



# Seward County Kennel Club

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## **MARCH MEETING REMINDER:**

**Special program by Kathy Jackson at 7:00pm**

## **BREED SNAPSHOT: THE BOERBOEL**



“Boer,” a Dutch word meaning “farmer,” was the name given to Dutch, German, and Huguenot settlers of South Africa who began arriving in the mid-1600s. To protect their remote homesteads from predators, they brought along large guarding dogs, bull types and mastiff types among them. The interbreeding of these and other European bloodlines in South Africa resulted in something called the Boer Dog, which

was used by Boer settlers as a big-game hunter and protector.

Further refinements eventually gave rise to the Boerboel (“farmer’s dog”), a fearless mastiff who specialized in protection of hearth and home. Their agility and prodigious strength came in handy when running off or tangling with ferocious wildlife, whether lions or packs of marauding baboons.

One should not conclude from this that the Boerboel was a snarly brute constantly spoiling for a fight. Because the breed was created to be primarily a protector of family, Boerboels had to be sensitive and smart enough to tell friend from foe and to take its cues from those they protect. A Boerboel has never been

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## **NEXT MEETING Mar 17, 2022**

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434

Special Program 7:00pm - General Meeting 7:30pm

# MEETING MINUTES

Seward County Kennel Club met at 6:30 pm on February 24, 2022 for an informational meeting with 4 members of the Howard and Maurvene Wurst family who shared their memories of showing dogs with their parents and grand-parents. Members of the family present were.....

The regular meeting of SCKC was called to order at 7:30 with members present Kayla and Jon Thomas, Kathy Jackson, Diane Nitz, Mary Bristol, Tabitha Dvorak, Chris Corum, Linda Soukup, Shelene and Maruice Costello. Prospective new members present were Barry Fisher and Lindsey Fisher.

The minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter.

Report of the president was information from an e-mail from the FDA regarding drugs in companion animals.

There was no report from the secretary.

The treasurers report was read. Shelene moved to accept the report and Chris seconded. All in favor.

Tanya was not present but has left information that the trophies are all ready.

There was no legislation to report on.

Tabitha reported that the fun match judges are arranged for.

Membership: There was a first reading for Barry Fisher and Lindsey Fisher.

The nominations committee reported that all the standing officers have agreed to stay on. They were elected by acclamation. There are 5 persons willing to be board members for 4 positions so the election was held. The new board members will be Kayla, Diane, Kathy and Linda.

Obedience classes will start March 14. Morgan will

teach the puppy class and Lester will do the basic. Cindy has the registration forms on the website. There will be classes on the first night with puppy at 6:30 and basic at 7.

Tabitha reported that there has been some confusion between Foy Trent and AKC which she expected would be quickly cleared up. The premium lists should be out in the next 2 weeks. The hotels in Seward are completely booked up for the horse show weekend because the show this year coincides with graduations. Two judges will stay in York on Friday night. The judges are currently booking flights now.

Fast cat will be held at the show but there will be no barn hunt due to the illness of the vendor. Show dates for 2022 are May 6, 7 and 8 and for 2023 it will be April 28, 29 and 30. Future shows will follow that weekend schedule. There will be an offering to do canine good citizen tests after the show and go with a limit of 15 participants.

Unfinished business: Tanya had forwarded a request that we donate \$100 to the Blue River Rescue program. Diane made a motion that we make a \$250.00 donation, Chris seconded the motion and motion carried. Diane will get the check to the rescue.

Consideration of changing the name of the Goldenrod trophy was tabled until more members are at the meeting.

New business: If you have pictures of your dogs, send them to Kathy so that she can transfer them to a flash drive and show them at the dog show.

There will be 2 vendors and the dog show, one with custom pictures on fabric and another selling emu oil products.

Diane moved to adjourn, Chris seconded and the motion carried.



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known to back down when provoked, but their default mode is generally a stately watchfulness. Boerboels are powerful enough to excel at competitive weight-pulling, but they have also had success as docile therapy dogs who have a soft spot in their huge heart for children.

The Boerboel was admitted to the AKC Working Group on January 1, 2015.

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