



Seward County Kennel Club

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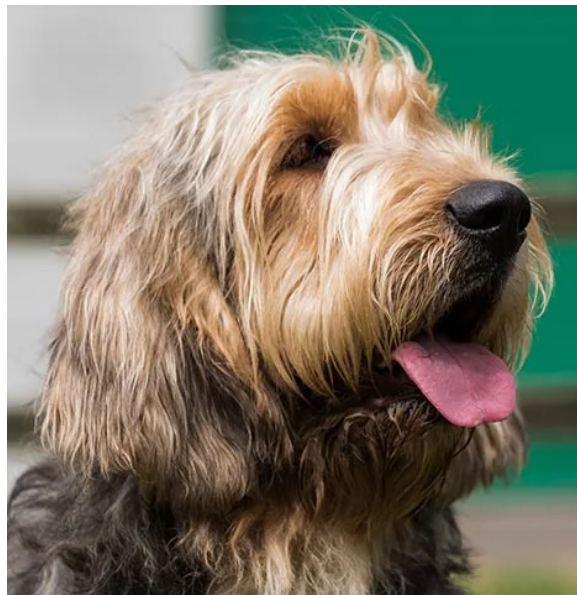
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BREED SNAPSHOT: THE OTTERHOUND



Big, boisterous, and affectionate, the Otterhound was bred in medieval England for the now-outlawed activity of otter hunting. This scarce breed is known for his dense shaggy coat, webbed feet, acute sense of smell, and affinity for swimming.

These big, bouncy hounds were ideally suited for otter hunting. Otterhounds are built to be expert swimmers, from the top of their rough, waterproof coat to the bottom of their big webbed feet. A broad chest and powerful

shoulders allow them to swim all day without tiring.

Their large black nose is amazingly sensitive and could follow an otter's underwater scent trail over great distances. And the Otterhound's size and strength enabled them to take on a sharp-toothed, razor-clawed otter that might weigh 20 pounds.

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NEXT MEETING July 18, 2024

Pizza Kitchen - 411 First St, Milford, NE 68405
No Special Program - General Meeting 7:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2024 Seward County Kennel Club met at Independence Landing at the fairgrounds to hold annual Dog Lovers Day and hold meeting. In attendance was Jon & Kayla Thomas, Tabitha & Troy Dvorak, Chris Corum, Linda Soukup, Mary Bristol and Tanya Williams. Plus two dogs. Picnic 6:30 to 7:00 PM. Meeting called to order by president Tabitha Dvorak at 7:00 PM.

May minutes were read at which time, correction of increase of building rental for dog show was noted, Chris motion to approve with correction second by Kayla motion carried.

Treasurer report consisted of numerous questions and needed receipts of purchases for dog show expenses. (4-29-24 Amazon-raffle tickets, three motel charges for judges-questionable dates, others unknown) Troy motioned to accepted report upon clarification of charges and receipts forth coming and audit, Linda second, motion carried.

Membership: Rachel Pickerling sent \$10.00 member fee, membership voted her into club.

Old business: Obedience classes begin September 16 thru October 28. \$100.00 rental check has been sent.

Rosettes ordered thru "Rebecca" were more expensive than thought, \$880.00 check will be sent and missing items will be completed and sent to us.

New business: We will continue to hold the additional trials in obedience and rally plus the CGC testing at 2025 show.

SCKC has been asked by Lynn Barnes Irons to be the sponsor for the "American Stock Dog Registry" and "FastCat" match in Ord, Nebraska, September 27, 28 & 29, 2024, they need an AKC sanctioned club sponsor. (We would receive all profits realized by this event) Pending written agreement with this organization stating our responsibility and liability in this regard, Kayla motioned to sponsor, Troy second, motion carried.

Jon brought attention to the club regarding nuisance scam to be ignored from the Higby Law offices, concerning copyright infringes on the Queens photo that has been used. Please ignore.

Jon motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM, Chris second, carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Williams



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History

In medieval England a huge otter population preyed on fish in rivers and stocked ponds. To protect this valuable food source, packs of Otterhounds were kept by country squires and even kings.

