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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.





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President's Report

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

MAGIC IN ORLANDO! National Specialty begins April 30th with pre-show events.

Registration will begin on Monday, April 29th at noon to accommodate those of you coming in early to attend Tuesday afternoon's seminar.

We are excited this year to offer a two-part seminar presented by our own Lindsey Dickens and Shannon Moore. The seminars, on preparation and grooming, will be held on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. I hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to attend either one or both days. Tuesday afternoon before our welcome party there will be an informal hour-long handling class. We have some fun things planned for Tuesday evening's welcome night. Please come and join us in the hospitality area where you will see old friends and meet new ones.

Our annual meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, followed by our awards banquet and raffles in the evening.

We start on Thursday with Obedience and Rally, followed by 4-6-Month Puppy, Puppy Sweepstakes, Jr. Sweeps, Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction followed by Parade of Title holders. Judges Education will end the day's events. Members are welcome to attend the judge's seminar as observers if space allows. On Friday, we begin with Junior Showmanship followed by regular conformation.

The second-round ballot for selection of judges is in the Bulletin as well as the report of the nominating committee.

Wishing you all many winning ribbons in 2019!

Gail Antetomaso

Recording Secretary's Report

The Holidays are over and now to survive winter – UGH! But the upside is the 2019 National Specialty will be here before we know it, and Orlando will be warm and, hopefully, sunny. Mark your calendars for May 2nd and 3rd for the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel and make your reservations to join us for some “Magical Fun”.

Ms. Pauline Johns will judge Conformation on Friday the 3rd, Ms. Linda Ferrullo will judge Obedience and Rally on Thursday the 2nd, Ms. Mayno Blanding will judge the Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction, Ms. Maggie Hyde-Sherwood will judge Sweepstakes, and Ms. Toby Frisch will judge the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition all on Thursday the 2nd. The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 1st.

Don't forget that it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO LET ME KNOW IF YOUR INFORMATION CHANGES for our records.

See you in Orlando, the Land of Mickey.

Wendy Ball

BFCA Recording Secretary

BFCA Acting Corresponding Secretary

Nominations for the New Board of Directors

For May 2019 – May 2021

The BFCA Nominating Committee for this year is Judy McNamara, Chairperson, Nancy Noonan and Sandee Hanson. Thanks for all your hard work putting together the following proposed slate of officers.

In Accordance with the BFCA Constitution, Article IV, Sub.Sec. (a), the following slate of candidates is submitted to serve as Officers and Directors for 2019-2021. Names of the individuals and the state where they reside is listed below:



PRESIDENT:	Gail Antetomaso -- New York
VICE PRESIDENT:	Myra Wotton -- Minnesota
CORRESPONDING SEC.:	Debbie Hollan -- Georgia
RECORDING SEC.:	Wendy Ball -- Kentucky
TREASURER:	Matt Abbott -- Pennsylvania
DIRECTOR:	Lynn Ramich -- Pannsylvania
DIRECTOR:	Lillian Endo -- California
DIRECTOR:	John Wise -- Texas
DIRECTOR:	Kayley Kovar -- Texas
DIRECTOR:	Roz Allen -- California
DIRECTOR:	Sheri Kennedy -- Washington

Additional Nominations: Additional nominations may be made by following the procedure as outlined in Article IV, Sec.\$ Sub Sec (b) of the Constitution and ByLaws. All nomination conditions must be met and received by the Recording Secretary before April 1, 2019. All nominees must agree to sign the BFCA Code of Ethics for Officers and Directors. A Copy of the code may be obtained from the Recording Secretary.

BOARD BALLOTS

Ballot: 11-18A Additional Trophies for 2019 BFCA Nationals

The following additional trophies will be added for the 2019 BFCA Nationals held in Orlando, FL. Additions will be for the following: Select Dog, Select Bitch and Best 4-6mos Puppy, Best of Opposite Sex 4-6mos Puppy.

Votes were as follows:

Abbott, Matt	Approved
Andrew, Kathy	No response
Antetomaso, Gail	Approved
Ball, Wendy	Approved
Endo, Lillian	Approved
Hollan, Debbie	Approved
McFarlane, Diana	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved
Ramich, Lynn	Approved
Wise, John	Approved
Wotton, Myra	Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Ball
BFCA Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2018

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

\$72,442.15

INCOME:

2019 National Specialty	\$	250.00
Sales		18.00
Amazon Sales		160.98
Membership Dues		153.32
Breeder Directory		2,140.00

Health		
Donation	<u>40.00</u>	40.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 2,762.30

EXPENSE:

2019 National Specialty	307.20
2020 National Specialty	1,875.00
Fall Bulletin Expenses	120.34
AKC Delegate	457.33
Paypal	49.42
Liability Insurance	808.00
AKC Dues	25.00
Word Press	49.00
Donation BFCA CT	1,396.00

Health		
Sales	<u>490.00</u>	490.00

Total Expense		<u>(5,577.29)</u>
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NET GAIN/LOSS

(2,814.99)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018

\$69,627.16

PAYPAL BALANCE

500.00

BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 55,239.59

Interest Income	<u>5.67</u>
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BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018

55,245.26

TOTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

\$125,372.42

LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER DECEMBER 31, 2018

AKC Delegate's Report

December 2018

For me the two most important items at the Delegates meeting were “1 + 1 = 1 Point” and the “disqualifications and reinstatements process”.

I am happy to report that “1 + 1 = 1 Point” was passed effective Jan 1 2019. This will allow an exhibitor awarded Best of Winners the opportunity to earn one point at an event, which should really help the low entry breeds.

The proposal for “disqualification and reinstatement” was presented two times, and each time the Board unanimously voted against the changes. One committee member heard of a judge who was seriously hurt requiring a trip to the hospital during part of a reinstatement process.

The financial review showed \$3.5 million income. Registration has increased by 5%, and this makes five years of increases.

The AKC Museum has moved to 101 Park Avenue in New York City. Parent clubs were encouraged to visit the library catalogue and see that A NICE SELECTION OF BOOKS ON THEIR BREED IS INCLUDED.

Until the next meeting...

I would like to wish ALL a Healthy and Happy New Year and many ribbons at the dog shows.

