

The Lancaster Kennel Club

- Newsletter -

President's Message:

Our second year holding our Responsible Dog Ownership Day during the 35th Annual Amos Herr Park Country Fair, held Sunday, September 21, was a resounding success. Debby Radanovic and her team put together an outstanding event showcasing some lesser known activities such as Disc Dog and Treiball. We also want to once again thank the JetSet Flyball team and Dr. Krista Corey from Landisville Animal Hospital for taking care of the microchipping clinic. And finally, we send our thank you out to all of our club members who brought their dogs for our Mini-Dog Show/Meet the Breeds. We hope those of you who participated and those of you who attended enjoyed the afternoon. Finally on the event calendar was our Agility Trial on September 27-28 at In the Net. Mary Lou Strayer, with her committee, and group of much appreciated volunteers, brought together by Cindy Erb-Starkey, made this event once again, run smoothly.

Our October membership meeting, held Wednesday October 8 at the Liederkranz with a dinner meeting followed by a presentation by Peaceful Pet Passage was a disappointment as only ten members attended the meeting. If we have enough interest they have agreed to come again to speak with our group.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3 at the Liederkranz. All are welcome to attend.

Coming up is our annual Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the Conestoga Country Club. We are planning a served dinner and our Chinese Gift Exchange. If you have volunteered at two events this year, you have earned a free dinner. All others, including guests, will be \$25.00 per person. Further information on our Christmas Party is found later in our Newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the coming months. Have a wonderful Fall -- enjoy the cooler weather and the foliage change and may your team have a successful year. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ann B.

Editor's Message:

Thanks to each of you for your submissions and thoughts for the 2014 Newsletter. We will continue to do our best to find information we think will be of interest to each of you. Thanks to Co-Editors RainBear Mahoney and Bradley Frisbee as always for their continued editorial skills ... which enable us to keep this Newsletter organized and moving along expediently. Hoping each of you and your dogs are staying warm during this progressively cooler (and damper) weather we have been experiencing. Please remember to send us interesting articles you feel your fellow club members might enjoy, show brags, and any suggestions for our upcoming issues (BBrun98819@aol.com). Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming 2014 events!

Barry Brunner

Treasurer's Report: - The Treasurer reports will continue to be in the Members Only area.

A full listing of show events can be found at

- 1. AKC http://www.akc.org/events/search/index.cfm
- 2. Rau Dog Shows http://www.raudogshows.com
- 3. MBF http://www.infodog.com

Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc. General Membership Meeting, August 3, 2014 Amos Herr Park, Landisville, PA

1. Meeting called to order by President Ann Byrne at 1:00 pm.

- **a.** Members present: Earl Acker, Louise Acker, LuAnn Bicevskis, Candace Boyd, Barry Brunner, Susan Barrett-Bullitt, Jim Bullitt, Ann Byrne, Pete Byrne, Deb Eckert, Joy Ellwanger, Bradley J. Frisbie, Cheryl Hansberry, Mike Hansberry, Gail Hillard, Hank Hillard, Dave Martin, Rachel Martin, Sandi Maxwell (new member), Allen Means, Patti Means, Daniel Quinn, Marsha Quinn, Debby Radanovic, Karen Simpson, Mary Lou Strayer, Jim Wright, Lori Wright.
 - **b.** Guests: Grey Radanovic, Barb Woodling, Russ Woodling, Stephanie Younk.

2. Secretary: Gail Hillard

- **a.** Minutes of the June Annual dinner Meeting were approved a presented on a motion by Sue Barrett-Bullitt, seconded by Barry Brunner.
 - **b.** There was no correspondence.

3. Treasurer: Sue Barrett-Bullitt

a. Report of August 2, 2014 was presented. Currently, the total liabilities and equity of the Club stand at \$101,747.72.

4. Committee and Events Reports:

- **a.** <u>RDOD</u>: Deb Radanovic reported that the schedule is set for this event on September 21st, running from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. A complete schedule will be emailed to all members. Parking in Amos Herr Park will be behind the bocce court. Rain date is September 28th, a conflict with our agility trials.
- **b.** Match Show: Will also take place in Amos Herr Park on Sunday, August 31, 2014. Volunteers are needed for set-up, stewarding, tear-down, etc. Please contact Chairman Kim Hess to help out.
- **c.** Agility Trials: Mary Lou Strayer reported that entries opened July 7, 2014 and are filling at a rapid rate. The trials are expected to sell out. So far, there are nine vendors contracted.
- **d.** <u>Scholarships</u>: With the school year about to begin, the winners will be chosen and checks sent in the near future.

