



# Seward County Kennel Club

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

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***FIELD TRIP: Meet at the Seward Dog Park 30 minutes before the June Dog Lover's Day meeting to brainstorm ideas for the Bieber Memorial.***

## BREED SNAPSHOT: THE BELGIAN LAKENOIS



- The Belgian Laekenois in AKC Miscellaneous Group since June 2011.
- The Belgian Laekenois will achieve full acceptance in the AKC Herding Group on July 1, 2020.
- The Belgian Laekenois Foundation Stock Service status began in 1998.
- The American Belgian Laekenois Association (ABLA) founded in 1995.

Strong, agile and full of life, the Belgian Laekenois (pronounced "Lak-in-wah") is one of four native dogs of Belgium. Although similar in body and temperament to the Malinois, Shepherd and Tervuren, the Laekenois differs in coat color, texture and length, as well as region of origin. The fawn rough haired varieties were given the name Laekenois (derived from the town of Laeken). The breed's coat texture is rough and coarse, creating a disorderly, tousled look. All shades of red or fawn to grayish tones are acceptable with traces of black appearing principally on the muzzle and tail.

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**NEXT MEETING June 18, 2020**

**Dog Lover's Day!! Meeting 6:30pm**

**Independence Landing (by the pond at the Seward Fairgrounds)**

**Bring your dog, a chair and a dish to share!**

# MEETING MINUTES

SCKC March 19, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm by Tabitha Dvorak

Meeting taking place at Chris Corum's house and Zoom due to the Civic Center being closed. Members present via Zoom: Carrie Branson, Sheryl Kroese Don Kroese, Kathy Jackson, Tanya Williams, Morgan Ehlers Marissa Nelson, Ray Montelongo; at Chris': Vicki Nolte, Tabitha Dvorak, Mary Bristol, Chris Corum, Cindy Hill; via phone Linda Soukup.

Special program postponed this month.

Minutes from February meeting read and motion to approve minutes made by Cindy and 2nd by Kathy.

Treasurer's report read. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Chris and 2nd Cindy.

Secretary's report

Obedience class to cancel for the spring due to unforeseen State and Federal guidelines for social distancing and limiting group activities. Deposit for the build will go toward our next class. Chris will notify participates and refund money.

Auditing committee- Tabitha and Chris will work on audit and report in April.

Membership- 2nd reading for Glenn and Leanna Hawley and voted in. 1st reading for Teresa Patrick. She has a Chinese crested. Interested in obedience and agility. Teresa was a past member of GLOC. Tabitha said that she would contact the breeder and ask about references.

Show Committee: Vicki advised that the show be postpone or cancel the 2020 show. For the safety of our club members, judges and exhibitors. Motion was made by Chris to cancel the 2020 dog show. Cindy 2nd the motion. Motion was passed. Vicki will get in contact with judges to see about their fees. The AKC show fees will be held over to the next year. Donations for the prizes with carry over

and Tanya will go to the restaurants that gave out gift certificates and ask them to change the dates to 2021. Cindy will return the grooming reservations that she has received.

Old business: Dog bench revisited. 4-H Dog expo was cancelled. Critter club was cancelled.

New business: How do we want to do meetings during the COVID- 19 restrictions? Had good feedback with doing the ZOOM meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at made by Kathy and 2nd by Chris.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

SCKC April 16, 2020

Zoom meeting in attendance: Troy Dvorak, Tabitha Dvorak, Kathy Jackson, Chris Corum, Morgan Ehlers, Mary Bristol, Tanya Williams and Cindy Hill.

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm by Tabitha Dvorak

Special program cancelled for this month.

Minutes from March meeting read and approved by Chris and 2nd by Cindy.

Treasurer's report read. Motion to approve made by Chris and 2nd by Cindy.

Obedience- Chris gave refunds to participates from the first night of the spring session. Ray and Marissa are putting their fee (\$90) towards the fall session. Schedule for fall classes start on Sept 14 and last night on Oct 26. Only owe Ag Society \$30 for fall session, due to the cancellation of spring session.

Trophies- Tanya informed sponsors that their donations will be used in 2021 show.

Action Dog clinic April 25th 3-3:30 via Zoom link is

on Facebook page.

Tabitha signed contracted for the buildings for annual show for the next 3 years. After the credit of this year applied balance left for 2021 is \$2350.

2021 May 7-9

2022 May 6-8

2023 May 5-7

2024 May 3-5

Old business: Treasures report is not to be in the newsletter.

Memorial project- there is a bench out in the small dog park now. So we need to decide what to use the money on. Tabitha suggested more fencing. Chris suggested more activity equipment. Nothing decided.

Membership: 2nd reading for Teresa Patrick,

references was good. Motion made by Chris and 2nd Kathy. Voted in as a member. Welcome Teresa Patrick.

Audit committee: Tabitha and Chris will work on it this month and report at May meeting.

Special Programs- Kathy Jackson in May

Dog lover's day in person or zoom meeting- To be decide at May meeting

New business: Mary asked about sponsoring a trophy for the Jefferson county fair like in pasted years. Vicki will call and see if they are still having fair.

Motion for adjournment made by Tanya and 2nd by Chris.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

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### History

In September of 1891 the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club (Club du Chien de Berger Beige) was organized to investigate the characteristics of the native dogs in Belgium. They defined the consistent type of this native dog that was identical in body and temperament but differing in coat (color, texture and length).

During the early part of the twentieth century, the owners and breeders in Belgium urged the acceptance of additional varieties based on the color and regions of origin. The fawn rough haired varieties were given the name Laekenois (derived from the town of Laeken). The abilities of these dogs as intelligent and versatile workers soon gained popularity in other countries.