Toby Frisch

BFCA Delegate

2019 National Specialty

The 2019 National Specialty will be held on May 2nd-3rd, 2019. It will be held in Orlando, FL, at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 N. Lake Destiny Rd., Maitland, FL 32751. Phone: 407-660-9000. The theme is "Magic in Orlando"! The Hotel has begun to take reservations for our club's block of rooms. The rate will be \$126.00 per night. We are very pleased to announce our judges will be Mrs. Pauline Johns for Regular Conformation on Friday May 3rd. Judging our Obedience/Rally classes will be Mrs. Linda Ferrullo. Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction will be judged by Mayno Blanding, Sweepstakes by Maggie Hyde-Sherwood, and 4-6 Month Puppy and Juniors by Toby Frisch!

We are also excited to announce the information for two Seminars are now on the website and ready for you to reserve your spot! Remember if you want to do the hands-on, there are only so many spots available - once they are gone they are gone. The first seminar will be held Tuesday afternoon. It will be a basic Bichon Grooming class held by experts Shannon Moore and Lindsey Dicken, which will cover proper bathing, drying and product usage. Then on Wednesday morning we will have a hands-on scissoring class for 15 people and dogs, again conducted by Groom team members Shannon Moore and 2017 Gold Medal World Champion Groom Team member Lindsey Dicken! There will also be seats available to audit this seminar. This is perfect if you do not have a dog with you!

We will be getting all the other fun Specialty items up on the website shortly and ready for you to buy, buy, buy!

Your Show Committee is very busy planning all the fun and wonderful events for this year's National.

This should be a really fun and exciting National! I would encourage you to make your hotel reservations early! We will have a "Magical" time!

Debbie Hollan

Show Chair

Agility Report

Looking back on 2018, it was a very exciting year for BFCA Agility. Our annual all-breed Agility trial was once more successful, due to the participation of local and national members and many local volunteers. We also succeeded at changing our trial date from the weekend before our National Specialty show in May to the first weekend in October. This makes it possible for many of our members to make the trip to the Agility competition much easier.

With the New Year comes resolutions, and there are two attainable resolutions in regard to this year's Agility trial. The most important resolution we can all help with is to make our trial successful through an item or monetary donation for the Agility volunteer raffle. Most three-day Agility trials require 40 – 60 volunteers per day, all who need a lunch and look forward to prize drawings for their efforts. Examples of prizes can be any item someone would use for their dog (best to have non-breed specific items since there will only be about ten Bichons out of the approximate 150 dogs) and small denomination gift cards to Target, gas stations, fast food etc. Please contact Shirley Hamilton (715-259-7513) regarding donations.

Your second and most exciting resolution is to attend this year's Agility trial in Minneapolis Minnesota on October 4th through 6th. You can attend as a volunteer (assignments are fun and easy, and we will gladly teach you), a spectator, a participant, or any combination of the three.

I am always available via email or phone call to answer any questions about the growing sport of Agility and to point you in the right direction if you would want to try it out with a beginner class.

Wishing you and your family a healthy and prosperous New Year and safe travels to the BFCA specialty and to the BFCA all-breed Agility trial.

Rick Macias

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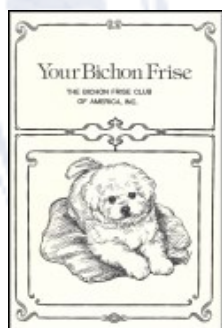
Photos from the 2018 BFCA Agility Trial



Bichon Boutique

Notecards from Gayle Sarner

Assorted Cards—\$15/box 2 sizes available—4 1/4 x 5 1/2 and 5 x 7



Your Bichon Frise \$6 for single copies

Assorted Leads

\$18/narrow

\$25/wide



Contact Merry Nicole Meyer for Availability 703.431.2075 (text) or merrynicolemeyer@yahoo.com



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Winter 2019

We hope everyone had a nice holiday. Rescue was fairly busy with some unusual intakes.

We have been getting in some younger dogs but they, for the most part, have been blends. With all the 12- and 13-year-olds, it's nice to bring in something younger, even though they are not full Bichons. Many times we are told they are Bichons and when we get them, we see they are Poodle and Bichon mixes. Our latest, if people have not been following the story on Facebook, is Lily, an estimated seven-year-old Bichon-Poodle. She was found as a stray with her companion, a male Bichon-Poodle. We believe they were dumped by a backyard/commercial breeder. The shelter called us because these were two sweet dogs but Lily had a large mammary growth. When we saw the growth, we couldn't say no. Lily was truly an emotional and physical roller coaster ride. When Zandra took her to the vet, the next day, they realized she was pregnant. What do you do? How far along is she? Were the puppies viable? What was this tumor? X-rays showed Lily was about 45 days pregnant. So we were not going to abort. We decided to remove the tumor and go from there.

When I say this was an emotional rescue, you have to understand, those who do rescue put their hearts and souls into saving these sweet beings. You have to use both your head and your heart. We had so many conference calls, so many emails between vets, vet oncologists, and volunteers. These doctors also dedicate their lives to the animals. We actually had the vets crying with us over Lily. This girl touched their hearts. Everyone who met Lily fell in love. She is so dear and sweet. This little eleven-pound girl held us all in her heart and we held her in our hearts too. Debbi and Steve Lamb took Lily and, after 24 hours, said they weren't giving her up. Lily has a home with them forever. Lily had six pups and one female passed after a few days. We are now in the process of looking over applications and deciding who will get these cute puppies.

We took in 82 dogs last year. Sadly, four were put down due to health or temperament. Despite the dogs being older, we have been able to place all but three due to health issues. Those three are permanent fosters.

After 26 years of rescue, you think you've seen and heard it all. We had the surgery on the dog with ocular dermoid. His second eyelid was covering his cornea and he was going blind. We also had a dog with IMPA Immune-Mediated Polyarthritis. That, basically, acts like Rheumatoid Arthritis.

It's been an interesting year in rescue. It's been busy with hours on the computer answering questions, emailing and phone calls. I forgot how busy rescue gets. Thank God for Zandra and that we can bounce things off each other.

Hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year.

Lynn Ramich

Co-chair and Trustee

Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust

BFCA CHARITABLE TRUST FINANCIAL REPORT

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST Est. 2003

Regions Bank balance as of October 1, 2018	\$ 41,864.79
Regions Bank balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 35,364.62

Summary of Activity October 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

INCOME

Donations	\$ 6,140.84
Paypal	\$ 9,700.00
Adoption donations	\$ 5,457.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 262.54
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,560.38

EXPENSES

Vet bills	\$ 27,170.64
Administrative	\$ 81.59
Other	
Miscellaneous	\$ 259.32
Grooming	\$ 249.00
Return of donation	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$ 808.32
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 28,060.55

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 41,864.79
INCOME	\$ 21,560.38
EXPENSES	\$ 28,060.55
ENDING BALANCE (CALCULATED)	\$ 35,364.62
ENDING BALANCE (ACTUAL)	\$ 35,364.62
DIFFERENCE	\$ -

Judges Education

Happy New Year Everyone!

