



BONANZA KENNEL CLUB

MEETING NOTICE

The FEBRUARY 2014 meeting of the Bonanza Kennel Club will be held on February 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carson City Community Center, 851 East William Street, Carson City.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Candy Roper

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We’ve got a lot coming up over this year. It’s already time to be working on the details of the shows this fall. If you intend to make a trophy donation, it is not too soon to start thinking about it. Please contact Carolyn Goepner [gamblyn@gbis.com] or a board member if you plan to make a trophy donation. Our premium is due to MB-F mid-May and that will be here before you know it, so we need your information before long! We need someone to organize the kitchen and prepare food for our judges and workers. We need a chief ring steward. We always need help with set up / break down, stewarding, in the kitchen, you know the list! Please volunteer to help to make this show successful.

We also need a new legislative liaison. After serving our club for quite some time, Tony Yarbrough has resigned as he is moving away from our area. Thank you Tony for everything that you have done on the legislative front for us! You will be greatly missed! Living in the Capital City, this position is crucial for our club. The Legislature is in our front yard and we need to keep track of what’s going on when it comes to our rights as pet owners. Sometimes people feel that we go overboard on our concern with legislative issues, but let me tell you, when you get deeply involved you realize that there’s more to it than meets the eye. That’s what the animal rights groups want you to see –just the surface issue- not their deeper goals. We need someone willing to dedicate their time and energy to this position.

Your dues are now ‘past due’. Please remember to send them right away to Bob Newman [contact information on last page of newsletter or to P. O. Box 1871, Carson City, NV 89702] or bring them to the February 4 meeting. You have until the ___ of March to submit them. After that date your membership will terminate.

The Nevada State Fair, celebrating Nevada’s 150th birthday, will be held July 30 - August 3 at Fuji Park. We were contacted by Cooperative Extension a while back asking us to join in. Can we muster enough people amongst the Northern Nevada clubs to man a booth? Think about it . . .

I won’t be at the February 4th meeting as it is my Dad’s 80th birthday. I’ll see you in March, but in the meantime plan to attend the February meeting!

Minutes

Bonanza Kennel Club General Membership Meeting - January 7, 2014

The January 7, 2014, meeting of the Bonanza Kennel Club was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice President Bob Kinney after the presence of a quorum was established.

The Recording Secretary, Judy Johnson, read the minutes of the October 1, 2013 meeting. **Motion: Carolyn Goepner, Second: Ann Kinney** to approve the minutes as read. **Motion Carried.**

The Recording Secretary had no report. The Corresponding Secretary was absent.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance in November was \$24,806.89 and the closing balance was \$25,364.23.

Committees

Legislation: Tony Yarbrough reported that a bill will be introduced in the next legislative session to create a public list of animal abusers. There are clear first amendment issues and probably will not pass.

Election of Officers

The **Recording Secretary** made a **motion** to cast a unanimous ballot as proposed by the nominating committee. **Second: Taren Kinney. Motion Carried.**

Guests

Two representatives were present from Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club: Kathy Rossman and Cindy Smullen were introduced.

New Business

Carolyn Goepner asked if Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club would provide obedience ring stewards for next years' show. A discussion followed and the representatives stated that a committee had been formed and they will be discussing the issue. **MOTION: Sieg Goepner** to submit the application for the 2014 shows without obedience at this time. **Second: Ann Kinney. Motion carried.**

Susanne Haug discussed a medical condition called Retro Bulbar Abscess caused by the drought and a dirty tennis ball on her Cogri, Hooper, which caused a sinus condition and a great deal of pain. Hooper's face swelled up and it was very painful for him to open his mouth. The condition was caused when leaf debris entered his nictitating membrane. She wanted members to be aware that this can happen.

Ann Kinney stated that Paws Up for Veterans would like to link to Bonanza Kennel Club's website. It will be done for the website chairman.

Ann Kinney noticed in a premium list that a club had put in a notice that the club supported service dog organizations. She suggested such a notice be placed in BKC's premium list.

Bob Kinney thanked the guests for attending tonight's meeting.

Taren Kinney said good bye. She will be leaving in 22 days.

Motion to adjourn by Tony Yarbrough. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

AKC NEWS

(Friday, January 10, 2014)

On Thursday, January 16th the Washington State House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to consider [House Bill 2117](#), which 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.

