

# Seward County Kennel Club

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## BRACCO ITALIANO BECOMES THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S 200TH BREED



The American Kennel Club announced Wednesday that the ancient dog breed, the Bracco Italiano, has received full recognition as the AKC's 200th breed.

"The Bracco Italiano is a strong, active and sturdy breed of dog that would make a great companion for active families," AKC Executive Secretary Gina

DiNardo said in a press release.

Two shining examples of the breed, Nigel and Beretta, joined "GMA" Wednesday to mark the occasion.

Brandi Hunter Munden, VP of public relations and communications for the AKC, who accompanied the dogs explained more of what it takes to become an AKC breed and more about this unique Italian-born dog.

"First and foremost you want to have a national parent club charged with protecting the breed. They create the breed standard," she said. "You have to have a pedigree. Every dog in our registry has at least three generations of pedigree in it ... they also have to be in a certain number of householes in the country, because the goal of any of this is preservation."

#### NEXT MEETING July 21, 2022

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434 No Special Program - General Meeting 7:30pm

### **MEETING MINUTES**

SCKC Meeting May 19th, 2022 Seward Civic Center

Members present: Mary Bristol, Tanya Williams, Tabitha Dvorak, Cindy Hill, Diane Nolte, Shelene Costello, Maurice Costello, and Morgan Ehlers.

Meeting called to order by President Tabitha at 7:32pm.

President's Report: AKC has a new pilot program that any junior can show any dog doesn't have to be in the household.

Secretary's Report: AKC is recognizing clubs that have been around for 100 years.

Motion to accept April meeting minutes made by Cindy 1st and 2nd Shelene.

Treasure's Report: Balance read. Motion to accept treasure's report made by Tanya and 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed. Few outstanding bills. Haven't received checks from Kiwianas club and Fast cat.

Awards and trophy: Obedience and Rally awards Tanya had 3 left over that she can use for next year. Wrote a letter of thanks in the Seward Independent.

Legislation- Kathy reported that nothing happening in Nebraska. Reported about Oregon bill IP-13.

Dog Lovers Day- Independence landing bring your own chair June 16 @6

Membership-

Lori Watts- 2nd reading and voted. Welcome Lori!

Performance- Not having a summer class. No date set for fall session.

Show- CGC Friday May 6th only had 3 participates they all passed.

Fast Cat had a great turn out this year.

Kiwianas Club- Didn't have a great turn out this year. They're having a council meeting and will let us know if they are going to continue doing the concession stand. We may have to find new concession vendor so may want start thinking of possible vendors.

Good reviews on this years Judges.

Eugene Blake and Jill Hill suggested to offer an impromptu junior showmanship clinic during the show. Handler Paul Patterson has already agreed to help with clinic.

Good report from Ginny that everything was in order and is clean.

This year rent was \$3,700 for all 3 buildings.

Reservations made May 6,7,8, 2023 for Ag Pavilion, Harvest Hall, and 4-H building.

Discussion on adding 2nd obedience trial on Saturday. Motion made by Morgan to have 2nd obedience trial on Saturday. Kathy 2nd the motion. Motion passed. It was brought up that to have a 2nd show and go by exhibitors. Morgan volunteered to run Show and go on Saturday.

Fun match

Was a success and everyone had a good time. Mary donated prizes also.

Unfinished business

Scholarship suggestion was to offer it to the best junior showman. Discussion.

Goldenrod

Motion to adjourn made by Tanya, 2nd by Cindy. Motion passed.



### DOG LOVER'S DAY

Dog Lover's Day was June 16 at Independance Landing in Seward. Tanya Williams submitted this summary of the festivities: Dog lover's day at the landing, was nice. Eight were present with four dogs. Lots of good food, alot of social exchange and dog show talk. Weather became threatening with thunder, we ended by 8 pm.

## **BREED HISTORY: BRACCO ITALIANO**



The Bracco Italiano has been called the oldest European pointer, and its history reaches back to the fourth or fifth century BC. While the exact ancestral origins are unknown, it is generally accepted that the Bracco Italiano was first a cross between the Segugio Italiano and the Asiatic Mastiff, which has since become extinct. The breed was developed in northern Italy, with two distinct varieties: the white-and-orange-colored variety known to be from the Piedmont region and the roan-and-brown from Lombardy.

By the medieval period, the breed had become well-established and the Italian aristocracy exported the Bracco across the Old World. The Bracco's popularity peaked during the Renaissance, and they remained at healthy numbers until the turn of the twentieth century, when they faced a sharp decline.

By the end of the 1800s, the Bracco Italiano faced extinction. Over the years, crossing with hounds and poor breeding resulted in dogs that were too heavily built to perform their work, and the breed suffered from various health problems. Diligent breeding selection and care aided in rebuilding the breed. In the 1920s, it was decided to unify the two variations of the breed in order to preserve genetic diversity.

First, the Piedmontese Pointer was a dog of lighter construction and color, and it originated in the Piedmont region of Italy, as its name suggests. This dog was used for work in the mountains, which its conformation and temperament reflected. The Piedmontese dog was smaller than its counterpart in Lombardy, and its hunting style was reminiscent of some western European pointers in that it traveled with a jaunty gallop. This dog was primarily white, with or without orange markings.

Alternately, the Lombard Pointer was a rich brown roan and had a heavier body type. This dog was used for hunting in the marshy lowlands, and was a trotting breed. These big dogs were bred both for their eye appeal and natural hunting ability.





Shortly after the breed was officially unified, the working standard was written and released, and in 1949 the Societa Amatori Bracco Italiano was founded in Italy. When the Italian conformation standard was published,

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While this recognition is new, the breed, which is native to Italy, dates back to the fourth or fifth century, according to the AKC.

The dogs are known as hunters, pointers and retrievers developed to accommodate a hunter's needs, and the breed joins the sporting group, with the opportunity to compete at AKC's 22,000 sports and events.

To be recognized by AKC, "there must be an active following and interest in the breed by owners in the U.S. and an established breed club of responsible owners and breeders," according to the organization. "There also must be a sufficient population of dogs in the United States geographically distributed throughout the country."

Munden said this particular hunting and retrieving breed will max out at 90 pounds and hailed it as "the consummate companion-type breed" that is also "excellent with families" because they are "extremely intelligent and form wonderful bonds with children."

If you're thinking of adopting a Bracco Italiano, they are known to be sensitive and gentle-natured, and become close friends with children.

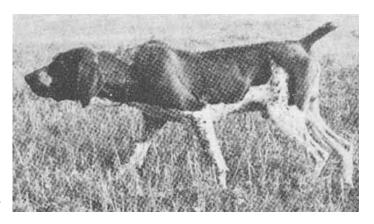
"The breed loves people and would be best suited for a family that can give it the love and attention it needs," DiNardo said. "We always encourage people to do their research to find the right breed for their lifestyle.".

Shivani Parmar. July 6, 2022. goodmorningamerica.com

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it incorporated aspects of both breed types, resulting in noted variability within the standard. The breed standard had existed for over a century prior to being compiled into this single document.

The Bracco Italiano was brought to the United Kingdom in the late 1980s, however the United States did not experience the Italian Pointer until approximately 1994. In 2001, the Bracco was accepted into the AKC Foundation Stock Service. In 2005, the first national "Gathering" was held, and the Bracco Italiano Club of America was founded in 2007. *akc.org* 



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