Judges Education is alive and kicking.

We continue to receive high acclaim from all those partaking in our seminar. Our next seminar is in March at the Kentucky Cluster. I look forward to the volunteers, once again, who have given time and dogs to make our seminars a success. If any of you can't make it, please let me know.

If there are any subjects you would like to see stressed, please let me know. Remember, this is our breed and I will do my best to always accentuate the positive.

I need your help for the following:

Help provide photos (soft copies - JPEG or TIFF - preferred) from which I can make outlines. I need 8 dogs and 8 bitches. The dogs in the photos must be excellent quality – quality good enough to win specialties and groups. The dogs must be stacked in full profile or as close as possible. The photos must be high resolution so I can enlarge them multiple times online to do the outlines.

Once again, thank you for your continued support,

Mimi

Membership Report

WINTER 2019

Karen Chesbro

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Lisa Bettis

25745 County Rd 28

Goshen, IN 46526

(Matt Abbott & Paula Hendricks)

Ryan Wolfe

25745 County Rd 28

Goshen, IN 46526

(Matt Abbott & Paula Hendricks)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, 967A Boat Dock Rd, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by **FEBRUARY 15, 2019**

Sid Fletcher

"Santa in Disguise"

Eden Prairie, Minnesota USA

When asked why he is known as "Santa in Disguise", Sid Fletcher claims "Sid" stands for "Santa in Disguise".

International Santa Claus Hall of Fame – December 2018



For those of you who attended our 2016 National Specialty in Minneapolis, you will recognize our BFCA member, Sid Fletcher, who is a professional Santa Claus who kindly sat for professional candid Santa photographs with our attendees and Bichons.

For over two decades, Sid has been the longest running Santa at the Santa Experience at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota. He visits with an estimated 17,000 children annually at the largest shopping mall in United States. His career started over 4 decades ago with a \$25.00 novelty costume from a local retailer. At age 17, he was visiting with sick and injured children in hospitals around the Minneapolis- St. Paul area. Each passing year, he gained more and

more experience and now passes that onto others. Sid is also a founding member of the North Star Santas in Minnesota.

This year, Santa Sid was blessed to be able to “answer” the Christmas wish of 2 young daughters of one of our brave service men. During the photo-shoot, their father (in his uniform) surprised his daughters when he entered from a back room. This touching reunion was covered by all 3 local TV stations as well as the local newspaper.

By the way, Mrs. Santa, Mollie Fletcher (BFCA member) contributes to the Santa Sid persona by “grooming” Santa’s hair and beard!

For those, like myself, who are unaware of the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame, here is some information.

The International Santa Claus Hall of Fame exhibit is located inside the historic Santa’s Candy Castle in Santa Claus, Indiana.

The International Santa Claus Hall of Fame is the home of the celebration and study of famous Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus of the past and present. This is an ongoing project to preserve the historical documentation of the many men and women who have greatly contributed to the Legend of Santa Claus.

For anyone wishing more information about this organization or who may wish to visit Santa’s Candy Castle, please use the following link:

<http://www.santaclaushall.com/>

The Board wishes to extend our **CONGRATULATIONS to SANTA SID** on his induction into the International Santa Claus Hall of Fame!!

We all have lives outside of dogs, and the Board would like to recognize the achievements of our members in their “other” lives. Please let any Board member know of such achievements so that we may offer our Congratulations and share these achievements with the entire membership.

Bichon Frise Club of Northern California



The Bichon Frise Club of Northern California held their back-to-back specialties this past October, and we had a lovely entry both days with majors in both sexes! Our sweepstakes judges, Shyla Newton and Alexia Rodriguez, had some lovely puppies to choose from and they both enjoyed their assignments.

After the specialty on Saturday, Camille Bakker did a breed presentation using a “True/False” game and tested everyone’s knowledge on skeletal parts to help with a better understanding of our fluff monsters. The presentation was attended by several club members and guests alike, including our sweepstakes judges.

Our club is looking to bring back our “Day in the Park” event later this year. We welcomed two new members last quarter. Plans will be in the works in the next few months for our specialties again in October 2020.

Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey

The Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey kicked off the New Year with a luncheon meeting. The Club will be representing the breed at “Meet the Breeds” in New York City on February 9. We get to share our knowledge and love of the Bichon Frise with thousands of people. We also take this opportunity to collect donations for our Rescue by offering a photo op with a Bichon! The people love it and can also take literature about our Rescue program as well as the breed’s standards.

Our annual Specialty Show will be on Saturday, March 23, in Edison, NJ. Cynthia Pagurski is judging conformation, and Loretta Dolan will be judging our Sweepstakes.

In the spring, we are planning a trip to visit The Museum of the Dog.

Bichon Frise Club of Puget Sound



Where's the Bichon Major? BFCPS is working hard on their 2 Specialties to be held July 5th and 6th. A good time to plan your vacation to the Great Pacific Northwest and show your dogs in 2 Specialties and 3 All-Breed shows. Usually there are majors at these shows and last year there were five 5-point majors. We are expecting just as good of a turnout this July. The judges have been finalized:

Friday Specialty – Mr. Edd Bivin

Sweepstakes – Mr. Gary Stiles

Saturday Specialty – Mrs. Carol Fellbaum

Sweepstakes – Mrs. Dena Monson

There will be a catered awards dinner Friday evening with a fundraiser auction and raffles.

Give yourself a break from the dog days of summer and come to the beautiful Northwest.

Bichon Frise Club of San Diego



BARBARA STUBBS

1929-2018

The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego dedicates our Golden Jubilee specialty shows on February 22, 2019, to Barbara Stubbs.

Barbara was instrumental in having the Bichon Frise recognized by the AKC and in the formation of the Bichon Frise Club of America and the Bichon Frise Club of San Diego. She also authored one of the definitive works on the breed, *The Complete Bichon Frise*.

Were it not for Barbara's style and panache it is doubtful we would be here today celebrating the Bichon Frise Club of San Diego's 50th specialty show, or, for that matter, the Bichon Frise.

While it is true there were other breeders who came before her, there were none who had the right combination of knowledge and connections to bring this "little white dog" to the attention of those who could advance it to becoming a breed recognized by the American Kennel Club and eligible to compete at all breed events.

