



"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.

2017-2018 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)

July 4th, 2017 – **Meeting Cancelled due to Conflict with Holiday**

August 1st, 2017 – ARMCO Park in Slippery Rock, PA (6:30PM – bring folding chair)

September 5th, 2017 – McCormick's Home Club Picnic (7PM – bring folding chair)

September 23-24, 2017 – BCKC Annual Dog Show – Lawrence County Fairgrounds

October 3rd, 2017 – Butler YMCA, Hospitality – Regina Beilstein

November 4th, 2017 – BCKC Christmas Party – 6PM, Saxonburg Hotel/Inn

December, 2017 – **Winter Recess - No Meeting Scheduled**

January, 2018 – **Winter Recess – No Meeting Scheduled**

EDUCATION – 2017 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 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 29 September 2017 for the 2017 Summer edition.

BCKC **facebook** 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.

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)

SHOW COMMITTEE – Members are encouraged to join respective sub committees in preparation for our 2017 All Breed Show. Sub-committees are; Hospitality, Show Site Setup and Breakdown, Parking, Grounds Management, Club Tent, Advertisement, Vendors, etc.

TREASURY reporting (as of June 6th, 2017) –

Checking -	\$26,262.47
Money Market -	\$15,440.63
Wells Fargo -	\$28,290.04
Heffren Tillotson -	\$27,831.93
Asset Account -	\$500.00

Total of all financial assets - **\$98,325.07**

-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 –



In April 2017 we said a final farewell to longtime member Karen Robertson. Karen will be deeply missed by the membership and the dog world.

Pending Membership – James N. Miller-Marquez and Margie Marquez. A vote regarding their membership will be held at the August meeting.

Current Active Membership – 33

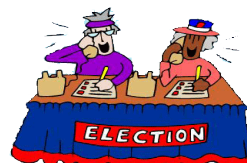
Pending Membership - 2

-Reba Namachar, Secretary

OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD –

In 2017, the Butler County Kennel Club began participation in the nomination and award of the annual AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to our first awardee, Mick McCormick of Taiga Alaskan Malamutes, pictured receiving the OSA Medallion.

– Sue Chapin, President



CLUB ELECTIONS – It's that time again for the annual nomination and elections of club officers and board. At the June meeting Jeanette Nestor was selected to chair the nomination committee. At the September meeting nominations for office may be presented from the floor. Election and installation of new officers/board members will take place at the October (Annual) meeting. If you are interested in holding a position, please contact Jeanette immediately at bassetj@zoominternet.net.

KIDS DAY AMERICA - Was once again held at the Butler Farm Show Grounds on Saturday, May 13th. This event also served as our club's annual AKC approved Responsible Dog Ownership Day. I want to thank those club members who participated this year, along with my daughter Theresa, who attended with her Pekingese Shelby, to the great delight of many children and their parents!

- Reba Namachar, Secretary



Event Operations

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on recent policy changes adopted by the AKC Board of Directors. If you have any questions, please contact us at eventnews@akc.org.

Limited Number of Events Policy

The Board approved an addition to the *Limited Number of Events Policy* to include optional criteria of road mileage between show sites. In order to balance with the existing policy of 75 straight-line miles between territories, the optional criteria for isolated status would be 75 driving miles between show sites. The complete policy can be found in the [Dog Show Policies](#) portion of the [Board Policy Manual](#). Clubs that believe they meet the isolated status should contact Glenn Lycan at gel@akc.org.

Two All-Breed Shows Spread Over Two Days

Club(s) can hold two shows over two days with the following format: the same four variety groups for both shows the first day, and the remaining three groups and Best in Show for both shows the second day. This option is allowed under the current rules and could provide a benefit to both exhibitors and clubs. Exhibitors would be able to shorten their show weekend and thereby reduce

their costs. With fewer unique dogs participating on each show day, this option would position clubs to explore the use of smaller, less-expensive venues for their show. Clubs should contact eventplans@akc.org if they are interested in holding shows in this format.

Dealing with Misconduct at AKC Events

All clubs have a responsibility to handle any incidents of misconduct that occur during or in conjunction with their event. The Dealing with Misconduct [booklet](#) and [PowerPoint](#) on the AKC website will help clubs become more familiar with this process.

Event Operations would also like to take this opportunity to update your club on a few additional items recently passed by the Board of Directors. Any questions should be sent to eventnews@akc.org.