5. New Business;

a. Memberships:

- (1) On a motion by Lori Wright, seconded by Jim Bullitt, Sandi Maxwell was elected to membership by unanimous vote.
- (2) Al and Partti Means introduced our newest canine member, "Reuben", their bloodhound puppy, who will become a search and rescue dog when he grows up.
- 6. There being no other business for the Club to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm on a motion by Marsha Quinn, seconded by LuAnn Bicevskis.

Respectfully submitted Gail Hillard, Secretary

Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, September 8, 2014 Liederkranz, Mount Joy, PA

1. Meeting called to order by President Ann Byrne at 7:02 pm.

a. Members present: President Ann Byrne, Treasurer Kim Hess, Secretary Gail Hillard

Directors: Deb Eckert, Cindy Erb-Starkey, Deb Radanovic, Mary Lou Strayer, Lori Wright.

b. Guest: Sue Barrett-Bullitt, ex officio.

2. Secretary's Report: Gail Hillard

- **a.** Minutes of the August General Membership Meeting were reviewed for corrections and will be sent to the newsletter editor.
- **b.** Correspondence consisted of a magazine from HSUS.

3. Treasurer's Report: Sue Barrett-Bullitt for Kim Hess

- **a.** Match Show still has a few bills that haven't been received yet.
- **b.** Rau still owes LKC the funds withheld to cover the AKC audit.
- **c.** Report of September 8, 2014 was presented. Currently, the total liabilities and equity of the Club stand at \$97,073.04.

4. Committee and Events Reports:

- **a.** <u>Annual Picnic</u>: Deb Radanovic reported that we had an excellent turn-out and all had a great time. The food was most tasty, especially Marsha Quinn's fabulous candy.
- **b.** Match Show: Kim Hess, Chair.
 - (1) Match entries were rather low this year. We need to do some additional advertising and should consider a non-holiday date, perhaps late spring or fall.
 - (2) We could reach out to the rare breed clubs to bolster the FFS/Rare Breeds part of the show. Also, brace and team competitions could be emphasized.
 - (3) Basically, the match went well. The Best in Match judge was praised for moving that competition into the shade since the day was so hot and humid.
- c. RDOD: Deb Radanovic, Chair.
 - (1) Everything is ready to go. The demo participants are particularly excited, especially the "Disk Dogs" and "Tri Ball" folks.
 - (2) Dave Martin is doing great publicity for the event.
- d. Agility Trials: Mary Lou Strayer, Chair.
 - (1) The trials have closed with 542 runs on Saturday, 538 runs on Sunday and 297 dogs entered.
 - (2) We are saving on the judges' expenses since they will be in a camper on the grounds instead of at a hotel and their fees are based on the number of runs per day.
 - (3) Prizes, ribbons, treats, etc. are all in the works.
 - (4) The nine vendors will be paying \$75.00 each for their spaces.
- **e.** <u>Celtic Classic Dog Show</u>: The exciting news is that we once more have a sponsor. Purina will be giving \$9,000.00 to the Cluster.
 - (1) Tammy Selka will be Lancaster's Chairman for one more year. Sue Barrett-Bullit is willing to assist whoever the new chairman is. She feels that a good assistant protects and backs up the chairman at all times.

f. Special Programs:

- (1) The "webinar" with Dr. Jean Dodds will be streamed live from her office at no cost to the Club. If we so desire, we could make a donation to Hem-O-Pet in her name.
 - (a) The "webinar" is designed for up to 100 attendees. The company called "Big Marker" provides the uplink and charges 3% credit card and 10% service fees per attendee.
 - **(b)** Lori Wright will put together a proposal, including possible sites and dates. Sundays are best for Dr. Dodds.

5. Old Business:

- **a.** The next General Membership Meeting will be October 8, 2014 at the Liederkranz at 6:00 pm and will include a light meal and a presentation by the Peaceful Pet Passage program.
- **b.** A brief discussion about the Club's having a Facebook page took place. Dana Deimler will be approached about setting the page up for us.

c. The Holiday Party will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the Conestoga Country Club. A possible menu was considered, with a combo platter of petite fillet and crab cake suggested.

