



Seward County Kennel Club

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

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WHY DO WET DOGS SMELL DO BAD?



We've all had this experience—a summer day, a drive to the lake, and a refreshing dip in the clear cool water. Then there's the agonizing drive home, as you try to keep your eyes on the road, even as you're about to pass out from the smell of wet dog.

Ever wonder what the recipe is for this particularly pungent

scent? Scientists did too, and some have started sniffing around for the chemical components that raise this unique stink.

Andy Brunning, a British chemistry teacher, has distilled the essence of the complex molecular reactions into an infographic posted on his blog, Compound Interest. This is just one in his series of infographics offering scientific explanations for odors that greet—or assault—our nostrils on a typical day, like new car, toilets, coffee, fresh-cut grass, and bacon, for example.

The Chemistry Behind Why Dogs Stink

Aroma of wet dog, Brunning explains, starts with a cast of tiny critters—yeasts and bacteria—that take up residence on your pet. “When you're taking your dog for a walk,” he says, “you're actually taking a whole host of microorganisms for a stroll, too.”

In the process of going about their lives, they leave behind “micro excreta” in the form of

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NEXT MEETING Sept 19, 2024

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

MEETING MINUTES

Seward County Kennel Club
 July 18, 2024
 Pizza Kitchen Milford, NE

Members present: Mary Bristol, Diane Nitz, Linda Soukup, Kathy Jackson, Tabitha and Troy Dvorak, Morgan Ehlers and Racheal Pickering via phone.

Meeting called to order by President Tabitha at 7:30pm

June minutes read by secretary. Correction/ clarification to minutes SCKC is just sponsoring FastCat for the "American Stock Dog Registry" September 27, 28 & 29, 2024 Ord, Nebraska. Motion made by Diane to accept minutes with correction/clarification. 2nd by Kathy. Motion approved.

President Report: None

Secretary Report: None

Treasure Report: Quarterly report will be reported at the August meeting. Troy motioned to accept Treasures report. Diane 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Membership: None

Performance: Classes will start September 16, 2024, for 7-week class. With Canine Good Citizen testing on October 28, 2024. Costume contest will be held the week of October 21, 2024. Lester will teach basic, and Mary agreed to teach puppy class.

Legislation: Kathy reported nothing to report for Nebraska.

Show: Tabitha reported she just needs to get an obedience judge and 2nd Rally trial judge.

Old Business:

*Please Like and join the "Small dog club helpers" page on Facebook. It is a fundraiser raffle for different clubs. There are several different items every couple of weeks. Our club has benefited from one of these raffles. So please consider helping some other clubs by participating in the raffle. Morgan has been sharing the post to the SCKC Facebook group.

*Rebecca Rivera still hasn't sent High in Trial ribbon. Recipient of the High in Trial has contacted the club regarding not having received the ribbon yet. Tabitha is going to get in touch with exhibitor and Rebecca.
 Raffle: Morgan reported only grievances heard was that we should only have 1 color of ticket. Had to started with a new roll of tickets sold out of one color on Saturday purple tickets. So had to switch to a different color. The majority color that was pulled were tickets sold on Sunday (blue tickets). Don't know if there is a different way of mixing up tickets other than shaking them up in the paper bag. The other comment was that the raffle was called to soon on Sunday. Otherwise, all raffles (raffle, 50/50, and poop raffle) went over very well. Plans have stated for the 2025 show.

New Business:

*Tabitha will get gift cards Champion \$25 and Reserve \$15 for sponsorship for best showman for Seward County dog show August 7th 8am Seward.

*Discussion on the future of breed quilt. Kathy stated that she would like to keep it for the club at her house. Discussion of updating breed quilt or make new.



MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Diane to adjourn meeting. Linda 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Seward County Kennel Club

August 15, 2024

Pizza Kitchen Milford, Ne

Members present: Kathy Jackson, Linda Soukup, Tabitha and Troy Dvorak, Mary Bristol, Morgan Ehlers, Kayla and Jon Thomas.

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

July minutes read by Secretary. Troy made motion to accept minutes as read. Linda 2nd motion. Motion passed.