The Laekenois' original duty, in addition to guarding and tending the flock, was to guard linen drying in the fields. He was an enthusiast worker and a quick learner that made him a desirable choice for the task at hand. He was later called on to serve as a messenger dog during World War I and II. At this time his numbers were severely decreased. Many breeders worked very hard to restore this variety, while retaining the typical Belgian Shepherd Dog intelligence, type and structure. He is admired today for these attributes. He is still able to herd and guard his flock, and protect his people and their property. His ability to adapt to new situations and to respond to his master's commands makes him an alert, intelligent, inquisitive animal. He typically is reserved with strangers.

*-American Belgian Laekenois Association, laeken.club*

# U.S. Congress: AKC Lauds Introduction of Healthy Dog Importation Act to Protect Animal and Public Health

The American Kennel Club welcomes the introduction today of the Healthy Dog Importation Act of 2020 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

AKC is grateful for the bi-partisan leadership of Congressmen Abraham (LA-5), Schrader (OR-5) and Yoho (FL-3) in sponsoring the bill, and believes this will go a long way to addressing concerns about recent documented incidents of unhealthy dogs being imported into the U.S.

“In the last several years, zoonotic diseases such as rabies, canine influenza and distemper have been carried into the U.S. by dogs imported without basic veterinary checks or valid health certificates. With an estimated one million dogs entering the U.S. annually, this represents a ticking time bomb for animal and public health,” said Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO.

“The basic health certifications that this bill requires for every dog imported will protect the health and wellbeing of all dogs in our nation – and the humans who care for them.”

AKC also thanks the National Animal Interest Alliance for their long-time leadership on the issue, and the American Veterinary Medical Association for their support.

## Background:

The U.S. demand for pet dogs—without accounting for population growth—is more than 8 million dogs annually. U.S. Breeders are unable to meet this demand. Instead, approximately one million dogs are imported annually into the U.S., according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Exponential growth in the import of dogs – particularly from unregulated sources – has resulted in dogs with non-native parasites and zoonotic diseases such as rabies,

viral infections and brucellosis being imported and passed into the general public, creating a significant threat to the health of other dogs, animals and the humans who care for them.

The American Kennel Club recognizes the value of importing breeding stock from overseas, freedom of choice in selecting a pet, and ensuring that people may travel with their pets with a minimum of disruption. However, we are also concerned about the increasing documented incidences of the importation of unhealthy random-source pets, particularly for transfer, where public and pet health may be inadequately protected.



Current pet import oversight mechanisms administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Customs were established prior to the exponential growth in imports and are unable to adequately check canine health upon entry or protect against the public and animal health threat this represents.

AKC supports efforts to ensure that all dogs imported into the United States are fully immunized; free of infection, parasites and contagious diseases; and are individually certified as such by a qualified veterinarian. We look forward to working with the sponsors to advance this important safeguard for pet and public health.

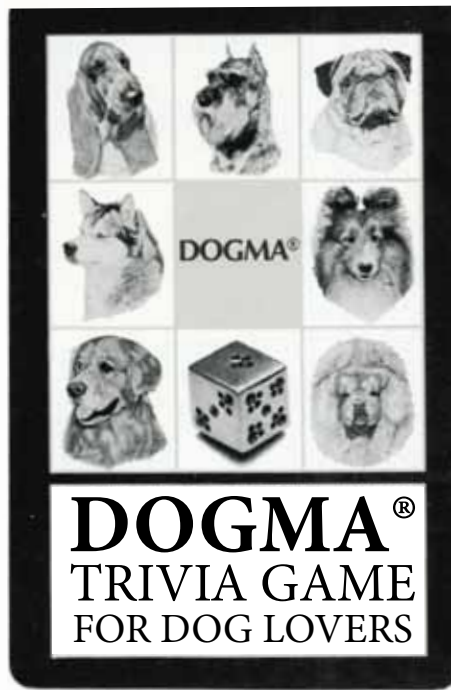
## Additional Information:

For more information and background, visit AKC GR's Key Issues page on Pet Imports: Protecting Pet and Public Health.

AKC Government Relations will provide ongoing updates for how you can help support this important measure. For more information contact AKC GR at [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

*-AKC Government Relations, May 19, 2020, [akc.org](http://akc.org)*

1. What two breeds of dogs were in the movie, "The Incredible Journey"?
2. Which breed, registered with the AKC, is required to have flat feet?
3. What is the name of Jack O'Brien's dog in his books about the Northwest?
4. Which terrier claims Ireland as its home and is allowed to be dark-coated, almost black, until it is 18 months old?
5. What is the Toy dog?
  - a. breed sold in hobby shops
  - b. dwarfed breed
  - c. small breed
6. Who wrote *The Ugly Dachshund*?
  - a. Kay Thompson
  - b. Charles Schultz
  - c. G. B. Stern



1. What is the sultry season in July and August known as?
2. Who were the first Americans to use dogs in war?
3. What is the name of the dog in Charles Schultz's cartoon strip?
4. Which large breed in the AKC Working group has a white, tassel-like coat of cords?
5. In Walt's Disney's movie, "The Ugly Dachshund," what breed was the "ugly" dog?
6. What is the title of the inspiring book written by Phillip Keller?
  - a. Lessons From a Sheepdog
  - b. Love is Faithfulness
  - c. True Obedience

Answers: Left card 1. the Yellow Labrador, the Bull Terrier 2. the Pekingese 3. Silver Chief 4. the Kerry Blue Terrier 5. c 6. c. Right card 1. the Dog Days of Summer 2. North America Indians 3. Snoopy 4. the Komondor 5. a Great Dane 6. a.

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