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*Join us at our Match
Saturday, August 8th at
Fickle Park in Berthoud!
See page 3 for complete
details ;)*

BVKC Meetings:

Board Meeting:

Aug. 31, 2015 @ 7pm

Dinner/Social time:
6:30pm

Meetings begin at 7pm

****Next General Meeting:
Sept 14, 2015 @ 7pm**

**Location: Mulligan's Pub
Fort Collins, CO**

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tive_alerts.cfm](http://www.akc.org/news/sections/legislative_alerts.cfm)

Dear Readers, New and Past Members!

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This a gentle reminder that your membership dues for BVKC is due on July 1, 2015. Your membership will be considered lapsed if your payment is not received by August 1, 2015.

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We want you! We want you back!

We sincerely miss seeing you at our monthly meetings. We have been enjoying some very informative presentations. We joined with the Larimer Humane Society for their Fire Hydrant 5k walk/run by having a Public Education booth. We hosted a Fun Day BBQ last weekend and have a conformation and obedience match coming up on August 8th. Our All Breed dog shows are October 23-25 at Island Grove Regional Park. We have a Herding Symposium July 10-12. We have a Tracking Dog Urban Test on July 19 at UNC in Greeley. No matter what you like to do with your dog, BVKC has it going on!

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Join us for our annual summer B/OB match
Saturday, August 8th 2015

Fickle Park
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Obedience to start at 9 am

Conformation to start at 10 am

Registration starts at 7:30 am and closes 30 minutes before posted start
time

\$8 per entry, Junior Showmanship Free

Classes offered:

Conformation: 3-6 puppy, 6-9 puppy, 9-12 puppy, Open
Miscellaneous

Obedience: Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, Utility

Sporting: William Given

Working: Holly Scott

Non-Sporting: Hildy Morgan

Herding: Amy Sorbie

Juniors: Bethanie O'Brien

Hound: Beth White

Terrier: Diane Stille

Toy: Hildy Morgan

Miscellaneous: TBA

Obedience: John Richards

MHSDF: Bruce McLean

For more information contact:

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Mile High Sporting Dog Fanciers Group Match to follow 30 minutes
after Best in Match

This is an OUTDOOR event

CAN DOGS EAT WATERMELON?

Mara Bovsun, AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
July 15, 2015

Everybody loves watermelon, even dogs, but is it safe for them to eat?

The answer is yes, with a couple of precautions. Seeds could cause an intestinal blockage, so make sure you remove them. It's also probably not a good idea to allow a dog to chew on the rind, because it can cause gastrointestinal upset.

But don't let there's no reason to let that rind go to waste.

If you have a very tolerant [Collie](#), you can carve a helmet.

Then you can create amusing memes, such as this one from the Internet sensation, [Romeo, the Melon Collie](#).

(Who is really a Shetland Sheepdog taking enormous poetic license in his effort to make people laugh.)

The fruit itself is a health-food powerhouse, low in calories and packed with nutrients—vitamins A, B6, and C, and potassium. According to the [National Watermelon Promotion Board](#), the fruit has only about 50 calories a cup and 92 percent water, so it's great for hydration on a hot day. It also has no fat or cholesterol, so it's pretty much guilt-free.



Here are some fun facts from the NWPB:

- An average 15-to 20-pound watermelon will yield 90 six-ounce wedges and 11 cups of cubes.
- Ever notice that some watermelons have internal cracks in the flesh? It's a condition known as Hollow Heart and is caused by fluctuations in temperature during the growing season. Hollow Heart melons are safe to eat, and they are actually sweeter in spots, because sugars tend to concentrate along the cracks.
- From planting to harvest, it takes a watermelon three months to grow.
- Seedless melons were developed 50 years ago. They contain no black, mature seeds. But you may see white seed coats, where the seed did no mature.
- *Citrullus Lanatus* is the scientific name for watermelon.
- It comes from the botanical family Cucurbitaceae and is related to cucumbers, pumpkins, and squash.

In addition to helmets for melon collies, you can carve watermelon rinds in the same manner as pumpkins. There are many [patterns](#), from dinosaurs and sharks to Spiderman, and designs are limited only by your imagination.

