



# Seward County Kennel Club

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

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Wurst Family is having a memorial service for Howard Wurst on Sunday, August 1 at 2:00pm at the United Methodist Church 610 Second St, Milford, NE 68405.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG COOL IN EXTREME HEAT WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING

The summer heat can be stifling for both dogs and humans! And when we lose power, it is not only stressful on our own bodies but on our dogs' as well. There are a few steps you can take to keep both you and your dog cool in extreme heat.

### Most Dogs Aren't Built for Heat

Most breeds are built to conserve rather than dissipate heat. They don't have sweat glands, and most of their body is wrapped in fur with little or no exposed skin; they lose heat through the pads of their feet and through their mouths by panting. Some breeds need special consideration. For example, white or fine-coated breeds, like Bull Terriers and Greyhounds are especially vulnerable to sunburn, while the black coat of dogs like the Schipperke absorbs heat, adding to the danger of overheating and heat stroke.

### Keep Water Available

- Let your dog drink as much water as possible
- If you have a working freezer, make cold treats, like frozen chew toys or dog-safe ice pops

## NEXT MEETING July 16, 2021

### Dog Lover's Day!! Meeting 6:00pm

Independence Landing (by the pond at the Seward Fairgrounds)

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

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## How to Help a Dog Cool Down

Along with plenty of cool water, the most important thing to do to keep a dog cool is to stay indoors or in the shade. If your air conditioning turns off on an extra-hot day, go to the coolest area of the house you can, such as the basement. If possible, stay at a friend's house until your air conditioning is restored. There are other ways you can relieve your dog from the heat by having dog cooling supplies on hand in advance:

- Battery-operated fan.
- Cool cloths, which are made of chamois material, like those used to dry cars at a car wash. Put a moist chamois on your dog's back without getting him too wet, take it off, and present him to the judge, who probably will only feel a tiny bit of dampness when going over the dog. If you keep your cool cloth in a cooler, don't put it directly into the ice. You

don't want to put anything ice-cold onto a dog, because that shrinks the blood vessels and actually generates more internal heat.

- Cooling vest, which deflects the heat and cools the dog through evaporation.
- Cooling crate pad or a cold, wet towel that you can spread out for your dog to lie on. You can also have him stand on a damp towel to help the footpads release heat.
- Rubbing alcohol which you can dab behind your dog's ears, on his stomach, or on his paws. Rubbing alcohol cools faster than water and can draw out heat.
- Spray bottle filled with cool water. Spray his underside that's not exposed to the hot sun (such as the groin area, where the hair is less dense), the bottoms of his feet, and inside his mouth.
- Rectal thermometer with lubricant. Your dog's temperature shouldn't rise above 102.5, which is the high end of normal.
- Unflavored pediatric electrolyte solution for the dog to drink if he gets dehydrated.

## The Signs of Heatstroke

In spite of your best efforts, your dog could develop heatstroke. Here are the symptoms:

- Unusual breathing (rapid and loud).
- High rectal temperature (103 or higher).
- Extreme thirst.
- Weakness and/or fatigue.
- Frequent vomiting.
- Disorientation.
- Dark or bright red tongue and gums.
- Skin around the muzzle or neck doesn't snap back when pinched (dehydration).
- Difficulty breathing.
- Thick saliva.
- Rapid heartbeat
- Heavy drooling
- Agitation

If you suspect that your dog is overheated, immediately take him to a cooler area or to the vet. Once in a cool room, separate his fur with your fingers so the cool air can penetrate to the skin.

To cool your dog down as quickly as possible, pour cool water over his head and body, or gently hose a very gentle stream of cool water over him, or, where possible, submerge him in a tub of cool water.

Even if your dog seems stable, it's a good idea to take him to the nearest vet for evaluation and treatment if necessary.

*Jan Reisen, June 30, 2021, akc.org*

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# MEETING MINUTES

SCKC Meeting May 20, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Tabitha Dvorak at 7:50pm.

