

FALL 2019

The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.





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President's Report

Now that we're into fall, winter is just around the corner, and I feel like it was yesterday that we published last year's fall bulletin.

We still have some very important committee positions to fill. We need a Membership Chair, and Diana can always use more help with the website and bulletin.

Our organization relies on its members to volunteer to serve on committees, so please don't hesitate to contact me or any board member if you can share some time. We welcome your help with whatever you can do and talents you can share.

Make sure to look for the judges nomination ballots in this issue. There is also a list of people who do not wish to judge. Ballots will be sent electronically. Our futurity class has been postponed for a year to give everyone ample time to digest the new class and for the first year our own Judy McNamara will judge. Thereafter there will be a membership vote for futurity judge.

It's also time to renew or sign up for our 2020 Breeder Directory. The form is in the Bulletin.

Indy is the hot spot for our 2021 National Specialty and Show Chair, and Myra Wotton is hard at work making sure that everything is just right for our attendees. Look for the Specialty information on Facebook and our Website. If you plan to attend the second half of the fabulous seminar presented by Shannon and Lindsey, consider arriving on Monday. Please note that Monday is part of our block, but make your reservations early to assure your rooms.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!



Message from the President

The board has voted to postpone the first Futurity Class judging until 2022, because of the complexity of preparing structure and forms that are best for our breed.

We are very happy that Kim Furlong has agreed to be our Futurity Secretary, and, at the request of your board, she's prepared the following explanation and information.

We are equally happy to announce the Judy McNamara will be our Futurity judge in 2022.

Gail Antetomaso

What is Futurity?

Many people have heard this word time and time again, but do not really know what it is about and what the mindset is behind it. The BFCA's Futurity in a sense is the Breeder's Cup of Bichons. It is a very important and prestigious competition, not between the owners of Bichons, as in regular competition, but between those persons who have bred these beautiful examples of our breed.

What is so important about this you might ask? Well, quite simply, it is the culmination of years and years of hard work and dedication to the breed and to the sport of purebred dogs. We must constantly strive for the betterment of the breed to leave it in an even better place than we found it and to be proud of our contributions as breeders. If we strive for perfection, we can catch excellence.

In order to understand Futurity, one must first understand the process by which these selected puppies are nominated and finally entered into this competition. We will list a brief description below, and then there is a Rules and Regulations page as well as the actual entry for you to peruse.

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Once the necessary breeding dates have been met, the required forms (having been obtained from the BFCA website or Futurity Secretary), are completed and submitted back to the Futurity Secretary with the appropriate nomination fee. Entries then close one month prior to the National Specialty and it is a free class that is submitted with your entry for the National. You may not enter a puppy in Futurity unless it is also entered in the regular classes. This process is done while the bitch is in whelp-BEFORE the puppies are born!

You may be asking yourself... if the puppies are not even born yet, how do I know whether they will be worthy of such an honor when they are born? EXACTLY!! You just hit the nail on the head! This is precisely why the Futurity is so important and prestigious. By nominating the bitch while she is in whelp, the breeders take a stand and make a statement. Yes, they say I am nominating my bitch and her unborn puppies for the Futurity because I believe that strongly in my choices. I have worked hard to review pedigrees and photos and have traveled to view stud dogs. I have spent hours analyzing faults and attributes. I have selected a stud dog and I have bred my bitch to this dog because I believe it will be something extraordinary. No, I do not know exactly what these puppies will look like, but I have a good idea. Yes, I do believe that through experience, research and selective breeding, this yet-unborn litter will contain future champions and puppies that are better than their parents. Yes, this is a breeder's testimony, and I will put my money where my beliefs are and submit my nomination fee for this bitch and her unborn litter.

This is something exciting and fun. A chance to be proud of your contributions to the breed and to celebrate your fellow breeders. I hope this introduction gives you a little better insight into why we feel this would be a great addition to BFCA. Once you nominate your litter prior to your bitch whelping and send the appropriate fee, I will send you back a letter confirming your nomination as well as tear-off sheets to keep up your nomination at 3 and 6 months with as many puppies as you feel are still looking promising. You will then enter your puppy/puppies for the regular classes and futurity as an additional class when you do your entries for the National specialty. You puppy/puppies cannot be entered in Futurity unless they are also entered in the regular classes. The judge for the first year will be Judy McNamara. The process for judge selection will be the same as the process for selecting a sweeps judge moving forward.

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Due to the time that is needed to launch this initiative, it will not be present at BFCA until 2022. However, nominations will begin next Fall already to nominate your litter to exhibit puppies at the 2022 National. I have designed forms that are being approved by the Board and they will be available to view online. Please review them in advance of planning any upcoming litters so you understand the process and can nominate your bitch prior to the puppies being on the ground. I welcome any clarifying questions regarding the process and can be reached by email at kimafurlong@aol.com or phone at 330-416-9705. I will also be attending the next National in Indiana and would be happy to answer any questions at that time as well.

During this time when animal rights activists are trying to end the existence of purebred dogs and PETA is trying to ensure that any dog ownership becomes extinct, let's celebrate this beautiful breed and showcase our pride as breeders to celebrate the joy we bring to ourselves, the sport and to those who provide excellent homes for our puppies.

Warmly,

Kim Furlong



Recording Secretary's Report

Wishing everyone a wonderful Fall Season. I'm not looking forward to cold weather, but this too shall pass. We want to remind everyone that there will be a new Membership Directory coming out next year, but again it is your responsibility to let me know if you have any changes in your information. Please notify me at bichonbabe@mchsi.com with those changes.

We wish the best to those who are no longer BFCA Members: Ray & Clara Carli, Betty Conrad, Larry Fitch, Ellie Grassick, and Danielle Doucette Matias.

Start making plans to attend the 2020 BFCA National Specialty in Indianapolis May 21 & 22, 2020.

Bichon Kisses,

Wendy Ball

BFCA Recording Secretary

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BOARD BALLOTS

Motion: Does the BFCA Board want to delay the start of the Futurity to the 2022 BFCA National Specialty?

Majority voted YES to delay.

Wendy Ball

BFCA Recording Secretary



Treasurer's Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA Treasurer's Report Financial Statement Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending September 30, 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019	\$60,067.34
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INCOME:

2019 National Specialty	\$1,096.00
Amazon Sales	291.31
Membership Dues	8,161.68
Application Fees	120.00
Breeder Referral	50.00
Sales	173.51

Health

Sales – Jewelry	320.00
Raffle	40.00
Donations	1,015.00
	<u>1,375.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$11,267.50

EXPENSE:

2019 National Specialty	12.00
Recording Secretary Expense	135.12
Judges Education	22.89
AKC Delegate	476.92
Meet the Breeds	110.00
Federal Tax Return	500.00
Franchise Tax Board	10.00
Stamps and Postage	61.60
Breeder Referral	113.71
NAIA Conference	175.00
BFC/ACT Donation	90.00
Bulletin Expenses	166.87
Treasurer Expenses	411.50
Paypal Expenses	172.12

Health

AKC/CHF Conference	820.85	820.85
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Agility

2019 Trial Expenses	14,500.00	<u>14,500.00</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSE

17,778.58

NET GAIN/LOSS

(6,511.08)

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019

\$53,556.26

PAYPAL BALANCE

500.00

BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019

60,256.43

Interest Income

6.18

BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

60,262.61

TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2019

\$114,318.87

MATT ABBOTT, TREASURER SEPTEMBER 30, 2019



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

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We've been informed that some of you are dismayed at the fact that we, the BFCAT, have been taking in Bichon blends. I just want to explain the ways of rescue, so everyone understands.

Rescue has changed in the time I've been involved (26 years). We had a lot of Bichons due to eastern puppy mills. One year, on my own, I took in and placed 72 Bichons. Last year the BFCAT took in 82. Eastern puppy mills, for the most part, have closed due to state regulations. There are still some around but these people are breeding the dogs in their homes. There are very few reputable breeders that are breeding. People call us all the time complaining because they can't find puppies. What they can find are the 'designer' dogs. The Bichon blends. I looked back thirteen weeks and we brought in thirteen dogs. Ten Bichons and three Bichon blends. Two of the blends were bonded pairs with other Bichons. The other, a Cavachon, was only seven months old but had issues. I was not going to allow this boy to be passed around from home to home due to his anxieties.

The other reason we will take in a younger blend is we only get older bichons or bichons with health issues. The older dogs (anything over 15) generally don't get placed and are permanent foster dogs. Which means, we have to pay their expenses until they pass. We took in a ten year old male that ended up costing us over \$6,000. We had NO idea this dog had so many health issues. As soon as we fixed one thing, another popped up. After we spent the \$6,000 we found out he had thyroid cancer. He is a permanent foster and we have stopped vetting him and will allow him to pass quietly. Who pays that \$6,000? Our 10,000 followers on Facebook. They keep us solvent. Sad to say, the stories that touch their hearts, are the ones people donate to. Case in point was Lily, the shelter told us she was a poodle bichon blend. I couldn't see a lot of bichon in this apricot baby but she had a huge cancerous mammary tumor. We weren't going to allow her to die. If you followed Lily's story on Facebook, you know the emotional rollercoaster we had with her. She was also pregnant. Lily, the mostly poodle, brought almost \$10,000 in donations. Who paid for bichon Bambam's \$6,000? Lily. Who is paying for 14 year old Bichon, Anastasia? Lily. Who is paying for blind 15 year old Bichon Krimpet? Lily and the other young blends we bring in.

The young ones have to pay for the old ones. Sad to say, the young ones tend to be blends. I hope this helps you understand the whys and ways of rescues. If anyone wants to discuss this, feel free to contact me. We have always appreciated your financial support and I hope we have your understanding now.

Lynn Ramich
Co-Chair and Trustee
Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust
Lynnramich@aol.com

Delegate's Report

The September delegates meeting was to elect members to various committees. Our own Mimi Winkler ran and was successful. She ran for the Advocacy and Advancement committee.

