



## 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)*

**Our next meeting is a Summer Dinner Social on July 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Oscar's Place in Summerville, SC. Oscars is located at 207 W. 5<sup>TH</sup> Street. Please RSVP by July 22<sup>nd</sup> to [Charlestown.Kennel.Club@gmail.com](mailto:Charlestown.Kennel.Club@gmail.com) or call Nili Young at (843) 376-3859**

**The Palmetto Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club will be offering an Eye and Heart Clinic on November 14, 2015. Eye checks by: Dr. Cook  
Heart checks by: Dr. Jacobson, a board-certified cardiologist, he will be bringing along a portable Doppler on November 15th.  
More Details to come, Please save the date. It will be held at Animal Eye Care of the Lowcountry, Dr Cook's Office, 1131 Queensborough Blvd, Suite 100, Mount Pleasant, SC 2946.**

**--- Thanks for member, Stormi Mullis for this information.**



**Seeking a Few Good Men, or Women! Even One Will Do!  
Robyn Sparks, our show chair for 2016, is still looking for a volunteer to be Grounds Committee Chairperson.**

**Please contact Robyn via email at [Go2sho@aol.com](mailto:Go2sho@aol.com)**

**Or call her at: 843-384-8314**

## Celebrate!!! Wahoo!!!



The Naylor Family has a new addition. Brenda and Harry introduce Derby's Jenuine All American Pharoah (Derby)



Nili Young's standard poodle bitch, Karat, is embarking on a new sport – dock diving. Although this was not a competition, she fearlessly dove into the water at Trophy Lakes on Johns Island where [Palmetto Dock Dogs](#) holds a practice monthly. Another group, NADD offers dock diving as an AKC titling sport, while Palmetto Dock Dogs simply provides a nice low cost way to get introduced to the sport that all water dogs should try.

Aw, How Cute!



Robyn Sparks informs us that CH Blumont's Moonlight N Magnolias V Notori CD, GN, CDX, Luna earned her CDX in Waynesville. She is handled and trained by cobreeder/co owner Elizabeth Patterson. They finished 3 titles in 11 shows. Robyn will be adding a new puppy from her recent litter but the exact puppy hasn't been chosen yet. Aw, look at them. This is going to be a very hard choice.

## Health and Our Dogs

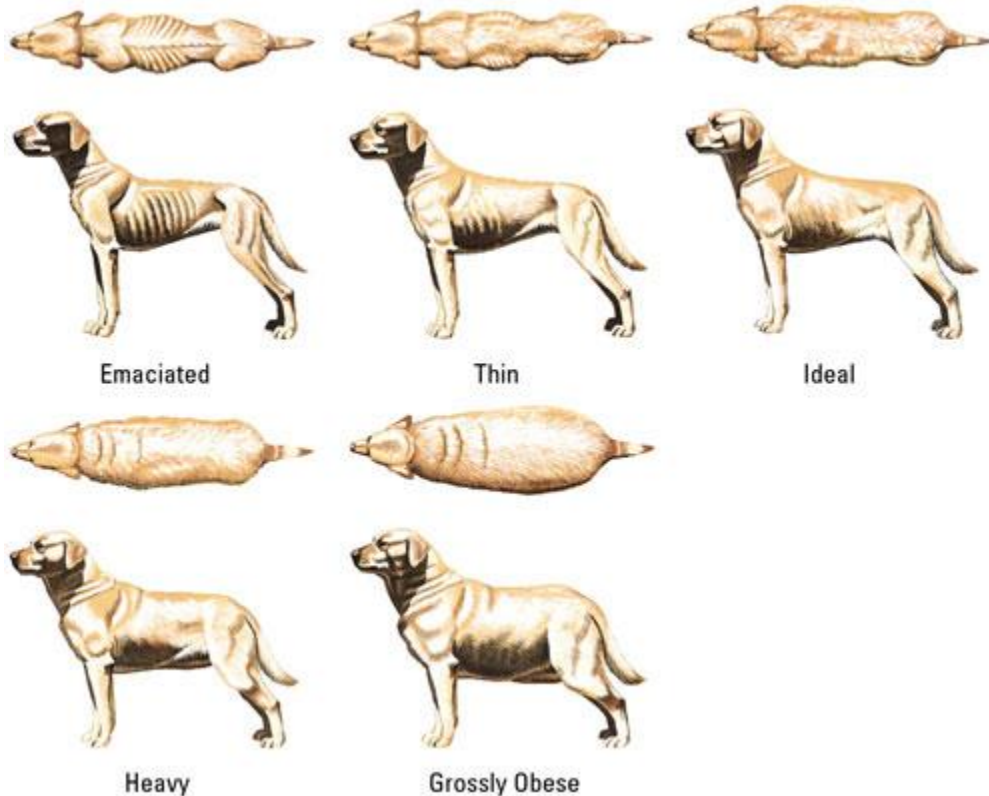
Obesity can cause many serious health problems in pets of any age. Too much weight stresses bones and joints, strains the heart and other internal organs, crowds the lungs, and turns a simple walk around the block into a major chore. In fact, overweight dogs suffer much the same risks and consequences as overweight humans.