We who call San Diego our home are fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from this remarkable lady and to enjoy the pleasure of her company. Barbara bred and showed Bichons under the prefix CHAMINADE. Two of her more well known Bichons were Chaminade Mr. Beau Monde "Christopher" and Chaminade Le Blanc Chamour "Beemer".

It will not be the same without her, but we are forever grateful for having had the opportunity to know her, love her and learn from her.

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Winter 2019 Update

Quick recap of 2018: Our club had a busy year, including our annual picnic, a handling class, club participation in Meet-The-Breeds at The Big E in Springfield, MA, our annual banquet, and new club officer and board selections. Sue Anneser chaired our 32nd BFCSNE Specialty held in conjunction with the Farmington Valley Kennel Club on July 7, 2018. We had 16 Bichons in the ring and it was great to see Bichon friends and competitors at our event.

2018 Specialty Results:

- BOB Ch Luxury Love Dacquiri, Owners: Karen Graber Anibal Faria, Breeder: Iryna Smirnov
- BOS GCHB Shira Yuri's Samurai Sword, Owners & Breeders : Janet & George Hartmann
- Sel Dog Ch Bein Ami Gene's Sir Kai Nasham, Owner: Theresa Norris & C Wolfe, Breeder: T Norris
- AOM GCHB Tres Beau Going My Way, Owner: Ann-Marie Watson, Breeder Kathy & David Lowe
- AOM GCH Paray's Don't Make Me Plush, Owner: Ann-Marie Watson, Breeder: R.Pittman & P. Flores
- WD/BW Doriann's Captain Jack Sparrow, Owners & Breeders: Michelle Brodale & Carol Konik
- WB Dove Cote's Daisy If You Do, Owners & Breeders: Lori Lee & M Hyde & D Hyde
- BP Lilywhite's In Honor Of a Shadow, Owners: K Graber & K Vogel & D Ardagna, Breeder: J Jamison
- BVSW GCHB Tres Beau Going My Way, Owner: A Watson, Breeders: K & D Lowe

In September we participated in the AKC *Meet the Breeds* at the BIG E in Springfield, MA. Many thanks to Laureen Zelek for organizing our participation in that event. The enthusiasm for our breed was a joy to see. Our September meeting was our annual poolside picnic held at Sue Anneser's house – on another warm sunny day. Thank you to Gloria DuBois for coordinating a wonderful array of food and raffle donations provided by the membership. Many thanks to our club members for the donations and set-up efforts. In November, we held our annual meeting/banquet at the Olive Garden in Enfield CT.

AKC Champions and Grand Champions recognized at our annual banquet:

- Ch Lorrans' Beginners Luck "Star"
- Ch KNOLLWOOD'S Annabelle - "AnnaBelle"
- Ch Show Me I love You to The Moon and Back! "Moondoggie"
- Ch Show Me How Sweet It Is! - "Jackie"
- Ch Show Me What I Need! "Baby"
- Ch Show Me I'm Simply Irresistible "Kate"
- Ch Show Me Lovin' Sweet Tea! "Tessa"

AKC Canine Good Citizen Award Title certificate:

- Ch MusicBox Lorrans' Good Luck Charm "Peaches"

Ginny Humphrey Vice President BFCSNE



SAVE THE DATE!

It's Magic in Orlando!

Sheraton Orlando North Hotel

*(407)660-9000 * Jessica Xu Jessica.xu@sheratonorlandonorth.com*

Room Rate \$126.00 Double/Single

Tuesday April 30th

New Seminar—Back to Basics, Product usage, basic coat care*

Shannon Moore & Lindsey Dicken

Handling Seminar

Registration & Evening Hospitality

Wednesday May 1st

Hands on (Minimal Spots available) & Observation of Scissoring Techniques

For Basic Topline pattern— Taught by Shannon Moore and Lindsey Dicken

BFCA Annual Meeting

Awards Banquet

Thursday May 2nd

Obedience & Rally

Sweepstakes & Parade of Title Holders

Special Attraction Bred-By-Exhibitor

Friday May 3rd

Junior Showmanship

Conformation



OBEDIENCE REPORT BY Linda Ferrullo

A number of changes will be made to the AKC Obedience regulations effective November 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019. Information about the upcoming AKC Obedience changes can be found at the following link.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/obedience/news-updates/>

These are changes taken directly from the rules book

Obedience – Clarifications to the Open Class, Command Discrimination Exercise – Effective 01/01/2019

The following clarifications were approved for the *Obedience Regulations* by the AKC Board of Directors at the October meeting, with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

***Obedience Regulations* – Chapter 4 will be amended as follows:**

Section 7. Command Discrimination. The principal features of this exercise are the dog's correct response to the handler's commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position.

The orders are: "Leave your dog" and "Back to your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order to "Stand your dog" or "Down your dog." The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to "Leave your dog," the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order "Leave your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The judge will then order "Back to your dog." The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position. The handler's hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler's side.

Obedience – Amendment to the Open Class, Stay-Get Your Leash Exercise – Effective 01/01/2019

Currently, in the Open class, the “Stay – Get Your Leash exercise is made up of two-parts. First the handler must leave the dog in either the sit or down position when commanded to do so by the judge for a period of one-minute, then after one-minute, the judge orders the handler to return to the dog, and then to leave the dog again to go get the leash, which is outside the ring. The handler picks up the leash, re-enters the ring, stops at the ring gate entrance facing the dog, and waits for the judge’s order to return to the dog.

The AKC Board of Directors approved a change to this exercise to make this a single-part exercise with a “Stand” Stay – Get Your Leash. Changing the exercise to a single-part exercise will save time over the course of the Open judge’s assignment. It is important that the exercise demonstrate the dog’s ability to control its impulses and maintain the worthiness of this practical exercise.

Obedience Regulations – Chapter 4 will be amended as follows:

Section 3. Open A Exercises and Scores. The exercises and maximum score in the Open A class:

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight 40 points
2. Command Discrimination 30 points

(Stand, Down, Sit)

3. Drop on Recall 30 points
4. Retrieve on Flat 20 points
5. Retrieve over High Jump 30 points
6. Broad Jump 20 points
7. Stand Stay – Get Your Leash 30 points

Maximum Total Score 200 points

Section 4. Open B Exercises and Scores. The various orders of exercises in the Open B class:

OPEN I-VI

7. Stand Stay – Get Your Leash

Section 17. Stand Stay – Get Your Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position.

The orders are: “Stand your dog,” Leave your dog to get your leash,” and “Back to your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.

