



BONANZA KENNEL CLUB

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

June 6th, 2017

Carson City

Community Center

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President Message

Wow! I'm not sure where this year has gone, but it sure is going somewhere! Here we are at the end of May, with spring flowers, snow showers, and deadlines for the dog shows coming and going.

The premium has gone to MB-F for the first draft. I will have it back soon and will make any final revisions at that point. If you intended to donate a trophy and didn't get the info in, please get in touch with me right away. I may still be able to squeeze it in when the proof is returned. This is your final chance!

Have you ever been to a Sieger show? I had the opportunity to attend the American Rottweiler Club National Specialty, held right here in Carson City, recently, where I was able to observe a Seger Show. What a learning experience! The judges wear microphones while they evaluate each dog - individually & as a class. You hear what they like and what they don't. The judge will point out how one dog holds its top line when moving, how one drops its rear, how another is narrow in the rear. When I say moving here, I don't mean moving up & back, then around the ring one time. You may run around that ring six, seven, eight times, & even more, depending on the size of your class! During the individual judging of each dog, they go over every detail! Eye shape, ear set, ear size, ear tip, ear carriage, markings, pigmentation, the stop, the lip, every little detail is done over the microphone. I found it fascinating to listen to the judges as they evaluated the dogs and then explained *why* they chose one dog over another. If you ever get a chance to go observe a Seger show, I strongly recommend it! Besides, you'll get to experience double-triple-even quadruple handling & see handler changes mid-flight! Yup - if you get tired running, you can have someone at the gate ready to take over as you go by! They plan for this to happen - you get two arm bands. It's so TOTALLY different to anything you've ever experienced! I went expecting to stay an hour - two max. Over four hours later, I dragged myself back home to the premium list ...

We have a B Match (Pending AKC approval) coming up Saturday, July 8. Put it on your calendar now & plan to attend!

See you at the meeting Tuesday, June 6 -

Candy

GENERAL MEETING OF MAY 2ND, 2017

Meeting call to order by President Candy roper at 7:04pm

Minutes of the previous meeting as printed motion to approve by Carolyn Goepner 2nd by Bob Newman, motion passed.

Motion by Lynn McLellan to accept minutes of the March meeting as corrected, Carolyn Geopner 2nd Motion passed

Reports:

Corresponding Secretary AKC update on Matches and new regulations. President Candy said she would look at it again. Carolyn Geopner reported that 3 boxes of match stuff were turned in.

Recording Secretary, no report

Treasurer report Bob Newman \$31,498.68 old balance, bills \$19.95 website, \$.26 interest, New Balance \$31,478.99

Show committee reports: A discussion on a new vendor chair, Starr has requested in being in charge of getting vendors for our show and she would be working with Bob Kinney.

Old business: Membership application of Terri Hunt, daughter Cyndie and Tracy Gunter was read and approved by the membership. Welcome Terri, Cyndie and Tracy.

Unfinished Business: Tony Yarbough is home now

New business: Canopies/tents need to be repaired. Vice President Sieg Goepner will notify us when he would like to get this done. It will be at the trailer so each tent can be opened up and inspected. There are 12 tents that need to be looked at.

Speaker Chris Vaugt: Topic legislature. Page on legislature is in the Newsletter. Opinion page

Vote no on legislature sites SB405, 409, SB 371

It was discussed since Tony Yarbough is not able to attend legislature meetings at this time that the \$750.00 that was to pay him for his expenses would go to the Animal Alliance. Motion made by Recording secretary Judy Davis, 2nd by Carol Colavecchio, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted

Judy Davis, Recording Secretary.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: May 2nd, Ann Kinney, May 3rd Candy Roper, May 4th Judy Davis,

May 17th Elaine Tolle

Symptoms of canine dementia

Like people, when dogs age, they may start moving a little slower and developing a few aches and pains. But sometimes, there are signs that your pet is experiencing more than just normal aging. He may have dementia.

Known as cognitive dysfunction syndrome, canine dementia affects about half of all dogs over the age of 11, [reports PetMD](#). By the age of 15, nearly 70 percent of dogs show at least one symptom.

