



Seward County Kennel Club

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BREED SNAPSHOT: THE SCHIPPERKE



The Schipperke, Belgium's "little captain," is the traditional barge dog of the Low Countries. Curious, lively, and intense but mischievous, this little black dog is a robust, long-lived companion for whom there is never a dull moment. Standing no higher than 13 inches, Schipperkes are small dogs built for hard work. Schips were created as ratters and watchdogs. Their powerful jaws, necks, and forequarters coupled with a stealthy, catlike hunting style make them

ideal rat-catching machines. The black coat is profuse around the neck, shoulders, and legs, giving the breed a silhouette that accentuates a thick, substantial body. The foxy face completes the unique look of a unique breed. If you can't tell a Schipperke from an ordinary dog, you simply haven't been paying attention.

HISTORY

Late medieval Belgium was the birthplace of the Schipperke (correctly pronounced 'SHEEP-er-ker,' though many American owners say 'SKIP-er-kee'). The breed earned its fame as shipboard exterminators on the canals that crisscrossed the Low Countries. The little black avenger of the Belgian dockyards was also a fearless watchdog on barges and in city shops. It was among the sailors and shopkeepers of Brussels and Antwerp that these quick, agile dogs earned the nickname 'schipperke,' Flemish for 'little captain.'

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NEXT MEETING January 16, 2025

La Carreta - 3531 Progressive Rd, Seward, NE 68434

Awards Banquet/General Meeting 6:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

Seward County Kennel Club
November 21, 2024
Pizza Kitchen, Milford, Ne

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

Meeting called to order by Tabitha at 7:30 pm

October minutes read by Secretary motion made by Jon to approve minutes with correction. Tanya 2nd. Motion passed.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasure's Report: Tabitha will call Yolanda about the fees.

Performance: CGC testing on October 28th. 11 out of 13 dogs passed.

Country Bumpkin building \$75 a night. Puppies 6:15pm- 6:45pm, Basic class 7pm-8pm. Limited entries 10-15 for basic.
Alps \$100 a night.
Discussion about buildings and insurance. Tabled until next month.

Legislation: None

Chief Ring Steward: None

Show: Premium list will be turned into Foy Trent next week.

Fun Match: Has all prizes

Awards and Trophies: Everyone has gotten back to Tanya and given her pledges. Pac N Save gave 2- \$25 gift cards. Discussion to use gift cards for club for supplies and club will replace with equal value prize.

Founder's Award: Members who qualify right now: Mary Bristol, Morgan Ehlers, Kathy Jackson and Tabitha Dvorak

Members who need a few more meetings to qualify for award are, Diane Nitz, Linda Soukup, Kayla Thomas

Nominating Committee:

Member: Kayla, Member: Troy, Officer: Tabitha
Alternate: Jon and Kathy.

Old Business:

*High in Trial Ribbon Saga: It is in the process of being made.

*It was suggested to a member that SCKC should go to the county board meeting to bring our concerns about the fairboard. How the Spring show is beneficial and brings great economic impact to Seward.

*Tabitha got in touch with Crete Tuxeo Park discussion.

New Business:

Christmas party will be at Kathy Jackson home on



MEETING MINUTES

December 22nd at 2:30pm bring dish to share. 611 S 36th St, Lincoln, NE. Bring a \$15 for a gift exchange if you would like to participate.

Motion for adjournment made by Tanya, 2nd by Troy. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Seward County Kennel Club
December 22, 2024
Kathy Jackson's house

Members present:

Pat Schindler, Tanya Williams, Diane and Gerold Nitz, Chris Courum, Tabitha Dvorak, Linda Soukup, Mary Bristol, Cindy Hill, Kathy Jackson, Anita Jackson and Morgan Ehlers.

Meeting called to order by Tabitha at 3:50pm

Secretary read highlights of the November minutes. Minutes approved as highlighted. Motion made by Tanya and 2nd by Pat. Motion passed.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasure's Report: Yolanda, our AKC contact person, overlooked and hasn't got our \$75 refund yet. Motion made by Tanya to accept Treasure's report. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed. Suggestion made by Mary to send in a check for application fees instead of doing it online.

Performance: Mary contacted our insurance rep Scott Bressler he stated that as long Country Bumpkin has insurance we should be covered. Mary also contacted Country Bumpkin and she does have general insurance.

Chris made motion to try Country Bumpkin for spring class. Encourage handlers to pre-register. Fee:

\$60 puppy, \$65 basic. 1st night of class registration fee: \$70 puppy, \$75 basic. Kathy 1st and Cindy 2nd.

Legislation: None

Chief Ring Steward: None

Show: Not going to do temperament testing at the 2025 show. We need someone that wants to head up this project from the club. Whomever wants to do this needs to be present at 2025 show so they have a working knowledge of a good time this event would work for 2026.