President Report: None

Secretary Report: None

Treasure Report: August 2nd Mary and Tabitha were notified by Jones Bank fraud department that 1,000 debit cards were hacked. Card in question was replaced. Quarterly report and balance. Kayla made motion to accept quarterly report and treasures balance. Troy 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Membership: None

Performance: Classes will start September 16, 2024, for 7-week class. With Canine Good Citizen testing on October 28, 2024. Costume contest will be held the week of October 21, 2024. Tabitha will be get in contact with Seward newspaper September 3rd to run obedience ad for 1 week.

Legislation: None

Show:

-Discussion about needing 3 judges to do the 4 trials on Saturday. Decide that for our show it will work to have

2 judges instead of 3. Tabitha will get in contact with hired judges to make sure they are ok with doing the judging.

-2026 show: Ginny gave away our weekend in 2026. Discussion of switching weekends or venue. Tabitha will call Yolanda our AKC rep to see what other weekends are available. Then check the viability of the buildings at current venue. Motion made by Linda to give President and show chair (Tabitha) the discretion to change the date of 2026 show. If the Seward venue is open with the condition that the show stays in the spring. 2nd by Kayla. Motion passed.

Old Business:

-Tabitha has been in contact with the exhibitor and Rebecca Rivera has not gotten back to Tabitha yet. Exhibitor knows.

-Tabitha got gift cards for Champion and Reserve Champion Overall showman for Seward County dog show. Overall Champion was received by Kaleigh Penas and Reserve Champion Allie Wagner.

-Kathy updated on the wall hanging 1st will be Sporting group. She asked club members present at meeting which 12-16 breeds should make the cut.

New Business:

Morgan asked if the club would be interested in purchasing a brass raffle ticket drum spinning cage to mix up the tickets better. Found on amazon for \$54.98. Suggested to find and borrow one and see how it goes first before purchasing one for the club.

Mary's brother Doug had collected "Dog tiles" and glass octagon with breeds etched into the glass. Sell them at the show in 2025.

Motion for adjournment made by Kayla. 2nd by Troy. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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volatile organic compounds. The smell of wet-dog, Brunning says, comes from moisture evaporation that carries some of those compounds with it. Brunning characterizes the signature odor as a mixture of scents, including almond, fruit, honey, and mushroom, with hints of sulfur and feces.

He notes that there haven't been millions of dollars dedicated to the study of this problem, and there's much more to learn. But he ends with a call to action. "[We] at least know that it's not the dogs themselves we should be blaming for the smelling terrible, but rather the microorganisms they carry," he says.

Do Certain Breeds Smell Worse Than Others?

While any dog can get smelly, some dogs are more prone to a bad scent based on their build. For example, consider a Chinese Shar-Pei, which has large skin flaps that can retain moisture. All wrinkly-skinned and wrinkly-faced breeds — such as Pugs, Bulldogs, and French Bulldogs — should get extra attention and a cleaning under their flaps.

Some dogs, like Basset Hounds, naturally have more oily skin. Some are also known for drooling, like the Mastiff, Newfoundland, and other large dogs. This causes the area around their mouths to be perpetually moist.

If your dog tends to get slobbery, keep some rags and pet wipes on hand and regularly dry up any damp areas.

How to Get Rid of Wet Dog Smell

Bathing your dog routinely can do a lot to keep dog smells away. But drying is important, too. Consider investing in a dog blow dryer or a heavy-duty dog towel that can help dry your dog more quickly. If this is too difficult for you to do at home, take your dog to a professional groomer. Generally, bathing your dog once to twice a month is plenty.

Keep your dog's belongings clean, too. Collars and harnesses often retain smells and should be washed regularly. You can wash a nylon collar in the laundry, but leather collars may need a special leather cleaner. Waterproof collars can also help keep moisture away. Regularly clean your dog's other belongings, including their bed and toys.

Pay attention to what your dog does in the house. After getting back from a walk in the rain does your dog rub against the couch or roll on the floor? If your dog comes home wet, it's best to dry them before they get a chance to move around the house. You might consider investing in couch covers or even higher-quality bedding if your dog sleeps in your bed.

Ultimately, if your dog's smell seems abnormal or you can't seem to get it to go away, consult your veterinarian and a professional groomer.

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