AKC NOHS Enhancements

The following enhancements to the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) have been approved with an April 1, 2017 effective date:

1. Convert the NOHS Polices & Best Practices into NOHS Regulations.
2. Add more structure to the NOHS judging panel requirements:
 - a. Require a different judge to be assigned to the same NOHS group for each day of a weekend/cluster/circuit (approved by the Board at the April 2016 meeting).
 - b. Require a different judge be assigned to the regular and NOHS group/BIS at an event.
 - c. Judges will not be approved to judge a breed in the NOHS and, at the same show, the NOHS Variety Group of which the breed is a part and NOHS Best in Show.
 - d. Single individuals cannot judge all the NOHS groups at an event.
 - e. A judge must be approved for at least one breed in the group to judge the NOHS Group unless they are approved for at least one full group, in which case they may judge any NOHS Group.

Match Regulation Changes

The changes to the *Match Regulations* have been changed to allow clubs more options when holding a match.

1. Allow Obedience Sanctioned A Matches to be open to all AKC registerable breeds & all FSS recordable breeds.
2. Reduce the required number of Obedience Sanctioned A Matches for a club to become licensed, from two matches down to one successful match.

3. Allow conformation matches held by specialty and group clubs, at their option, to offer competition for:
 - a. Their breed only (specialty clubs only), or
 - b. Breeds within their group, or
 - c. All AKC breeds (including FSS registerable breeds)

Conformation B Match email campaign enhancement:

The AKC has added a free form text box to the conformation B match email announcements being sent out to prospective exhibitors. Following receipt and approval of a conformation B match application by the AKC, the Match Chair will receive an email with a link to their match's AKC email announcement and a free form text box enabling the club to provide specific information for their event. In most cases the Match Chair will have up to 72 hours to add the clubs message. The club can preview the finalized email prior to release. This option was requested by several Match Chairs and enhances the message to new exhibitors, however if a club chooses not to add anything the AKC's promotion of the match will go out as scheduled. These emails have increased the attendance at matches.

MEDICAL EDUCATION – Spring Pet Poisons

Gardening season is here! Plant bulbs are just as excited to break through the ground to add some color to our yards as we are to see some greenery! That said, we need to be aware of the potential dangers spring plants can be for our pets. Here is a list of some of the most common spring plants and their toxicities... so you know how to pet-proof your garden and keep your pet safe!

Tulips and Hyacinth - Tulips contain allergenic



lactones while hyacinths contain similar alkaloids. The toxic principle of these plants is very concentrated in the bulbs (versus the leaf or flower), so make sure your dog isn't digging up the bulbs in the garden.

When the plant parts or bulbs are chewed or ingested, it can result in tissue irritation to the mouth and esophagus. Typical signs include profuse drooling, vomiting, or even diarrhea, depending on the amount consumed. There's no specific antidote, but with supportive care from the veterinarian (including rinsing the mouth, anti-vomiting

medication, and possibly subcutaneous fluids), animals do quite well. With large ingestions of the bulb, more severe symptoms such as an increase in heart rate and changes in respiration can be seen, and should be treated by a veterinarian. These more severe signs are seen in cattle or our overzealous, chowhound Labradors.

Daffodils - These flowers contain lycorine, an alkaloid with strong emetic properties (something that triggers vomiting). Ingestion of the bulb, plant or flower can cause severe vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and even possible cardiac arrhythmias or respiratory depression.



Crystals are found in the outer layer of the bulbs, similar to hyacinths, which cause severe tissue irritation and secondary drooling. Daffodil ingestions can result in more severe symptoms so if an exposure is witnessed or symptoms are seen, we recommend seeking veterinary care.

Lilies - There are dangerous and benign lilies out there, and it's important to know the difference. Peace, Peruvian, and Calla lilies contain oxalate crystals that cause minor signs, such as tissue irritation to the mouth, tongue, pharynx, and esophagus – this results in minor drooling. The more



dangerous, potentially fatal lilies are true lilies, and these include Tiger, Day, Asiatic, Easter and Japanese Show lilies – all of which are highly toxic to cats! Even small ingestions (such as 2-3 petals or leaves) can result in severe kidney failure. If your cat is seen consuming any part of a lily, bring your cat (and the plant) immediately to a veterinarian for medical care. The sooner you bring in your cat, the better and more efficiently we can treat the poisoning. Decontamination (like inducing vomiting and giving binders like activated charcoal) are imperative in the early toxic stage, while aggressive intravenous fluid therapy, kidney function monitoring tests, and supportive care can greatly improve the prognosis.