On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

And also a dog that is DEAF may compete in obedience and Rally competitions

Novice changes that took effect in of 2018- Group stays are now on leash (6 foot) exhibitors will be placed 6 feet from ring gates and 6 feet distance from each exhibitor and may be placed back to back with a 6 foot separation for the sit and downs

AKC Rally – Enhancements to the Rally Champion Title – Effective 02/01/2019

The AKC Board of Directors approved modifications to the requirements to earn the Rally Champion title (RACH). The following changes were approved: (1) earn RACH points from the Advanced B class, (2) amend the Point Schedule to award a greater number of points by score, (3) calculate points toward the RACH title after a dog earns the Rally Excellent (RE) title, and (4) reduce the minimum number of RACH points that must be earned from the Master class.

These changes will be effective February 1, 2019 and on/after that date, AKC will recalculate the RACH points on all dogs’ records using the new point schedule. The

recalculation of the records will be backdated to the inception of the RACH title, which was November 1, 2017.

Section 1. Dogs That May Compete. Rally Championship points and triple qualifying scores will be recorded for dogs after they have earned the Rally Excellent (RE) title. When a dog earns the Rally Champion (RACH) title, it may continue to compete and earn points.

Section 2. Championship Points. Rally Championship points will be recorded for dogs earning a score of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B and Rally Master classes. A dog must earn a total of 300 points, with a minimum of 150 points from the Master class. Additionally, the dog must receive qualifying scores in Advance B, Excellent B and the Master class, on the same day at the same trial at 20 separate licensed or member rally trials.

Points will be added for the Advanced B class, since the class is required to achieve the title as part of the 20 triple qualifying scores.

Reduce the minimum number of Championship points required from the Master class from 200 to 150 points.

CHIC Report Forth Quarter of 2018

CHIC, the Canine Health and Information Center www.caninehealthinfo.org is a centralized database that is sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). To obtain a CHIC number the dog must have **completed** the tests that BFCA requires (hips, eyes, patellas). If the Bichon passes the tests, that dog gets a CHIC number. If the Bichon does not pass the tests the owner must agree to release the results, and that dog also gets a CHIC number. A CHIC number therefore means that the breeder/owner **completed** the required tests at some point in time, and shared the information with the public. A CHIC number can never be revoked. **Currently we are at the 12-year mark since BFCA joined the CHIC program!!**

ORIGINAL QUALIFIERS	362	July 2007
TOTAL QUALIFIERS AS OF LAST YEAR	1145	December 2017
NEW 2018 QUALIFIERS	114	December 2018
TOTAL QUALIFIERS	1259	December 2018
TOTAL UPDATES AS OF LAST YEAR	545	December 2017
NEW 2018 UPDATES	85	December 2018
TOTAL UPDATES	630	September 2018

BFCA 5 Star Health Awards Report

The BFCA health committee initiated the BFCA 5 Star Health Awards in 2010 in conjunction with CHIC certifications. The award reflects high health quality, as in a 5 star hotel, and commends the efforts of breeders who augment health testing of their Bichons prior to breeding with at least 5 tests passed.

To qualify, the Bichon Frise must have:

1. At least one owner who is a BFCA member.
2. A CHIC number that indicates 3 tests (eyes, hips, and patellas) are completed but not necessarily passed. See the CHIC web site for more information:
<http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/bichon.html>
3. Passed eye OFA certification and patella OFA certification within 1 year of the date of the application.
4. Passed OFA or PennHIP requirements that rule out hip dysplasia.
5. Passed 2 other tests listed in the BFCA optional tests on the CHIC web site:
 - DNA registered with AKC
 - Legg-calve-perthes disease OFA
 - Cardiac disease OFA
 - Dentition OFA
 - Thyroid OFA
 - Urinalysis to assess for infection, diabetes, bladder stone crystals, urate crystals (liver shunt)
 - Bile acid blood test for liver shunt
 - Standard veterinary blood panel including:

- CBC (complete blood count): WBC, RBC, hemoglobin (to check for anemia, blood cancer, infection)
- Electrolytes, BUN, Creatinine (to assess kidney function)
- Blood glucose level (to rule out diabetes)
- Liver enzymes (to rule out liver disease)
- Pancreas enzymes (to rule out pancreas disease)

Therefore, the Bichon Frise **must pass** 5 health tests (includes DNA registration with AKC) to receive this award. Like the CHIC certification, once a Bichon receives the award it cannot be revoked. Each issue of the BFCA Health Times will include an ongoing list of recipients of this award, and a certificate will be sent to the owner.

NOTE: Send application to Vickie Halstead

Mail or email the application <http://www.bichonhealth.org/Catalog/PDF/CHIC-5-STAR-AWARD-APPLICATION.pdf> to Vickie Halstead at victoire2@mac.com or 5 Oak Ridge Trail, Circle Pines, MN 55014.

December 2018, Congratulations! New BFCA 5 Star Health Awards!

Knollwood's AnnaBelle – Heart of Cher Ami Susan & Dean Anneser

Alphabetical List of Recipients of BFCA 5 Star Health Awards

<i>Name of Dog</i>	<i>Owners</i>	<i>App Date</i>
Aphrodite's Reflection Robin Hood	Sharon Hunkins	10/28/15
Allure's U Chenoa Joe	Lisa Des Camps, Katherine Dillon	10/1/10
Beaujolais's Royal Conspiracy	Marsi Harvey & Lois Morrow	3/6/15
Beaujolais's Royal Conspiracy	Marsi Harvey and Lois Morrow	3/6/15
Bella Diamella Sunday Surprise	Stephanie Uva, Katherine Dillon	8/19/12
Bestow's Hold Me Thrill Me Kiss Me	Diane Jansey & Vickie Halstead	9/3/16
Bibelot Celebrates Victoire	Paula Hendricks & Sandra Orford	6/4/16
Bibelot's Destiny Awaits	Paula Hendricks, Gina Pantely	11/26/12
Bibelot's Purple Heart O'Mine	Matt & Paula Abbott	9/12/11
Bibelot's Sugar Plum Dancer	Paula Hendricks	6/6/11
Bibelot's Witchful Thinking	Paula Hendricks, Janet Jamison	5/13/13
Bijone's Mon Cheri Music of the Nite	Susan Brockett, Barbara Shaffer, & Nicole Shaffer	1/4/12
Cher Ami's Summer Days Summer Nights At Knollwood	Susan & Dean Anneser, & Deena Mathog	1/26/16
Craigdale Chip Off The Rock	Cheryl Blair & Patricia Dale Hunter	2/28/13
Crème's Brandy Alexanderia	Carol Haines	5/3/12
Crème's Fool's Rush In	Carol Haines	5/3/12
Crème's Madam President	Carol Haines	5/3/12
Diamella Miracle For Rosemont	Laura Winston	02/22/17
Doriann's Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	4/11/15
Doriann's Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	4/11/15
Doriann's Hello, Gorgeous	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	8/27/15
Doriann's Here's Looking At you, Kid	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	7/21/15
Doriann's Hunk of Burnin' Love	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	1/8/15

