



# Seward County Kennel Club

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

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## MEET THE BREED: FINNISH LAPPHUND



The Finnish Lapphund was recognized as a breed by the AKC in 2011 and placed in the herding group.

The weatherproof Finnish Lapphund is a tough and substantial reindeer herder from north of the Arctic Circle. This remarkably empathetic breed is among the friendliest of all dogs, once he's satisfied that you aren't a reindeer rustler.

Finnish Lapphunds, with their luscious coat, sweet spitz-like face, and profusely coated tail that curves over the back, are instantly recognizable as Nordic dogs. Lappies stand about 20 inches at the shoulder and are surprisingly muscular and substantial for their size. Quick and agile, they move effortlessly and can go from a trot to a full gallop in a second flat. Lappies are friendly and submissive companions, though a bit wary of strangers. A distinctive breed trait is a strong 'startle reflex,' the result of centuries spent ducking the antlers of ornery reindeer. Despite their propensity for shedding and barking, Lappies are popular pets in their homeland.

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### NEXT MEETING Nov 18, 2021

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434

No Special Program - General Meeting 7:30pm

# MEETING MINUTES

SCKC Meeting  
October 21, 2021  
Seward Civic Center

Meeting called to order by Tabitha Dvorak at 7:35pm

Members present: Linda Soukup, Diane Nitz, Mary Bristol, Chris Corum, Tabitha Dvorak and Morgan Ehlers. Guest Kayla Thomas.

Minutes from September meeting approved as written motion made by Diane 2nd by Chris. Motion approved.

Secretary's report: COVID Provisions Due to Expire at Year End- Companion Events can be found on the AKC website for more information.

Treasurer's report: Report read. Motion made by Diane 2nd by Chris. Motion approved.

Fun Match: Tabitha reported she still needs a few judges for match. Accepting donation for treats, toys etc. for prizes for the fun match. If you would like to donate get in touch with Tabitha. She is looking for about 28 prizes.

Membership: First reading for Kayla and Jon Thomas. Interested in Obedience, Rally, and Fast Cat.

Goldenrod: Voting will take place at the December meeting. Eligible members attend 75% of the meetings. Participate in activities and serve on committees. Helps at both shows each year. Be a goodwill ambassador for the club. Cannot be received for two consecutive years. Winner will be announced at the January meeting.

Performance- CGC will be conducted on Monday Oct 25 @ 7pm. 9 teams are signed up, 1 team being from puppy class. Overall good turn out for the fall class this year.

Show:

\*Contract signed for Fast cat

\*Reservation parking for RV camping will be set up through the fairgrounds website and listed in the premium list as so.

\*As of now we have the Harvest Hall booked so we have possibilities of having obedience in harvest hall, Barn hunt in the 4-H building/ grooming. To be further discussed.

\*Fee to rent the open-air livestock building of \$25.

\*Jan. 2022 Ag society new contract we will need have a \$500 security deposit for building rentals for damages.

\*Waiting for confirmation for show 2022 judges have been approved.

\*Waiting to see if AKC has approved the date change for 2023

\*Foy Trent and Melia Photography are available for the 2023.

\*Frenchie's of America will be there and support their own trophies and prizes for their show.

Unfinished business: Memorial is closed.

Scholarship committee: No update.

New Business: Christmas Party at Chris Corum house Saturday afternoon Dec 12, 2021 at 2pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris 2nd by Diane. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

# THE MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS OF 2020

Is your dog's breed winning popularity contests this year? Now you can find out! The most popular dog breeds of 2020 were released on March 16, 2021, based on American Kennel Club registration statistics.

Breed	2020 Rank
Retrievers (Labrador)	1
French Bulldogs	2
German Shepherd Dogs	3
Retrievers (Golden)	4
Bulldogs	5
Poodles	6
Beagles	7
Rottweilers	8
Pointers (German Shorthaired)	9
Dachshunds	10

America continues its love affair with the Labrador Retriever which tops the list for the 30th year in a row. Just below the Lab, the Frenchie takes the #2 spot, ranking above the German Shepherd Dog and Golden Retriever for the first time. And the Dachshund makes its way into the top 10 this year, knocking the Pembroke Welsh Corgi down to #11.

Some breeds rose in popularity, including the Belgian Malinois, which jumped from 60th in 2014 to 37th this year. Some breeds declined in popularity, even the adorable Coton de Tulear, which dropped 50 spots from 31 to 81, and the Boerbel, which declined almost 60 spots.

Like clothing styles and baby names, dog breeds go in and out of style. It's likely that pop culture plays a large role in preferences. In fact, a study from the University of Bristol, City University of New York, and Western Carolina University found that movies, specifically durably popular ones, play a large role in breed popularity. For most of the twentieth century, even the breed's temperament, health, and longevity played less of a role in selecting a dog than did association with a popular film.

The study used registration statistics from the AKC to compile and analyze the data. But there are more substantial reasons that dog registration is important. The AKC is the only purebred dog registry in the United States, maintaining systematic investigations and inspections. The AKC conducts thousands of inspections each year to ensure compliance with standards that

support the safety, welfare, and health of dogs throughout the country. Additionally, the American Kennel Club and its affiliates have donated over \$38 million to canine health research and \$7 million to pet disaster relief.

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