Fun Match: None

Awards and Trophies: None

SCKC Founder's Award: Members on the ballot include Mary Bristol, Morgan Ehlers, Kathy Jackson, Tabitha Dvorak, Linda Soukup. Winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet January 16th at La Coretta in Seward, NE at 6:30pm. Come early for food, fellowship and drinks 😊

Nominating Committee: No report. Nominations from the floor and close the slate in January. Mary has not decided yet if she wants to continue being treasurer.

Old Business:

High in Trial Ribbon Saga: Exhibitor has received her ribbon, and everyone is happy.

New Business: None

Tanya motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Pat.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm

Thank you, Kathy, Nick, Flag and Stella, for hosting the Christmas party. Great food and fun were had by ALL!

DO SMALL DOGS HAVE MORE DENTAL PROBLEMS THAN LARGE DOGS?



By Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz

When dentists advertise dental services for people, it's all about creating pretty smiles. But for dogs, the veterinary reminders prompt a different story, as canine dental problems go deeper than a toothy grin. Small and large dogs experience different types of dental issues—all beginning with the size of their mouths. Adult dogs have 42 teeth—20 on the top, 22 on the bottom. Puppies have 28—14 on the upper jaw, 14 on the lower jaw. While the mouths of large dogs can accommodate all these teeth, the jaws on small dogs do not.

Small Dogs, Petite Mugs

“The biggest dental problem for little dogs is periodontal disease,” says Jan Bellows, DVM, Past President of the American Veterinary Dental College and a Board Certified Veterinary Dentist in Weston, Florida.

Fitting all 42 teeth in a small mouth is a challenge. By the time they're 12 years old, Toy breeds often have only half of their teeth “Their mouths are crowded, and teeth grow close together and at odd angles,” says Dr. Bellows. As a result, plaque builds up, turns into tartar, and food bits become lodged between the teeth.

For example, when people eat popcorn and a kernel gets stuck between their teeth, they can brush or floss to remove it, but dogs can't. “When the tartar accumulates, infection sets in under the gum line,” says Tony Woodward, DVM, a Board Certified Veterinary Dentist in Bozeman, Montana.

“With some brachycephalic dogs, teeth can even grow in sideways. A hard piece of food can stay there for years,” Dr. Woodward says. “Many little dogs don't chew their food as much—especially if they're fed a lot of soft food, so more plaque and calculus build up and leads to inflammation of the gums.”

Routine dental care guards against periodontal disease, tooth loss, and infection, which can make eating painful and difficult. “Small dogs can have abscessed teeth and hide it so well that their owners never suspect a problem,” says Dr. Woodward. “This ability to not show weakness goes back to their canine ancestors who had to protect themselves from predators.”

Bad breath isn't only about smelling a foul odor. It's usually a sign of periodontal disease and often accompanies red, inflamed gums that bleed easily. Small dogs with putrid breath need a professional dental cleaning at the veterinarian's office under anesthesia twice a year.

“Non-essential dental cleaning without anesthesia will only remove surface tartar,” says Dr. Bellows. “Without anesthesia, it's impossible to reach below the gum line.” Although regular tooth brushing is usually recommended to keep tartar from accumulating on teeth, Dr. Bellows recommends wiping the teeth once or twice a day after a meal. The friction can help remove plaque, especially on the lower jaw. If you see yellow or brown stained teeth, the dog has already fallen behind schedule for a professional dental cleaning.

Large Dogs, Big Choppers

Large dogs are far from immune to dental problems, but the reasons differ significantly from smaller canines. “The primary issues are fractured teeth and trauma,” says Dr. Woodward. Rough and tumble large breeds thrive on going after sticks, playing tug with another dog or their owner, and chewing on hard objects, such as antlers or bones.

Unfortunately, these activities lead to breaking the chewable back teeth. If active play wasn't enough to cause dental damage, grabbing the roots of a tree, chewing rocks in the yard, or bumping heads with another dog after going for the same toy cause tooth trauma. The American Dental College reports research shows that almost a third (20 to 27 percent) of canine patients have fractured teeth. "Another dental issue for Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers is oral cancer," says Dr. Bellows. "With all large dogs, teeth can fail to erupt, or they can grow in the wrong spot."

Caring for Cuspids

Both veterinary dentists recommend a regular professional dental cleaning for large dogs once a year under anesthesia. During this time, the veterinarian should take x-rays of the dog's mouth for an accurate picture of the dental condition.

After this procedure, wipe the teeth once a day with a small washcloth. "Brushing teeth helps, but you can't always reach every tooth," says Dr. Woodward. "Give dogs chew toys that bend and avoid any hard bones that can break their back teeth." Good dental care begins early. When the puppy receives its first or second set of vaccines, the veterinarian should examine the pup and look inside his mouth.

"If, for example, there's an abnormal growth or a bottom tooth is hitting the roof of the mouth, the veterinarian can spot it immediately and take care of it," says Dr. Bellows. "A healthy mouth is all about prevention."

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