Doriann's Poetic Justice	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	4/9/15
Doriann's Public Display of Perfection	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	6/6/17
Doriann's Saks Hollywood Bombshell	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	10/29/13
Doriann's Tennessee Gentleman Jack	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	10/29/13
Doriann's The Duke of Prelude	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	10/29/13
Doriann's Valentino	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	8/23/16
GloryB SAKS Overtop The Wow Factor	Becky Buckman	4/11/17
Grandesignsunflowerprincess	Laureen Zelek	1/20/18
Grandesign Lorrان's Spitfire	Laureen Zelek	1/20/18
Hollyhock Dazzle and Delight	Debra Gibb & Linda Rowe	10/19/15
Hollyhock Heir To the Throne	Debra Gibb & Linda Rowe	8/23/16
Hollyhock She Returns	Debra Gibb, Linda Rowe	6/18/13
Jabree's Bellefleur La Jolie	Nita & Mark Gryan	12/19/11
Jabree's Jack of Hearts	Nita & Mark Gryan	3/23/11
Jasme Raggedy Ann	Mayno Blanding	11/29/09
Karmel's Come and Get It	Deb Gibb & Lily Lee	10/18/16
Knollwood's AnnaBelle – Heart of Cher Ami	Susan & Dean Anneser	12/31/18
Knollwood's Henry	Susan & Dean Anneser	3/11/13
Lady Amy Ann	Diane Jansey & Vickie Halstead	9/3/16
Legend's Did Someone Say Party?	Paula Hendricks, Erayna Beckman, & Roslyn Allen	12/29/16
Luvit's A Rolex Cellissima At Dalnavert	Linda Ross, Bernice & Brian Lucas	8/1/12
Luvit's a Rolex Daytona At Dalnavert	Linda Ross, Bernice & Brian Lucas	11/26/12
Luvit's A Rolex Yacht-master At Dalnavert	Bernice & Brian Lucas, Linda Ross,	11/7/12
Luvit's Dalnavert Double Destiny	Linda Ross, Bernice & Brian Lucas	1/11/13
Luvit's Dalnavert Olympic Omegamania	Jill SanFilippo, Linda Ross, Bernice Lucas, & Marilyn Torrance	3/11/13
Merryell Absolutely Spellbound	Mayno Blanding	11/29/09
Merryell Defying Gravity	Mayno Blanding	11/19/14
Merryell Grand Slam	Mayno Blanding	4/15/18
Merrymaker's Living Doll	Cindy Morey	11/15/09
Merrymaker's Southern Charm of Bibelot	Cindy Morey	1/13/11
Miabella Dancing Queen	Sheryl Kapella	6/3/13
Miabella Head Over Heels	Sheryl Kapella	6/3/13
Musicbox Lorrان's Good Luc Charm	Laureen Zelek	1/20/18
MyBliss Saks Against All Odds	Myra Wotton	11/12/15
Mybliss Dandy Devil Wears White	Myra Wotton, Jan & Alan Shetzer	1/5/12
Mybliss Expertly Engineered	Myra Wotton	7/26/12
Mybliss Galway's Irish Imp	Nancy Noonan	06/06/10
MyBliss Petite Coquette	Loretta McDonald	3/16/11
Mybliss SAKS the Flower on Foxpoint	Myra Wotton	1/20/18
MyBliss Sport Edition At Bella	Stephanie Uva, Myra Wotton, & Nicole Shaffer	8/19/12
Overtop Shining Star For SHE Bichon	Sharon Hunkins	1/16/16
Paray Parasol of Knollwood	Susan & Dean Anneser	12/1/10
Paray's Power & Privilege	Laura Winston	02/22/17
Paray's Secret Encounter	Susan & Dean Anneser	12/1/10
Phantom Victoire Claus's Rudolph's Better Half	Mollie Fletcher & Diana Bugos	4/24/15
Saks Hamelot Little Drummer Boy	Sandra & Kieth Hanson	8/6/12
Saks Winning Card	Sandra & Kieth Hanson	8/6/12
Scarlets In The Midst of Hollyhock	Deb Gibb, Linda Rowe, & Lianne Bondurant	9/10/16

Scarlets White Diamond of Lotus	Deb Gibb, Lily Lee, & Lianne Bondurant	10/10/18
SHE Bichons Betsy Ross	Sandy Fishell & Sharon Hunkins	11/19/14
SHE Bichons Dolly Madison	Sharon Hunkins	6/30/16
SHE Bichons Elizabeth Taylor	Sharon Hunkins	2/15/14
SHE Bichons Gary Cooper	Debra Gibb and Sharon Hunkins	7/3/14
SHE Bichons Priscilla Lane	Sharon Hunkins	1/20/18
SHE Bichons Tallulah Bankhead	Sharon Hunkins	10/4/16
SHE Bichons Sundance Kid	Sharon Hunkins & Dale Schwab	2/25/14
Shyladawn's Hollyhock Ode To Chaminade	Deb Gibb, Linda Rowe & Shyla Newton	12/29/16
Solstice Stormbringer	Lindsey Dicken, Ellen Phelps, Cheryl Purcell, & Elizabeth Panacek	6/14/17
Victoire's Basil Pesto	Vickie Halstead	11/2016
Victoire Diamond Rio Citrine	David & Darlene Scheiris, & Vickie Halstead	12/02/09
Victoire Juniper's Hot Tamale	Vickie Halstead	11/30/09
Victoire L'Amour Champagne Lace	Vickie Halstead	11/30/09
Victoire McNelson's Beau Jangles Gemstone	Heather McKay, Scott Nelson, & Vickie Halstead	7/21/16
Victoire Melodie's Bleu Reign	Melody Michel, Vickie Halstead	11/30/09
Victoire Phantom's Devil in Disguise	Diana Bugos, Vickie Halstead	12/4/12
Victoire's Cheers to Austin	Vickie Halstead	11/30/09
Victorie Gerie No Lemon Gemstone	Vickie Halstead, Mary Wangsness	11/30/10
Victorie's Norwegian Red	Vickie Halstead	11/30/09
Wendan Out On Parole From Music Box	Wendy & Danny Ball	7/15/18
White Shadow Galaway Hide N'Seek	Nancy Noonan	6/06/10

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**BFCA Health Committee: Vickie Halstead, Paula Hendricks
Mayno Blanding, Joanne Rubin,
Ginny Humphrey, Laura Winston,
Nancy McDonald - chairman/editor**

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Generosity of a BFCA Local Club

The Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsalvania is donating their Veteran Sweeps trophies to the BFCA Health Fund in the name of the winners. This is a unique and generous idea as well as the first to do this for the BFCA Health. Thank you BFCWP for your generosity.