"People are often surprised that their pets can develop something like human Alzheimer's. But really, our brains are not that different from dogs'," veterinarian Lee Harris writes in the [Washington Post](#). "The cellular changes of canine cognitive dysfunction would be recognizable under the microscope to any human brain pathologist: Plaques of beta amyloid — protein fragments believed to be the result of 'oxidative stress' — lead to distinctive 'neurofibrillary tangles' within the damaged nerve cells, and shrinkage of the brain appears in areas where memories are made and behaviors are shaped."

While a person with dementia may forget where he lives or have trouble recognizing familiar places, a dog with dementia may not remember where he's supposed to go to the bathroom or forget how he's expected to behave.

Dogs with cognitive dysfunction syndrome will often howl or bark for no reason.

Dogs with dementia experience many of the same symptoms that humans do. Those can include:

- Changes in the sleep-wake cycle (waking up at night, sleeping during the day)
- Anxiety and restlessness
- Less interest in being social
- Repetitive behavior, like pacing
- Decreased activity
- Problems with disorientation (getting lost in the house or yard)

Loss of appetite

Other more animal-specific problems might include:

- Excessive howling, whining or barking
- Elimination issues (going to the bathroom indoors)
- Excessive licking
- Aggression
- ◆ Staring at walls

If you notice unusual symptoms, it's important to tell your vet early, veterinarian Patty Khuly writes in [VetStreet](#). Some symptoms can be managed and can help ease your pet's transition into his older years.

Treatment and lifestyle changes

Keeping your dog active may help fight off signs of dementia.

Pay attention to your pet's hearing and vision. Losing those senses can be particularly disorienting and make life more challenging for your pet and for you. If your dog is having trouble with hearing, try teaching hand signals along with voice commands, suggests Khuly. If vision is an issue, don't rearrange the furniture or rugs in your house. That way, pets are somewhat comforted by knowing their way around a familiar setting. Cataract surgery may also be an option for some pets. Ask your vet if it's right in your situation.

Khuly also suggests taking a few other simple steps to make life easier for aging pets:

Canine dementia continued

Ease anxiety. Figure out what helps with your dog's stress. Some pets respond to music or aromatherapy. Others can battle stress with a long walk. It's also a good idea to get your dog accustomed to a crate if he isn't already. That can become a safe haven when he's feeling anxious. You may also want to talk to your vet about anti-anxiety medication.

Consider a veterinary behaviorist. These specialists can help address the needs of stressed-out and disoriented older pets.

Harris says there are treatments to slow dementia in dogs, but as in humans, they're most effective when they're started before any signs of cognitive dysfunction emerge. Obviously, that's tricky to do. He mentions that several supplements — including DHA, which is an omega-3 fatty acid found in fish oil, and SAME — have been shown to provide some help for slowing aging issues in the brain. Seleginine, which is a derivative of a medication used in people to treat Parkinson's disease, is approved by the FDA to treat canine cognitive dysfunction.

"In my personal experience, I have not seen dramatic results with this medication, but it is usually prescribed in the later stages of dementia, when it may be 'too little, too late,'" Harris writes.

The same lifestyle advice that is prescribed for people is also suggested by veterinary experts for aging pets: a healthy diet (rich in omega-3s), lots of exercise and staying mentally active. Old dogs *can* learn new tricks and no one — two- or four-legged — benefits from being a couch potato.

Eventually, it may reach a point where your dog's anxiety and disorientation combined with health issues may mean a serious discussion with your vet about what's best for your pet.

"This is the point at which most compassionate owners I've dealt with have made the difficult decision to euthanize their long-time companion," Harris writes. "Although dementia is almost never fatal on its own, cognitive dysfunction and physical health problems are a debilitating combination."

Until then, however, follow the tips above and do your part to keep your aging friend as young at heart as possible.

UP COMING SHOWS.

JUNE

BUTTE COUNTY KC JUNE 1ST & 2ND CLOSSES MAY 17TH, 2017

SHASTA KENNEL CLUB JUNE 3RD & 4TH CLOSSES MAY 17TH, 2017

YOSEMITE KENNEL CLUB JUNE 8TH & 9TH CLOSSES MAY 24TH, 2017

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FERNDALE JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST & 2ND CLOSSES JUNE 14TH

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