6. New Business:

a. New Membership Application: Andrea Shaffer

166 Old Holtwood Road, Holtwood, PA 17532

Phone: (717) 586-4721

Email: perfettolagotto@gmail.com

Breeds: Lagotto Romagnolo and Swedish

Vallhund

- **b.** Lifetime Membership: After a lengthy discussion on the intent of the current lifetime membership section in the by-laws, the consensus of the Board was that proposals should include personal testimonials by the sponsors, as well as a list of accomplishments of the proposed member.
 - (1) A motion was made by Lori Wright, seconded by Cindy Erb-Starkey to return the proposal of lifetime membership for Candace Boyd to the sponsors to be resubmitted as per the by-laws. Motion carried.
- **c.** Storage Unit: Our current unit is too small for the Club's equipment and materials. Ann Byrne presented a report with several options.
 - (1) After a thorough discussion of those options, the following motion was made by Lori Wright, seconded by Deb Eckert: The Club will rent a 10'x10' unit at Move In Storage when the new units are completed in late September. Motion carried.
 - (2) An additional motion was made by Mary Lou Strayer, seconded by Lori Wright to continue renting the storage unit adjacent to In the Net for the agility trial equipment. Motion carried.
- 7. There being no other business for the Board to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted Gail Hillard, Secretary

Report of the Delegate's Meeting September 14, 2014

From the Chairman-Alan Kalter

- AKC hired additional customer service reps
- Increased attention to customer service and response times
- EZ Breeder registration service has received good reviews
- Parent clubs surveyed regarding judge's education and approval
- New participation opportunities
 - o Grand Field Champion title
 - o Retriever Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title
 - Agility clubs may host special events in which the club may propose a unique mix of regular AKC classes starting Jan 1, 2015
 - Association with the North American Dock Diving organization

- 4 additional Therapy Dog titles
- Legislative initiative- 2 programs being developed to increase visibility with legislators and a new law school outreach program
- Canine Legislative Support Fund Educational grants to clubs
- Facebook has 2.1 million fans
- Developing programs aimed at helping the public know how to find a reputable breeder or breed specific rescue
- Working to renew TV broadcast of Eukanuba to include ALL events during the weekend

From the President- Dennis Sprung

- Celebrating the 25th anniversary of CGC
- WOOFipedia achieved a milestone in August- 1.1 million unique viewers and 4.2 million page views-website aimed at younger public audience
- NOHS shows increasing- almost 600 shows for 2014

From the CFO-Mr. Farnsworth

- Numbers on par with last year
- Care to control costs by reducing some freebies and encouraging repeat customers

Proposed amendments

 Change to field trial rules that would allow a club to hold an Amateur All-Age only trial in place of their Open/Amateur All-Age trial once every other year, provided their three trials over that 2 year period are Open/Amateur All-Age trials.- for vote at December meeting

Nominating committee to announce candidates for Class of 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Vack, AKC Delegate for LKC

For my information- I would like those involved in obedience to review the proposed changes to obedience being discussed by the advisory committee. I would appreciate feedback on how are members feel about these changes under consideration.

Post 2nd OAC Meeting – NEW ITEMS

- 1. CLUBS:
- a. No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day.
- b. Number of dogs per hour to stay at 9, 8, 7 dogs per hour.
- c. EVENT SCEDULING: When a judge will be judging 6 or more classes a day, like classes MUST be grouped together.
- d. The Utility ring must never be less than 35 by 50 feet, and the Novice or Open ring must never be less than 30 by 40 feet.
- 2. EXHIBITING:
- a. Remove "The judge must report to the AKC any dog that is not brought back for the group exercises."
- 3. Novice:
- a. Replace one (removed) group exercise with "Stay Handler gets Leash" as the last individual exercise. Approximately 20' from the gate area the judge will order the handler to place the dog in the sit or down position and to get the leash. The handler will return to the dog and the judge will order "Exercise Finished." The same position will be used for all dogs in the class.
- b. Prior to the start of the class the judge will determine and post the position for the "Stay Handler gets Leash" exercise and the Group Exercise. Whichever position is not being used in the individual stay will be used in the Group Stay Exercise.
- c. REVISED Novice Class Exercises:
- 1. Figure Eight on Leash 20 points
- 2. Stand for Exam 30 points
- 3. Heel Free 40 points Regular heeling pattern
- 4. Heel, Drop & Recall Heel forward, down dog, leave dog, call dog 30 points.