Also, at the delegates forum a presentation was given on AKC Purposefully Bred Pure Bred Dogs. The preservationists breeders who bring them into the world. Who are we? Where are we headed? How AkC can assist in our success. Presented by Bill Shelton (AKC Herding Group breeder of the year 2017) and Doug Johnson (AKC Sporting Group breeder of the year 2005)



Judges Education

As Halloween approaches, I know Christmas will soon follow...I know this because I am old and wise...

This December, in Orlando I will once again be giving the judges seminar, I am so proud that the Bichon seminar is filled to capacity and that Lindsey will gather her merrymakers to make the hands on portion as successful as she has done in the past.

To all ringside mentors, please remember do not point to your own dogs as the epitome of the Bichon world...stick to the standard and thank you for giving of your time.

To all of you, I wish you a happy healthy holiday...

And thanks once again for the privilege of being the Judges Education Coordinator

Mimi



Membership Report

FALL 2019
Karen Chesbro

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Paulette & Vincent Ferruzzo
22 Disc Lane
Wantagh, NY 11793
Waterfall Bichons
(Gail Antetomaso & Rick Day)

Kim Furlong
1255 Brandywine Drive
Medina, OH 44256
(Paul Flores & Mimi Winkler)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Amanda Aaron
4715 100th Dr E
Parish, FL 34219
(Lindsey Dicken & Paula Hendricks)

Cathy Morris
15400 Ewart Rd
Huntsville, NC 8078
(Polly Cooper & Kathie Vogel)

Elaine & Alfredo Arrastia, Jr.
1215 SE 25th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33904
(Rick Day & Sheila Feldman)

Jan Wilson & Van Rametta
19090 Dalton Points Place
Landsdowne, VA 20176
(Karen Graeber & Kathie Vogel)

Linda Freidline
2345 Sebring St.
The Villages, FL 32162
(Lynn Ramich & Linda Ross)

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, Somerset, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by NOVEMBER 15, 2019

ROM/ROMX Report

Effective from here forward, Lindsay Van Keuren and Mary Provost are the Chairpersons of the Registry of Merit. All ROM/ROMX submissions should be submitted to either one of them at:

Lindsay Van Keuren
5323 Sage Thrasher Rd
Parker, CO 80134
email: Aspenvista1@gmail.com

Mary Provost
10951 Cannonade Dr
Parker, CO 80138
email: Maryprovo@aol.com

As a Reminder, your applications should be submitted with the current AKC Registration of the Dog and an AKC Progeny Report. In Lieu of a Progeny Report, you may send the pages of the Bichon Frise Reporter, announcing the Championships of the Dam or Sire's get.

Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairperson for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of seven (7) or more Champions of Record or the dam of five (5) or more Champions of Record.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of twenty-five (25) or more Champions of Record or the dam ten (10) or more Champions of Record.

2019 Agility Report

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the BFCA All Breed Agility Trial held in Minnesota this month. Many of you attended in person and provided your work services and other members helped from a distance through generous donations and gifts for our volunteer worker raffles. We would not be able to host this event if it were not for all the help we receive from members.

Once again we received a lot of positive feedback from the participants.

Two years in a row the Bichon High in Trial Award was earned by Kathy Puerner and her dog Gibz. They ran the most clean runs and at the fastest pace. Congratulations Kathy and Gibz.

Thank you again for all your support.

Feel free to contact Rick Macias to learn more about the fun sport of agility at Rickm813flmn@gmail.com

Rick Macias
Agility Trial Chairman



Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey

On June, 30, The Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey had their annual picnic at the home and farm of Members, Melanie and Sam Pellegrino. Melanie and Sam are incredible people. They run our Rescue program and have saved hundreds of dogs over the past few years. Melanie is tireless in her fund raising efforts and helping Bichons to get a second loving chance!

Members got a tour of The Barking Ridge Ranch over a delicious lunch. We had a brief meeting to discuss the upcoming year.

October 27 will be our Howl-O-ween dog costume party. This has been a big hit over the past few years so we have made it an annual event. Both dogs and members enjoy!

Our Specialty Show will be held on March 21st . Sweepstakes and conformation will be our offered. Our Conformation judge will be Mr. Richard T. Jackson. Sweeps judge will be announced.

Our nominating committee will begin their task in November. The Club will vote on elected officers in December during our holiday luncheon.

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

2018/2019 BFCNE officers & Board: President, Sue Anneser; Vice President, Ginny Humphrey; Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Noonan; Treasurer, Karen Chesbro; Recording Secretary, Linda Carlson; Board Members, Gloria DuBois, Gerry Paolillo, Pamela Moore, Brenda Wallace and Laurie Zelek.

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our club had a busy year, including our annual picnic, a handling class, and club participation in Meet-The-Breeds in West Springfield, MA. We look forward to our annual banquet in November, at the Olive Garden in Enfield, CT., along with our new club officer and board elections. And, we have begun planning for our annual Specialty to be held next year on July 4, 2020 at the Eastern States Exposition Fair Grounds, in conjunction with the Farmington Valley Kennel Club.

Nancy Noonan chaired our 33rd BFCNE Specialty held in conjunction with the Farmington Valley Kennel Club on July 8, 2019. We had 19 bichons in the ring. It was great to see bichon friends and competitors at our event. Results:

BOB Stirling Dare Me – Owned by Paul Flores & Kim Furlong
 BOS Paray's Dare To Compare To Wessex – Owned by Loretta Marchese & Paul Flores
 BOW Stirling Harrods – Owned by Paul Flores & Kim Furlong
 SEL CH Doriann's Mr. Incredible – Owned by Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik
 Winners Dog Stirling Harrods – Owned by Paul Flores & Kim Furlong
 Reserve Dog Grandesign Show Me The Great 87 – Owned by Christine Murdocco
 Winners Bitch Paray's Dare To Compare To Wessex – Owned by Loretta Marchese & Paul Flores
 Reserve Bitch Hollyhock Speaker Of the House – Owned by Carrie Abreu, Debra Gibb, & Linda Rowe
 Best Puppy Doriann's Some Like It Hot – Owned by Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik
 Best Veteran CH Windy Glen Cool Breezes – Owned by Virginia Humphrey
 Grand Sweeps Grandesign Show Me The Great 87 – Owned by Christine Murdocco
 BJ in Sweeps Grandesign Show Me The Great 87- Owned by Christine Murdocco
 BP Sweeps Stirling Relativity – Owned by Paul Flores & Kim Furlong
 BOS Sweeps Hollyhock Speaker Of The House – Owned by Carrie Abreu, Debra Gibb, & Linda Rowe
 BV Sweeps CH Windy Glen Cool Breezes – Owned by Virginia Humphrey

Our September meeting included an annual outdoor picnic held at Sue Anneser's house – with the weather cooperating with another warm sunny day. We also held a fun handling class with Nancy Noonan. Gloria DuBois coordinated a wonderful array of food provided by the membership. Additionally, the club held an impromptu raffle, with a variety of items donated by the membership. We thank all our members who participated in our fund-raising efforts. As a result, the membership has approved two generous donations - to both BFCA Rescue and BFCA Health during the 4th quarter 2019. We are proud to make this donation, and will strive to continue this goal annually going forward.

We also supported the Meet the Breeds in September, with Laurie Zelek coordinating our membership participation.

Sue Anneser, President BFCNE

Keystone Bichon Frise Club



**KBFC Specialty was held in conjunction with the
Devon Dog Show Association on
Saturday, October 5, 2019.**

Specialty Results:

Sweepstakes: Judge: Cynthia Adams

Best in Sweepstakes: Prelude's Take it to the Top
Breeder/Owner: Janet Weiderhold, Amy Walters & Julie Becker

Best of Opposite: Prelude's Harpersbazaar
Breeder/Owner: Janet Weiderhold, Amy Walters & Julie Becker

All other Classes: Judge: Dr. Gary L. Sparschu

Winner's Dog: Stary-Dorn Declaration of Gemstone Lyndale
Owner: Nora Guzewicz. *Breeder:* Nora Guzewicz & Jewel Elias

Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners: Blanca's Angel Bella
Owner: Roberta Clark & Blanca Guzman. *Breeder:* Blanca Guzman, Dorinne Waterman, Sandra Fair.

Best of Breed: GCH Encores Once Upon A Dream
Owner: Neena Pelegrini & Stephanie Toom. *Breeder:* Stephanie Toom.

Best of Opposite: GCH Luxury Love Dacquiri
Owner: Karen Graeber. *Breeder:* Iryna Smirnova

SEL: GCHP High Ridge He's so Full of Himself
Owner: Carol Fellbaum, Scott Sommer, Marlene Grief, Joanne Rubin
Breeder: Carol Fellbaum & Cecelia Ruggles

SEL: CH Prelude's Red Hot Chili Pepper
Owner/Breeder: Janet Weiderhold, Amy Walters, Julie Becker



Now that we're entering the busy holiday season, please remember to **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2020 National Specialty!

We will have our grooming seminars on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, so please plan your hotel arrival accordingly. Tuesday afternoon will be split into two 2-hour sessions – the 1st 2 hours will be Basic Scissoring, and the 2nd 2 hours will be Grooming techniques (ie bath and correct prepping and drying techniques) as well as grooming products new to the market in the past year. Wednesday morning session will be Scissoring a Bichon Head.

Please be sure to **book your hotel room early** in order to obtain our group rate.

Our 2020 National Specialty will be held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN. Activities will begin on Tuesday afternoon, May 19 with show days on Thursday & Friday, May 21 & 22, 2020.

Our hotel room rate is \$129.00+tax per night with complimentary high-speed internet in the guest rooms. This group rate is available 3 days prior to the event and 1 day after the event. The deadline date for reserving hotel rooms at our Group rate is April 27, 2020. The hotel has capped the number of dogs allowed per room to 4 dogs. All crates in the guest rooms must have plastic under them. All dogs must be crated in guest rooms when no human is present. The hotel will charge a \$50.00 Non-refundable pet fee per guest room. Parking is complimentary for all vehicles except RVs. The hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle service.