As a sport, otter hunting was never as popular as the British gentry's cherished foxhunts, but it did help fill the spring and summer months for sportsmen waiting for the fall hunting season.

Otterhound packs were so good at their work that river otters nearly went extinct and hunting them was outlawed.

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DETECTING SIGNS OF AN INJURY IN AGILITY DOGS HELPS TO PREVENT CHRONIC CONDITIONS



Agility is the most popular AKC performance sport, so it's not surprising that there is a correspondingly high number of injuries seen in dogs that compete in agility. Soft-tissue injuries, even multiple primary injuries, are not uncommon and may occur in dogs while they are still qualifying during competition.

Canine sports medicine and rehabilitation expert Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, DACVP, DACVSMR, an agility competitor who has put MACH titles on two Norwich Terriers and a Golden Retriever, offers insights to help identify injuries at an early stage before dogs show signs of lameness.

Dr. Zink helped establish the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2010. She wrote and co-edited the award-winning veterinary textbook, *Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation*. In her veterinary practice, she consults with clients about injuries in their dogs and designs individual rehabilitation and conditioning programs for their recovery and fitness for performance. She also provides helpful information to owners of active dogs on her Canine Sports website.

"Dogs instinctually hide evidence of lameness until their condition is markedly painful. It seems that many dogs just accept mild to moderate pain as 'just the way it is' until the pain is so severe that they can no longer hide it," Dr. Zink says.

"Agility dogs may have multiple, chronic conditions for

which the signs are quite subtle. People might notice that their dogs have slower course times or just seem 'off' in training and/or competition but not realize that the cause is an underlying injury."

"Once a dog is limping and is in obvious pain, it is important to consult a veterinarian," Dr. Zink says. "It is important to be able to identify the signs of soft-tissue pain and to understand why an injury occurs to prevent future problems. This often requires a surgical or sports medicine specialist.

"Start with your general practice veterinarian, who knows your dog best and who will check for many causes of lameness including some that are not related to injuries, such as tick-borne diseases," she says. "Once those are ruled out, consider getting an appointment with a specialist, such as a board-certified veterinary surgeon or a board-certified sports medicine and rehabilitation veterinarian."

Ignoring lameness could cause a minor injury to become a chronic one. This could mean replacing a promising competition season with weeks or months of rehabilitation therapy or even expensive surgery.

Many factors can contribute to injuries, including poor structure, inadequate warm-ups and lack of conditioning. Fatigue, overtraining and insufficient rest can also be factors, as can repetitive strain on ligaments and tendons or strength imbalances.

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Trotting is a good gait to detect an injury, as it is the only gait in which a dog has to place all of its weight on one foot or rear foot without any help from the contralateral limb.

“Try taking a slow-motion video of a dog at a trot and then focus on the side view, paying attention to the timing of the dog’s footfall. A dog that is short striding at the trot often will have one foot strike the ground before the diagonally opposite foot,” Dr. Zink explains. “A head nod and/or wide foot placement might also be seen.”

Dr. Zink encourages owners of agility dogs to provide their veterinarian with videos of their dog taken at a recent competition and at a competition one year earlier for comparison. She recommends using the highest resolution video format possible and a format that can be reviewed frame by frame. This precludes uploading videos onto YouTube, for example.

“This may help your veterinarian detect a dog using the wrong lead leg when making turns or maneuvering through weave poles,” she says. “Using incorrect lead legs is often a sign of a front limb injury, such as supraspinatus or biceps tendinopathy.”

Dr. Zink notes three signs of abnormalities that can indicate a possible injury and should be followed up with a veterinarian:

- Not using the correct front lead leg on turning. The dog should use the leg as lead that is on the side to which the dog is turning
- Short-striding on a front or rear limb when trotting
- Head nod when trotting

It is important that agility competitors work with their veterinarian as a team. Bear in mind, it is always better to prevent an injury than to treat one later. Learn to look for the subtle signs of an injury before it develops into a chronic condition.

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