(Judge will order team to heel, down dog, leave dog, handler goes to other end of the ring, Judge will order call dog as in the Novice Recall)

- 5. Recall 30 points
- 6. Stay Handler gets Leash 20 points
- 7. Group Stay 1 minute (on leash) 30 points
- 4. Open:
- a. Broad Jump Allow handler the choice of where to stand, either alongside the jump or about 10 feet beyond the jump. Either position will require the handler to pivot in place while the dog is in midair.
- b. Replace one (removed) group exercise with a "Stand Stay Handler gets Leash" exercise as the last individual exercise.
- c. Group Exercise Sit or Down, judge's option (judge posts the position before starting the class) 3 minutes, off leash.
- 5. Utility:
- a. Scent Discrimination: Scoring of the exercise will begin when the judge orders, "You may take an article."
- b. Post the Glove # 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the class.

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- 6. Beginner Novice
- a. A dog without any AKC obedience title which was mistakenly entered in a Novice obedience class may have the entry transferred to the Beginner Novice class provided the host club allows transfers.
- 7. Graduate Novice
- a. Change the heeling exercise to Heel Free & Figure 8 (off leash)
- b. Remove Dumbbell Recall and replace with Object Retrieve handler to provide an object of their choice, (no food, no noise and must not easily roll out of the ring) for the retrieve. Object must be thrown at least 10 feet.
- c. Removed first OAC recommendation to have a dumbbell in Recall over High Jump.
- d. Group Stay Sit or Down, judge's option (judge posts the position before starting the class) 3 minutes, off leash.
- 8. Preferred classes: Pre-classes will be renamed as Preferred classes.
- a. Clubs must offer all of the Preferred class levels (Preferred Novice, Preferred Open and Preferred Utility) equivalent to the Regular class levels offered at events.
- b. Previously earned scores and points for the PUDX and POC titles will be grandfathered.
- c. A dog must have a PCD, CD title or a higher title from the Regular classes to enter P-Open and P-Utility.
- d. Add a HIT and HC award for the Preferred Title Track.
- e. P-Novice Exercises are the same as the remodeled Novice class without a group exercise.
- f. P-Open Use the same 6 orders of exercises that are used in the Regular Class without a group exercise.
- g. P-Utility Use the same six orders of exercises that are used in the Regular Class.
- h. Utility Signal Exercise REMOVE exception that allows the handler to use a verbal command during the signal portion.
- i. Post the Glove # 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the class.

9. POC – Preferred Obedience Champion – Point Schedule

Dog's Score	Points	Dog's Score	Points
	Awarded		Awarded
190	6	195.5	12
190.5	6	196	12
191	6	196.5	12
191.5	6	197	15
192	9	197.5	15
192.5	9	198	15
193	9	198.5	15
193.5	9	199	15
194	9	199.5	15
194.5	9	200	15
195		12	

LANCASTER KENNEL CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

6:30 P.M. COCKTAILS 7:00 P.M. DINNER CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE Reservations by December 7, 2014

CONESTOGA COUNTRY CLUB 1950 STONE MILL ROAD LANCASTER, PA 17603

Menu Cash Bar Caesar Salad

6 oz. Filet with your choice of Crab Cake or

Salmon

Potato and Vegetable Assorted Desserts

Coffee/Tea

Chinese Gift Exchange – One gift per person playing. Please limit gifts to \$20.00.

Did you earn a free dinner by helping the LKC???? Are you a member in good standing who attended at least one membership meeting <u>AND</u> volunteered at <u>TWO</u> or more LKC events this year? If so, you are entitled to a free Holiday Party dinner; if not, dinner cost is \$25.00 per person.

Qualifying volunteer events include: Celtic Classic, Red Rose Classic, Agility Trial, Match Show, RDOD, Shop for a Cause, and Picnic worker.

