drive and may chase or retrieve birds from bodies of water. Photo: Barbet Club of America

"They have wonderful temperaments," affirms Vogt-Kinsey, who owns [Anam Chara Barbet](#) with her sister Leslie. "The name of our business, Anam Chara, is Celtic for 'soul friend', which is exactly what these dogs are."

In case you're wondering about pronunciation, it's Bar-bay. Appropriately, the name comes from the French word "barbe," meaning beard. When the Barbet steps into the show ring officially in 2020, it will compete in the [Sporting Group](#) alongside other breeds traditionally developed to hunt and retrieve feathered game. 2020's other newly-recognized AKC breed, the [Dogo Argentino](#), will be joining the [Working Group](#).

Bringing the Barbet to America

The point pair for the Barbet's growth and development in the U.S. has been Stacy and Walter Able, of Indianapolis, with an early assist from Walter's sister Susan Able. But, it came in an unconventional manner.

"Susan has a knack for finding unusual things," says Stacy, BCA founding member, former president, and current vice president. "She found out about the Barbet breed and imported a female, Luna, in the fall of 2000."

Walter, then Stacy's boyfriend, met Luna upon her arrival in the United States. Eventually, Luna was bred with a Barbet from Canada and Susan gave Walter the pick of the litter, a female named Xela. Within a few years, their breezy Barbet odyssey was underway.

Xela was the first Barbet to be registered with the AKC. The Ables' first import came in 2008. That Barbet, Cinna, came from a breeder whose father was bred after World War II and was key in rescuing the depleted breed. Cinna wasted no time leaving his mark on Stacy.



Cinna, a 2008 import from France and terrific therapy dog, is pictured with his owner Stacy Able. Photo: Walter Able

"I attended my very first dog show," she recalls with a smile. "It was in French and I don't speak French. Both Walter and I had some sort of flu so were slightly out of it. Before I headed into the ring, Cinna, who had been on a farm in France and was about six months old, peed on my leg. Then, we went into the ring and both of us were struggling as he stacked in the wrong direction. Cinna earned best male puppy, which was a nice start to our dog show journey, but him marking me as his still makes me laugh."

Barbet Breed Information

While still relatively new in the U.S., the Barbet is one of the original water dogs deployed in France since the 16th century for hunting waterfowl. However, the World Wars wreaked havoc on the breed, nearly leaving it extinct. But thanks to the efforts of a few dedicated fanciers, it was slowly given a rebirth and worked its way to North America. Today, there are an estimated 2,000 Barbet across the continent. The chief density of the breed in the U.S. is in New England and the Midwest.

The Barbet, whose weight ranges between 30-60 pounds, is believed to be the ancestor of several of today's popular breeds, including the [Poodle](#), [Bichon Frise](#), [Otterhound](#), [Newfoundland](#), [Briard](#) and others.

As you would expect with a Sporting breed, the Barbet is versatile, active, and family-oriented. Their activity wheelhouse includes [conformation](#), [agility](#), [dock diving](#), [disc dog](#), and anything that propels them in motion. In that respect, they also make terrific [therapy dogs](#). The Ables are members of [Love on a Leash](#) in Indianapolis and visit local hospitals and nearby elementary schools with the "Read to a Dog" program.



The Barbet is an active breed that loves to participate in AKC dog sports like agility, obedience, dock diving, and more. Photo: Barbet Club of America

"If being a therapy dog was an AKC event, the Barbet would have some champions," says Stacy. "Owners devoted to training, [socializing](#), and [exercising](#) their Barbet will discover an amazing companion that few breeds can match. They are happy family members, but do need direction and [training](#)."

Barbet can thrive in apartments if they receive adequate daily exercise. However, they are not great distance running companions, as they can get overheated. Unlike some other breeds, they tend to love the [winter](#) as their curled coats keep them warm.

Becoming a Barbet Owner

Club president Barbara Gresham laughs when asked what type of owner best suits a Barbet.

"Someone who likes to brush and comb their dog frequently," says Gresham. "And someone who doesn't want to be in the bathroom by themselves."

The high-maintenance curly coat is part of the breed's signature. Historically, their hair is to protect and warm them in marshes while retrieving waterfowl. They were not meant to be shaved to the skin, and their shaggy look is one of the

breed's charming characteristics. However, as with other breeds, Barbet can be prone to genetic issues, including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, and [hip dysplasia](#).

"We are working hard to eliminate those from the genetic pool," says Able. "We have a relatively young population in the United States, so we will have to gather more data as we progress. Breeders on the BCA website are required to test hips, elbows, and eyes."



Cinna the Barbet poses with his multicolored great-grandpups. Photo: Stacy Able Photography

Males range from 21-24½ inches tall, while females reach 19-22½ inches. In both sexes, weight should be in proportion to height. Coat colors include all shades of black, gray, brown, and fawn, which all may include white markings.

If you're sold on the breed by now, you will need to sit down and ponder the price for a [Barbet puppy](#). Be prepared to spend in the neighborhood of \$2,500-\$4,000, and expect up to a year-long wait in some cases.

Joining the Pack of AKC Recognized Breeds

The route to full AKC recognition can be taxing and challenging and may take several years. The proud Barbet owners were asked to consider what has been the most satisfying – and exasperating – aspects of the path towards full breed recognition.

"Satisfying- I think that we have been able to work together as a team and have had strong, knowledgeable leadership," says Vogt-Kinsey. "Exasperating- I can't think of a thing! But the push to produce enough litters to qualify was certainly challenging."

"Most satisfying- getting there," says Gresham, keeping it succinct. "Exasperating- meeting all the requirements."

The breed's charisma and carriage are certain to capture America's fancy in early 2020 with an avalanche of media attention. While price may hold many back, Barbet backers are not concerned about the potential impending instant popularity.

"It's been such a journey since 2004," says Able. "We've imported Barbets from the Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, and France, and have had so many fun adventures along the way. The love of this breed has resulted in connecting with hundreds of families in the States and other countries. We've been prepping for ten years now, so I feel we are ready. It will be exciting and rewarding to introduce our breed to the American public."



The Barbet Club of America's Meet the Breeds booth was a busy place at the 2019 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin. Shown here with their dogs, are, from left, Lynn Vogt-Kinsey, Able, and Barb Gresham.

Brags and Member Updates!

On the cover –

Ch. 'Nitro', Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane, C.G.C., T.D.I. on the left, and Ch. 'Pawnee', Dancing Winds Here By Chance, C.G.C., T.D.I. on the right, out for a daily run with the golf cart, getting ready for their winter snow runs!



'Talia', Dancing Winds Heaven's Mist, C.G.C., T.D.I.
11/23/19 took BOB 3pt. Major under Judge Mr. E.A. 'Skip' Thielen
12/8/19 took WB 4pt. Major under Judge Dr. Joyce Dandridge
12/14/19 took WB with a 4 Pt. Major under Judge James G. Reynolds

New Champion!!!
What a nice end to the year!



Christmas Party 2019!



We had a great time at our 2019 Christmas Party!

Thank you Altha for capturing some great moments!

Our Christmas Grab Bag was fun as always!

Lots of great gifts, only a little bit of gift stealing!