Changes to Your Health Committee

In your last Health Times, your health committee asked for BFCA members who were interested in serving on the BFCA Health Committee. There are now two new members serving on the committee, Ginny Humphrey and Laura Winston. Congratulations to them for giving of their time.

The one thing that always stays the same is that things change. Leaving the committee after our 2019 National are Joanne Rubin and Paula Hendricks. Thank you so very much for all the time, attention, effort and energy you have given to the work and purpose of this committee.

BICHON FRISE - A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

by John E. Hutchison

An Essential Book for Your Bichon Library

John Hutchison has been involved in dogs for about 50 years and has shown Bichons Frises since 1978. He is a handler and judge of not only the Bichon Frise but the Toy Group and Hound Group. This book discusses the history of the Bichon, the essence of the breed, the conformation and judging. He discusses whelping, puppies and their possible problems and the presentation of the Bichon. Also, John has traveled the world to see Bichons around the world and talk with influential breeders. This is a must book for serious breeders. Mr. Hutchison is scheduled to judge The BFCA 2020 National Specialty Show and we look forward to it with much anticipation.

To order your copy, contact Paula Hendricks at
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New Year's Resolution

A new year brings new plans such as organizing our kennel, sorting all those show pictures, cleaning crates and x-pens. Also included is eating better, getting in shape and, perhaps, STOP SMOKING. It has been no secret for years and years that cigarettes, i.e., smoking, can kill you. Then it became evident that second-hand cigarette smoke is dangerous, too, causing cancers, skin problems, and lung problems affecting not only children living in a smoke environment but pets, too. Heads up! There is a third-hand smoke danger. Our pets groom themselves causing them to ingest THIRD-hand nicotine. Now pair this with e-cigarettes that are all the craze now. Reportedly, there is as much nicotine in one e-cigarette as in a whole pack of regular cigarettes. In addition, we are creating a more enjoyable way to kill ourselves by legalizing and smoking marijuana.

Your adoring Bichon would not leave your side just because you lit up some form of nicotine, but maybe you should start adoring your Bichon and think of its health. Nicotine is inhaled into your Bichon's lungs, nasal passages and eyes. It settles on their coats where they lick it off while grooming and ends up on their bedding, water bowls, and food bowls, also. There is no way for your captive Bichon to avoid it. Even if you try to smoke outside, you still transfer nicotine to them. Also, cigarettes and all forms of marijuana can be found by those nosey Bichons and consumed. About twenty years ago a friend's son came home from college with some chocolate brownies he had made. My friend's Bichon got into the chocolate brownies and became sick. Of course, chocolate is dangerous to dogs, so he was rushed to the vet. The veterinarian treated the Bichon for eating chocolate but then called to say the Bichon was still quite ill and not responding as expected. With some investigation, they discovered the brownies contained marijuana.

The following article, written by Nancy Kay DVM, can be found on the internet but is here for your convenience. Below it is a couple of research synopses to which Dr. Kay referred.

Pets and Cigarette Smoke

It is known that cigarette [smokers are more likely to kick the habit](#) if they know their smoking is endangering the health of their pets. Below you will find some new information to share with your cigarette smoking friends and loved ones. If they love animals, it may help them take the next step in nixing nicotine from their lives.

What we already know We've known for some time that, compared to cats who live in smoke-free environments, cats who live in households with cigarette smokers are more than twice as likely to develop [lymphoma](#), a life ending form of cancer. The risk increases by threefold for cats who live with smokers and are five years of age or older.

We also know that cigarette smoke is associated with an [increased incidence of canine nasal cancer](#), particularly in long-nosed breeds of dogs such as Collies, Greyhounds, and German Shepherds. While such cancers are treatable, only rarely are they curable.

Dogs who are exposed to cigarette smoke are more likely to develop [atopic dermatitis](#) compared to dogs living in smoke-free environments. Atopic dermatitis is allergic skin disease, a common cause of itching, scratching, and secondary skin infections in dogs.

What we are learning Researchers at the University of Glasgow are learning more about the deleterious effects of smoking on pets. Their study has not yet been published, but they have released some of their findings.

The researchers have learned that, compared to humans, pets are at significantly greater risk from second and third hand smoke. Second hand smoke is defined as that which is exhaled by the smoker and inhaled by others. Third hand smoke refers to the smoke residue that remains on surfaces such as skin, fur, clothing, furniture, and carpeting.

Why are pets at greater risk than humans? [Clare Knottenbelt](#), researcher and Professor of Small Animal Medicine and Oncology at the University of Glasgow explains it as follows:

Pets are often in close proximity to their owners more so than many children who can be away at school all day and more so than other adults in the house. Furthermore as pets self-groom they will ingest the smoke particles from their fur. This is a big problem for cats as they are very fastidious and thorough about their self-grooming.

Dr. Knottenbelt and her colleagues examined the testicles of male dogs after they were neutered and found within them a gene that is a marker of cell damage and is associated with development of some canine cancers. The incidence of this gene was higher in dogs living in smoking homes compared to those from smoke free environments.

Interestingly, the researchers have also discovered that dogs from smoking homes who were neutered were more likely to become obese compared to those from smoke free homes who were neutered. The explanation for this is not clear.

The researchers have learned that when pet owners chose to smoke outside, the effect on their pets was reduced but not eradicated. When owners reduced the total numbers of tobacco products smoked in the home to less than 10 per day, the nicotine levels in their pets' hair dropped significantly but were still higher than those in animals from nonsmoking homes.

Once Dr. Knottenbelt's study has been published, I will fill you in on the details. I must admit, I cringe every time I examine an animal who literally reeks of cigarette smoke. Not only does their fur smell like cigarettes, it has a sticky feeling residue that I'm sure represents third hand smoke. Interestingly, these are usually cats or small dogs, and I picture them in a fog of cigarette smoke while sitting on the laps of the humans they adore.

