



"Howler"

The Butler County
Kennel Club, Inc.



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

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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.

2016/2017 MEETING

SCHEDULE (Unless otherwise
noted, all meetings are held at 7PM,
the first Tuesday of the month at the
Butler YMCA – Trustees Room)

(Meeting & refreshment schedule)

November 5th – **BCKC CHRISTMAS
PARTY**, Saxonburg Inn, Saxonburg
PA – 5PM

Dec 6th – **NO MEETING SCHEDULED**

Jan 3rd, 2017 – **NO MEETING
SCHEDULED**

Feb 7th, 2017 – Refreshments – Kathie &
Mick McCormick

EDUCATION – 2016

Conformation Class Schedule – the
Class schedule is located on the
club's website. For additional status
of classes (cancellation information,
etc.) call: Mick 724-285-1466 or 724-
494-5565, email:
wcmenterprise@aol.com or
musher1984@gmail.com, or 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 20 February
2017 for the 2016-2017 Winter
edition.

BCKC 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
\[krollj@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:krollj@yahoo.com\) or Reba
Namachar at
\[rnamachar@outlook.com\]\(mailto:rnamachar@outlook.com\).](#)

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 (this is also case
sensitive and those are zeros,
not the letter o)

Note – Once you open the clubs
website, hit the F5 key on the top of your
keyboard to refresh the page. This will
force the Refresh option on your browser
to go out to the server to get the most
recent changes. – tammy@tjb-consulting.com (Webmaster)

The AKC Gazette, AKC Communicates
Weekly and club minutes are available on
our club's website!

CLUB ELECTIONS – At the club's Annual Meeting held on October 4th, the following members were voted into office as follows;

President – Sue Chapin
Vice President – Clint Graham
Treasurer – Ross Chapin
Secretary – Reba Namachar
Board of Directors –
Jan Stitt
John Namachar
Jeanette Nestor

SHOW COMMITTEE – Members are encouraged to join respective sub committees in preparation for our 2017 All Breed Show. Preparation for our next show will begin at the February 2017 meeting.

Sub-committees are; Hospitality, Show Site Setup and Breakdown, Parking, Grounds Management, Club Tent, Advertisement, Vendors, etc.

TREASURY reporting (as of October 4th, 2016) –

Checking -	\$36,113.12
Money Market -	\$15,437.49
Wells Fargo -	\$28,274.74
Heffren Tillotson -	\$26,987.26
Asset Account -	\$2,010.41

*Total of all financial assets - **\$108,823.02***
-Ross Chapin, Treasurer

AKC DELEGATE report – Club members are invited to a new webpage on our website titled "AKC Delegate". This page includes AKC Delegate reports such as "Taking Command", "In Session" and other applicable official correspondence provided to its delegates.

-Cathy Rubens, BCKC Delegate

MEMBERSHIP – The following applicants for membership were voted in at the October Annual meeting;

Courtney Herzing, 2433 Spring Road, Punxsutawney PA 15767 814-952-8617 Siberian Huskies
shamokinsiberians@gmail.com, sponsored by "Maggie" Toth

Sarah & Steven Myers, 2847 Lime Plant Road, Parker PA 16049 814-221-3077 Long & Smooth Coated Chihuahua
myermor@gmail.com, sponsored by Sue Chapin

**Courtney worked the gate, Sarah worked as an assistant ring steward and Steven worked the grounds and equipment relocation at this years show.*

Welcome to the Butler County Kennel Club!

Current Membership – 36

-Reba Namachar, BCKC Secretary

Butler Dog Training Association "DOGGY FUN DAY" Photos -



"Laika" and I at the doggie fun day on September 11th. We won 3rd place in handling and 2nd place in conformation. Laika is a 6 month old red and white Siberian. – Courtney Herzing

2016 BCKC SHOW –Our shows were amazingly popular this year. We had 901 dogs entered on Saturday and 923 on Sunday!! The last year we had approximately that number was 2012. We were up by 101 and 108 dogs! In today's dog show environment this is phenomenal! Three of our judges over drew on Saturday and two on Sunday, which made it necessary to bring in additional judges. Luckily our new member, Cathy Rubens was kind enough to take on some of the assignments both days!

I wish I could truly give an account as to what all was responsible for the upswing of entries but I can tell you that all the committees were excited. My guesses are the NOHS, 4-6 puppies, good judges and not many shows to compete with the same weekend.

In the event it continues at this level or grows, there was discussion of doing something to "Thank" the exhibitors and especially for the individuals there with RVs. Weather permitting we are considering offering pulled pork sandwiches and music during the early evening on Saturday. These items will not be listed in the Premium List since once listed you are committed to having it. We are also bouncing around the idea of a scholarship for juniors, but I presently do not have details on how that might work

We had fantastic weather for the shows. As Pennsylvania in September, normally the temperatures range from very chilly in the morning to the 80's later in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, Judge Neena Van Camp became ill on Saturday at about 10 am but we did have judges on the premises that offered to help, and since Cathy Ruben was finished with her morning assignment, she kindly took over Neena's assignment and the Hound Group. Thank you Cathy! Mr. Liepmann added the Herding Group to his assignment as well.