You can now make your hotel reservations by either calling 877-361-4511 or 317-248-2481 – be sure to identify yourself as part of BFCA in order to obtain our group rate.

You can also make your hotel reservation on-line through our dedicated weblink - [Bichon Frise 2020](#)

Please reach out to Myra Wotton (myblissbichon@comcast.net) if you experience ANY issue with your hotel reservation.

The judges for the 2020 National Specialty are as follows:

Conformation – John Hutchison

Sweeps – Kayley Kovar

Special Attraction BBE – Joanne Rubin

4-6 Month Puppy – Timothy Catterson

Obedience – Betty Ribble

Junior Showmanship – Ted Lee

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY

HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!

BFCA BREEDERS DIRECTORY AND INFORMATION SOURCE SIGNUP SHEET

The listing renewal deadline for the **2020 Breeders Directory**
signup is **December 1, 2019**

Renewal payments received after the deadline will cost **\$60** (\$50 plus a \$10 late fee). **New breeder listings** posted during 2020, will be **\$50**. New listings can only be accepted from BFCA members. The listings appear on the internet web site <http://bichon.org/breeders/> and your information will also be published in printed format for those without internet access.

Your signup includes your agreement to (1) Follow the [BFCA Conduct Guidelines \(http://bichon.org/conduct-guidelines/\)](http://bichon.org/conduct-guidelines/) and (2) help out those that may call you, by providing information to interested parties even if you will not have any puppies to place this year.

You further agree to return inquiry calls in a timely fashion. It is very important that you take the time to answer puppy buyers' questions. As we all know, many inquiries come from potential buyers whose homes and circumstances are not correct for this breed. Your patient responses can eventually lead those future pet owners to select a breed that is more suitable for their lifestyle.

Those individuals that are calling and might make great Bichon owners deserve our time. You may wish to direct all future Bichon owners to the BFCA web site for potential puppy buyers to read the article titled "Before You Buy Your Puppy" (<http://bichon.org/before-you-buy-puppy/>) they purchase their new puppy. You may also need to help callers with Bichons that they presently own, regardless of the source from which they obtained their pet. As a representative of BFCA, please help them with their questions and refer them to the BFCA web site <http://www.bichon.org/> or BFCA Health Web Site <http://www.bichonhealth.org/>.

IF COMPLETING THIS FORM BY HAND, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK:

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Kennel Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Personal Website URL: _____

***Note: There will be a link to your e-mail address and website in the online directory.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form and your check to:

Nancy Noonan

15 Rye Field Road, Apt. C

Old Lyme, CT 06371

\$50 for New or Renewal listings received by 12/01/19

\$60 for Renewals received after 12/01/19

Please complete and submit this form, along with your check made out to BFCA. The form must include your signature as an agreement to uphold the responsibilities explained above.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please visit our website and use our Paypal credit card processing button at <http://bichon.org/breeder-directory-signup-2/>.

If you have questions concerning your credit card transaction, please contact BFCAWebmaster@gmail.com.

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING 2022 NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES

FIRST ROUND PROCEDURES

1. A complete list of conformation judges, who are eligible to judge the breed can be reached at this https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm?action=results. If you have trouble with the link, copy it and paste it into your browser.
The names of those who are either ineligible to judge due to having judged in the past seven (7) years or have been contracted for judging future National Specialties.
MEMBERS SHALL SEND ONE PREFERRED JUDGE EACH FOR CONFORMATION, SWEEPSTAKES, AND SPECIAL ATTRACTION TO THE JUDGES SELECTION CHAIRMAN". THE BALANCE OF THE PROCESS STAYS THE SAME. NO MORE THAN THE TOP 10 NOMINEES WILL APPEAR ON THE SECOND BALLOT.
2. For Sweepstakes there is a list of members who are ineligible to judge due to having judged in the past seven (7) years or have been contracted for judging future National Specialties.
3. For Special Attraction there is a list of members who are ineligible to judge due to having judged in the past seven (7) years or have been contracted for judging future National Specialties.
4. **Please make sure that the individual that you are nominating is willing to be listed for consideration. Not every member responded to our request to Opt In/Opt Out.**
5. This First Round Ballot is a "write-in" for your selection of both Conformation, Sweepstakes, and Special Attraction Judges.
6. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. ANY ERRORS COULD REMOVE YOUR BALLOT FROM CONSIDERATION.
7. **Deadline for return of this ballot is Wednesday, December 4, 2019 NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SECOND ROUND PROCEDURES

1. The Second Round Ballot will go out in the BFCA Winter Bulletin.
2. From the first round, the top **up to 10** names (including ties), will be listed on the Second Round Ballot.
3. These names will be listed alphabetically on this ballot. They WILL NOT be listed in order of popularity.
4. The Second Round Ballot has one column for Conformation, one column for Sweepstakes and one column for Special Attraction.
5. You will be given the opportunity to vote for **three different judges names**, in order of preference. This is a weighted ballot. This means that the votes will count as follows: Three (3) points for your first-place vote, two (2) points for your second-place vote and one (1) point for your third-place vote.
6. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. ANY ERRORS COULD REMOVE YOUR BALLOT FROM CONSIDERATION.
7. Deadline for return of this ballot will be posted on the ballot.

THIRD ROUND PROCEDURES

1. The Third Round Ballot will go out in the BFCA Spring Business Bulletin.
2. The top three names from the Second Round Ballot will be listed on this ballot in alphabetical order.
3. Members shall vote for ONE ONLY! That is one (1) for Conformation, (1) for Sweepstakes and (1) for Special Attraction.
4. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. ANY ERRORS COULD REMOVE YOUR BALLOT FROM CONSIDERATION.
5. Deadline for return of this ballot will be posted on the ballot and may require you to decide and vote quickly to have a result prior to the next Annual Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a tie for the final selection resulting from the voting on the Third Round Ballot, the Recording Secretary shall contact both judges to determine availability, fees and other appropriate information, and the tie shall be broken by the Board after reviewing this information.

WHAT QUALITIES ARE DESIRABLE IN A NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE?

The balloting begins with this issue of the BULLETIN to select judges for 2022. We expect many visitors to attend our specialty and we need to provide judges who are especially knowledgeable about our breed. You are urged to take special care in your nominations.

To assist you in making your nominations, the board offers the following suggestions on what to look for in a specialty judge. Most of these criteria are obvious, but a reminder never hurts.

1. The primary requirement is a thorough knowledge of the breed standard. This goes beyond being able to quote from the standard. The judge should have proven his/her understanding by consistent placement of quality dogs. Ask yourself, do I understand the selections, even when my dog is not the winner?
2. The chosen judges should be able to sort out large classes efficiently and quickly while giving each entry equal time. A specialty is not the time to have to tediously work out who is to be third place and who is to be fourth place. Consider the following:
 - a. Am I frustrated and bored watching this judge make decisions?
 - b. Does this judge tend to run behind schedule?
3. Has this judge had enough experience in judging Bichons for me to know the answers to the questions above?
4. To further sort through a list of capable judges, you may look to the finer points of judging to help you decide who makes our list of nominees. You will need to focus on what seems to be of important to this judge, regardless of the breed being considered.
 - a. Does this judge look first for showmanship? Type? Movement? Overall soundness? Males over females or vice-versa?
 - b. Other than personal disappointments, have I generally agreed with the final selections?
 - c. If your nominee is from another country, do the decisions reflect the American standard - or have you observed their judging enough to know the answers to these questions?

Now you should be able to make your nominations. These same criteria will apply in each stage of judge selection.

May the best judge(s) emerge by the end of the balloting.

First Round (Nominations) Judges Selection For 2022 National Specialty

This is the first request for names for judges for our National Specialty. Please list up to one judge who you feel are best qualified to judge a National. A list of can be found at https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm?action=results.

Sweepstakes, and Special Attraction judges **must be** a Bichon breeder. The Procedures for Judge Selection are included as well as some guidelines on what to look for in a national specialty judge.

Thank you for your participation.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

Conformation (second voter only) Conformation

1.

Sweepstakes (Bichon Breeder) (second voter only) Sweepstakes
(Bichon Breeder)

1.

Special Attraction Bred-by Exhibitor (second voter only) Special
(Bichon Breeder) Attraction Bred-by Exhibitor (Bichon
Breeder)

1.

Signature:

Signature:

Print Name:

Print Name:

**IMPORTANT: BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
Wednesday, DEC. 4, 2019 TO BE COUNTED.**

Please return to: Diana McFarlane 3606 Haverhill Street, Carlsbad, CA 92010-2174	
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NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES

FROM 2014 – 2020

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE	BRED-BY JUDGE	CONFORMATION JUDGE	LOCATION	SHOW DATE
Kellerman, Wendy	Kellerman, Wendy	Frisch, Toby	Houston, TX	2014, May
Day, Rick	Carlton, Lorrie	Bivin, Edd	Topeka, KS	2015, May
Antetomaso, Gail	Vogel, Kathie	Sabella, Frank	Minneapolis, MN	2016, May
Vogel, Kathie	Watts, Sherren	Winkler, Mimi	Atlanta, GA	2017, May
Graeber, Karen	Day, Rick	Mills, Andrew Gene	Tucson, AZ	2018, May
Hyde-Sherwood, Margaret	Blanding, Mayno	Johns, Pauline	Orlando, FL	2019, May
Kovar, Kayley	Rubin, Joanne	Hutchinson, John	Indianapolis, IN	2020 May

Under the new Judges Selection criteria, there is a 7-year minimum between assignments for our National Specialty.

AKC- Approved Judges

In previous years, the membership was provided with an AKC-generated list of judges eligible to judge Bichon Frise. All you got was the name and the state in which they lived. The new method will give much more information including past and future assignments. This is helpful in determining how much experience a judge has with a Bichon Frise.

The following link https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/judges_directory/index.cfm?action=conf will take you to a page which looks like this.

Search for a Conformation Judge

Select a license type and/or breed, provide additional information if you have it, then click **Search**. Note: You can use just the first few letters in either name field.