Malnourished dogs don't have it any better. Lacking crucial nutrients can lead to serious nutritional issues, too. Signs of malnourishment include a bloated abdomen, bleeding gums, and an emaciated body with ribs clearly visible.

So, how does obesity affect your dogs? If you have an older medium or large dog and it has hip dysplasia, if the dog is lean, it will suffer significantly less than an obese dog, being able to walk, jump, run, hike and live life every day. Obesity adds significant stress to joints, the heart, lungs, kidneys and lungs.

### How to Evaluate Your Dog's Weight

To determine whether your dog is the correct weight, compare her body condition with the images here of how dogs typically look when they are overweight, underweight, and just right.



*Credit: Courtesy of Nestle Purina PetCare Co.*

*Purina's Body Condition Chart shows dogs in a range of weight conditions.*

Evaluate your dog using the following three-step process:

**1. Look at your dog from the side.**

Her tummy needs to tuck up from her chest and not be level with or hang below her chest. If you can easily see a dog's ribs, she's probably *underweight*. But in some breeds, including Greyhounds, Whippets, and Italian Greyhounds, the dog's ribs show at a normal weight.

Breeds with heavy coats need closer scrutiny because you probably can't see ribs even when the dog is underweight, so try the next two steps for a more complete assessment.

**2. Look at your dog from above.**

As you stand over her and look down, your dog needs to have a visibly tucked-in waist, but her hipbones shouldn't protrude too severely. If your dog looks like a barrel, a sausage, or a small beach ball with legs, she's probably overweight. If her hips protrude sharply, she's probably under-weight. If she has a nice curve inward at the waist, she's probably at a good weight.

**3. Feel your dog's sides for the ribs.**

This test is especially important for heavily coated dogs, whose fur often conceals weight issues. If you can feel no evidence that your dog possesses a rib cage, she's probably overweight.

If you can feel the ribs but they have a slight padding, like a light blanket over them, then your dog may be just right. If the ribs are obvious and feel like they're covered with only the thinnest layer of skin, your dog may be underweight.



## Stop Caring What Others Think and Stand Up for Your Dogs

by Jessica Dolce on May 10, 2013

It's almost dog bite prevention week, so I want to talk to you guys about one of the keys to reducing dog bites (as well as making life better for your dogs all around):

### **You need to stop caring what anyone else thinks about you and your dog.**

If you do this, you will free yourself up to make better choices on behalf of your dogs. When you make better choices, you are setting your dogs up for success in our crazy world. And when you do that, they are less likely to get into trouble which they will wind up paying for big time.

Here's what you need to do:

**1. Stand up for your dogs.** Be assertive in protecting your dog's physical and mental health, as well as the safety of those around them.

**2. When you're not sure if your dog can handle something, always err on the side of caution.** Choose management over "I don't know, so let's find out!" Dogs need us to do both of these things more often, so that they don't feel like they need to take matters into their own teeth.

Obviously, dogs need lots of other things from us too: socialization, training, proper management, and a never ending supply of peanut butter that they can roll around in like it's a canine version of that scene in *Indecent Proposal*. People also need to learn how to read their dog's body language, understand stress and fear, and not screw their dogs up in general. But we've covered that before, here and all over the web.