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club suggests that you take precaution with any information shared in it's Public Education pages, and discuss any changes in diet and exercise with your Veterinarian.

Public Education

ADVICE FROM THE BREEDER: DOUG JOHNSON, CLUSSEX SPANIELS

Doug Johnson, AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
July 27, 2015

NEVER STOP LEARNING.

One of my tips for being successful with your passion in the sport of purebred dogs is to never stop learning. Read the [AKC standard](#) for your breed and the other breeds in your group. Know what breed-specific characteristics are essential to define them. Know why they possess those traits and how they use them. I suggest you take a journal to a show and take notes of what you saw. Make lists of questions. Seek out answers and study the professionals. Don't go into your passion with amateur skills. To be successful you will need to have professional skills. Practice grooming and handling techniques. Learn the best ways to raise your breed, ask how to train puppies to walk on a show lead. Practice till you master.

This is the only sport where amateurs compete on the same playing field as professionals. No other sport is like ours. You can't buy a baseball and go out to a game and play against the New York Yankees, but you can go to a dog show and compete against the likes of Scott Sommer or Taffe McFadden, two of our top professional handlers in the sport today.

This uniquely orchestrated mix of players is created by our common interest in exhibiting purebred dogs.

GOOD MENTORING AND NETWORKING

Find other people who share your interests, either in your area or on the Internet that would be willing to offer good advice. Become involved with your local all breed club. Attend handling class and workshops on canine reproduction or anatomy. Create a network of responsible breeders, and find a veterinarian who can be involved along the way. Reputable breeders have years of experience and education. They are willing to share their knowledge and experience with an open ear.

Set goals and make every effort to obtain them. When I started breeding dog, I had the same goal as everyone: to win Best in Show at [Westminster Kennel Club](#). Well, I have done that twice in two breeds. So my goals had to change. The more success you find, the higher the goals will be.

CHALLENGES

Be aware of the legislative challenges facing our sport today. We can all make a difference in the general public's perception of purebred-dog breeders. One way is by controlling our dog numbers. Maintaining a manageable number of dogs to care for is vital to a kennel's success. One of the ways to focus our passion for breeding purebred dogs is to make the difficult decision to place an older dog.

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Public Education

DOUG JOHNSON (CONTINUED)

CHALLENGES (CONTINUED)

This decision is generally more difficult for the breeder, but they know it is in the best interests of the animal. We place them in a life where they are in a home instead of a kennel, or where they become one of a few rather than one of several. This helps the breeder to maintain a manageable number of dogs in a breeding program at one time. This is a win-win situation for both adopted family and breeder. It is a gift that we, as responsible breeders, can give our dogs once they have produced puppies that will benefit the breed in general.

Another challenge to becoming a successful dog breeder is learning to be totally honest about the quality of dog you have. It is important to accurately evaluate your breeding stock.

I recall a time, years ago, when I went to our kennel and came back disappointed in the quality of dogs I had to work with. I was only focusing on where they were deficient and was not seeing the overall good quality.

The very next morning, I woke up and let the dogs out and reevaluated. They were better than I was giving them credit for! I had become my kennel's harshest critic.

You cannot improve on your dogs if you cannot see their faults, but be sure to identify the great qualities of your breeding program as well as those less-desired points. Only then can you plan your matings to maximize the offspring's full potential.

TEAMWORK

The world of dog breeding has seen its fair share of changes in the last 50 years. One of the most notable changes is the lack of large breeding kennels.

Today many people work in what we call satellite kennels. These are groups of people who share a passion for the same breed and the same traits in a breed, and who share the passion to move their breed forward. These groups work as a solid kennel unit. Their passion for a breed is then shared with the network.

This benefits a breed and the breeders by sharing the expense of keeping show animals, limiting the numbers of animals per household, and creating a network of like-minded individuals to help make breeding decisions. Together these satellite kennels, with their common passion and strong sense of direction, will take a breeding program to a higher level of success.

Those of us with a passion for companion animals know how rewarding our journey can be, but the long-term commitment to care for our pets can create unanticipated and problematic demands. The responsibility to be a caring owner starts the moment we decide to share our life with a companion animal. It begins with making the proper choices for our lifestyle and continues with our long-term commitment to provide a happy, healthy life full of passion for the sport.