AKC Delegate Judges returned in the search results will be indicated by an asterisk (*).

License: ☐ APPROVED
☐ PERMIT
☒ ANY

Breed:
Bergamasco Sheepdogs
Berger Picards
Bernese Mountain Dogs
Bichons Frises

☒ CLICK HERE TO VIEW ONLY JUDGES ELIGIBLE FOR ALL BREEDS YOU HAVE SELECTED.

All Conformation judges on provisional assignments will be referred to as "Permit Judge" and assignments for those breeds in which they do not have regular status will be referred to as "Permit Assignments".

Last name:

First name:

SUBMIT

RESET

State:
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa

Select the preferred judge type (approved, permit or both) and Bichon Frises from the pull down and check the box to view only judges eligible for Bichon Frise. Then select the state and the SUBMIT button. Yes, if you haven't got a clue you will have to run the report on several states. Otherwise entering the judges last name and first name will get you there.

OPT-OUT SWEEPSTAKES 2022

Diana McFarlane
Mollie fletcher
Sue Swindle
Laurie Zelek
Lynn Ramich
Karen Paulson
Sandy Phillips
Stephanie Toom
Laura Winston
Shannon Tupes
Neena Pellegrini
Ginny Humphrey
Paula Hendricks
Donna DeMartini
Sherren Watts
Dale Hunter
Nancy Noonan
Kay Yamasaki
MARCIA PERL
Mimi winkler
Debbie Hollan
Lindsey Dicken
John & Christine Kellow
Karen Snyder
Wendy and Danny Ball
Patricia A Riener Benson
mary spruiell
Toby Frisch
Kathy Andrew
Jan Shetzer
Myra Wotton
Keith hanson
Sandra Hanson
Judy McNamara
Kathy Loynachan
Nancy McDonald
Kim Furlong
Nancy Muklewicz
Donna Rogers
Lillian Endo
karen graeber
Terri Vogel
Janet Weiderhold
Karen Chesbro

John Wise

OPT-OUT BRED-BY EXHIBITOR 2022

Dale Hunter
Debbie Hollan
Diana McFarlane
Donna DeMartini
Donna Rogers
Ginny Humphrey
Jan Shetzer
Janet Weiderhold
John & Christine Kellow
John Wise
Judy McNamara
Karen Chesbro
Karen Paulson
Karen Snyder
Kathy Andrew
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Wendy and Danny Ball

OPT-IN SWEEPSTAKES

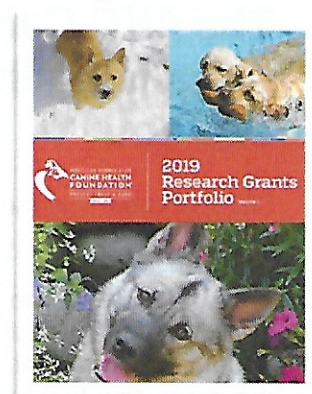
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Cynthia Adams	
Debra Gibb	
Jacqueline Fein	
Jenna Orvos	
Larry Letsche	
Lee Fry	
Lorrie Carlton	
Maggie Hyde Sherwood	
Pam Goldman	
Paul Flores	
Robyn Orvos	
Shyla Newton	
Vickie Halstead	

OPT-IN BRED BY EXHIBITOR SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Amy Walters
Andrew (Gene) Mills
Carol Fellbaum
Cynthia Adams
Debra Gibb
Jacqueline Fein
Jenna Orvos
Larry Letsche
Lee Fry
Lorrie Carlton
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Shyla Newton
Vickie Halstead
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Mimi winkler
Sue Swindle
Toby Frisch

ONE HEALTH RESEARCH

CHF embraces the One Health model as a critical tool to achieve their vision. Dogs and humans share many diseases, and we humans share our environments and lifestyles with our dogs. Canine osteosarcoma, tick-borne diseases, developmental lung disease, degenerative myelopathy, and more share similarities with human disease. CHF seeks to fund health studies that will primarily benefit dogs, and that may also inform human health and disease research. You can find these One Health studies highlighted throughout the CHF Research Grants Portfolio available at akcchf.org/portfolio.



MAKING AN IMPACT

Since its founding in 1995, CHF has:

- awarded over 900 research grants specifically for canine health.
- invested more than \$44 million dollars in canine health research.
- contributed to over 750 peer-reviewed publications.
- been cited in other research more than 26,000 times.

For a list of all peer-reviewed scientific publications resulting from CHF-funded research, please visit akcchf.org/research/our-impact/.



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

CHF also invests in the future of canine health research, helping to ensure that trained researchers are available to sustain future advancements in science for health. The AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program provides financial support to veterinary resident and graduate student research projects, focusing on topics across CHF research program areas such as:

- renal dysplasia in Cairn Terriers.
- understanding the immune system's role in cancer to find targets for therapy.
- regenerative medicine for musculoskeletal disease.
- genomics of drug hypersensitivity.

Fellows are chosen based on their promise and enthusiasm for pursuing a career in canine health research. Their mentors have a productive history of working with CHF on research to benefit canine health. (Note: You can support this program by adopting a researcher at akcCHF.org/clinsci.)



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CHF also collaborates with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and Theriogenology Foundation (TF) to increase the number of practitioners educated in companion animal theriogenology and clinical genetics. Theriogenology is the branch of veterinary medicine concerned with reproductive health and disease. The AKC/CHF/TF Theriogenology Residency Program provides specialty training in all aspects of companion animal reproductive medicine and surgery, clinical genetics, and clinical practice related to male and female reproduction, obstetrics, and neonatology. This program ensures that highly trained veterinarians are available to support breeders like you, to educate veterinary students, and to help maintain the health of our purpose-bred dogs. You can read about one resident's successful journey to specialty clinical practice at akcCHF.org/educational-resources/library/articles/akc-canine-health-foundation.html.

RESOURCES FOR YOU

An important component of CHF's mission is sharing its funded discoveries with you, as well as with veterinarians and researchers.

- **Webinars**

Canine Health Bytes is a free webinar series sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and presented by VetVine. It offers practical advice on common health concerns, as well as information on cutting-edge canine research. These webinars provide continuing education credit to veterinary professionals. The full library is available for on-demand viewing at akcCHF.org/vetvine.

- **Infectious Disease Fact sheets**

CHF offers **fact sheets** at akcCHF.org/tophealthconcerns to provide you with the latest information about infectious diseases, such as canine distemper, Chagas Disease, parvovirus, Brucellosis, and more. You, your club, and your veterinarian are invited to download and share these resources.

- **National Parent Club Canine Health Conference**

You can join researchers, veterinary professionals, dog club members, and other dog enthusiasts as they converge at CHF's biennial **National Parent Club Canine Health Conference**. Sponsored by Purina, the conference provides a unique opportunity for scientists and Parent Club representatives to interact and discuss the latest discoveries in canine health. Thanks to the generous support of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the AKC, at least one student from each US veterinary school is invited to attend the conference. This provides an important opportunity for experienced dog breeders, enthusiasts, and researchers to interact with these future practitioners and set the stage for career-long collaboration. Learn more at akcCHF.org/NPCCHC.

- **Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs Initiative**

The increasing numbers of new DNA tests and testing laboratories have made choosing good-quality DNA tests, and providers, a challenge for many of us. Accessing detailed, breed-specific information on genetic traits, including original research and genetic mutation information, is time-consuming and difficult. Therefore, CHF partnered with the International Partnership for Dogs to launch a database to aid in this effort. The database, listing genetic test providers (labs), genetic tests, and tests by breed, is available for everyone at DogWellNet.com.

- **Veterinary Outreach**

CHF and the AKC collaborate to share our work and achievements with veterinary professionals. Through our presence at student and veterinary conferences, articles in veterinary-specific newsletters, and membership and tribute card programs, we encourage veterinary professionals to learn about and show their support for reputable breeders, purpose-bred dogs, and canine health research.

JOIN US ... FOR THE DOGS

We all want a healthier future for our dogs. Let's work together to make it a reality! Support the AKC Canine Health Foundation at akcCHF.org/donate. Explore and use CHF's educational resources, see how we're working with our partners and you to facilitate collaboration between breeders and the veterinary community, plus learn more about research that will benefit both you and your dogs at akcCHF.org.



November 23, 2019

Report on AKC Canine Health Foundation: "Advancing the Health of Your Dogs---and You" conference August 9-11, 2019

On August 9-11, 2019, I had the privilege of attending the AKC Canine Health Foundation annual conference that is held in St. Louis, Missouri. BFCA sends a member of the BFCA Health Committee to this conference and I was able to be the 2019 recipient. The conference was extremely interesting and jam packed with health information relating to canines.

Several of the highlights for me were a chance to both meet and listen to Eddie Dziuk, CHIC program and Jerold S. Bell, DVM. My report contains the paper, "Understanding Breeds as Populations" that Dr. Bell presented and spoke about to the conference attendees. I would recommend that anyone breeding dogs should read this paper.

Because there was an enormous amount of information presented, my report will reflect on several presentations that seemed most pertinent to Bichon Frise health.

There are two Fact Sheets we received, one on Canine Influenza (Flu) and one on Leptospirosis, created by AKC CHF, that are attached. *The materials in these two documents are provided with permission of the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Also attached are "The AKC Canine Health Foundation: Advancing the Health of Your Dogs---and You" and an introduction and brief summary of the conference, Research Progress Report Summary of Stephanie McGrath, DVM, MS on the effect of Cannabidiol (CBD) for treatment of canine epilepsy.

The following was our first presentation and it is being included because I found it very interesting but had never heard of this type of therapy. Basically, it involves giving fecal enemas to dogs and cats to cure some gastrointestinal diseases. What a topic to start with, huh?