What I'm talking about now doesn't really have all that much to do with the dogs. It's about us humans and how uncomfortable many of us are with being forceful, direct, and making unpopular choices that we're afraid will make people not like us. This is causing some problems for our dogs. Too often we choose not to speak up for our dogs, even as things take a weird turn. We recognize that our dog is uncomfortable with

the hyper kids running circles around them. We suspect that the unfamiliar dog approaching our dog isn't as friendly as their owner is claiming. We don't know if our dog is ok with the cleaning lady entering the house while we're gone. But we allow it anyway.

We allow our desire to be perceived as friendly or nice or easy going to override our own gut instincts or what our dog is trying to tell us. Our desire to be liked – to avoid being seen as unfriendly or rude or "bitchy" – is **powerful** stuff.

It's so powerful, that **humans will choose to ignore their own instincts and proceed into potentially dangerous scenarios, just so they don't make a bad impression.** Gavin de Becker, author of *The Gift of Fear*, says that unlike other living creatures, humans will sense danger, yet still walk right into it. "You're in a hallway waiting for an elevator late at night. Elevator door opens, and there's a guy inside, and he makes you afraid. You don't know why, you don't know what it is. Some memory of this building— whatever it may be. And many women will stand there and look at that guy and say, 'Oh, I don't want to think like that. I don't want to be the kind of person who lets the door close in his face. I've got to be nice. I don't want him to think I'm not nice.'" More on that [here](#).

If we're willing to walk right into a metal box with a stranger that totally scares us just so we won't be seen as rude, imagine how difficult it is for many people to be assertive on behalf of their dogs with nice folks at the park, their neighbors, visitors, family, and friends. We're willing to deny our fear around murderers. It's no wonder we're not comfortable speaking up for ourselves around people we pass on a dog walk.

The problem with our discomfort is that dog bites often happen when we are:

1. In denial about our dog's limitations and/or their behavior issues. To be a good advocate for them, dogs need you to see them as they are, in the present.
2. We know their limits, but we still hesitate to take action.

And the flip side of suspecting or knowing your dog has issues and not speaking up is:

3. When we are in complete denial that our “good” dogs would ever bite someone. Number 3 is a whole blog in and of itself. This blog is really about the first two points. But I’ll sum up #3 real quick for good measure:

All dogs have the potential to bite. ALL of them. Breed, size, age, zodiac sign – doesn’t matter. Push any dog hard and long enough or in just the right way (You mean it’s not OK for my 2 year old to crawl into my “good” dog’s crate while he’s sleeping?) and they run out of options and will bite. So don’t push any dog’s luck. Don’t allow them to be treated roughly or inappropriately or fail to properly supervise them because they’re such “good dogs.” Your dog needs you to stop thinking they’re a robot with no limits and respect their boundaries. Don’t fool yourself. Your dog will appreciate it if you help them out by [setting them up](#) to be good.

When we let dogs bite, the dogs pay for it. They might hurt a person or another dog or get hurt themselves. They might cause your home owner’s insurance to drop you and then you can’t keep your dog. They might be declared dangerous. They might make the news and inflame the public into calling for a ban on all dogs that look like your dog. They might be taken from you and euthanized.

Dog bites aren’t the only consequence, of course. When we don’t step up other not-so-great stuff happens, like we put our dogs into situations that make them stressed and miserable. Or they have a bad experience with another dog and then they become a [DINOS](#). But this post isn’t about dog behavior. It’s about us and our malfunctions.

**Sometimes, we have to step out of our comfort zone in order to be effective advocates for our dog’s safety and health. Do not let others pressure you. Stop caring what anyone else thinks and just do what you know is right for your dogs.**

Now, I recognize that there are things that happen that are beyond our control. Also, I

understand that sometimes we genuinely think we’re making the right choice and it turns out to be the wrong one. And of course, I want you to socialize, train, and do new stuff with your dogs, which means that inevitably there will be goof ups. I get it. That’s life.

What I’m talking about here is when you’re hesitant to do what **you know** needs to be done or when **you’re afraid** to err on the side of caution because you think it’ll make you look like a “square.”