Now that marijuana is becoming legalized, I'm wondering about the impact of its smoke on pets. States that have legalized marijuana are certainly seeing a rise in the number of toxicity cases in pets as a result of eating a marijuana containing product. And, now that vaping (inhalation of nicotine through a vaporizer) has become so popular, perhaps this will be studied as well.

Do you know a smoker you might be able to influence with this article?

Wishing you and your four-legged family members a very happy new year,

Nancy Kay, DVM Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Author of *Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life* Author of *Your Dog's Best Health: A Dozen Reasonable Things to Expect From Your Vet* Recipient, Leo K. Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award Recipient, American Animal Hospital Association Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award Recipient, Dog Writers Association of America Award for Best Blog Recipient, Eukanuba Canine Health Award Recipient, AKC Club Publication Excellence Award

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Cancer of the nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in pet dogs.

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Author information

Abstract A case-control study of nasal cancer in pet dogs was conducted to test the hypothesis that exposure to environmental tobacco smoke increases risk. Cases (n = 103) were selected from a teaching hospital during 1986-1990. Controls (n = 378) with other forms of cancer were selected from the same study base. Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke was evaluated by determining the number of smokers in the household, the packs of cigarettes smoked per day at home by each smoker, the number of years that each person smoked during the dog's lifetime, and the proportion of time spent indoors by the dog. The crude odds ratio for exposure to environmental tobacco smoke was 1.1 (95% confidence interval (CI) 0.7-1.8) and was unchanged after adjustment for confounders. Skull shape was found to exert a pronounced modifying effect; among dolichocephalic (long-nosed) dogs, the odds ratio for a smoker in the house was 2.0 (95% CI 1.0-4.1). A monotonic increase in the odds ratios across strata of total packs smoked and total indoor exposure to environmental tobacco smoke was found in this group of dogs, with risks of approximately 2.5 for the highest stratum. Conversely, all odds ratios for exposure to environmental tobacco

smoke among short- and medium-length-nosed dogs were approximately 0.5. The data support an association between environmental tobacco smoke and canine nasal cancer.

Posted on January 10, 2016

Association between passive smoking and atopic dermatitis in dogs.

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Author information Abstract Onset of atopic dermatitis and occurrence of related skin lesions are influenced by various environmental factors in humans, and companion animals. Several studies have demonstrated an association between passive smoking and the development of atopic dermatitis in children. This association has never been investigated in the dog to our knowledge. We enrolled 161 dogs seen at dermatology and vaccination consultations over a six-month period for this study. Dog owners were asked to complete a questionnaire, to evaluate the exposure of the dog to tobacco smoke. The atopic or non-atopic status of the dog was assessed on the basis of Favrot's criteria (history, clinical examination and cutaneous cytology for *Malassezia*). Analysis of the data for the 161 dogs enrolled revealed a significant association between high levels of passive exposure to tobacco smoke (cigarette consumption divided by the area of the home) and the presence of atopic dermatitis in the dogs (OR, 4.38; 95% CI, 1.10-17.44; $p=0.03$; NNH (number needed to harm) 3, 95% CI 2-52). The prevalence of atopic dermatitis showed a slight, but non-significant association with breed predisposition. Dogs with high levels of exposure to tobacco smoke may have a higher risk of atopic dermatitis than non-exposed dogs.

KEYWORDS:Atopic dermatitis; Canine; Second-hand smoking; Smoking; Third-hand smoking; Tobacco PMID:

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Atopic dermatitis is associated with active and passive cigarette smoking in adolescents.

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Author information

Abstract

OBJECTIVE:The relationship between passive smoking and atopic dermatitis has previously been reported, but few studies have simultaneously evaluated the association of atopic dermatitis with active and passive smoking.

METHODS:The relationships between atopic dermatitis and active and passive smoking were evaluated in Korean adolescents. We used a large, representative, population-based survey (The Korea Youth Risk Behavior

Web-based Survey) conducted in 2011 and 2012. Active smoking was classified into 3 groups (0 days, 1-19 days, and ≥ 20 days/month). Passive smoking was categorized into 3 groups (0 days, 1-4 days, and ≥ 5 days/week). Atopic dermatitis diagnosed by a medical doctor either during the past 1 month or during the participant's lifetime was surveyed. Age, sex, obesity status, region of residence, economic level, and parental educational level of the participants were adjusted as confounders. Adjusted odds ratios (AORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) were calculated using multiple logistic regression analysis with complex sampling.

RESULTS: A total of 6.8% (10,020/135,682) of the participants reported atopic dermatitis during the last 12 months. Active smoking was significantly associated with atopic dermatitis (previous 12 months) (AOR [95% CI] of smoking ≥ 20 days/month = 1.18 [1.07-1.29]; 1-19 days/month = 1.11 [0.99-1.23], $P = 0.002$). Passive smoking was also related to atopic dermatitis (previous 12 months) (AOR [95% CI] of smoking ≥ 5 days/week = 1.12 [1.05-1.20]; 1-4 days/week = 1.08 [1.03-1.13], $P < 0.001$).

CONCLUSION: Atopic dermatitis was significantly associated with active and passive smoking in Korean adolescents.

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SECOND ROUND BALLOT

JUDGE SELECTION FOR 2021 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

The names listed below represent the results of your first round nominations. **IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE**, please select three **different** names from the Conformation list and three **different** names from the Sweepstakes list and the Bred-By-Special Attraction list. THIS IS A WEIGHTED BALLOT (3 pts. for first; 2 pts. for second and 1 pt. for third). BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY.

CONFORMATION	SWEEPSTAKES	BRED-BY EXHIBITOR SPECIAL ATTRACTION
Michael Dougherty	Lindsey Dickens	Lindsey Dickens
Rick Day	Carol Fellbaum	Carol Fellbaum
Paul Flores	Sheri Kennedy	Karen Graeber
Dennis McCoy	Larry Letsche	Sheri Kennedy
Bill McFadden	Shyla Newton	Larry Letsche
Taffy McFadden	Scott Somers	
DeeDee Sorenson		

	<i>Second Voter Only – Same Household</i>
Conformation	Conformation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
Sweepstakes	Sweepstakes
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
Bred-By Exhibitor Special Attraction	Bred-By Exhibitor Special Attraction
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Signature _____ Signature _____

Print Name _____ Print Name _____

Ballots MUST be postmarked by: Saturday, March 16, 2019

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Membership Directory Updates - Winter 2019

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No changes

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