Gastrointestinal Disease Research: Jan S. Suchodolski, DrMedVet, PhD, DACVM AGAF

The intestinal tracts of dogs and cats harbor a highly complex microbiota, which consists of bacteria, fungi, viruses and protozoa. Until recently, traditional bacterial culture was commonly used to identify bacteria present in the gastrointestinal tract, but it is now well recognized that standard plating techniques do not have enough resolution for identification of the mostly anaerobic bacteria that reside within the gut. Molecular methods are now established for assessing intestinal **dysbiosis** (microbial imbalance or

maladaptation on or inside the body, such as small intestinal bacterial overgrowth) in dogs and cats with gastrointestinal disease, but these approaches are not yet widely available for routine diagnosis. The loss of normal bacteria in acute and chronic intestinal diseases has been linked to metabolic changes. This highlights the importance of dysbiosis in the pathophysiology of gastrointestinal diseases. Development of molecular based tests for specific bacterial groups and calculations of microbial dysbiosis tests are currently underway to help assess dysbiosis. These will yield a better understanding of the pathophysiology of gastrointestinal diseases and may also lead to new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to dysbiosis.

Canine Leptospirosis: Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM presented "Emergence of Canine Leptospirosis: Coming Soon to a Puddle Near You?" His research focuses on prevention of Canine Leptospirosis, Canine Lyme Disease and Canine Influenza. Leptospirosis, a zoonotic disease, has received increased attention regarding its emergence and spread in dogs throughout North America. Dogs infected with leptospirosis can show a wide variation of signs which creates diagnostic challenges for owners and veterinarians. Many infected dogs experience severe life-threatening disease and need immediate urgent care. Owners and others that are in contact with infected dogs can also be infected and have severe health consequences. Dr. Stull is involved in several grants regarding Leptospirosis and Lyme Disease in dogs. The studies involve estimating prevalence, identifying risk factors for Leptospirosis in North America, clinical illness and prognosis for Lyme Disease in dogs and identifying factors to reduce transmission of these diseases in the US.

Current CHF Grants: 02284-A: Lyme Disease in Dogs: Prevalence, Clinical illness and Prognosis

02380-A Estimating Prevalence and Identifying Risk Factors for Canine Leptospirosis in North America

02532-A; Canine Influenza: Occurrence, Spatial and Temporal Trends and identifying Modifiable Factors to Reduce Transmission at Events in the US

New Research on Treatment and Prevention of Canine Hemangiosarcoma: Erin

Dickerson, PHD is researching Propranolol as a combined drug with chemotherapy to treat Canine Hemangiosarcoma. Preliminary results of this treatment are encouraging but the actual mechanism of action of propranolol on these tumors are largely unknown. The results from these studies are guiding the propranolol into clinical practice and impacting future studies with other beta blocker and chemotherapy combinations as treatment for Hemangiosarcoma.

Current CHF Grants: 02534 Clinical Trial for Evaluation of Propranolol and Doxorubicin in the Treatment of Canine Hemangiosarcoma

02234-MOU (Co-investigator): A Novel Approach for Prevention of Canine Hemangiosarcoma

New Developments in Genetic Testing: Brenda Bonnett, DVM, PhD presented

information that is of particular interest to our BFC Health Committee on how breed clubs keep up on new developments in genetic testing and determine which test providers (labs) are best. And then---how do they also consider all conditions of importance in the breed beyond those with a genetic test? These are challenges for all breed clubs. The International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) is developing tools and resources to provide practical support to the dog breeding community and enhance collaboration across researchers, veterinarians and breed and kennel clubs. The IPFD with other partners (national kennel clubs, animal industries, veterinary, academic welfare and other organizations), including AKC CHF, has developed a practical and effective tool, the "Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs" (HGTD). This is a database of genetic test providers (GTPs) who are voluntarily sharing details about their 'quality'. HGTD contains information on 300 tests from 30 major GTPs for 400+ breeds! The HGTD is on DogWellNet.com together with an increasing body of information to support genetic testing. Further developments for 2019 include: a) the Expert Panel program to provide collective advice on issues/controversies of genetic testing from experts internationally; b) Health Strategies Database for Dogs (HSSD) including all conditions for which testing is recommended by, e.g. kennel clubs or breed clubs, and searchable by veterinary-client communication or individual consumers. IPFD will then launch a proposed program to create comprehensive breed-specific recommendations for health testing.

Current CHF Grant 002328-A: Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs

Understanding Dog Breeds as Populations: **Jerold S. Bell, DVM** presented his information on "Understanding Dog Breeds as Populations." His paper is an attachment to my report. It is an excellent paper on genetics and how it relates to breeding.

Dermatomyositis: **Leigh Anne Clark, PhD** gave a very interesting presentation on Dermatomyositis (DMS) which is an autoimmune disease of the skin and muscle that primarily affects Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs. DMS has a complex inheritance pattern and a variable age of onset that usually follows an environmental trigger. These factors have made it impossible to breed away from the disease without a genetic test. Leigh Anne's discovery is an inheritance pattern that can be used as a tool for dog breeders to prevent the disease from affecting puppies, while preserving desirable traits and genetic variation within the breed. Using this new resource, even a dog with dermatomyositis can produce healthy puppies with a mate having a compatible genotype. Breeding strategies are not focused on eliminating the highly frequent risk alleles but rather on selecting breeding pairs that will produce puppies with low-risk genotypes. Dr. Clark genotyped three major histocompatibility complex (MHC) genes, performed a genome-wide association study and generated next generation sequencing data to identify genetic risk factors. Although breeds unaffected by DMS possess the risk of alleles, Collies and Shetland Sheepdogs have unusually high frequencies, likely a consequence of selection for desirable traits. Breeding strategies are, therefore, not focused on elimination the highly frequent risk alleles, but rather on selecting breeding pairs that will produce puppies with low-risk genotypes.

CHF Grants: 02654-E: 2019 Clinician-Scientist Fellowship-Clemson University

02263-OU (Co-Investigator): Characterization of Kidney Disease in
Dalmatians

Link Between Vector-Borne Infections and Autoimmune Disease: Linda Kidd, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine) has found a link between vector-borne infections and Autoimmune Disease. To understand this it is important to understand immune-mediated health. To be immune to a pathogen is to maintain homeostasis in the face of a threat. In the past it has been thought that the role of the immune system was to recognize, target and eliminate what is foreign while at the same time preserve what is self. Virulent microorganisms are overt "foreign" threats that the immune system recognizes and eliminates. However, some microbes, are helpful rather than harmful. In addition, for cells like Red Blood Cells (RBC's), the immune system must target self-antigens in a controlled manner to remove old cells. Therefore, immunity is not targeting what is foreign and preserving self, but rather targeting what is harmful and preserving what is healthy. When the complex homeostatic balance in immune function is disrupted, immune-mediated disease results. Genetic, epigenetic and environmental factors play a role in immune dysregulation and disease development. Infections are important environmental factors that may trigger immune-mediated disease. This includes autoimmunity where the immune response inappropriately targets self-antigen. Vector-borne infections are commonly associated with immune-mediated disease in dogs. Anti-RBC and anti-platelet antibodies are common in dogs infected with certain vector-borne disease agents. Clinical and laboratory abnormalities caused by vector-borne diseases are essentially identical to those associated with idiopathic immune-mediated diseases such as immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, immune-mediated thrombocytopenia or immune complex glomerulonephritis. Dr. Kidd's studies are helping show the association of vector-borne disease with select immune-mediated diseases in the dog, along with helping determine optimal vector-borne disease screening protocols for dogs with suspected immune-mediated disease.

Recently Completed CHF Grant-02285-A: Thrombocytopenia and Occult Vector-Borne Disease in Greyhound dogs: Implications for clinical Cases and Blood Donors

CHIC DNA Repository: Eddie Dziuk, MBA, reminded us that the goal of the Canine Health Information Center Program (CHIC) is to provide a consolidated source for canine health test results, and recognize those dogs tested in accordance with a breed specific health testing protocol as established by the breed's parent club. Over 180 breeds now participate in the program and over 130,000 dogs have earned their CHIC numbers. He reminded us that the clubs that their requirements are fluid and should be periodically reviewed and updated. He also spoke about the CHIC DNA Repository as another key element of the CHIC program. The CHIC DNA Repository stores canine DNA samples via blood or buccal swabs for future health research efforts. The bank has over 27, 000

samples representing many different breeds. More than 3,000 samples have been distributed to a variety of research institutions all over the world. While all samples may be of potential use, the majority of the bank's samples represent young healthy dogs at the time of sample collection. However, the most valuable samples are from affected dogs. This is the perfect time to enlist clubs to periodically remind their members to update the bank with any health updates of significance that may increase the value of the sample and the likelihood of its use.

BFCA *Health Times*

Summer 2019

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

**In this issue:
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The Bichon Survey

Keeping track of the health of the Bichon Frise breed and determining any increase in health problems is a challenging obstacle. Orthopedic Foundation for Animals created a template for breed clubs to follow and will maintain the statistics which will be available for all to see. The survey will have complete anonymity as OFA is not able to track anyone taking the survey. OFA asks that certain basic health questions are to remain but each breed club may add or remove other questions pertaining to each breed. The opening of the Bichon Frise survey will happen on January 1, 2020. A reminder will be announced on "Constant Contact" hoping that everyone will recover from their New Year's celebration by spending some relaxed time filling out the survey for each of their Bichons.

Health Testing

Health testing has made great progress in recent years via DNA. Copper toxicosis almost devastated the Bedlington Terrier breed before testing became available. The Bichon Frise is a relatively healthy breed with no rampant life threatening diseases. However, health issues do still prevail and can be decreased or eliminated through health testing prior to breeding. It is the responsible breeder who vehemently guards the health of the breed. This fall issue of Health Times will feature an article on health testing by Mayno Blanding and the winter Health Times will feature an article by Laura Winston.

The Importance of Health Testing

People involved in the animal rights movement have done a pretty good job of convincing the public that purebred dogs are less healthy than mixed-breed dogs. Conscientious breeders know that is not necessarily true; however, puppy mills often breed purebred and “designer” dogs that are rampant with disease giving credibility to the activists. Every breed has certain inherited conditions associated with that breed, many of which are preventable by health testing. Those BFCA members who are not doing everything in their power to breed healthy dogs with excellent temperament are inevitably lending integrity to the animal rights groups’ claims.