Name(s):		
Volunteer Events:	 	
Dinner Choice: Filet w/Crab Cake	 	Filet w/Salmon
Enclosed is: \$(Payable to LKC)		

Please email us your reservation or return reservation form with payment by **December 7, 2014** to:

Ann and Pete Byrne 1625 Ridgeview Avenue Lancaster, PA 17603-4511 717.393.6700 albyrne@verizon.net

RDOD PHOTO FUN





MORE RDOD PHOTO FUN





A Frustrated Breeder Asks, Why Didn't You Call?

(Wednesday, September 10, 2014)

AKC Gazette breed column: A distinguished breeder discusses the long-term bond that should exist between breeder and buyer:

I received a phone call from a lady who owned one of my Pharaoh Hounds. She had Cairo since he was a pup, and he was now going on 14 years. She had called a few times a year, keeping in touch, and also whenever she had a problem concerning Cairo. When this happened, sometimes I told her to call her vet, and at other times I told her what I would do to solve the problem. But mostly we ironed out the wrinkles of daily life with an active dog.

She had so much pleasure from this dog and intended to keep him at his best as long as possible. On this latest call I was able to immediately make a positive suggestion, since one of my old ladies once had behaved the same way. Cairo's owner was amazed that she had never thought of the same simple solution.



What struck me was how easily Cairo's problem was solved, only because his owner has kept in touch with me. And then I thought about the many dogs who suffer because their owners do not keep in touch with their breeders. I thought about those dogs whose owners simply give up and bring the dogs to shelters.

Years ago my daughter, Laurie Laventhall, rescued an old Pharaoh Hound bitch from a shelter some distance away from us. The hound had been turned in by an elderly couple who gave no information about her. With help from PHCA Rescue, we were able restore Goldie's health, but placing an elderly dog is not easy, and we ended up keeping her as one of our own. Goldie lived out her life with us. What bothers me is, why didn't her owners call her breeder?

Then there is the story about a pup I had sold and whose owner I had kept in touch with. When he was 2 years old, I checked to see how he was doing, and she told me he was just fine. However, a few months later, a veterinarian called me to tell me that the dog had been brought to him to be euthanized. Thankfully he called me instead, and I placed the dog in a new home within 48 hours. He became a much-loved housepet, and a certified therapy dog as well. He lived a long and happy life. As for his former owners—why didn't they call?

Just recently, we were informed that an 11-year-old male whom we had bred was in terrible condition and in desperate need of a new home. He was still owned by the people we had sold him to, and while they had kept in touch with us while he was young, when they had their most recent problems, they did not call us until his situation had become awful—and they still never told us how bad it was.

Regardless, we offered to take him back, and yet then we heard nothing more from them. Since he was living thousands of miles from us, we called PHCA Rescue for a local contact and got immediate cooperation. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of several Pharaoh Hound rescuers, he has been placed in a safe home, where his condition is improving daily and he is very much loved.

There are many stories I could tell which involve other breeders as well as me, but I think I have made my point. What we all cannot understand is why, when we make ourselves available to assist in problems that might arise, do so many people not call for help or advice?

In most cases, they have paid a considerable price for the dog, and still they are willing to lose out by not seeking the assistance of knowledgeable, experienced people. Economic reversals are to blame in some cases, and we can understand the reasons for giving up a family pet of long standing.

What we cannot understand is the lack of communication between a pet owner and the responsible breeder who would be willing to help if only she knew of the problem. —**Rita Laventhall Sacks**, Pharaoh Hound Club of America

DOGS AND EBOLA

What Every Owner Needs to Know From the American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation 10/14/2014

In recent weeks, dog owners, supporters and donors have looked to the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the American Kennel Club for credible information regarding Ebola virus in dogs.

At issue is whether humans can get Ebola from dogs, and whether dogs can even get Ebola in a form that is transmittable. Due to the complexities of the virus, only time and research will answer these questions.

"In humans, Ebola virus is detected using a diagnostic test for Ebola RNA. In dogs, scientists will have to establish the presence of Ebola virus RNA along with whether the virus is replication competent and infectious," said Shila Nordone, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer for the AKC Canine Health Foundation. "Only then will we have evidence that canine infection is a public health threat. All told, this will take many months."

Dr. J. Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM, a preeminent expert on infectious disease transmission in the dog, as well as the AVMA have provided the most current consensus opinions on Ebola in the dog.

