

Bonanza Kennel Club



MEETING NOTICE:

The next General Meeting will be held on **April 1, 2014**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William Street, Carson City.

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring Everyone! I hope this finds each and every one of you enjoying the nice weather and the big start of the show season!

I don't have much to report to you this month. Everything is going smoothly as far as I know! We have applied to AKC for Obedience and Rally at our fall shows after Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club offered to ring steward for our trials. We really appreciate that offer—we could not have offered Obedience and Rally without some help.

It appears that only one puppy out of the Boxer litter that the Health Department was looking for actually developed rabies. Several puppies from that litter tested negative after they were euthanized. I also heard that a couple puppies are being quarantined and that the mother was euthanized. This was the first case of rabies in Nevada in over 20 years. You can never be too careful!

Don't forget the next meeting is on April 1. Hope to see you there.

Gandy

Bonanza Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

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The March 4, 2014, general meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Bob Kinney.

Motion Carolyn Goepner, second Sieg Goepner, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014, meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion Carried.

The Recording Secretary had no report.

The Corresponding Secretary was absent.

The Treasurer, Bob Newman, stated that the beginning balance in the club’s treasury was \$23,787.77 and the ending balance in checking is \$23,819.42.

Committee Reports

SHOW: Candy stated that she received a letter of commitment from Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club stating that they will support BKC and provide obedience and rally stewards for our 2014 shows. The Northern Nevada Belgian Tervuren Club has been approved for a regional specialty on Friday before our shows. They will be supporting the Tervuren entry on Saturday.

Legislative: Bob Newman stated that the proposed legislation involving veterinarians could signal the end of small veterinary practices in the state. Candy Roper will ask the new legislative liaison, Chris Vaught, to comment on this issue.

Sunshine: Judy Johnson stated that she sent a card to JoAnn McGrath whose father passed away recently. She is also recuperating from shoulder surgery.

State Fair: Cindy Craig talked to Susan Taylor who works for the Parks Department about a booth for the upcoming state fair. She was told to contact the person in charge of vendor space.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Bob Kinney stated that someone is calling local clubs asking for membership lists. It is possible this is someone affiliated with the USDA and may be checking for compliance with the USDA rules.

There being no further business, Judy Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Johnson, Secretary

From AKC's Website: Article written by Mary Burch, PHD, AKC's Canine Good Citizen and S.T.A.R puppy Director, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist

Just when I thought I was tired of Facebook, during the holidays a few months ago, Facebook gave me a great reinforcer.

Through the miracle of the internet and social media, I found a friend who lived next door to me when we were 5-years old. Around Christmas time, I wrote to her and told her that even though my family had moved to another state, I always remembered her. And I told her that I remembered her dad. He was a kind, wonderful man. Even though he had his own children, he always made sure he gave me a Christmas gift when I was a child.

"You won't believe this," I wrote to my friend, "but I still have the present your dad gave me when we were 5 years old." Back then, we had a family dog, but I certainly had no plans for a dog-related career. Maybe Mr. Raia's gift was a premonition.

Mr. Raia gave me a dog training kit in a box, complete with tiny agility equipment that was to be used for training a 6-inch tall plastic Lassie. Over the years, toys and dolls came and went, but for some reason, I always kept this gift.

When I located my friend, I went to the closet, pulled the toy from the box where it had been stored for decades, and for the first time ever, looked at this toy with the eyes of a dog trainer and animal behaviorist.

In the box is a booklet on how to train your dog. It was written in the 1950's by Rudd Weatherwax, Lassie's trainer. Because positive reinforcement training didn't become popular until many years later, I expected a heavy dose of advice about the need for corrections in training. While there were certainly trainers at that time giving out correction based advice, here are 10 tips from Rudd Weatherwax (circa the 1950's) that may surprise you. Tip #6 shows evidence of food rewards in training.

1. Train on a regular schedule.
2. Keep training sessions short-not over 15 minutes.
3. Have one person teach the dog initially; [gradually involve other family members](#).
4. Work in quiet, non-distracting surroundings.
5. Be consistent (same tone, etc.) when giving the dog commands ([such as, "Sit."](#))
6. Encourage your dog when he performs correctly by petting him, speaking in a friendly tone, and **rewarding him with a tidbit**.
7. Don't rush training, have patience.
8. Teach one trick or skill at a time. As you teach new ones, review what the dog has already learned.
9. If your dog is not feeling well or is out of sorts, give him a vacation from training.
10. Never shout at or strike your dog. Your patience, understanding and kindness will be rewarded.

By the way, I called and spoke to 93-year old Mr. Raia on the phone. He was delighted that I still had his gift, and we ended the call with him saying he may have had an influence on my career. Maybe so.

For more training tips, check out the [Canine Good Citizen blog](#) and [WOOFipedia](#).

I found this article in the San Joaquin Kennel Club's March 2014 Newsletter

According to the scientists, a dog's tail wag can reveal its mood. Scientists have shed more light on how the movements of a dog's tail are linked to its mood. Earlier research had revealed that happy dogs wag their tails more to the right (from the dog's point of view), while nervous dogs have a left-dominated swish. But now scientists say that fellow canines can spot and respond to these subtle tail differences. The study [is published in the journal Current Biology](#).

Prof Georgio Vallortigara, a neuroscientist from the University of Trento, said: "It is very well known in humans that the left and right side of the brain are differently involved in stimuli that invokes positive or negative emotions. He added that just as in humans, for dogs the right side of the brain was responsible for left-handed movement and vice versa, and the two hemispheres played different roles in emotions.