Crocus - There are two Crocus plants: one that blooms in the spring (Crocus species) and the other in the autumn (Colchicum autumnale). The spring plants are more common and are part of the Iridaceae family. These ingestions



can cause general gastrointestinal upset including vomiting and diarrhea. These should not be mistaken for Autumn Crocus, part of the Liliaceae family, which contain colchicine. The Autumn Crocus is highly toxic and can cause severe vomiting, gastrointestinal bleeding, liver and kidney damage, and respiratory failure. If you're not sure what plant it is, bring your pet to their veterinarian immediately for care. Signs may be seen immediately but can be delayed for days.

Lily of the Valley - The Convallaria majalis plant contains cardiac glycosides which will cause symptoms similar to digitalis (foxglove) ingestion. These symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, a drop in heart rate, severe cardiac arrhythmias, and possibly seizures. Pets with any known exposure to this



plant should be examined and evaluated by a veterinarian and treated symptomatically.

In addition...Fertilizers - As we gardeners work on our rose garden, be aware of those fertilizers. While most are not very toxic (resulting in minor gastrointestinal irritation when consumed), some fertilizers can be fatal without treatment. Here are a few ingredients to be aware of so you know what toxins and symptoms to watch out for.

- **Blood meal** – This is dried, ground, and flash-frozen blood and contains 12% nitrogen. While it's a great organic fertilizer, if ingested, it can cause vomiting (of some other poor animal's blood) and diarrhea. More importantly, it can result in severe pancreatitis, which is inflammation of the pancreas. Some types of blood meal are also fortified with iron, resulting in iron toxicity, so make sure to know what's in your bag of blood!
Bone Meal – This is made up of defatted, dried, and flash-frozen animal bones that are ground to a powder. This "bone" is also what makes it so palatable to your dog, so make sure to keep your pet from digging in it and ingesting the soil. While this also makes a great organic fertilizer, it can become a problem when consumed as the bone meal forms a large cement-like bone ball in the stomach – which can cause an obstruction in the gastrointestinal tract – resulting in possible surgery to remove it!
- **Rose and plant fertilizers** – Some of these fertilizers contain disulfoton or other types of organophosphates (OP). As little as 1 teaspoon of 1% disulfoton can kill a 55 lb dog, so be careful! Organophosphates, while less commonly used, can result in severe symptoms [including SLUD

signs (which abbreviate for salivation, lacrimation, urination, and defecation), seizures, difficulty breathing, hyperthermia, etc. In some cases, it can be fatal!

- **Pesticides/Insecticides** – Most pesticides or insecticides (typically those that come in a spray can) are basic irritants to the pet and are usually not a huge concern unless a pet's symptoms become persistent. Some may contain an organophosphate which can be life threatening when consumed in large quantities. It is always best to speak to a trained medical professional if there are any questions.
- **Iron** – This is commonly added to fertilizers, and can result in iron toxicity (from ingestion of elemental iron). This is different from "total" iron ingestion, and can be confusing to differentiate. When in doubt, have a medical professional at Pet Poison Helpline assist you with finding out if the amount ingested was toxic or not. Large ingestions can result in vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and potential cardiac and liver effects.

The best thing any pet owner can do is to be educated on the household toxins (both inside the house and out in the garden!) – that way you make sure how to pet proof your house appropriately. Make sure to keep all these products in labeled, tightly-sealed containers out of your pet's reach. When in doubt, please feel free to call Pet Poison Helpline at 1-800-213-6680 with any questions or concerns if you're worried that your pet could have inadvertently gotten into anything!

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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.



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

BRAGS & WAGS –

We've been busy at Dancing Winds!



Introducing: "Nitro", Dancing Winds Fast & Furious of Maple Lane, is back to stay & hopefully the next champion plus wheel dog on my sled!



Dancing Winds Siberians "Nadia", (Gr.Ch.Ch. Jalerran's Heaven Sent At Dancing Winds, C.G.C.,T.D.I.) became a Mommy of "8" babies on 04-03-17!!!!

This was a blessing & had kept Nadia & me quite busy!



Feeding time
and litter at 6
weeks!



Pick of the litter going to his new home. This is what
breeding is all about!

- Maggie Toth, Dancing Winds Siberian Huskys



Sarah Myers
and "Flash".
Flash went
Best of Breed
over specials
from the 12-
18mo class in
Morgantown
the weekend of
April 29-30.
Handled by
Sarah and
taking Best of
Breed Owner
handled.

Congratulations to club member Sarah Myers!

Awarded
Winner's Dog
under Judge
Dr. Steve
Keating at the
Memorial
Classic
Trumbull show
is Freedom-
Sitruc's Rough
Rider "Teddy".



*Congratulations to club members Deb Pfeiffer and Edna
Morris, owners/breeders!*