Members in attendance Mary Bristol, Tanya Williams, Morgan Ehlers, Chris Corum, Tabitha Dvorak, and Linda Soukup.

Tanya made motion to not read the April minutes and vote next month 2nd by Linda. Motion passed.

Secretary's report- no

Treasurers report read. Not all bills have come in yet and not all checks have been received at this date. (4 camping spots not paid yet, 2 checks coming in Kiwanis concessions and fast cat).

Awards and trophies- trophies not used can be used for next year.

Chief steward- The Boy scouts sent Webelos (younger boyscouts) instead. They worked out well and parent helped as well.

Dog lover's day- Independence Landing on June 17 at 6:00. Bring covered dish to share. It will be a fun time!

Fun Match- was a success!

Silent Auction: Frenchie statue- was purchased for \$80 by The French Bulldog club of America. The St. Bernard statue- was purchased for \$100.

Membership- None

Performance- Chris reported that 8 dogs participated in GCG testing 7dogs were from basic class and 1 from puppy. 2 passed the CGC test. GCG summary form has been completed and submitted into AKC.

Summer class beginning June 7 thru July 19 for with pre-register

2nd or 3rd night demonstrate the CGC to participants have a better idea of what to work on. Depending on the class size a second basic instructor would be beneficial for more 1:1 help. Mary Bristol will teach puppy class that will start at 6:30-7.

\$100 deposit paid for building rental.

Show- Tabitha reported fast cat and barn hunt went over really well. They both gave her contracts for next year. Tabled till after meeting with Ag society/ Fair board.

Committee was form to go to the Ag society/ fair board with some concerns and suggestions that were brought up from this years show.

In the committee is Tanya and Tabitha topics to discuss are as follows – RV rentals to go through the website reservation through the fair board, fairground were not mowed specially for the fast cat, the grooming space was cut down do to flood gate storage that was not able to moved, not enough dumpster for the RV campers, and usage of the livestock building for barn hunt next year.

Hospitality- Linda Soukup would like to decrease the amount of supplies that has accumulated over the years and downsize the items that have not been used. Tanya made motion for Linda to use her best judgment to downsize on hospitality supplies.

Show date for 2023 Tabitha will look into seeing if it can be moved back to original weekend (17th weekend of the year).

Kiwanis club who did concession stand asked if the club would take 5% instead of 10% (that is agreed upon) because of the decline in sales on Saturday morning do to the pasteries spread that was left over from Friday. Since the pastries were donated and not from SCKC. Club declined go with what was agreed upon.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris 2nd by Tanya. Motion passed  
Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

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SCKC Meeting June 17, 2021

Meeting held at Seward Civic Center.

Dog Lover's Day postponed due to incimate weather.

Meeting called to order by Cindy Hill at 7:40

Members in attendance are Cindy Hill, Mary Bristol, Tanya Williams, Morgan Ehlers and Linda Soukup.

April minutes read and approved. Motion made by Tanya 2nd Linda. Motion passed.

May minutes read Tanya made motion to approve minutes with correction Linda 2nd motion passed.

Report of the President- no

Report of the sec. – Virtual trick title, CDC temporary

suspension of the importation of dogs from countries classified as high risk for canine rabies.

Treasure's report - Last month was a penny off. Error was found and corrected. Waiting on checks from Kiwanis, Frenchie, Fast cat and Barn hunt.

Show committee- Great job cleaning the Ag pavilion Thank you for those that made it happen. Haven't met with the fair board/ Ag society.

Dog lover's day- July 15th Independence landing at 6pm. Bring a covered dish to share, dog and chair. In case

inclimate weather back up plan for dog lover's day is to have it at the 4-H building.

Membership- No

Old Business

Scholarship- Tanya will ask her friend advice on how what the steps and process of writing a scholarship.

No new business

Tanya made motion to adjourn meeting. Linda 2nd motion passed meeting adjourned at 8:51

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