Dogs on film

To find out more about how dogs react to the lop-sided tail wags of other dogs, the researchers monitored the animals as they watched films of other dogs. They measured the pets' heart rates and analyzed their behavior. Prof Vallortigara said: "We presented dogs with movies of dogs - either a naturalistic version or a silhouette to get rid of any other confounding issues, and we could doctor the movement of the tail and present the tail more to the left or right."

When the animals saw an otherwise expressionless dog move its tail to the right (from the tail-wagging dog's point of view), they stayed perfectly relaxed. But when they spotted a tail veer predominantly to the left (again from the tail-swishing dog's point of view), their heart rates picked up and they looked anxious.

Prof Vallortigara said he didn't think that the dogs were intentionally communicating with each other through these movements. Instead, he believes that they dogs have learned from experience what moves they should and shouldn't feel worried about. He said: "If you have several meetings with other dogs, and frequently their tail wagging one way is associated with a more friendly behaviour, and the right side is producing a less friendly behaviour, you respond on the basis of that experience."



The team says dogs respond to lop-sided tail wags from other dogs. The researchers say the findings could give owners, vets, and trainers a better insight into their animal's emotions. Dog behaviour expert John Bradshaw, a visiting fellow at the University of Bristol's school of veterinary science, said this was not the first study to examine whether left and right were important to canines. Last year a team from the University of Lincoln found that dogs turn their heads to the left when looking at an aggressive dog and to the right when looking at a happy dog. And in another research paper from the University of Victoria in Canada, he said: "Dogs were more likely to approach a robot dog when its 'tail' was made to wag left rather than right, rather than becoming anxious - the opposite way around to the [Italian] study."

He said the differences could be because the dogs in the different studies were not fully interpreting the animals in the films or robo-dogs as canines. A study of how dogs responded to real dogs could help, he explained.

"While there is considerable evidence from many different mammals that the two sides of the brain are used for different purposes, much of the detail still has to be hammered out - and dogs are no exception," he said. "However, given the ease with which their behaviour can be recorded, it will probably not be long before we understand why their tails sometimes go one way, sometimes the other."

From AKC's Website

UPDATE: Dog owners in South Dakota are celebrating enactment of Senate Bill 75, which prohibits local governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing regulations on certain dog breeds. The bill was signed into law by Governor Daugaard on March 14, making South Dakota the 18th state to prohibit or restrict breed-specific laws. Additionally, Utah House Bill 97 has passed by that state's legislature and is on its way to Governor Herbert for his signature. If enacted, Utah will become the 19th state adopt statewide breed-neutral dog policies.

As the name implies, breed-specific legislation (BSL, for short) is any legislative attempt to ban or place severe restrictions on owners of a particular breed of dog or dogs with certain physical characteristics, regardless of whether or not their particular dog is a problem in their community. Like racial profiling for dogs, BSL summarily penalizes responsible dog owners without holding owners of truly dangerous dog accountable. This is why the [American Kennel Club opposes BSL](#). Along with a host of other respected national organizations, the AKC brings to light the inequities and inherent fallacies of such policies, and promotes the “[Deed Not Breed](#)” slogan.



The AKC plays an active role in promoting breed-neutral policies. Since 2005, the AKC has vigorously opposed more than a dozen state initiatives to enact BSL.

More importantly, the AKC and allied organizations have successfully advocated for state laws that prohibit local governments from passing BSL in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and most recently, South Dakota.

The trend away from BSL continues. Through the first three months of 2014 alone, the AKC has supported seven state efforts to prohibit breed-specific laws. In addition to the recently-enacted South Dakota bill, these proposals include:

- Georgia [HB 409](#), which would prohibit counties, municipalities, and local authorities from banning the sale or ownership of any specific breed of dog, has been recommitted to the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.
- Maryland [HB 422](#), which has passed the House, states that a dog may not be declared potentially dangerous based solely on its “breed, type or heritage”, and prohibits counties and municipalities from enacting laws prohibiting ownership of specific breeds. It also states that a homeowner or tenant may not be prohibited from owning, or being evicted or denied occupancy because of the specific breed of dog owned.
- Missouri [HB 1116](#) would prohibit municipalities from enacting breed-specific laws. It has passed in two House committees.
- Vermont [HB 775](#) would prohibit municipalities from banning certain breeds of dogs. The bill is pending in the House Government Operations Committee.
- Washington [HB 2117](#), which is pending in the House Judiciary Committee, would amend the state’s dangerous dog law and prohibit local governments from banning possession of a particular breed or declaring a specific breed of dog to be dangerous or potentially dangerous.

Do you reside or participate in dog events in these states? If so, contact the state legislature and ask them to join the trend against BSL by supporting these measures. For talking points, visit the AKC Government Relations [Toolbox](#) and read [Why Breed-Specific Legislation Doesn't Work](#).

[Click here to view the AKC's BSL video.](#)

BRAGS

Gail Spieker Went to Arizona the end of February for the fiesta cluster with a veteran, Dallas, *Can.CH.GCH Rossia's Texas Rocket o Cedar Ridge*. He won veteran sweeps, and in the regular classes, he won the 7 to 9 years. At his next Specialty he will be in the nine years and above category!



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:
NONE REPORTED

Gail Spieker, who lives at Lake Tahoe, sent in the picture with the caption:

Spring has arrived in Glenbrook Bay! Our Bald Eagles!!



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