



Seward County Kennel Club

A CLUB FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN DOGS AND THE SPORT OF DOGS.

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WHAT DOG OWNERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FDA'S GRAIN-FREE DIET ALERT



The FDA launched an investigation into potential links between canine heart disease and diet — specifically grain-free diets. We've compiled the information you need to know to understand this recent development.

What is the FDA Investigating?

It is easy to jump to conclusions anytime we see an FDA headline about pet food. After all, our dog's health is important to us, and we know that diet can make a big difference in a dog's wellbeing. We reached out to Dr. Jerry Klein, the Chief Veterinary

Officer of the AKC, to hear his thoughts on the investigation.

“The FDA is investigating a potential dietary link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain grain-free pet foods. The foods of concern are those containing legumes such as peas or lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes listed as primary ingredients. The FDA began investigating this matter after it received a number of reports of DCM in dogs that had been eating these diets for a period of months to years. DCM itself is not considered rare in dogs, but these reports are unusual because the disease occurred in breeds of dogs not typically prone to the disease.”

After the advisory, 149 new cases of DCM were reported to the FDA.

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NEXT MEETING Jan 17, 2019

Chez Bubba Cafe - 1234 May St, Goehner, NE 68364

Awards Banquet/General Meeting 6:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

Board Meeting - Seward Civic Center
November 15, 2018 7:05pm

Present: Tanya Williams, Cindy Hill, Mary Bristol, Linda Soukup, Tabitha Dvorak, Chris Corum, and guests Vicki Nolte, Lori Billenwillms, and Morgan Ehlers.

Secretary Report: Minutes for September read and approved. Tanya Williams 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd. Minutes for October read and approved. Tanya Williams 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd. Webinars are available on AKC website.

Treasurer Report: Read and approved. Tanya Williams 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd.

Committee Reports

Trophy: Trophy donations are going well with \$670 pledged so far and some of them are already in hand.

Unfinished business: Discussion on a personal matter affecting the club.

Adjourned 7:25pm. Tanya Williams 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd.

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Secretary Report: No minutes for September. Minutes for October read and approved. Tanya Williams 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd. Webinars are available on AKC website.

Treasurer Report: Read and approved. Tanya Williams 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd.

Committee Reports

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Membership: New membership form is in process.

Golden Rod: Nominees are Mary Bristol, Chris Corum, Tabitha Dvorak, Pat Schindler, Morgan Ehlers, Vicki Nolte, and Tanya Williams.

Obedience: Obedience fall session 4-5 passed the Canine Good Citizen tests. Costume contest had many participants and a lovely variety. New class to start March 4-April 15. Fee for building is \$210.00.

Show committee: Show judges panel due to AKC, is ready to turn in. Visit Foy Trent website and examine if you would like to upgrade our ribbons. His basic package ones are very plain. Tabitha Dvorak will get match ribbons if needed. Barn hunt - the biggest obstacle is the straw bales needed to set the course. Need to discuss further.

Newsletter/Website: Suggested to start our own website hosting and Cindy Hill and Chris Corum to create/help with it. Linda Soukup 1st, Tanya Williams 2nd.

Nomination: Election committee is Morgan Ehlers, Vicki Nolte, Chris Corum, and Troy Dvorak with Lori Billenwillms as alternate.

Unfinished business: Christmas Party at Vicki Nolte's house. Directions to party are - at the only stop light in Fairbury where Hwy 15 and 136 meet, head south on Hwy 15. About 2 miles out of town, you see Hwy 8 West. Take the curve and head west towards Superior. In 3 1/2 miles, you will turn back south on 565th Ave. You can't turn north or you will be in the farmer's field. Go 3 1/4 miles south and we are on the east side of the road. The house is gray with stone on the bottom. 70570 565th Ave.

Dog park donation: Robin Pollack to give us a catalog for bench options.

Bylaws process updates by Morgan Ehlers.

New Business: Get your new titles to Kathy Jackson so she can start getting the plaques made.

Adjourned 8:40pm. Chris Corum 1st, Morgan Ehlers 2nd.