—D.J.

BVKC Committee Reports

Show Committee ~ Next Meeting of the Show Committee will be August 19th. If you want to get plugged in for this year's show, please contact Kim (Show committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month) Kim: 970.219.9858
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Herding Committee ~

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Nearby Events ~

8/2 8/4 AKC AG CO Durango KC; Joe Rowell Park; Dolores O Pam Leisle; 970-749-9812

* 8/2 8/4 NADAC AG CO Front Range Agility Club (FRAC); Community Park; Louisville O Michelle Hoppes; 303-604-9658

* 8/3 8/4 Teacup AG CO Rocky Mountain Agility (RMA); Arvada Zona Tooke; 303-420-0123

* 8/3 8/3 **Match** B/OB/R CO High Country Newfoundland Club; Jefferson CFG; Golden I Terri Desnica; 303-989-5008

* 8/3 8/4 Seminar OB UT Connie Cleveland; Golden Spike DOC; Farmington; I Laurie Spease 801-737-0141

8-8 Match Buckhorn Valley KC and Mile High Sporting Dog Fanciers Fickle Park Berthoud, CO

8/9 8/11 AKC AG CO Mile Hi Agility Club (MHAG); Stadium Arena National Western; Denver I Debby Funk; 303-695-4224 8/9

8/11 USDAA AG WY Front Range Agility Club (FRAC); Hansen Arena; Laramie I Shelley Fugett; 303-678-7497

* 8/10 8/11 Seminar AG CO Kim Terrill; Progressive School for Dogs; Greeley I Liz Blasio; 970-691-3647

8/10 8/11 AKC Herding CO Pikes Peak Herding Assoc.; Halcyon Station; Elizabeth O Susie deKieffer; 303-646-0667

* 8/10 8/11 NADAC AG WY Agility Club of Central WY; Central Wyoming FG; Casper I Mary Spackman; 307-265-8337

* 8/11 8/11 **Match** B/OB/R CO Colorado KC (CKC); Adams CFG; Brighton I Mary DeLisa; 720-529-1954 ?

8/17 8/18 DOCNA AG CO Front Range Agility Team (FRAT); Dekoevend Park; Centennial O Michele Janowiak; 303-670-5767

* 8/15 8/16 AKC OB/R CO Rocky Mt. Belgian Tervuren Club / Irish ??? Club; Island Grove Park; All Breed Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124

* 8/17 8/18 AKC B/OB/R CO Greeley KC; Island Grove Park; Greeley I/O Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181

* 8/19 8/21 Seminar AG CO Anne Braue; Douglas CFG; Castlerock I Shar Henry; 303-770-5323

8/23 8/25 AKC AG CO Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club (RMATC); Arena Sports; Winsor; 8/23 All Breed; 24-25 Terriers Only I Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124

* 8/30 9/2 NADAC AG CO Durango Agility Dogs; Stevens Park; Bayfield O Cindy Shelton; 970-529-0033

8/30 9/2 AKC AG UT Intermountain KC (IKC); Lynnleigh Farms, Draper; Mix Breeds Welcome! O Sheryl Harames; 801-985-5263

* 8/31 9/2 USDAA AG CO Front Range Agility Team (FRAT); Adams CFG; Brighton O Mardee Kayser; 303-499-1840

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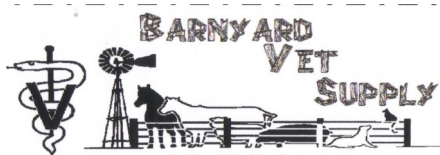


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From the Editor

*Hello friends,
I hope your summer has been going well for you all! I know that personally, mine is just a blurr!!! But, with new English Cocker puppies, and a breeding of my Welsh Springer Spaniel, Journey, It will continue "hopping" for a few more months ;)*

For the next Newsletter, I'm asking you share some of your favorite Summertime Photos with me! And the newsletter group!

Share some Watermelon, a sorbet and a good Sangria with great friends! All for now.

*Blessings,
Sandy*

Paws and reflect.



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