



Seward County Kennel Club

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ON-THE-ROAD ESSENTIALS A FIRST-AID KIT



Veterinarian and upland game hunter Dr. Seth Bynum is shown with his German Shorthaired Pointers, "Shine" and "River."

If you're headed out with the dogs, whether it's a single-day outing or a multiday adventure, don't forget to pack a first-aid kit. A zipper bag packed with veterinary medical essentials to tide you over in an emergency is the idea.

"Once you get used to carrying a first-aid kit, you'll be surprised how often it comes in handy," says Seth Bynum, DVM, an upland game hunter and owner of On Point Reproduction Services veterinary clinic in Hayden, Idaho. "I carry an abbreviated first-aid kit in my vest pocket to handle accidents that occur in the field. It is a small zipper storage bag with supplies for gashes or cuts."

Among the most common incidents when hunting or trialing with dogs, Dr. Bynum cites cut wounds and travel stress. "Bard-wire fences are the No. 1 offense causing lacerations to dogs," he says. "If the wound

is deep, you should clean it and wrap it with protective gauze and then transport the dog to an emergency veterinary clinic for care.

"Likewise, travel stress is very common in dogs while on the road. You put unfamiliar dogs together, mix up a dog's routine and add the excitement of the sport, and the result

NEXT MEETING April 15, 2021

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434

No Special Program - General Meeting 7:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2021 the Seward County Kennel club met at the civic center, President, Tabitha Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:45. Members present were Linda Soukup, Mary Bristol, Cindy Hill, Chris Corum, Tanya Williams, Tabitha Dvorak and zoom attendant Nancy Sedlacek.

President had no report.

Secretary was absent and no report available.

Treasurer reported balance. Accepted by membership.

Auditing will be done by president, Tabitha, and Cindy Hill.

Awards & trophy chairperson reported only biscuits for trophy trays need to be purchased.

Covid 19 Ad Hoc chairperson reported she will update all safety requirements necessary for show.

Obedience committee reported Monday, March 15, 2021 obedience classes would be held at the 4-H building at the Seward fairgrounds; 6:30 to 7:00 pm will be KPT, 7:00 to 8:00 pm basic and classes will run until April, 26, 2021 with the CGC testing for graduation. Registration will be online. All Covid 19 precautions will be taken.

Show committee reports Bonnie at Foy Trent is behind on our show info due to Texas snow storm outages. Chairperson will keep on situation. Barn Hunt and Fast Cat are a go for May 7, 8, 9. Show n Go will be held Friday evening, May 7 at 4-H building 4 to 6 pm and Joyce Standish's handling class will be held same evening at 6 pm. CORRECTION-Foy Trent made time change to 7 pm. Milford ladies Kiwanis will man the lunch stand as in past. Match info was also discussed, all is in preparation.

Election of officers and board were as follows: Nominations were President-Tabitha Dvorak, Vice President-Cindy Hill, Treasurer-Mary Bristol, Secretary-Morgan Ehlers. Board members Diane Nitz, Kathy Jackson, Linda Soukup, Tanya Williams. President proclaimed seats were elected by acclamation. Members in agreement.

No unfinished business.

New business was a statement made that AKC was considering Junior competition to include mix breed dogs, any decision has been tabled until 2022.

Nancy motioned to adjourn, second by Chris, motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Williams, substitute

is often loose stool or diarrhea. The gut is their stress organ,"

Dr. Bynum emphasizes the importance of using extreme caution when attempting to care for an injured dog. "You've got to really know your dog well to be able to provide care when he is in pain," he says. "Dogs have a natural defense mechanism that kicks in, and they may try to bite you though you mean well."

After a day afield, Dr. Bynum recommends taking time for a tailgate check to look for injuries and grass seed awns that could burrow under the skin and cause a severe life-threatening infection. "It's always a good idea to go over your dog," he says. "You'll be surprised what you'll find. Check around the ears and between the toes for awns. Cheatgrass, foxtail barley and Canada wild rye can quickly do considerable harm."

Importantly, it is best to seek veterinary advice if you have any concerns about your dog's health and well-being, advises Dr. Bynum. He suggests looking up veterinary clinics in the areas you are traveling and take emergency contact phone numbers with you.

With these considerations, it's easy to see why a travel first-aid kit is worthwhile. Taking time to put together a first-aid kit for your upcoming trip could be a lifesaver.

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+ FIRST-AID KIT CHECKLIST

✓ CUTS & LACERATIONS

- Hydrogen peroxide or saline lotion to flush out the wound
- Sterile gauze and elastic adhesive tape to wrap the cleaned wound
- Pocket knife or scissors to cut the gauze and tape

✓ BUG BITES, STINGS OR ALLERGIC REACTIONS

- Benadryl® tablets to reduce swelling, giving 1 milligram per pound or the equivalent of two 25-milligram tablets for a 50-pound dog
- Tweezers for removing an attached tick followed by cleaning the bite area

✓ TRAVEL STRESS CAUSING GASTROINTESTINAL UPSET

- *Purina Pro Plan* Veterinary Supplements *FortiFlora* Canine Probiotic Supplement given daily starting a few days before and throughout the trip
- Metronidazole (Flagyl®) for rare, hard-to-treat diarrhea. Consult your veterinarian beforehand to get a prescription for this antibiotic

✓ EXERCISE SORENESS

- Carprofen (Rimadyl®, Novox®, etc.) for pain relief related to muscle soreness and stiffness. Check with your veterinarian beforehand to get a prescription for this nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)

✓ PORCUPINE ENCOUNTER

- Leatherman multitool or knife with pliers to slowly and cautiously remove quills. Emergency veterinary care may be needed for a dog with a lot of quills
- Belt or a slip lead to wrap around the dog's muzzle to reduce the risk of being bitten

✓ SPRAYED BY A SKUNK

- Hydrogen peroxide, baking soda and Dawn® dish detergent. Mix a cocktail consisting of 1 cup each of the peroxide and soda and 1 tablespoon of detergent that can be used with water to absorb the malodorous stench of skunk spray, a non-life-threatening but inconvenient condition. Repeated baths may be needed

✓ INGESTION OF POISONOUS SUBSTANCE

- Hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting at a dosage of 1 tablespoon per 5 pounds or 5 tablespoons for a 25-pound dog

✓ POSSIBLE BROKEN LEG

- Splint and heavy wrap, though the best course usually is to make the dog comfortable in the back seat of your vehicle for transporting to an emergency veterinary clinic

✓ MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

- Thermometer for checking whether a dog is overheated, though common sense should prevail as it is normal for a dog to have a slightly elevated temperature after working. If a dog's temperature reaches 105 degrees, you should start cooling down the dog immediately. A normal temperature is 100 to 102.5 degrees
- Disposable sterile gloves
- Styptic pencil or powder to stop nail bleeding
- Blankets or towels should be available for wrapping an injured dog for warmth or for lying a dog on the back seat of the vehicle for transporting to an emergency veterinary clinic

Dr. Bynum suggests including the items listed above in a travel first-aid kit, though he notes you should seek immediate veterinary advice if you have concerns about an injury.



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