There are some excellent sources to help us identify problems with our dogs before we breed them. Sadly, some breeders are not always doing recommended testing before breeding. Those who breed Bichons before hip certification or who neglect to test **annually** for patellar luxation and eye disease run a higher risk of letting these conditions enter into their lines.

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 minimum tests that BFCA requires (hips, eyes, and patellas). If the Bichon passes the tests, that dog receives a CHIC number. If the Bichon does not pass the tests, the owner must agree to release the results, and that dog may then get 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.

The BFCA Health Committee initiated the BFCA 5-Star Health Awards in 2010 in conjunction with CHIC certifications. This award reflects high health quality, as in a

5-star hotel, and commends the efforts of breeders who augment health testing of their Bichons before breeding with at least five tests passed. The Bichon Frise **must pass** five health tests (including DNA registration with AKC) to receive this award. Each edition of the *BFCA Health Times* (attached to the *Bulletin*) has the requirements for the CHIC and 5-Star Health awards plus an ongoing list of recipients of the 5-Star Health award.

The top five health issues in Bichons Frises are cataracts, dental disease, skin problems/allergies, bladder stones, and patellar luxation. For that reason, the Health Committee urges breeders to use caution when breeding dogs exhibiting any of these conditions. All five of these are hereditary, but we don't have tests at this time for skin issues, stones, and dental disease - serious conditions affecting a dog's quality of life. Nevertheless, all these health problems may begin to be manifested by the age of two years. Therefore, we urge responsible breeders to wait until their dogs are at least two years old before breeding.

More sophisticated and advanced health screening that includes DNA testing in purebred dogs can use many different databases to analyze pedigrees and create matches that show strengths rather than weaknesses. DNA tests can look for specific diseases in determining a canine's genotype or phenotype evaluation, thus determining if a dog is a *carrier* of a condition even if it is not *afflicted*. This type of information renders results not only about the dam and sire but other close relatives - valuable information for a breeder. Currently, the DNA databases do not have much data for Bichons, but the BFCA Health Committee is working on guidelines now that will help us build DNA databases for our breed.

A program that includes health testing and DNA screening is not perfect, but it is the best way to determine if a dog is free of inheritable disease. Common sense leads us to believe that if a dog is *not* health tested, one can assume there is a possibility of an inheritable condition because it has not been ruled out.

Well-versed breeders understand the importance of health testing and DNA analysis in controlling genetic disorders. Preventing inheritable conditions in dogs should not only come from health and DNA testing but should also include consideration of temperament, assessment of conformation to the breed standard, and research of at least a three-generation pedigree. Having a robust, well-thought-out breeding program promises healthier dogs and happier puppy buyers.

---Mayno Blanding

CHIC Report Third Quarter of 2019

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ORIGINAL QUALIFIERS	362	July 2007
TOTAL QUALIFIERS AS OF LAST YEAR	1259	December 2018
NEW 2019 QUALIFIERS	<u>29</u>	<u>October 2019</u>
TOTAL QUALIFIERS	1327	October 2019
TOTAL UPDATES AS OF LAST YEAR	630	December 2018
NEW 2019 UPDATES	<u>20</u>	<u>October 2019</u>
TOTAL UPDATES	681	October 2019

BFCA 5 Star Health Awards Report October 2019

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.

October 2019 Congratulations! New BFCA 5 Star Health Awards!

Lorran's Beginners Luck Laureen Zelek
Mybliss Saks Drummers Joy to the World at Claus
Mollie Fletcher and Myra
Wotton

Alphabetical List of Recipients of BFCA 5 Star Health Awards

<u>Name of Dog</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Owners</u>	<u>App</u>
Aphrodite's Reflection Robin Hood 10/28/15	Sharon Hunkins	
Allure's U Chenoa Joe 10/1/10	Lisa Des Camps, Katherine Dillon	
Beaujola's Royal Conspiracy	Marsi Harvey & Lois Morrow	3/6/15
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Bella Diamella Sunday Surprize 8/19/12	Stephanie Uva, Katherine Dillon	
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 Cher Ami, ETC	Paula Hendricks & Deena Mathog	7/1/19
Bibelot Cher Ami's Master of Control	Paula Hendricks & Deena Mathog	7/1/19
Bibelot's Destiny Awaits 11/26/12	Paula Hendricks, Gina Pantely	
Bibelot's Purple Heart O'Mine 9/12/11	Matt & Paula Abbott	
Bibelot's Sugar Plum Dancer	Paula Hendricks	6/6/11
Bibelot's Witchful Thinking 5/13/13	Paula Hendricks, Janet Jamison	
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 2/28/13	Cheryl Blair & Patricia Dale Hunter	
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 02/22/17	Laura Winston	
Doriann's Gentlemen Prefer Blondes 4/11/15	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
Doriann's Gentlemen Prefer Blondes 4/11/15	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
Doriann's Hello, Gorgeous 8/27/15	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
Doriann's Here's Looking At you, Kid 7/21/15	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
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 10/29/13	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
Doriann's Tennessee Gentleman Jack 10/29/13	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
Doriann's The Duke of Prelude 10/29/13	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
Doriann's Valentino 8/23/16	Michelle Brosdal & Carol Konik	
GloryB SAKS Overtop The Wow Factor 4/11/17	Becky Buckman	
Grandesignsunflowerprincess 1/20/18	Laureen Zelek	

Grandesign Lorrان's Spitfire 1/20/18	Laureen Zelek	
Hollyhock Dazzle and Delight 10/19/15	Debra Gibb & Linda Rowe	
Hollyhock Heir To the Throne 8/23/16	Debra Gibb & Linda Rowe	
Hollyhock She Returns 6/18/13	Debra Gibb, Linda Rowe	
Hollyhock Tresor de Lotus 8/1/2019	Debra Gibb, Linda Rowe, Lily Lee	
Jabree's Bellefleur La Jolie 12/19/11	Nita & Mark Gryan	
Jabree's Jack of Hearts 3/23/11	Nita & Mark Gryan	
Jasme Raggedy Ann 11/29/09	Mayno Blanding	
Karmel's Come and Get It 10/18/16	Deb Gibb & Lily Lee	
Knollwood's AnnaBelle – Heart of Cher Ami 12/31/18	Susan & Dean Anneser	
Knollwood's Henry 3/11/13	Susan & Dean Anneser	
Lady Amy Ann Legend's Did Someone Say Party? 12/29/16	Diane Jansey & Vickie Halstead Paula Hendricks, Erayna Beckman, & Roslyn Allen	9/3/16
Legend's Get Off of My Cloud of Lore	Terry Hawk & Erayna Beckman	7/1/19
Lorrان's Beginners Luck	Laureen Zelek	9/1/19
Luvit's A Rolex Cellissima At Dalnavert	Linda Ross, Bernice & Brian Lucas	8/1/12
Luvit's a Rolex Daytona At Dalnavert 11/26/12	Linda Ross, Bernice & Brian Lucas	
Luvit's A Rolex Yacht-master At Dalnavert 11/7/12	Bernice & Brian Lucas, Linda Ross,	
Luvit's Dalnavert Double Destiny 1/11/13	Linda Ross, Bernice & Brian Lucas	
Luvit's Dalnavert Olympic Omegamania 3/11/13	Jill SanFilippo, Linda Ross, Bernice Lucas, & Marilyn Torrance	
Merryell Absolutely Spellbound 11/29/09	Mayno Blanding	
Merryell Defying Gravity 11/19/14	Mayno Blanding	
Merryell Grand Slam 4/15/18	Mayno Blanding	
Merrymaker's Living Doll 11/15/09	Cindy Morey	
Merrymaker's Southern Charm of Bibelot 1/13/11	Cindy Morey	

Miabella Dancing Queen	Sheryl Kapella	6/3/13
Miabella Head Over Heels	Sheryl Kapella	6/3/13
Musicbox Lorrان's Good Luc Charm 1/20/18	Laureen Zelek	
Mybliss Dandy Devil Wears White 1/5/12	Myra Wotton, Jan & Alan Shetzer	
Mybliss Expertly Engineered 7/26/12	Myra Wotton	
Mybliss Galway's Irish Imp 06/06/10	Nancy Noonan	
Mybliss Petite Coquette 3/16/11	Loretta McDonald	
Mybliss Saks Against All Odds 11/12/15	Myra Wotton	
Mybliss Saks Drummers Joy to the World at Claus	Mollie Fletcher & Myra Wotton	9/1/19
Mybliss Saks the Flower on Foxpoint 1/20/18	Myra Wotton	
MyBliss Sport Edition At Bella 8/19/12	Stephanie Uva, Myra Wotton, & Nicole Shaffer	
Overtop Shining Star For SHE Bichon 1/16/16	Sharon Hunkins	
Paray Parasol of Knollwood 12/1/10	Susan & Dean Anneser	
Paray's Power & Privilege 02/22/17	Laura Winston	
Paray's Secret Encounter 12/1/10	Susan & Dean Anneser	
Phantom Victoire Claus's Rudolph's Better Half 4/24/15	Mollie Fletcher & Diana Bugos	
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 9/10/16	Deb Gibb, Linda Rowe, & Lianne Bondurant	
Scarlets White Diamond of Lotus 10/10/18	Deb Gibb, Lily Lee, & Lianne Bondurant	
SHE Bichons Betsy Ross 11/19/14	Sandy Fishell & Sharon Hunkins	
SHE Bichons Dolly Madison 6/30/16	Sharon Hunkins	
SHE Bichons Elizabeth Taylor 2/15/14	Sharon Hunkins	
SHE Bichons Gary Cooper	Debra Gibb and Sharon Hunkins	7/3/14
SHE Bichons Priscilla Lane 1/20/18	Sharon Hunkins	

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

Leptospirosis

Information for Dog Owners



Key Facts

- Signs of disease can be:
 - Subtle, e.g. eating less, lethargy or acting 'off', occasional vomiting
 - Severe, such as with kidney or liver failure, e.g. abrupt increase in drinking and urinating, severe weakness, not eating, vomiting
- Speak to your veterinarian if your dog is acting unwell OR your dog has been (or will be in) an area that is considered higher risk for leptospirosis.
- Treatment needs to be started ASAP if leptospirosis is suspected.
- Vaccines are available to help protect your dog.
- People can get leptospirosis from contact with infected urine – protect yourself by knowing the risks and how to decrease them.