BY-LAW UPDATES

Change #1:

Article I Section 2

SECTION 2. Membership dues shall be \$10.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for family membership, payable on or before the first day of March. The family membership shall be defined as those living in the same household with each one, eighteen years of age or over, having one vote. The single membership is an individual, eighteen years of age or over, having one vote. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. **During the month of November the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year. (Amendment)** Remove, nothing to replace.

Change #2:

Article II Section 1

SECTION 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the Club shall be held in the greater Seward area. **(Original) Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting.** (Amendment) Meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday of month, with the exception of special meeting. Members will be notified of such meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the members in good standing.

Change #3:

Article II Section 3

SECTION 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the greater Seward area on the 3rd Thursday of each month in each year, at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. **(Original) Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting.** (Amendment) Remove, nothing to replace. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Change #4:

Article II Section 4

SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request by at least 3 members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Seward area and at such hour and place as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. **(Original) Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 5 days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting or telegraphic notice shall be filed at least 3 days and not more than 5 days prior to the date of the meeting.** (Amendment) Board members calling special meeting must send notification of such meeting at least 5 days, and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

Change #5:

Article III Section 2

SECTION 2. Officers. The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. Officers may succeed themselves.

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President.
- b. The Vice-President shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the president in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. They shall have charge of correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these constitution and by-laws.

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d. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging satisfactory to the Board, in the name of the Club and along with the President, disburse payments by check. Their books shall at all times be open to inspection of the Board and they shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item or receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting they shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. (No original) (Amendment) The President and one volunteer member will conduct an annual audit of the Treasurer's records in the month of March. The Treasurer agrees to be bonded if the board deems necessary.

Change #6:

Article IV Section 1

SECTION 1. (Original) The Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of March and end on the last day of February.

The Club's official year shall begin March 1st and continue to the last day of February.

SECTION 1. (Amendment) The Club and Fiscal Year. The Club's year and fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of March and end on the last day of February.

Change #7:

Article IV Section 4

SECTION 4. Nomination. No person may be a candidate in the Club election who has not been nominated. During the month of November, the Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of 3 members and two alternates, not more than one of who may be a member of the Board, The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairperson for the Committee and it shall be their duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before December 1.

a. The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and three candidates for the three other positions on the Board after securing the consent of each person so nominated and immediately report their nominations to the secretary in writing (No original) (Amendment) and recorded in the meeting minutes and printed in the newsletter.

b. (Original) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall on or before December 30th notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated. (Amendment) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, nominees shall be included in the January newsletter of the candidates so nominated.

c. Any person so nominated who refuses to be a candidate of the position to which they have been nominated shall notify the Secretary in writing within 10 days of the date of the Secretary's notification.

d. Additional nominations may be made at the January meeting by any from the floor (Amendment) by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations, which are provided for here in may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nomination committee.

e. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in the Section 4 Article IV.

**For a complete version of the SCKC Consitution & By-Laws,
please visit <http://sewardcountykennelclub.com/about-us/>**

ELECTION NOMINATIONS

President: Tabitha Dvorak
 Vice President: Cindy Hill
 Secretary: Pat Schnidler
 Treasurer: Mary Bristol

Board Members:
 Chris Corum, Kathy Jackson,
 Linda Soukup, Tanya Williams

Additional nominations may be made at the January meeting from the floor by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate.

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What is Dilated Cardiomyopathy?

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle. The hearts of dogs with DCM have a decreased ability to pump blood, which often results in congestive heart failure.

Some breeds, especially large and giant breeds, have a predisposition to DCM. These breeds include Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, and Saint Bernards. While DCM is less common in medium and small breeds, English and American Cocker Spaniels are also predisposed to this condition.

When early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicated that recent, atypical cases in breeds like Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, Bulldogs, and Shih Tzus all consistently ate grain alternatives in their diets, the FDA took notice.

Should you be Concerned About Grain-Free Diets?

