



Charleston Kennel Club

Charleston Kennel Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm at the Danny Jones Complex in North Charleston (5000 Lackawanna Blvd)

RSVP to join us for our Summer Dinner Social on July 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Oscar's Place in Summerville, SC Oscars is located at 207 W. 5TH Street. The restaurant can accommodate all members and their significant others.

We have arranged for dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. at Oscar's. Because of the size of the group, Oscar's has asked that we use a fixed menu and select from the following four entrees:

Ribeye Cooked to medium and served with mashed potatoes and Broccoli. Topped with a Mushroom Demi Glace. \$28

Grilled Salmon cooked to medium and served with roasted potatoes & Broccoli. Topped with Lemon Dill Buerre Blanc. \$23

Chicken Oscar's Sautéed Chicken Breast Topped with Crabmeat, Asparagus, and Hollandaise Sauce Served with Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes \$18

Shrimp & Grits – Sauteed Shrimp, Bacon, Mushrooms, Tobasco, Garlic & Scallions Over Cheddar Grits \$18

Separate checks will be provided with taxes and a 20% gratuity added to the prices stated above. Beverages, appetizers, soups, side salads & desserts may be ordered individually however the fixed menu will need to apply for the entrée course in order to accommodate our group.

Please RSVP by July 20th to Charlestown.Kennel.Club@gmail.com or call Nili Young (843) 376-3859.

Celebrate!!! Wahoo!!!



Reid and Katie Fleming report **BISS GCH CH Trillium Blue's Skyfall** had a wonderful three weeks! She is currently ranked in the Top Ten all-breed, Top Ten GCH points for 2015 and the Top 15 breed points!

Lyric won Best of Breed all four days at the Siberian supported entry in Fletcher.

She also was recognized in Groups winning G2 and G1.

Lyric won Best of Breed all four days in Biloxi including G3 and G4.

Lyric concluded with two Breed wins over a Top 5 Siberian and another G2 win in Fletcher Specialty



Terri & Bill Hallman tell us that their 8 month old Springers, Morgan and Bonny, were in their first shows in Gray, TN in May. Morgan received his first points and a 3-point major to boot! Thanks to Laurin Howard, and the Goof Troop on site (Morgan's trainers and Erika Haynes Clark's great kids) Averi, Rachel and Alec.





May was a very good month for Darla and Kathy Patterson.

On May 10, 2015, Dancing in the Moonlight Forussi, went BOB under Judge Carolyn Herbal in Perry, Ga. She was handled by Hiram Stewart.

On May 25, 2015, she went BOS under Judge Michael Lintot in Fletcher, NC, for her first major win. She was owner handled.

On May 30, 2015, she went BOS under Judge Mrs. Rosana Beatriz Camargo Knapp Dos Santos in Concord, NC. She was owner handled.

On May 31, 2015, she went WB, BOS, BOW, under Judge Frank Washabaugh in Concord, NC for her second major win and her Champion title. She was owner handled.

On June 21st, at the Savannah Kennel Club Show, Nili Young's standard poodle, U-Ch Bijou's 24 Karat attained her CD and Rally Advanced Titles. Thanks go to members Annette Howe and Missy Springer for their instruction and encouragement.



Barbara Babcock's Starstruck Diamond in the Makin aka Jema (above) completed her Championship winning breed in Gray, TN. Two weeks later Barbara's boy, Starstruck Southern Zensation aka Zen, got WD and RWD on Saturday and Sunday in Concord and her girl, Starstruck Strike a Pose aka Vogue, got WB and BOW both Saturday and Sunday in Concord.



Health and Our Dogs

Canine Influenza: A New Virus Hits Canines in the United States

If you keep tabs on dog-related news, you're probably already aware of the recent outbreak of canine influenza in the Midwest. Chicago appears to be at the epicenter of the epidemic. Since we at the Charleston Kennel Club consistently are out and about at dog shows and trials in a variety of venues, the risk to our dogs who may come in contact from an infected dog is higher than average in the Charleston area. Cases have been identified in Georgia and Ohio.

The first dogs affected by this virus were observed in mid-March of this year. Since then, more than 1,000 known cases have been reported in and around Chicago, and there have even been a few deaths. New virus within the United States Until a week ago, the virus responsible for this canine influenza outbreak was thought to be H398, a strain of Influenza A that has been present in the United States for some time. Cornell University recently reported that scientists there have isolated a brand new influenza virus from affected dogs in the Midwest. This virus, referred to as H3N2, is closely related to strains of influenza affecting dog populations in South Korea and China. H3N2 is now making its debut appearance within the United States. How the virus was introduced here is anyone's guess.