Over the next several months as research advances, AKC CHF and the American Kennel Club will keep the public updated on any and all progress made to better understand the role of the dog as a reservoir for the Ebola virus. Visit akcchf.org and akc.org for all the latest.

(http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/news/akc-chf-statement-ebola.html#sthash.nTJx7Hab.dpuf)

AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program Turns 25

(Thursday, September 18, 2014)

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club's (AKC®) groundbreaking Canine Good Citizen® program is proud to announce its 25th birthday! Long considered the gold standard for dog behavior in communities across the country, CGC® is getting #social to celebrate with its human and canine friends across the country. The two-part training program, which stresses responsible pet ownership and basic good manners for dogs, is perhaps best known for its esteemed 10-step CGC test. Over the course of its 25 year history, the CGC test has been utilized by businesses, organizations and local governments to create well-mannered and canine-friendly communities. The US Senate and 42 state legislatures have even passed Canine Good Citizen resolutions or proclamations advocating for responsible dog ownership.

To celebrate, AKC is launching 25 Days of CGC on Twitter and is calling on dog lovers across the country to get social. From September 18th through October 13th, AKC will share a CGC fact via Twitter@akcdoglovers using the hashtag #CGC25. Dog lovers are encouraged to re-tweet and share their tips for conquering CGC, photos of their dogs who have earned their CGC certificate, and action shots during CGC tests. "I'm extremely proud of this program and all that it has done for dogs and their owners over the past 25 years," said Mary Burch, Ph.D., AKC's Canine Good Citizen Director. "To date, more than 600,000 dogs have passed the CGC test and have gone on to be good citizens in their communities, therapy dogs, and so much more. We look forward to what the next 25 years will bring for all dogs everywhere!"

Get Ready for Fall with Your Dog

Monday, September 22, 2014)

Fall is a great time to get outside with your dog and do things that the summer heat may have prevented you from doing. Here are some tips to keep your dog safe when taking part in your favorite fall activities.

- Going to the orchard. The fall months are the best times to get out and go apple and pumpkin picking. Most farms will allow you to bring your dog, as long as he is kept on a leash. While the fruit you are picking is nice and ripe, beware of the fruit that has fallen off the trees and is rotted on the ground. This is in your dog's reach and may be tempting for him to eat.
- Take a hike! Going for hikes with your dog is a great way to take advantage of the fall weather. Be sure to check your dog's pads often to make sure nothing is embedded in there such as splinters or pine needles. Don't forget to bring plenty of water for your dog and plastic bags for cleaning up bathroom breaks.
- Check for ticks. Since the fall is also the height of tick season, make sure to check yourself and your dog for ticks often. If you find one, make sure to remove it right away. Take your dog to the veterinarian if you suspect he may have any tick-borne illness. Also, keep your dog up to date on any topical tick medications and annual Lyme disease vaccination as recommended by your veterinarian.

PARASITES

Parasites such as worms, fleas and ticks can make your dog uncomfortable and even seriously ill. This page describes the most common parasites that can affect dogs. You should consult your veterinarian for the best way to prevent infestation in your dog and your home. The AKC Pet Healthcare Plan can help with the cost of providing quality healthcare, including preventive medicine, throughout your dog's life.

Internal Parasites

Hookworms are common in puppies, though dogs of any age can be infested. Hookworms are acquired by puppies from their mother by nursing and by adult dogs by swallowing the parasite's eggs or having the hookworm burrow into the skin. Infection can be prevented by keeping your dog's environment clean. Your veterinarian can detect hookworms by examining a stool sample under a microscope.

Roundworms are also common in puppies and can infect other dogs and children. They look like white, firm, rounded strips of spaghetti, one to three inches long. Your veterinarian will look for signs of roundworms in the stool sample. Again, keep your dog's environment clean to prevent infestation.

Tapeworms will cause your dog to lose weight and have occasional diarrhea. You'll know if your dog's got them because you'll see segments of the worms around his anus or on his stool. The segments look like grains of rice. *Whipworms* are acquired by licking or sniffing contaminated ground. They live in the dog's intestine and are only detectable in a stool sample.

