

Howls & Growls

April / May / June 2023

EDITOR'S CORNER ~ Sherri Taylor

May 25, 2023

At long last we got back to dog showing at the Mission Circuit. There are some of the highlights from the SCAMC Sweepstakes/Specialty in the way of photos, both below and seen on pages 10-13 at the back of this issue. We are delighted that all proceeds from the Specialty are going towards the [stollen trailer](#) replacement fund ([that full story can be seen in the Fall 2022 issue, on page 6](#)).



Donors to the Trophy Fund

This past Sweepstakes/Specialty was held in honor of our dearly departed past club members and recent members' losses: Doc Woods, Kathy's Mother Bobbie Scherrer, Sherri's brother-in-law Roger Taylor, Terry's Mother Eunice Toussaint, Karen Ulfig's Mother Ivy Marian Hope Szobonya, and Nichole's Mother Mary Royer. Along with the many, many dogs we've all lost as well. Through the generosity of the following members and friends of the club's trophies at the Specialty, Sweepstakes and Supported Entries for the May 25-29, 2023 Dog Shows held at the San Bernadino Soccer Complex:

Linda Hair

Kristine Ashley ~ Sea Paw Kennels

Bob & Sue Carnall

Stephen & Patricia Starks ~ Kodiack Kennels

Keith & Cyndi Chauvie in honor of

the late Ch.Sarah Chauvie ~ Joshua Kennels

John Sires & Christy Chauvie Sires ~ Joshua Kennels

Terry & Gloria Toussaint ~

Terraglo Alaskan Malamutes

Karen & Siegfried Ulfig

Alisa Syar & Mike Stone ~

SilverIce Alaskan Malamutes/Kennels

Sherri Taylor ~ Taylormade Kennels



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SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIR

Patricia Starks

Hi everyone! I'm so happy that we are back to holding dog shows again. Our show in May was a good start. For those who are showing, it is important to communicate entries with each other. This includes keeping your dog in the ring when they are out of coat. Keeping your newly finished dog in the ring to hold the majors as well. (Remember what goes around comes around.) Sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, a dog may not be there. This is not something any of us can control because of unknown factors. Forgiveness and support go hand in hand. We had a great show, and we need to look forward to the next one. Thank you to all club members who helped out. As you know we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to all those who helped with their donations (members and non-members).

A very special thank you goes out to Linda Hair. She not only donated many wonderful items for us to sell but she made a tremendous donation to our trailer fund. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We can only go up from here! Be positive and stay happy.

Always, Patricia Starks



VICE PRESIDENT

Terry Toussaint

AKC National Legislative Conference

We are still the target. Breeders: commercial, USDA licensed, preservation, hobby, responsible, all remain in the cross hairs of the Animal Rights (AR) movement. Appealing largely to emotion, Animal Rights uses tactics such as divide and conquer, and incrementalism in an effort to eliminate any human involved breeding.

To defend ourselves we need to ally with other groups and advocate forcefully and effectively against these efforts.

These were major themes at the AKC 2023 National Legislative Conference held the weekend of January 21st and 22nd in Raleigh, North Carolina. The paragraphs below are excerpted, sometimes verbatim, from presentations made at the conference.

The Animal Rights goal, at its rabid extreme, is to eliminate all human-animal relations. This includes animal agriculture, sportsmen/hunters, any use of animals, the pet industry, and breeders. On the way to that end goal they take modest or incremental steps seeking to make animals eligible for legal representation (“guardianship”), prohibit pet store sales of pure bred pets, regulate breeding, and impose unreasonable or ineffective specific, detailed standards for care.

The AR movement has had some success. SeaWorld no longer has orca shows. The circus is unwelcome in many areas. The current target is rodeos. Horse drawn carriages are disappearing. Are there any greyhound racetracks left? The sale of pets, except for rescue animals, in pet stores has been banned in California and is proposed in Colorado. California has legislated a minimum size for enclosures for egg producing chickens. Locales have banned certain breeds or have arduous breeder licensing requirements.