(Thursday, January 09, 2014)

The New York Assembly will soon vote on two bills that will have a significant impact on New York dog owners. New York residents are strongly encouraged to contact your State Assemblyperson and ask them to **support** Assembly Bill 3952 (prevent breed discrimination in insurance) and **oppose** Assembly Bill 1204 (ban on debarking procedures).

Both of these bills passed the Assembly in 2013, but died in the Senate. They were both immediately placed on a calendar on the first day of the 2014 session, meaning they can now be voted on in the Assembly any day.

Assembly Bill 3952 – Prevent Breed Discrimination in Insurance

[Assembly Bill 1204](#), which would outlaw the veterinary surgery commonly called “debarking” or “bark softening”, has been scheduled for a vote by the NY Assembly.

The AKC opposes this measure, which would restrict the rights of responsible dog owners to make viable, safe decisions on behalf of their pets in conjunction with their veterinarians.

There is much misinformation about the veterinary surgical procedure of debarking. *Debarking is a viable veterinary procedure that may allow a dog owner to keep a dog in its loving home rather than to be forced to euthanize or surrender it to a shelter when the pet's noisy behavior continually disrupts the community.*

Debarking should only be performed under anesthesia by a qualified veterinarian after behavioral medication efforts to correct a dog's excessive barking have failed. As with other veterinary medical decisions, the decision to debark a dog is best left to individual owners and their veterinarians.

YOUR PET IS [may be] AT RISK FOR HEARTWORM DISEASE THIS SPRING

Each year, nearly half of the more than 78 million pet dogs in the United States go unprotected against heartworm, a serious and potentially fatal disease for both dogs and cats. The good news for pets and pet owners everywhere is that heartworm disease is 100-percent preventable every day of the year with an easy-to-administer medication. Your veterinarian can recommend a safe and effective preventive to eliminate the risk of heartworm infection, which exists every month of the year, no matter where you live.

To help remind people how important prevention is, leading parasitologists with the Companion Animal Parasite Council are proud to provide a first-of-its kind parasite forecast as a public service. We want pet owners everywhere to be especially vigilant in protecting themselves, and their pets, from the risks that parasites pose.



From the website, "www.petsandparasites.org"

Top Ten New Breeds In The Westminster KC Dog Show

From the David Letterman Show on Friday, January 17, 2014

10. Heterosexual Poodle
9. Labrador Belieber
8. The French Chihuahua; Chi-oui-oui
7. August: Osage Collie
6. Beagle With Cream Cheese
5. North Korean Uncle Mangler
4. Stretch Dachshund
3. Governor Husky
2. Canadian Crackhound
1. Shih Storm

UVEITIS IN DOGS

My Doberman Pinscher contracted this condition - pretty scary

Source: eyecareforanimals.com

Uveitis is an inflammatory process involving the middle of the three layers in the eye. To understand uveitis it is important to know the basic anatomy of the eye. The outer layer enclosing the eye is composed of the clear cornea and the white sclera. The innermost layer is the nerve layer or the retina. The middle layer is the uveal tract, which is rich in blood vessels. It is composed of the iris in the front part of the eye, the ciliary body, which produces the fluid (aqueous humor) inside the eye, and the choroid which nourishes the retina in the back of the eye. Because of its rich blood supply, the uveal tract is a natural target for diseases originating in other parts of the body. When inflammation attacks specific segments of the uveal tract, the disease is further classified as iritis (inflammation of the iris), cyclitis (inflammation of the ciliary body) or choroiditis (inflammation of the choroid), depending on the affected structure. If all the structures are inflamed then it is called panuveitis (inflammation of all uveal structures of the eye).

Diagnosis of Uveitis

Ocular pressure is maintained by the aqueous humor (fluid) produced by the ciliary body within the eye. Initially, if the ciliary body is inflamed, the fluid production slows down and the ocular pressure drops. The aqueous humor produced in the eye normally drains through the angle between the ciliary body and the iris. The inflammatory debris produced in uveitis can block the drainage angle and result in increased intraocular pressure (glaucoma) over time. Once uveitis resolves, glaucoma can remain if drainage structures were damaged by the inflammation. Recheck of the eyes following uveitis is important for this reason.

Additionally, disease processes such as uveitis can lead to lead to corneal ulcers (superficial to deep), ocular infections, corneal scarring, corneal vascularization, corneal mineralization, cataract, lens luxation, retinal detachment and keratoconjunctivitis sicca. Uveitis also can lead to secondary complications similar to those to which treatment for uveitis can give rise, as discussed under "Prognosis".