What is it?

Leptospirosis is caused by infection with the bacteria *Leptospira interrogans*. Veterinarians most often discover (diagnose) infection after owners bring their dog to be examined because they have a sudden increase in drinking or urinating or are very sick (e.g. not eating, vomiting, not wanting to run or play). These signs usually occur when leptospirosis has caused sudden (and frequently severe) kidney or liver disease.

Over recent years, there seems to be an increase in the number of dogs in North America being diagnosed with leptospirosis. There also appear to be specific 'hot spots' of leptospirosis infection across the U.S.A. and Canada. These are regions where dogs are more likely to be exposed to the bacteria and get sick. There are 8 different types (serovars) of the bacteria that are responsible for most leptospirosis disease in dogs. Different serovars of *Leptospira* spp. are present in different geographic areas.

Who gets it?

Dogs, rodents, livestock, people and cats can all be infected with *Leptospira* bacteria; however, signs of disease are rare in cats.

Wildlife (e.g. raccoons, skunks, rats, mice, opossums) can be infected (without being sick) and can spread the bacteria into the environment through their urine.

Can people get sick with leptospirosis?

Yes- People can be infected the same way as dogs, from contact with contaminated urine or water. Although rare, infected dogs can infect people. There is higher risk of disease for people who work with sick dogs (e.g. veterinarians, veterinary clinic staff). Anyone who is bitten by, has blood exposure to (e.g. needle-stick injury) or contact with urine from an infected dog should contact their health care provider immediately.

Human disease outbreaks have occurred, most often following athletic competitions by swimming in contaminated water.

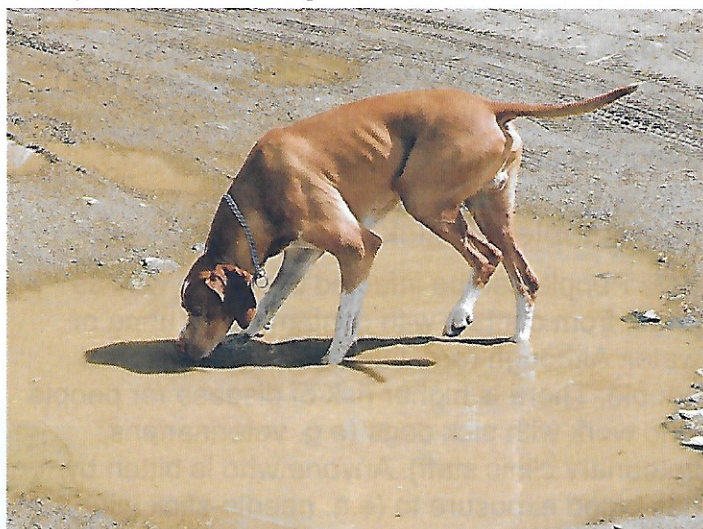


How is it spread?

(Transmission & Infection risk)

Leptospirosis is usually spread (transmitted) to a dog, cat or human after they have contact with an infected animal's urine and it enters their body through open cuts, scrapes and skin wounds or splashes onto their mucous membranes (e.g. eyes, open mouth). Infection is also spread by contact with items contaminated with infected urine (e.g. water bowls, shared bedding/blankets, food, soil). Sometimes infection can occur after an animal bite or due to eating infected tissue (e.g. animal carcass).

Leptospira can survive in the environment for many months. The bacteria are frequently found in wet environments and stagnant water sources (e.g. lakes, ponds, rivers and puddles). Outbreaks and increased risk of disease can occur after heavy rains or flooding.



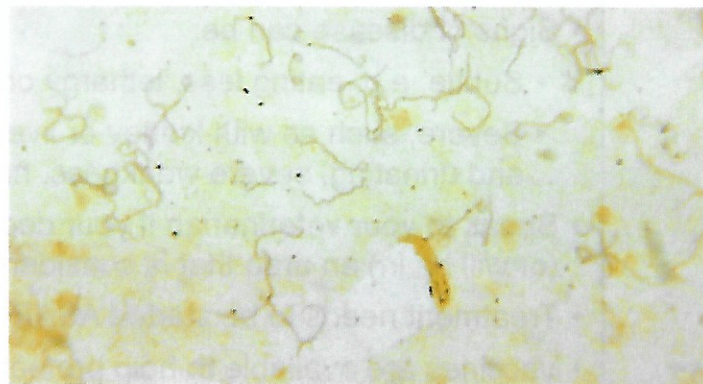
What should I look for?

(Signs of Disease)

Many dogs show no obvious signs of disease or very subtle (mild) signs (e.g. acting a bit 'off', occasional vomiting or tired). Other signs include weakness, polyuria (increased urination), polydipsia (increased drinking), vomiting, not eating/reduced appetite, and muscle tenderness. Sometimes changes with breathing can occur (e.g. difficulty breathing, excessive panting, trouble breathing while exercising). Petechiae ('pin point' bleeding seen along the gums or exposed skin), nose bleeds, blood in stool, jaundice, muscle pain related signs of stiffness and disorientation may also be noted.

How is it diagnosed?

Your veterinarian will diagnose leptospirosis based on time spent in suspected high-risk areas, examining your dog and performing blood and urine tests that show acute kidney or liver disease.



Liver sample from a fatal case of leptospirosis reveals the presence of numerous, corkscrew-shaped, *Leptospira* sp. bacteria (public domain, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Specific blood and urine tests will be performed to help confirm leptospirosis. Sometimes the results of these tests can be difficult to interpret, particularly if your dog has been previously vaccinated for leptospirosis or is on (or recently received) antibiotics. It's important to let your veterinary clinic know if any of these have occurred.

Leptospirosis should be considered for any dog who lives in (or has travelled to) an area that is higher risk, has sudden disease signs and blood and urine test results with kidney and/or liver changes and a low platelet count.

What is the treatment? Will my dog recover?

Beginning the correct antibiotics quickly is the best treatment for dogs with leptospirosis. Your veterinarian will also advise care for kidney or liver disease. Most dogs will require hospitalization, intravenous fluids, anti-nausea medications and careful monitoring. Some dogs will need advanced care at an intensive care facility, particularly if they need dialysis, transfusion and oxygen support.

Whether your dog improves will depend on:

- 1) how quickly he/she is diagnosed and treated,
- 2) response to treatment, and
- 3) in severe illness whether referral for dialyses and intensive care is an option.

How can I stop this from happening to my dog and other dogs?

Be informed. Knowing which areas have leptospirosis or are at higher risk will enable you (and your dog) to avoid them. Slow moving water, puddles or areas known to have high populations of rodents or raccoons are higher risk for leptospirosis. Other dogs that live in the same household/kennel where one dog has been diagnosed with leptospirosis may need treatment. It is important to let your veterinarian know about your other dogs – and other pets.

Vaccinate your dog(s) if you live in an area known to have leptospirosis or if your dog is at higher risk. This can include dogs spending time in higher risk areas (e.g. field trial, hunting, traveling to regions known to have had an outbreak (human or canine) or with a high level of dog to dog contact). Current vaccines prevent four of the eight common serovars causing disease in dogs and serve as an important component to protecting dogs. Recent studies indicate current leptospirosis vaccines are safe and effective and are strongly encouraged for dogs at risk for disease.

Outbreak Management

Dogs suspected or known to have leptospirosis should immediately be isolated (kept separated from other dogs) to prevent risk of infection to other dogs and people. When numerous dogs in a group or event become infected, it is recommended to immediately contact someone with experience in veterinary infectious disease risk assessment and outbreak management. This will help control the further spread of infection, particularly with larger dog group events and facilities such as kennels that house groups of dogs.

Zoonotic (Human Infection) Alert

If you are around infected dogs take precautions. These include ensuring others know that a dog has (or is suspected to have) leptospirosis (i.e. place sign on cage), wearing disposable gloves and gown (wash hands after removal) and avoiding skin contact with contaminated urine or bedding. It is also important that infected dogs only urinate in areas away from other patients and

where there is low human and canine traffic.

Avoid contact with infected urine. If your dog is diagnosed with leptospirosis you should not have contact with their urine, particularly for the first 72 hours after appropriate antibiotics have been started. Contact your healthcare provider if your dog is diagnosed with leptospirosis - the same source that infected your dog could put you and other household members at risk for disease.



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AKC Canine Health Foundation Current Grants in Leptospirosis

02380-A

Estimating Prevalence and Identifying Risk Factors for Canine Leptospirosis in North America

Principal Investigator: Jason Stull, VMD, PhD; Ohio State University and University of Prince Edward Island

Total Grant Amount: \$14,990

Grant Period: 5/1/2017- 10/31/2019

Project Abstract: Canine infection by *Brucella spp.* constitutes a serious problem for dog breeders and pet owners, leading to the economic burden associated with reproductive loss and veterinary care. Canine brucellosis is also considered a public health concern because of its potential to be transmitted to humans. Within the U.S., the disease has reemerged due to the chronic persistence of the organism, low dose for infection, low sensitivity and specificity of the current diagnostic tests, and most importantly, the lack of a protective vaccine for dogs. Historically in the U.S., brucellosis control efforts for cattle, sheep, goats and domestic pigs have been successful mainly due to the availability of protective and efficacious vaccines. The goal of the proposed research is to develop a brucellosis vaccine that is safe, stable, free of side effects and efficacious for dogs. Previous AKC CHF funding (Grant #02275-A) has permitted the investigators to successfully engineer a promising live attenuated vaccine candidate denominated *B. canis* RM666ΔvjbR. This study will further investigate the ability of the vaccine candidate to induce appropriate immunity prior to its testing in dogs and will also develop a diagnostic assay capable of differentiating naturally infected vs vaccinated animals, necessary for mass vaccination. The development of a safe and highly protective brucellosis vaccine for dogs, will significantly impact owners, breeders and human health by limiting the spread of the disease.