In 2022, the AKC Government Relations Department tracked around 2,300 pieces of legislation and 675 regulations, many inspired by the AR agenda. When AKC detects a piece of legislation impacting the dog fancy, it issues an alert that contains a description of the specific problematic or beneficial areas. It also contains the contact information for those deciding

its fate. Your AMCA Legislative Committee receives many of these alerts and further distributes them to our affected members asking for your involvement.¹

Animal Rights groups have had some problems successfully legislating at the state and federal levels, so they have begun to focus locally. AKC’s detection process works well for federal and state legislation, but AKC does not have a good way of finding county and municipal issues. AKC and AMCA are dependent on individuals alerting them to local legislation.¹

Stopping harmful bills and regulations, and passing friendly ones, requires coordinated and effective advocacy. AKC personnel work directly with legislators and regulators to amend or stop unfriendly legislation and regulations, but results multiply when AKC is supported by the local dog friendly population and their allies.

Effective advocacy starts with knowing your elected officials **before** legislation is introduced. Afterward, we are playing from behind. Knowing your elected officials and their contact information lets you reach out to them promptly. It’s even better if you have formed a personal relationship with the legislator or their staff. This is work, but it works best. Animal Rights groups know this and are doing it.

The dog fancier’s message should start with:

- 1) No one cares about dogs more than we do.
- 2) No one has more expertise in the care of dogs than we do.
- 3) No one does more for dogs than we do.

These are all true and demonstrable statements. You have owned and bred dogs for years. You know your breed’s physical and behavioral traits. You search for the best forever homes for your puppies. The combined years of experience of the members of your all-breed club is substantial. Your all-breed and breed clubs contribute towards canine health and welfare causes. AKC events contribute to the local economy. AKC Reunite has returned over 500,000 lost pets to their owners. [AMAL](#) and its affiliated clubs have found homes for almost 5,500 malamutes in the last 20 years. The AKC Canine Health Foundation has funded over \$60 million in over 1,040 health research grants resulting in over 800 peer reviewed publications. AKC Pet Disaster Relief has donated more than 90 emergency relief trailers nationwide. AKC is partnering with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) and others to develop standards for service dog credentials. We care, know, and do more than anyone else.

When meeting with your elected official remember 4 “C’s” of communicating: Clarity, Concise, Care, and Considerate. You will likely have only a few minutes. Clarity: Define the bill you are there to discuss and state the action you want the lawmaker to take (your “ask”). Read and understand the bill so you are ready to explain your position. Concise: Practice your “elevator speech.” Be able to get your message across in the time it would take to ride the elevator with your legislator from the ground to the 5th floor. Care: Explain your concern for the welfare of animals and how the bill will impact them. Considerate: Be respectful and thankful for the time. Listen as well as speak. Answer questions. If you do not know the answer, promise to get back to them. When it is time to conclude, repeat your “ask” and seek a commitment. Provide a “leave behind” with your contact information and details that you did not have time to present in the meeting. A few days after the meeting follow-up: thank them again for the meeting; follow up on any unanswered questions they had; briefly repeat your “ask.”

The Animal Rights movement has successfully set the language used in their efforts. We give credence to them when we use their language. Terms such as “puppy mill” and “backyard breeder” are common and evoke emotional, negative responses. They would like to substitute “guardian” for “owner” and “adopt” for “sell.” When you see these terms in legislation, you can be sure that it is AR inspired. We need be consistent in our own language and avoid using theirs. We are not “guardians,” “fur mommies,” or “pet parents.” We are “owners.” We are “hobby” or “preservation,” or “purpose,” or “licensed” breeders. When we place a puppy for consideration it is “sold,” not “adopted.” Call a “substandard breeder” or “abusive owner” just that. By changing the language, we change the playing field in our favor.