Causes of Uveitis

Uveitis is associated with many different diseases. Examples in the dog include Ehrlichiosis and Coccidioidomycosis, two systemic diseases common to the southwestern United States. In the cat, uveitis can be a consequence of Feline Leukemia Virus, Feline Infectious Peritonitis or many other diseases. In any animal, penetrating injuries such as cactus spines or a cat scratch may produce uveitis. Inflammation of the uveal tract can occur when the lens capsule is breached (such as following surgery, trauma, or injury of the lens) or in the presence of cataracts where lens proteins leak out of the lens capsule into the eye. Other possible causes of uveitis are local bacterial infection, immune mediated diseases and parasitic diseases. Treatment can be more specific if the actual cause is known. It is important to test for some infectious diseases to make sure there is not an underlying cause for the inflammation, but unfortunately, in up to 75% of the cases the cause is never determined.

Treatment

Uveitis must be treated aggressively in order to prevent glaucoma, scarring of the uveal structures, and possibly blindness. Different medications may be used to treat the underlying, original cause of the uveitis and to attempt to control the inflammation itself. Aspirin (not aspirin substitutes) and corticosteroids minimize the inflammatory process. Corticosteroids may be administered by injection under the lid of the eye, by drops in the eye, or as an oral medication, depending on the

suspected cause of uveitis. Topical use must be postponed if damage to the corneal surface is present because the corticosteroids prevent healing of the ulcer. If certain systemic diseases are suspected, oral corticosteroids may be postponed until test results become available. Atropine dilates the pupil and helps prevent scarring of the iris. This medication may be contraindicated, however, if glaucoma is present as it may further decrease the drainage of aqueous humor from the eye. Oral and topical antibiotics are employed when a bacterial infection is present in the eye.

Prognosis

The treatment of uveitis requires therapy to halt the inflammation of the uveal tract along with a search for the original cause of the disease. Many tests may be needed to determine possible causes and the results are important for proper treatment.

Treatment for uveitis can involve life-long topical and/or oral medications. Life-long topical medications seldom give rise to complications, which occur in less than 5% of these cases. Nevertheless, potential complications include, but are not limited to, inflammation of the pink tissue (conjunctivitis); corneal ulcerations (superficial to deep); corneal scarring, vascularization, and mineralization; ocular rupture, secondary to ulceration; worsened inflammation inside the eye, secondary to infection or ulceration; high pressure within the eye (glaucoma), secondary to the uveitis; retinal detachment or degeneration, secondary to uveitis or infection; ocular or orbital pain, secondary to uveitis, glaucoma or infection; eyelid rubbing; bleeding inside the eye (hyphema), secondary to uveitis or infection; tearing (epiphora); and/or lens luxation, secondary to uveitis, glaucoma or infection. Some of these complications can lead to blindness. Some oral medications used to treat these disease processes may cause changes in behavior, gastrointestinal upset (diarrhea, vomiting, decrease/increase in appetite/thirst), panting, decreased white blood cell counts (such as leukopenia), and various changes in chemistry values (liver, kidney, potassium, to name a few).

Your awareness of your pet's symptoms and compliance with recommendations for recheck examinations and periodic blood work help control these potential complications.

If you have any questions regarding canine uveitis, please call Eye Care for Animals.

REMINDER!

The Parks Department no longer allows dogs to be brought into the Carson City Community Center during our monthly meetings.

Braggs!

Elaine Oxborrow brags that Tahoe (CH AfterShock Game On at Aquila HT) was at the IABCA (International All Breed Canine Association) shows in Santa Rosa.

They have 2 shows each day and you can obtain your International Title in one weekend. Not only did Tahoe get his International CH title, he was back-to-back Best in Show on Saturday. He also was Group 2 in the fourth show and finished his title with the highest scores attainable!

Congratulations, Elaine and Tahoe!

Want to hone you and your dog's conformation performance? Our Very own Elaine Oxborrow has handling classes on Monday nights at Carson Canine

My goal is to print each and every brag from each meeting *BUT* please don't expect me to be able to write down everything at a meeting. I'm not that good and you wouldn't want mistakes. So, be sure to follow up on your brag with an email to me (jayjay44@charter.net) *AND* . . . SEND PICTURES!

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