Sunday was just as gorgeous. I allowed Neena the opportunity to try and finish her assignment but she was unable to complete it at the group level. Mark Kennedy was on the grounds and available to judge the Toy OH group and regular group.

According to John Namachar, we had many more RVs as well this year.

The grounds were barely improved. The fairgrounds put sand and dirt over the rocks but that continued to cause us lots of problems, and was not that much more ideal. We received many complaints as well regarding the sand near and inside the rings.

Presently the plan is to alter the way the rings and show tent are set up to utilize the space better, which would keep from exhibiting in rocks or dirt. The vendors will be aligned to the rings for better visibility. The vendor row is not working for many of them and they indicated that they would be willing to come next year if corrected. We are looking into reserved or premium parking along the area by the rings as well. The fairgrounds has offered us another building to use, which could be inside grooming at some point if needed, and we also opened another field in the event of needing more RV space. These are some of the changes to the utilization of the site and show area.

It was wonderful to see all the members that volunteer during the shows!!! I truly thank you! But we are having the age old problem that is common in many clubs, a core number of members do the bulk of the work. We are not special in this problem, ask any club. We are in desperate need of help setting up before and cleaning up after the



show. Wednesday is the beginning of the show weekend and Monday is the end! The show did not end until after dark (7:30pm) on Saturday and there was quite a bit of clean up needed and no one around to help. There is still a need to coordinate help throughout the whole weekend.

We are asking all committee heads to write up what they are responsible for. We will be compiling the information to create a booklet in the event that if something should happen to a committee person and another person has to step in, the booklet would include all required activities, phone numbers and points of contact - sort of a book on how to put on the BCKC show.

– Jean Kroll, Show Chairperson

MEDICAL EDUCATION –

Canine Parvovirus Infection in Dogs

– (Pet MD)



The canine parvovirus (CPV) infection is a highly contagious viral illness that affects dogs. The virus manifests itself in two different forms. The more common form is the intestinal form, which is characterized by vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, and lack of appetite (anorexia). The less common form is the cardiac form, which attacks the heart muscles of very young puppies, often leading to death. The majority of cases are seen in puppies that are between six weeks and six months old. The incidence of canine parvovirus infections has been reduced radically by early vaccination in young puppies.

Symptoms and Types

The major symptoms associated with the intestinal form of a canine parvovirus infection include severe, bloody diarrhea, lethargy, [anorexia](#), fever, [vomiting](#), and severe weight loss. The intestinal form of CPV affects the body's ability to absorb nutrients, and an affected animal will quickly become dehydrated and weak from lack of protein and fluid absorption. The wet tissue of the mouth and eyes may become noticeably red and the heart may beat too rapidly. When your veterinarian palpates (examine by touch) your dog's abdominal area, your dog may respond with pain or discomfort. Dogs that have contracted CPV may also have a low body temperature ([hypothermia](#)), rather than a fever.

Causes

Most cases of CPV infections are caused by a genetic alteration of the original canine parvovirus: the canine parvovirus type 2b. There are a variety of risk factors that can increase a dog's susceptibility to the disease, but mainly, the virus is transmitted either by direct contact with an infected dog, or indirectly, by the fecal-oral route. Heavy concentrations of the virus are found in an infected dog's stool, so when a healthy dog sniffs an infected dog's stool, it will contract the disease. The virus can also be brought into a dog's environment by way of shoes that have come into contact with infected feces. There is evidence that the virus can live in ground soil for up to a year. It is resistant to most cleaning products, or even to weather changes. If you suspect that you have come into contact with feces at all, you will need to wash the affected area with household bleach, the only disinfectant known to kill the virus.

Improper vaccination protocol and vaccination failure can also lead to a CPV infection. Breeding kennels and dog shelters that hold a large number of inadequately vaccinated puppies are particularly hazardous places. For unknown reasons, certain dog breeds, such as [Rottweilers](#), [Doberman Pinschers](#), Pit Bulls, [Labrador Retrievers](#), [German Shepherds](#), English Springer Spaniels, and Alaskan sled dogs, are particularly vulnerable to the disease. Diseases or drug therapies that suppress the normal response of the immune system may also increase the likelihood of infection.

Diagnosis

CPV is diagnosed with a physical examination, biochemical tests, urine analysis, abdominal radiographs, and abdominal ultrasounds. A chemical blood profile and a complete blood cell count will also be performed. Low white blood cell levels are indicative of CPV infection, especially in association with bloody stools. Biochemical and urine analysis may reveal elevated liver enzymes, lymphopenia, and electrolyte imbalances. Abdominal radiograph imaging may show intestinal obstruction, while an abdominal ultrasound may reveal enlarged lymph nodes in the groin, or throughout the body, and fluid-filled intestinal segments.