So here’s what I’m going to do. I’m going to give you all permission to stand up for yourselves and your dogs. You have to do it. Your dogs need you to do it. The next time someone tries to force themselves or their dog onto your dog, you’re going to boldly step in front of your dogs and say “STOP.” Say it like you mean it. Then drop the mic and walk away.

The next time someone comes over to your house and you’re not sure if your dog will be OK with them, you’re going to put your dog in another room or in their crate or on a leash. When your friend visits with their little kids or the landscaper needs to use your bathroom or the police\* bangs on your door, you’re not going to hold your breath and see what happens. You’re going to tighten up your core muscles and say, “Please wait while I put my dog away.” When they say, “It’s OK, I love dogs”, you will hold your ground and follow through with the plan.

And the next time you’re at the vet or the groomers and you don’t like the way they’re handling your dog, you’re going to say, “We need to do this another way.” [I struggled with this one](#). But I’m over it now. Same thing goes for trainers. If you don’t like the way a trainer is working with your dog, you’re going to say, “Thanks, but we need something different.”

Yes, the other person may say nasty things to you or about you. They might call you a “bitch.” I want you to not care. Because in that moment **what you really are is your dog’s hero**. You just took their well-being into your hands and acted with conviction. You made the right choice and they’re safe because of you. Bravo.

Look, the other person will get over it. They might not even care at all. For them, the discomfort of dealing with hero-you won't last long. Even if it does, even if your neighbors think you're kind of stand-offish, it's not rocking their world. But for you, the consequences of not standing up for your dogs might be long-lasting and deep-cutting. Set those limits, then don't give a hoot what anyone thinks about you.

p.s. There are other ways to set limits and not giving a crap what anyone thinks, like: if they need it, walk your dog with a muzzle on. You will get weird looks. But you don't care, cuz you're being Safety First.

Hey, I know this is uncomfortable for some of you. But **I know you can do it because you love your dogs.**

If it helps, I want you to think of me standing next to you, cheering you on as you

stand up for your dog's needs. I'm five feet worth of NJ/Philly-loud-talking-feistiness and I don't care about saying "No" to anyone if it means making sure my dogs don't get into trouble or have a bad experience. So picture me there beside you the next time you need a boost. Know that every time you make that tough choice to stand for your up dogs, I'm yelling, "Rock Star!!" just for you.

**Now go get 'em Tiger.**

*\* You have the right to secure your dog before letting the police enter your property. ALWAYS do it.*

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Dear Ms. Arrowwood,

Thank you for contacting me to express your views on Section 594 of H.R. 1735 the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015 (NDAA). I certainly value your input and the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

Section 594 of the 2015 NDAA, for the first time ever, allows the adoption of military dogs by the handler, if the dog is wounded, or by the handler's family if the handler dies in combat.

Military working dogs are currently classified by the Department of Defense as equipment, instead of canine members of the armed forces. As a result of this classification, the Defense Department typically retires working dogs overseas and does not always make the dogs available for adoption in the United States. While the military does find shelters and provide for veterinary care for these dogs, the animals rarely return home to their military handlers following their time in service.

These brave heroes should not be abandoned after their service to our country is complete. This legislation gives military working dogs the respect that they deserve as four-legged American heroes. I proudly voted in favor of the NDAA and the bill passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support.

Again, thank you for sharing your perspective with me; I hope that you will continue to do so in the future. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff.

For more information, please visit my website at [www.scott.senate.gov](http://www.scott.senate.gov) and subscribe to my monthly e-newsletter. I also encourage you to follow me on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SenatorTimScott](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorTimScott) and Twitter: [www.twitter.com/SenatorTimScott](https://www.twitter.com/SenatorTimScott) for daily updates.

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## Crockpot Bone Broth and Bone Treats for Dogs

Bone broth is a long forgotten superfood that's inexpensive, nutrient packed and easy to make. Here are five reasons you should consider bone broth for your dog.

