

DOG EARED JOURNAL



Guest Speaker

Lorraine Shore, HRKC Membership Chair, will give a presentation at the next general meeting about how to care for your animals during an emergency and how to plan for your pets for such an emergency.

Join Lorraine and the Club for this presentation on Wednesday, October 18, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Sequim Prairie Grange.

Board Elections: December 2017

In December, the Club will elect the Board Members and Officers for 2018. The Club currently needs a President and a Secretary or a Secretary and One Board member. Terms are for one year, starting January 2018.

The three members of the Nominating Committee are Deborah Dowd, Linda Campos, and Sherry Kimbrough. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, feel free to contact any one of the committee or any current member of the Board.

Editor Needs YOU

This newsletter is for the members of the HRKC, and we'd like to include YOUR news, brags, events and pup pictures (pups of all ages!). Please send your stuff to Marie at hrkcnews@yahoo.com.

Web Pages

These pages present the club to the wider world, and serve members in various ways. In the coming months, the pages will take on a new look and structure. Please - I need your help here too! Send ideas, requests, comments and content to hrkcnews@yahoo.com.

HRKC Officers

President: Susan Parr

VP: Chris Cornell

Secretary: Deborah Dowd

Treasurer: Jo Chinn

HELP WANTED!!

Joe Larson and Chris Cornell are looking for members who would like to learn how to run the Club's A/R/O and All-Breed shows. If you are interested in learning this important skill under their expert tutelage, please contact either Joe or Chris.

Glucosamine and Your Dog¹

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC | September 25, 2017

An aging dog suffers similar issues as a human does. This includes conditions such as arthritis, which can be painful and uncomfortable for them. In circumstances such as this, your veterinarian may recommend giving your dog glucosamine, a supplement intended to alleviate the symptoms of joint damage by boosting the repair of damaged cartilage, the moist, spongy material that forms a cushion between joints. Dogs with hip dysplasia, a spinal disc injury, or post-joint surgery are those who may find relief by including glucosamine into their diet.

Veterinarians typically suggest adding glucosamine into your dog's meals either through flavored tablets, pills, liquid, or powder. You may notice that many foods for senior dogs include glucosamine as a means to protect their joints and other diseases.

A 2007 study in The Veterinary Journal titled, "Randomised double-blind, positive-controlled trial to assess the efficacy of glucosamine/chondroitin sulfate for the treatment of dogs with osteoarthritis," even found that a glucosamine supplement reduced pain and increased mobility after 70 days of treatment.

As always, check with your veterinarian before feeding your dog any new supplements.

Brucellosis Update: AKC Canine Health Foundation Funds Research to Battle the Disease²

Samantha Wright | June 13, 2017

¹ <http://akc.org/content/health/articles/glucosamine-and-your-dog/>. 24 September 2017.

² <http://www.akc.org/content/news/articles/brucellosis-update-akc-canine-health-foundation/>. 24 September 2017.

Canine brucellosis is a reproductive disease caused by the bacterium *Brucella canis* (*B. canis*), which can cause infertility, abortion, and severe spinal infections in dogs.

The *B. canis* bacteria can be transmitted several ways: during a heat cycle, at breeding, through contaminated hands or clothing, and from the bitch to the puppies during whelping and nursing. There are often no clinical signs following infection, and there are currently no cures or effective treatments. The clinical signs that may appear, such as weight loss, lethargy, and swollen lymph nodes, are often like those of other diseases, which may delay and complicate diagnosis. Male dogs may also experience swelling of the prostate, testicles, and epididymis (the tube that carries sperm).

Brucella infections constitute a serious problem for [dog breeders](#), pet owners, and kennels. Though well understood in the context of canine breeding operations, this disease is an under-recognized health issue in the canine rescue and shelter populations and may be a source of infection to these dog populations. Canine brucellosis is a zoonotic disease, meaning that humans exposed to *B. canis* can contract the disease, and therefore it presents a public health issue, as well.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is currently funding three canine brucellosis grants. These research projects are focused on improving diagnostics, developing a vaccine to prevent *B. canis* infection, and studying the epidemiology of the organism:

- **Preventing Inaccurate Diagnosis of Brucellosis**

- Principal Investigator: Christina Larson DVM; University of Minnesota

Brucellosis testing is often made difficult by the fact that the most commonly used brucellosis test, the rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT), also gives false positive results when the dog has recently been infected with a different bacterium, *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, which is one of the common causes of kennel cough. Vaccinating a dog for *Bordetella* (kennel cough) is likely to cause false positive results on the RSAT. This study will evaluate whether false positive RSAT results are obtained after [vaccinating the dog](#) with an intranasal, commercially available *Bordetella* vaccine.

- **Development of a Brucellosis Vaccine for Dogs**

- Principal Investigator: Angela Arenas DVM PhD; Texas A&M AgriLife Research

The goal of this research is to develop a safe and effective *Brucella canis* vaccine, using a genetic mutant that has been shown to be safe and effective for controlling infection against other *Brucella* species. The development of such a vaccine for dogs will significantly impact canine and human health by limiting the spread of *B. canis*.

- **An Epidemiological Study of *Brucella canis***

- Principal Investigators: Tory Whitten, MPH and Joni Scheftel DVM, MPH; Minnesota Department of Health

The investigators will measure how commonly rescue and shelter dogs entering Minnesota are exposed to *B. canis*, as a first step to understanding the prevalence of this im-

portant reproductive disease. The results will be used to determine the prevalence and raise awareness of this disease in rescue and shelter dog populations, help identify risk factors for canine brucellosis, and develop a diagnostic test for canine brucellosis at the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. An important outcome of this study will be to create prevention and control measures applicable to this population of dogs.

To learn more about canine brucellosis, please read the USDA's [Best Practices for Brucella canis Prevention and Control in Dog Breeding Facilities](#).

To learn more about the AKC Canine Health Foundation's research and education programs, please visit akcchf.org.

THE HURRICANE RIDGE KENNEL CLUB

General Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2017

Sequim Prairie Grange

Susan, Parr, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Officers and Board Members in attendance included: Chris Cornell, Vice-President; Jo Chinn, Treasurer; Deborah Dowd, Secretary; Jan Gould, Anne Andritsch, and Joe Larson.

The following members attended the meeting: Steve Chinn, Karen Faddis, Sherry Kimbrough, Linda Campos, Marie Hooper, Hattie and Bruce Good, Bob and Marcia Whitcomb, Susie and Bill Metzger, Ron Fye, Carolyn Money, Nancy Field, Miriam Rose, Darla Lacy, Polly Sarsfield, Liz Tweten, and Lorraine Shore.

Minutes Approved: The minutes of the June 21, 2017, general meeting were approved for publication on the website.

Secretary's Report: Emails requesting payment of 2017 dues have generated some responses.

Treasurer's Report: The account balances are good; the bills have been paid; and the club is receiving payments for RV Parking and Vendor spots for the upcoming show.

New Members: It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that Rolf and Sue Mitchell join the club as new members.

Committee Reports: The Club discussed the organizational steps required to host the upcoming show.

New Business: The Club discussed applying to AKC to hold a Scentwork trial in October. The results from the Scentwork Match must be submitted first. It was agreed to hold the trial at the Clallam County Fairgrounds in Port Angeles.

Braggs: Carolyn Money's Hunter and Cooper earned their Novice Trick Dog titles

Susie Metzger's Kody earned his Novice Trick Dog title
Jo Chinn's Valley earned her Novice Trick Dog title
Susan Parr's Kenya earned Best of Breed in Puppies at Puyallup

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dowd

2017 Secretary