You will need to give a thorough history of your pet's health, recent activities, and onset of symptoms. If you

can gather a sample of your dog's stool, or vomit, your veterinarian will be able to use these samples for microscopic detection of the virus.

Treatment

Since the disease is a viral infection, there is no real cure for it. Treatment is focused on curing the symptoms and preventing secondary bacterial infections, preferably in a hospital environment. Intensive therapy and system support are the key to recovery. Intravenous fluid and nutrition therapy is crucial in maintaining a dog's normal body fluid after severe diarrhea and dehydration, and protein and electrolyte levels will be monitored and regulated as necessary. Medications that may be used in the treatment include drugs to curb vomiting (antiemetics), H2 Blockers to reduce nausea, antibiotics, and anthelmintics to fight parasites. The survival rate in dogs is about 70 percent, but death may sometimes result from severe [dehydration](#), a severe secondary bacterial infection, bacterial toxins in the blood, or a severe intestinal hemorrhage. Prognosis is lower for puppies, since they have a less developed immune system. It is common for a puppy that is infected with CPV to suffer shock, and sudden death.

Living and Management

Even after your dog has recovered from a CPV infection, it will still have a weakened immune system, and will be susceptible to other illnesses. Talk to your veterinarian about ways by which you can boost your dog's immune system, and otherwise protect your dog from situations that may make it ill. A diet that is easily digested will be best for your dog while it is recovering.

Your dog will also continue to be a contagion risk to other dogs for at least two months after the initial recovery. You will need to isolate your dog from other dogs for a period of time, and you may want to tell neighbors who have dogs that they will need to have their own pets tested. Wash all of the objects your dog uses (e.g., dishes, crate, kennel, toys) with non-toxic cleaners. Recovery comes with long-term immunity against the parvovirus, but it is no guarantee that your pet will not be infected with the virus again.

Prevention

The best prevention you can take against CPV infection is to follow the correct protocol for vaccination. Young puppies should be vaccinated at six, nine, and twelve weeks, and should not be socialized with outside dogs until at least two weeks after their last vaccinations. High-risk breeds may require a longer initial vaccination period of up to 22 weeks.

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY –



Location Details

PHONE: (724) 352-4200

ADDRESS: 220 Main Street
Saxonburg, PA 16056

WEBSITE: www.hotelsaxonburg.com

BCKC Christmas Party – Saturday, November 5, 2016,
Cocktails – 5PM, Dinner served at 6PM.

Menu

"Cash Bar"

Appetizers served from 5-6 PM

Choice of Entrée

Filet Mignon

Chicken Gorgonzola

Pasta Primavera (vegetarian dish)

Crab Cakes

Salad

Baked Potato

Ice Cream Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea or Assorted Soft Drinks

Contact Kathie McCormick for dinner selection and
reservation no later than October 21st at

taigaken@aol.com or 724-285-1466. As in the past,
appetizers and dinners are free to all club members.

Guest costs are as follows; Beef Filet (\$35), Chicken
Gorgonzola (\$28), Crab Cakes (\$30) and Pasta
Primavera (\$23).

NOTE - Jan Stitt will be hosting the "Christmas" game
with numerous great gifts and surprises!

BRAGS & WAGS –

"BOONE" Hanlons Brother I Love You At JJ. took first
place in his class each day at the American Boxer Club
Specialty, March 2016. Boone followed with a Specialty
Major win at the Beaver County Kennel Club show on Aug
6, 2016. Then the next day, Aug 7, 2016, with a Major
win at Mahoning-Shenango. – Jan Stitt



Jan Stitt handling **CH. JJ's Daybreak** to Best Veteran in
Breed at the Michigan Boxer Club on July 8, 2016.



Dancing Winds Siberians reports that **"Nadia"**, Ch. Jalerran's Heaven Sent To Dancing Winds is off to a series of shows including "The Nationals" to earn her Grand Championship!



"Talía", "Dancing Winds Heaven's Mist" took a Group 1 at Doggie Fun Day & I am very proud of her. She is the daughter of Nadia. Talia also graduated from puppy class & is in a series of handling classes, she will be entering beginner class obedience in hoping to earn her C.G.C. Title. – *Maggie Toth*



"Hercules" finishing his title as New Champion at the Fort Steuben Kennel Association show on August 4th, 2016 (owner/handled by Gary Nester with wife Jeanette holding rosettes) – *Gary & Jeanette Nestor*

CLUB T-SHIRTS AND POLOS –



Members wishing to order club embroidered T-Shirts or Polo Shirts can contact T-Shirts & Sew On, LLC at 724-285-5100, tshirts@zoominternet.net, 190 New Castle Rd, Butler, PA 16001 (new location). As with last year, the club will reimburse for half the cost. Just present your paid

invoice to the treasurer, Ross Chapin, and he will reimburse you half the cost.