**Bone Broth Is Good For Joints:** Bone broth is loaded with glycosaminoglycans and you might even be familiar with one of them: glucosamine. Not only does bone broth contain super amazing amounts of glucosamine, it's also packed with other joint protecting compounds like chondroitin and hyaluronic acid. Moreover, the glycosaminoglycans from bone broth are resistant to digestion and are absorbed in their intact form. According to Dr Shanahan, they act like hormones, stimulating cells called fibroblasts, which lay down collagen in the joints, tendons, ligaments, and even the arteries.

### **Bone Broth Helps The Liver Detox:**

The liver is the master organ of detoxification. The dog's liver is under assault daily as the poor dog lies on carpets and floors treated with chemicals, walks on grass that's been treated and sprayed with poisons, consumes foods with toxic and synthetic ingredients, and suffers through toxic dewormers, flea and tick preventives, drugs, antibiotics, vaccines and more.

### **Bone Broth Promotes A Healthy Gut:**

The lining of the intestines contains millions of tiny holes that allow the passage of digested nutrients to enter the body. Stress, poor diet and bacterial overgrowth can cause more holes to open or to become bigger...this is called leaky gut. Bone broth is loaded with a gooey substance that can plug up those leaky holes: gelatin!

**Bone Broth Is Great Nutrition For Sick Dogs:** Have you ever had a dog with terrible diarrhea and had trouble getting him back on solid food? Or a dog who is convalescing and doesn't have a great appetite but you know he needs more nutrition?

Bone broth is also loaded with glycine, which aids digestion by helping to regulate the synthesis of bile salts and secretion of gastric acid.

**Bone Broth is a Great Addition:** For puppy feeding and supporting a nursing mom, the addition of Bone Broth adds valuable nutrients. It can be used to moisten kibble for puppies or to support nursing bitches, fulfilling some calcium needs immediately after whelping. .

### ***Broth Recipe:***

#### ***Ingredients***

Beef neck bones, turkey back bones, other marrow bones, 2-4 T of apple cider vinegar

#### ***Directions***

Using a 4 quart crockpot, add beef bones and 2-3 T of apple cider vinegar to fill to 1/2 the capacity of the pot. Add 2 C water. Larger bones are cooked for 7 days on low. After the first 3-4 days, add turkey and other softer bones to the pot to fill to 2/3 and continue cooking for 3 more days. Remove from crockpot and cool completely. Grind contents on the NUT setting of a Cuisinart (or blender) until the mixture becomes a slurry with no remaining bone fragments.

***Frozen Treats Recipe:*** If desired, you can drop slurry onto wax paper and freeze for loved treats that also help solidify runny stools.

*Upcoming Events*  
*AKC Conformation*

Club	Location	Event Date	Closing Date
<u>Danville Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$30.00 / \$25.00	Greensboro, NC	12-Aug-15	29-Jul-15
<u>Danville Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$30.00 / \$25.00	Greensboro, NC	13-Aug-15	29-Jul-15
<u>Greater Hickory Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$30.00 / \$30.00	Greensboro, NC	14-Aug-15	29-Jul-15
<u>Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$30.00 / \$20.00	Greensboro, NC	15-Aug-15	29-Jul-15
<u>Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$30.00 / \$20.00	Greensboro, NC	16-Aug-15	29-Jul-15
<u>Griffin Georgia Kennel Club</u>	Atlanta, GA	20-Aug-15	5-Aug-15
<u>Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia</u> Entry fees:\$26.00 / \$21.00	Atlanta, GA	21-Aug-15	5-Aug-15
<u>Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$26.00 / \$21.00	Atlanta, GA	22-Aug-15	5-Aug-15
<u>Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia</u> Entry fees:\$26.00 / \$21.00	Atlanta, GA	23-Aug-15	5-Aug-15
<u>Alamance Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$29.00 / \$29.00	Raleigh, NC	4-Sep-15	19-Aug-15
<u>Durham Kennel Club Inc</u>	Raleigh, NC	5-Sep-15	19-Aug-15
<u>Raleigh Kennel Club, Inc.</u> Entry fees:\$29.00 / \$29.00	Raleigh, NC	6-Sep-15	19-Aug-15
<u>Cary Kennel Club</u> Entry fees:\$29.00 / \$29.00	Raleigh, NC	7-Sep-15	19-Aug-15