According to Dr. Klein, "At this time, there is no proof that these ingredients are the cause of DCM in a broader range of dogs, but dog owners should be aware of this alert from the FDA. The FDA continues to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary

nutritionists to better understand the effect, if any, of grain-free diets on dogs."

In the Dec. 1 version of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Lisa M. Freeman, DVM, PhD, DACVN, provided an update to the research on DCM and emphasized the issue is not just grain-free diets. She calls the suspected diets "BEG" diets (boutique companies, exotic ingredients, or grain-free diets).

"The apparent link between BEG diets and DCM may be due to ingredients used to replace grains in grain-free diets, such as lentils or chickpeas, but also may be due to other common ingredients commonly found in BEG diets, such as exotic meats, vegetables, and fruits," Freeman wrote.

Freeman emphasizes that although there appears to be an association between DCM and BEG diets, the relationship has not yet been proven, and other factors may be equally or more important.

As a general rule of thumb, the best thing you can do for your dog's dietary health is to consult your veterinarian, not the internet. Together you can weigh the pros and cons of your dog's diet and if necessary monitor your dog for signs of DCM.

Anna Burke | akc.org

Dues Reminder

\$10/Individual Membership

\$15/Family Membership

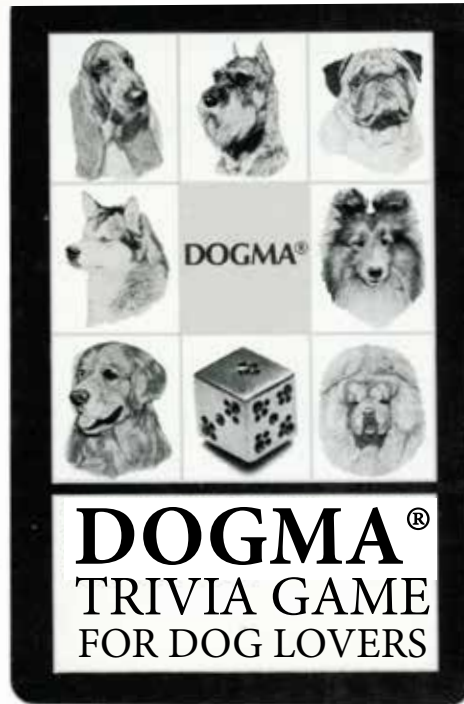
Dues should
 be paid no
 later than
 Feb. 21, 2019.

Please make
 checks payable
 to SCKC.

Send payment to:
 Mary Bristol
 2211 Road 10
 Waco, NE 68460



1. What is the title of a favorite dog book written by Fred Gipson?
2. Name the greatest mantrailing bloodhound of all time, 650 finds.
3. Was the Tibetan Spaniel once called "the prayer dog" because he was trained to turn the Tibetan Lhasa's prayer wheels?
4. In the United States and Canada, which breed is classified as a terrier, while in England and its native land Germany, it is not considered a terrier?
5. How many breeds are in the AKC Terrier group?
 - a. 18
 - b. 23
 - c. 32
6. What does the word "jabot" mean?
 - a. a South African dog
 - b. longer hair between the front legs of a Schipperke
 - c. quick biting action



1. Name the 3 varieties of Poodle recognized by the AKC.
2. What rough and smooth-coated toy breed is named after a city in Belgium?
3. What is the title of the earliest book on sports printed in the English language?
4. Name the Walt Disney movie about a Canadian fur trapper and his wolf dog.
5. The Doberman Pinscher was named after the German, Herr Doberman, who was?
 - a. the dog catcher of Apolda
 - b. the Mayor of Heidelberg
 - c. a butcher from Dresden
6. In what year were dogs first taxed in England?
 - a. 1534
 - b. 1796
 - c. 1848

Answers: Left card 1. Old Yeller 2. Nick Carter 3. Yes 4. the Miniature Schnauzer 5. b (in 1985, 31 in 2019) 6. b. Right card 1. Toy, Miniature and Standard 2. the Brussels Griffon 3. *The Boko of St. Albans* - 1486 A.D. 4. "Nikki, Wild Dog of the North" 5. a 6. b.

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