Heartworms enter a dog's bloodstream from the bite of an infected mosquito. The worms mature in the dog's heart, growing to twelve inches in length and effectively clogging the heart – a very serious condition. Heartworm infection occurs throughout the United States but is particularly common in warm, mosquito-infested areas. Treatment is expensive and can be dangerous. Fortunately, you can keep your dog free from infestation by administering

External Parasites

Fleas are a very common problem. You will need to be diligent about flea control; if you're not, your dog can suffer hair loss, allergic reaction, and worms. You also risk infesting your house and family members as well. If your dog has fleas, you should ask your veterinarian for the most effective way to rid them from the dog and its bedding and environment. Effective flea prevention is also available; ask your vet for the best method for your dog. Read more about fleas.

Ticks can cause a number of serious illnesses, including Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease. Check your dog for ticks daily if he spends any time outside, and whenever you see one, take it off immediately. The best way to do this is to numb the tick with rubbing alcohol or petroleum jelly, then pull it off with tweezers. Once removed, kill the tick by putting it in a container of alcohol. Prevent an infestation by treating your dog with a medication, dip, spray or powder as recommended by your veterinarian. Read more about ticks. Mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are more of a nuisance than a serious threat to dogs. The West Nile virus, an infection carried by mosquitoes, remains fairly low. Regardless of the risk, mosquitoes are a pain. They exist everywhere in the United States, except at elevations above 8,000 feet. Read more about mosquitoes.

Lice and mites are microscopic organisms that feed on your dog's skin and cause itching, hair loss, and infection. Lice live in a dog's hair and can be killed by dipping with an insecticide effective against ticks or fleas. Various kinds of mites inhabit different areas of the dog, and the problems they cause are generally known as mange. Ear mites live in the dog's ears. Your dog may have mites if he shakes his head and scratches his ears. Scabies, which affects humans as well as dogs, is caused when mites burrow into the dog's skin and cause intense itching and hair loss. Scabies usually affects the ears, elbows, legs, and face. Demodectic mange causes hair loss around the forehead, eyes, muzzle, and forepaws. It's caused by a mite that lives in hair follicles and causes hair loss, thick, red skin, and infected areas. There is also a mite that causes "walking dandruff" on a dog's head, back, and neck. This mite also causes itchy red spots on humans. All mites should be diagnosed from a skin scraping by a veterinarian.

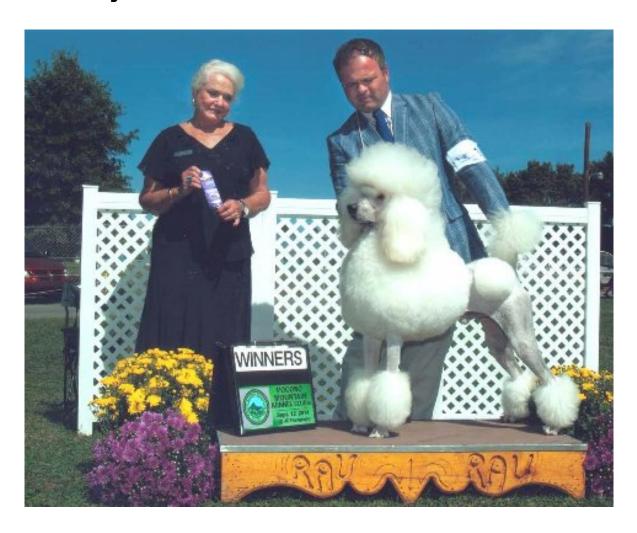
****** BRAGS AND WAGS *******

Barynuk Siberians is proud of their latest "showgirl".

Owned and loved by Barry Brunner, "Oona", Barynuk's One and Only ... was a singleton puppy, now just 5 months old ... but, already a natural, loving the show ring!



Barcole Rock Me Amadeus, "DaVinci," 16 months, Winners at Pocono Mountain KC, expertly groomed and handled as always by Crystal Murray and Paul Clas. Special Thanks to Ruth Zimmerman ... "DaVinci" is bred, owned and loved by RB and Tom Mahoney



Eileen & Mark Bair's Tibetan Terrier "BISS Bronze GCH Teasia's Paris At Midnight", Paris, earned her Bronze Grand Championship on July 26, 2014 at the Lackawanna Kennel Club Show. Paris is always owner handled by Eileen.



Bernie Ferry has been keeping busy with his beautiful new litter of puppies.