Animal Rights groups try to isolate us from our natural allies or even turn us against each other. What does a good breeder care if a bill targets bad breeders? What does a dog breeder care if a bill seeks to restrict hunting? What does a hunter care if a bill seeks to eliminate horse drawn carriages? AR groups try to divide us, so they have a smaller, less populous, less vocal target. Divide and conquer. When hunting and fishing and horse racing and rodeos are eliminated, who will stand to speak up for dog breeders? We can reverse this strategy. If all groups speak up when any single group is threatened, we increase our numbers and our volume. Legislators will pay attention. Unite and conquer.

Successful advocacy starts with our involvement, individually and collectively. Involvement starts with being ready and knowing our legislators. It is easy to sit back and relax when nothing appears to be happening. The problem is something is always happening. The AR groups are driven and are always working on the next piece of anti-breeder legislation. They are meeting with our representatives. If we are not, when legislation is introduced, we are playing from behind. Catch up is difficult.

~ Terry



EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Sue Carnall

Ehrlichiosis in Dogs: What You Need to Know

What Is Canine Ehrlichiosis, and How Is it Spread?

Ehrlichiosis is an infectious bacterial disease transmitted by tick bites that lives in white blood cells throughout the body. When ticks are infected with bacteria belonging to certain bacterial groups, it can cause ehrlichiosis. *Ehrlichia canis* is the most common bacterial species to cause [canine ehrlichiosis](#). Across North America, dogs are primarily exposed to *Ehrlichia canis* through the bites of brown dog ticks (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*). The bites of [Lone Star ticks](#) (*Amblyomma americanum*), which are common to the eastern, southeastern, and south-central United States, can expose dogs to the bacteria *Ehrlichia ewingii*, which can also cause ehrlichiosis.



¹ SCAMC is an affiliated member of its mother's club [AMAC](#).

“Ehrlichiosis is a widespread problem in the United States, as dogs can be infected with at least five *Ehrlichia* species that are transmitted by at least three different tick species, which are distributed widely throughout the country,” says [Dr. Edward B. Breitschwerdt](#), professor of medicine and infectious diseases at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Ticks can transmit the disease after just a few hours of attaching themselves to a dog, so promptly removing these tiny parasites as soon as you find them is very important.

What Are the Symptoms of Ehrlichiosis?

When caused by *Ehrlichia canis* bacteria, ehrlichiosis is associated with three sequential phases, known as acute, subclinical, and chronic. The acute phase usually lasts two weeks to a month, with visible symptoms that often appear one to three weeks after the infected tick attaches to your dog. It can be tricky for your veterinarian to diagnose the disease in this phase, as dogs will often display non-specific symptoms, such as lethargy, lack of appetite, and fever, and antibody evidence of ehrlichiosis won't show in tests for those first couple of weeks.

“The most common symptoms an owner might see in their dog at home are lethargy, malaise—a general feeling of being unwell—or possibly limping,” says [Dr. Barbara Quorollo](#), DVM and associate research professor at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. “In more severe cases, they might see petechiae, [which are] pinpoint areas of bleeding just under the skin's surface.” Symptoms sometimes disappear within a few weeks, but without treatment, an infected dog will usually pass into the subclinical phase. Even if a dog is asymptomatic during the subclinical phase, they can still carry the infection for months or years.

Not all dogs progress to the chronic phase, but if they do, ehrlichiosis can in some cases be life-threatening. During the chronic phase of canine ehrlichiosis, it can be challenging to make a diagnosis because there can be such a wide range of serious symptoms. “These can range from uveitis (eye inflammation), to bleeding, to localized edema (swelling because of fluid buildup), to severe bone marrow pathology, to kidney, liver or lung injury,” Dr. Breitschwerdt says.



Dogs bitten by ticks infected with *Ehrlichia ewingii* are more likely to be asymptomatic or display milder symptoms, typically swollen joints and a fever.

[Any dog can develop ehrlichiosis](#), but studies show that [Siberian Huskies](#) and [German Shepherd Dogs](#) are among breeds more likely to develop serious symptoms.

How Do Vets Diagnose Ehrlichiosis?