Dogs living within the United States have no natural protection against H3N2 because their immune systems have never been exposed to it before. For this reason, it will remain highly contagious until canine populations develop immunity, either through natural infection or vaccination.

The contagious stage of canine influenza begins a few days before symptoms arise. In other words, the healthy-appearing pup at the dog park or doggie daycare center may be on the verge of developing viral symptoms. Spread of the disease occurs via respiratory secretions (discharge from nose, mouth, and eyes). Both dogs and cats are susceptible to the H3N2 virus. It is not **transmissible to humans**.

Symptoms

The symptoms most commonly associated with influenza virus include: high fever, loss of appetite, coughing, nasal discharge, and lethargy. In the best-case scenario, an infected dog may show only mild symptoms or none at all. Worst-case scenario, pneumonia may develop. Pneumonia was the likely cause of death in five dogs who have reportedly succumbed to this disease.

Diagnosis

Many infectious bacterial and viral diseases are capable of producing the symptoms described above. Knowing that H3N2 is the culprit requires specialized testing performed on a mouth or nose swab. Cornell reports that the development of a blood test capable of diagnosing this disease is in the works.

Treatment

Treatment of influenza ideally involves supportive and symptomatic care until the dog's immune system wins the battle against the virus (requires approximately two weeks for most dogs). Therapy may include supplemental fluids, special diets to entice appetite, anti-inflammatory medications, and cough suppressants. Antibiotics may be prescribed to prevent secondary bacterial infection. If evidence of pneumonia is present, much more intensive therapy is indicated and may include hospitalization for intravenous fluids and antibiotics, supplemental oxygen, and 24-hour monitoring by a veterinarian.

Prevention

At this time, it is not known if the vaccine currently available to prevent H3N8 is also protective against the newer H3N2 strain. There may be some cross over protection,

but just how much is uncertain. I suspect that updated information about the effectiveness of the current vaccine and/or development of a new vaccine will be forthcoming in the near future. For now, I recommend discussing use of the current influenza vaccine with your veterinarian.

If you live in or around Chicago, or if you learn that influenza cases are beginning to pop up in your neck of the woods, know that the very best protection involves keeping your dog away from popular, public, canine venues such as dog parks, boarding kennels, grooming parlors, pet stores, and doggie daycare facilities. Please know that there is no cause for panic. The vast majority of dogs affected by this new strain of influenza fully recover. Talk with your veterinarian about the incidence of canine influenza given your exposure at dog shows to help determine the level of concern for your dogs.

Sweet Potato Doggy Chews (or “Fries”)

Ingredients

1 Raw Sweet Potato or Yam

Directions

1. Preheat Oven to 250 Degrees F.
2. Wash Sweet Potato or Yam (The very orange type)
3. Cut down the middle Lengthwise
4. Then cut lengthwise slices about 1/3 inch wide and place on a cookie sheet (sprayed with Pam) in a single layer
5. Bake for about 3 hours.
6. This leaves these treats chewy. You can bake an additional hour to get them crunchy.

Upcoming Events
AKC Conformation

<i>Club</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Show Date</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>	<i>Superintendent / Secretary</i>
Hilton Head Island Kennel Club	Ridgeland	SC	18-Jul-15	1-Jul-15	Onofrio
Hilton Head Island Kennel Club	Ridgeland	SC	19-Jul-15	1-Jul-15	Onofrio
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.	Greenville	SC	23-Jul-15	8-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Greenville Kennel Club	Greenville	SC	24-Jul-15	8-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.	Greenville	SC	25-Jul-15	8-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Greenville Kennel Club	Greenville	SC	26-Jul-15	8-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Danville Kennel Club, Inc.	Greensboro	NC	12-Aug-15	29-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Danville Kennel Club, Inc.	Greensboro	NC	13-Aug-15	29-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Greater Hickory Kennel Club, Inc.	Greensboro	NC	14-Aug-15	29-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.	Greensboro	NC	15-Aug-15	29-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.	Greensboro	NC	16-Aug-15	29-Jul-15	MB-F Inc.
Griffin Georgia Kennel Club	Atlanta	GA	20-Aug-15	5-Aug-15	MB-F Inc.
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia	Atlanta	GA	21-Aug-15	5-Aug-15	MB-F Inc.
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	22-Aug-15	5-Aug-15	MB-F Inc.
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia	Atlanta	GA	23-Aug-15	5-Aug-15	MB-F Inc.
Toy Dog Club of Central Florida	Orlando	FL	12-Sep-15	26-Aug-15	MB-F Inc.
Toy Dog Club of Central Florida	Orlando	FL	13-Sep-15	26-Aug-15	MB-F Inc.