In areas where ticks are more common, your vet will likely be on high alert for this infection. “Many veterinarians screen annually for antibody evidence of infection with an *Ehrlichia* species,” says Dr. Breitschwerdt. If your dog seems to be sick, after conducting clinical observations and taking down their medical history to evaluate tick exposure and symptoms, your vet will take a blood test for antibodies as the initial step in diagnosing your pet.

If your dog comes back positive for antibodies, your vet may start treatment immediately. Alternatively, they may recommend additional PCR testing to confirm the presence of the bacteria through DNA detection.

How to Treat Ehrlichiosis in Dogs

“The good news is that most *Ehrlichia* infections are effectively treated with antibiotics, typically [doxycycline](#),” Dr. Quorollo says. Antibiotics kill off the bacteria in all strains of ehrlichiosis that dogs can catch, and, with treatment, the prognosis for complete recovery is very good. “If an infected dog isn't treated, and depending on the *Ehrlichia* species, a few outcomes are possible. One, the dog's immune system may clear the organism. Two, the dog could

remain chronically infected but become symptomatic, [with] no signs of disease. Or three, they could be chronically infected and develop a more severe form of ehrlichiosis.”

Treatment usually lasts for one month. But for chronic infections, your vet will likely extend the treatment duration and give a more guarded prognosis. It’s important to complete the full course of antibiotics when treating any infection. Dr. Breitschwerdt explains that this is especially true for ehrlichiosis, since research shows shortening the duration of doxycycline treatment can make that treatment ineffective.

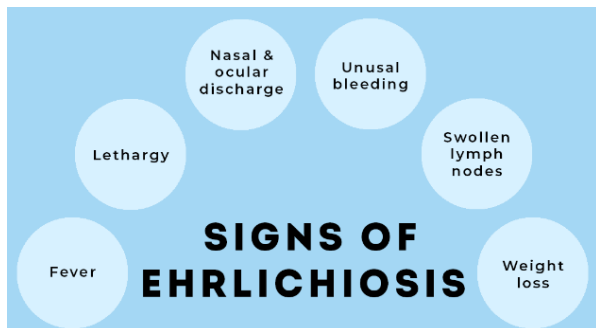
Dr. Breitschwerdt always recommends testing for other tick-borne diseases in dogs diagnosed with chronic ehrlichiosis, especially [babesiosis](#) and [bartonellosis](#). Both of these diseases can cause complications and are treated differently from canine ehrlichiosis.

How to Prevent Ehrlichiosis in Dogs

Dr. Qurollo encourages owners to discuss the range of [dog-specific tick preventatives](#) with their dog’s veterinarian. “Depending on where you live, ticks are still active even in the winter months, so I strongly encourage keeping animals on [\[tick\] preventatives year-round](#).”

Any dog in an [area with tick populations](#) is at risk. But dogs that spend a lot of time outside, especially in heavily forested areas or in densely populated dog parks or kennels where infected ticks can easily pass between dogs, carry an even greater risk of contracting ehrlichiosis.

[Inspecting your dog for ticks](#) daily is important, especially after walks in long grass or wooded areas. Prompt daily tick checks are the safest and best way to prevent tickborne disease. Speedy and [careful tick removal](#) can prevent transmission of the infection. Be sure to wear gloves and wash your hands after touching ticks.



“Diagnosis and treatment of ehrlichiosis, particularly the chronic phase of illness, can be extremely expensive,” Dr. Breitschwerdt says. “And, despite treatment, some dogs will not respond and will die of the disease,” he adds.

Is Canine Ehrlichiosis Contagious to Humans?

By reducing the risk of tick-borne illnesses, you are also helping to protect people. While dogs with ehrlichiosis can’t transmit the disease to people, the ticks they bring in on their bodies carry Ehrlichia species and other harmful bacteria that can infect humans. This includes *Ehrlichia ewingii*, *borrelia* (responsible for Lyme disease), and the parasite *babesia*. So when you inspect your dog for ticks and use preventatives, you’re protecting everyone in your home.

Source: [ACK.org](#)

~ Sue



BRAGS & CRIES

From Joy & Mike Rothes

Welcoming home new puppy Nokka!



From From Keith & Cyndi Chauvie



The beautiful Lucy girl recently celebrated her 7th birthday! (She’s pictured to the right side of her daughter here.)

BRAGS & CRIES – Continue...



From Tim & Nikki LaCrosse

We found out that Minx has another mammary tumor. Keep paws and fingers crossed for our Minxy please. She's been recovering from surgery.

From Sherri Taylor, Alex Schein & Chris Reiber

Sweet Mr. Teal, now **Nighteyes**, went to his forever home. And so have his other siblings!



From Nichole Royer

Mission Circuit Fast-CAT Winners: Kwake earned the last leg of his FAST-Cat title. Now Kwest's We Will Rock You TKN B-CAT.

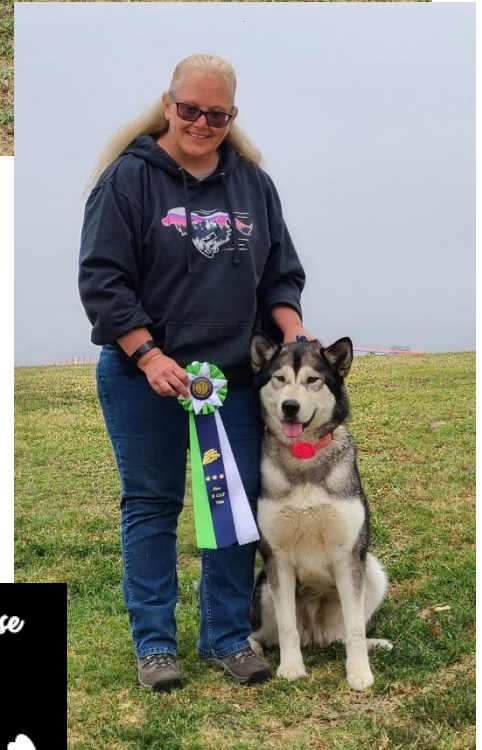


Happy Barkday

From Kristine Ashley
Queen Aiko celebrated her 14th Birthday in May! She still look marvelous after all these years ❤️ Every day is a blessing with this gal.



Not to be outdone by her son, Kwikk finished her Fast-CAT title, with her best run being 23.78 MPH.





ODDS & ENDS

From Stephen Starks

Allergies In Dogs

Dogs are subject to various allergies, which may be classified in five groups:

- Bacterial allergies
- Food allergies
- Contact allergies
- Flea allergies
- Inhalant allergies (atopy)

Bacterial allergies generally cause lesions and/or patchy hair loss; they can be treated with antibiotics.

Food allergies, when serious, may cause respiratory distress, but otherwise may just cause digestive problems and itchy skin; treatment is avoidance of the allergenic food following diagnosis by a process of elimination.

Contact allergies, which may result from contact with plastic feeding bowls, wool bedding, unwashed shirts and sweaters, and rubbing flea collars - tend to cause swelling, red and itchy skin, and patchy hair loss; treatment is avoidance of the allergenic item following diagnosis by a process of elimination.

Flea allergies generally cause scratching, lesions, and patchy hair loss; treatment is to find out where the fleas are coming from and eliminate them (or remove the dog), and administer corticosteroids as prescribed by a vet.

Inhalant allergies result from swallowing dust particles, and pollens and molds and cause continuous scratching and symptoms which in humans would be described as having a heavy cold; treatment requires diagnosis by a vet and then may include prescribed antihistamines and/or corticosteroids and dietary supplements; the environment in the home should be reassessed and if necessary, humidifiers and air filters introduced.

Dog Bites

Female dog bites are statistically twice as numerous as male dog bites!

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principle difference between a dog and a man. Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens, 1835 - 1910)

Source for both above items: Dog Lover's Trivia

From Sue Carnell

What Is Your State's Flea-and-Tick Season?

[\(click here to view the full AKC article\)](#)

From Patty Starks

Breeder Toolkit Enhancements

AKC Staff has continued to enhance the online [AKC Breeder Toolkit](#), including making it much easier for breeders to comply with AKC litter records requirements, print duplicate registration applications and certificates, and manage their litter coupons. The Breeder Toolkit also allows breeders to instantly see the registration status of every puppy they have bred and even track the competition records of all their puppies, including those transferred to other owners. This service is free to any breeder that registers their litters with AKC. Try it for yourself and learn of the many tools available by visiting [AKC.org](#).

And lastly, as a reminder, AKC Meet the Breeds is headed to Chicago August 26th and 27th in conjunction with the International Kennel Club Dog Show and to the Greater Columbus Convention Center in October. This canine extravaganza is an excellent opportunity to educate the public about our breeds and responsible dog ownership. AKC Meet the Breeds is made possible by the enthusiasm and participation of our clubs. We encourage you to sign up to represent your breed. For more information, please contact: meetthebreeds@akc.org

It is always a pleasure to share news and updates about the happenings at AKC with you.

Until next time,
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From Sherri Taylor

Fruits & Vegetables Your Dog Can & Can't Eat

[\(click here to view the video\)](#)

Source for the above items: AKC.org



Caption: Security


ODDS & ENDS – Continue...



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The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is **October 15, 2023** – please send your articles / pictures / Brags & Cries / cartoons / Odds & Ends to Sherri Taylor at: taylorSD_1@yahoo.com
Hope you're enjoying the newer formatted look of the newsletter. Comments and suggestions are welcome!



Check out our club's website scamc.org and our [Facebook](#) presents, too. 

We have a photo gallery on our website as well. If you would like to see something added onto the website or on Facebook, please contact Sherri Taylor at: taylorSD_1@yahoo.com



It's That Time Again - Get Ready for the 2023 AKC Trick Dog National Competition! It's Virtual! [Submit your video between Tuesday, August 1 and Monday, October 2, 2023.](#)



SCAMC Trailer Fundraiser



Our Club's trailer was stolen from the property of one of our members in November 2022. It contained the club's weight pull



cart and all the equipment (buckets, fencing, etc.), along with harnesses, a Sacco cart, and a three-wheel dog mushing cart, as well as show ring equipment. Basically, everything the club owned.



At this point, we have accepted that our trailer and all our items are gone for good. We are now trying to raise the funds to buy a new trailer and equipment. That is going to cost us approximately \$13,000, and we just don't have the funds after the COVID-related shutdowns of shows and events.



We would appreciate any donation you could make to help us get back into dog events. Every bit helps! Please also share this with other dog lovers, especially malamute people:



PLEASE SCAN ME

Your generosity is so appreciated. We sincerely thank you!

Southern California Alaskan Malamute Club



IN MEMORIAL

This May 25, 2023 - SCAMC 38th Annual Independent Sweepstakes / Specialty Show is in honor of our member's past and recent losses: Doc Woods, Kathy's Mother Bobbie Scherrer, Sherri's brother-in-law Roger, Terry's Mother Eunice Toussaint, Karen Uffig's Mother Ivy Marian Hope Szobonya, and Nichol's Mother Mary Royer.



Bobbie Scherrer



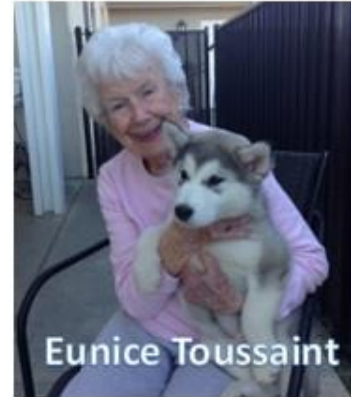
Doc Woods



Ivy Marian Hope Szobonya



Roger Taylor



Eunice Toussaint



Mary Royer

May they all Rest in Peace!









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