Canine Influenza (Flu)

Information for Dog Owners



Key Facts

Signs of disease can be:

- Mild, e.g. cough, sneeze, ocular (eye) and nose discharge, fever, lack of appetite, occasional vomiting
- Progressive, i.e. begin as mild signs that rapidly worsen
- Severe, such as pneumonia complicated with bacterial infection

Disease can spread rapidly to other dogs, and outbreaks can occur. This is a particular concern for dogs in group settings (e.g. dog shows, boarding, doggie daycare, dog parks) that have increased dog-to-dog contact.

Flu vaccines are available. These can lessen disease severity and reduce virus shedding.

Some strains (types) of flu can be spread to and cause disease in other species including people.

What is it?

Canine influenza is caused by infection with a specific type of influenza virus. Influenza viruses belong to a large group of RNA viruses classified as influenza A, B or C. These virus types are further divided by the numerical strain of the virus surface proteins, hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N). In North America, canine flu is most commonly caused by Influenza A (virus type) strains H3N8 and H3N2.

Veterinarians most commonly diagnose infection with canine influenza virus (CIV) after the dog's owner notes a sudden onset of cough, sneezing or acting sick (e.g. not eating, drinking, tired, trouble breathing). Canine flu may also be diagnosed after multiple dogs have a sudden onset of these signs after being together in a common area (i.e. outbreak).

Over recent years, dogs in North America have been diagnosed with H3N8 and H3N2 canine flu. There have also been outbreaks of canine flu in specific parts of the United States, where many dogs have become sick.

Influenza viruses receive great attention by healthcare professionals (including veterinarians) due to concern of rapid spread and the chance for animal to human transmission (zoonosis).

Who gets it?

Birds: All influenza A viruses originate in wild birds and waterfowl, e.g. ducks. Some of these viruses are able to infect other animals.

Dogs: In the early 2000s, a change in a horse influenza virus (equine H3N8 strain) in Florida resulted in a novel canine influenza virus (CIV) that was able to be easily transmitted between dogs. This canine influenza virus (H3N8) spread within the North American dog population resulting in numerous disease outbreaks. Other CIV's have been identified since that time, such as H3N2. Rarely, human-to-dog infections with human influenza (e.g. H1N1) have been reported.

Cats (domestic and wild): Cats are susceptible to many avian and human influenza viruses. Infections have included a range of avian (H3N2, H7N2, H5N1), canine (H3N2) and human (H1N1) influenza virus, and a large shelter outbreak with H7N2.



Can people get sick with canine influenza?

Unlikely. At this time, the risk of dogs and cats causing a human outbreak is considered very low, however it is not impossible.

How is it spread?

(Transmission & Infection risk)

Canine influenza is transmitted (spread) through direct contact (dog-to-dog), inhalation (of cough droplets), and contact with articles contaminated with the virus (e.g. bedding, people's hands). The virus can be shed to other dogs through oral (mouth), ocular (eye), nasal (nose) and fecal routes. Shedding of the influenza virus may occur prior to obvious signs of disease, making it difficult to stop transmission in large group canine settings. Different canine influenza viruses can be shed for varying periods of time. For instance, duration of viral shedding is estimated to be longer with H3N2 (21 days) than H3N8 (7-10 days). The virus can remain infectious in the environment (e.g. contaminated surfaces such as kennels) for up to 48 hours and for extended periods (12-24 hours) on clothing and people's hands. After transmission, the virus spreads to the lungs (lower respiratory tract).



Infection risk is difficult to determine. Overall, CIV seems to be an uncommon infection in dogs that do not have specific lifestyle and housing factors. Outbreaks have been identified in some areas (see Additional Resources, Canine Influenza Surveillance Network website, for up-to-date maps). Most outbreaks appear to be associated with specific housing environments with close dog-to-dog contact and increased stress (e.g. shelters,

dog shows, veterinary hospitals, boarding facilities, dog daycares).

Any breed or age of dog may be affected. However, severe disease and death due to pneumonia mainly occur in older dogs with concurrent health problems. There may be an increased risk for severe disease (i.e. pneumonia) in greyhounds, which may relate to simultaneous bacterial infections.

What should I look for? (Signs of disease)

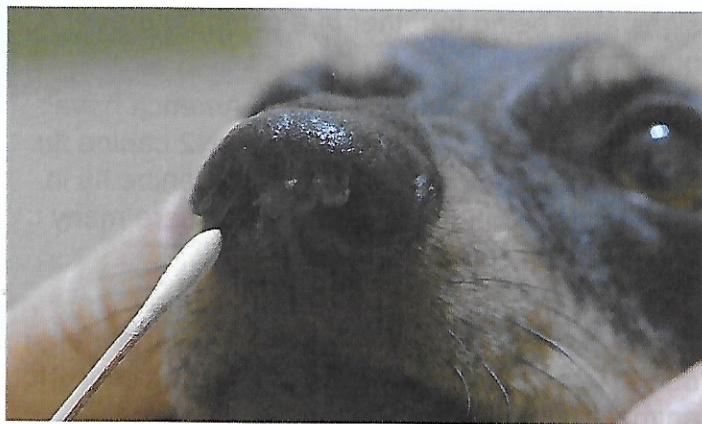
Most dogs with canine influenza that act sick will have respiratory (cough, sneeze), nasal (nose) and ocular (eye) discharge. Some dogs will also have fever and occasional vomiting. Many dogs will appear completely healthy (i.e. no clinical signs), although these dogs may still be infectious and transmit the virus to other dogs.

Pneumonia can occur when disease due to CIV worsens, typically after complications due to secondary bacterial infection.

How is it diagnosed?

Your veterinarian will diagnose canine influenza based on clinical signs (e.g. sudden onset of cough), history of time spent in a canine group setting or multiple sick dogs in a single household, and potentially knowledge of an outbreak occurring in an area.

Specific blood tests (antibody titers) and oral or nose swabs (most frequently PCR-based tests) can be performed to help confirm infection in dogs with suggestive clinical signs. Sometimes the results of these tests can be difficult to interpret, particularly if your dog has been recently vaccinated. Be sure to let your veterinarian know if your dog has been recently vaccinated for CIV and for which strain (e.g. H3N2, H3N8).



What is the treatment? Will my dog recover?

Contact your veterinarian to discuss whether your dog may have canine influenza. As this virus is very contagious, it is important to call BEFORE bringing your dog into the clinic and let them know your concerns and describe your dog's illness. They will advise you on how to proceed to ensure other dogs do not get infected.

Treatment is based on disease severity (i.e. mild signs vs. pneumonia), how long your dog has been sick, and whether your dog is getting worse. Some dogs may need advanced care at an intensive care facility that can provide oxygen support. A facility that is able to separate (isolate and quarantine) infectious dogs from other dogs to prevent further spread of the virus is required.

Whether your dog improves will depend on:

1. Severity of illness. Mild illness is common and most dogs improve quickly and completely. However, dogs that become very sick in a short period of time (and appear to worsen rapidly) may do poorly and death can occur.
2. In severe illness, whether referral for supportive care is an option.

How can I stop this from happening to my dog and other dogs?

Be informed. Know which areas have had an outbreak of canine influenza or are higher risk, so that you (and your dog) can avoid them as practical. Delay travel or avoid canine group settings and events in regions where an active outbreak is occurring. Commercial laboratories and veterinary schools have established reporting systems to identify cases and map outbreaks (see Additional Resources). Dog owners are encouraged to use these and other sources to remain aware of current risks.

Vaccination with one of the available inactivated vaccines (H3N8, H3N2, both strains) may reduce development of illness, severity and shedding of virus. This can be especially helpful for higher risk dogs (e.g. canine group events, such as doggie daycares, boarding or dog shows). Similar to human flu vaccines, CIV vaccines may not completely prevent infection in dogs but will make it less likely to occur and reduce severity of signs. Vaccines are strain-specific, meaning they only

work for the strain(s) contained in the vaccine. If vaccinating your dog, be sure a product is used that prevents the strain(s) your dog is most likely to encounter. Like any vaccine, adverse reactions are possible, but considered to be rare (specific numbers are not available due to limited published studies).

Reducing stress, high levels of dog-to-dog contact and crowding will also lower risk of infection and disease.



Outbreak Management

Dogs suspected or known to have CIV should immediately be isolated (kept separated from other dogs) to prevent risk of infection to other dogs. As CIV is extremely contagious and dogs may begin to shed virus before they show signs of illness, immediate action by canine group event coordinators is critical (e.g. dog shows, boarding facilities, daycares). It is recommended to immediately contact someone with experience in veterinary infectious disease risk assessment and outbreak management. Event coordinators are encouraged to put in place protocols to reduce canine flu introduction and spread within an event/facility and develop plans for management. See Additional Resources for further information.

Zoonotic (Human Infection) Alert

To-date canine H3N2 and H3N8 have not been shown to infect and cause disease in people. However, as flu viruses can change and new influenza viruses arise it is recommended to contact your healthcare provider if you develop signs of flu at the same time as your dog or one in your care. Given the ability for people to move the flu virus between dogs through contaminated hands, clothing, and the environment (e.g. bedding, kennels), dog owners and staff in canine group setting facilities should take care to reduce these risks (e.g. frequently wash hands, change clothes, clean and disinfect surfaces). See Additional Resources for further information.

Additional Resources

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AKC Canine Health Foundation Current Grants in Influenza

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Canine Influenza: Occurrence, Spatial and Temporal Trends and Identifying Modifiable Factors to Reduce Transmission at Events in the United States

Principal Investigator: J. Scott Weese, DVM; University of Guelph; Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD; Ohio State

University and University of Prince Edward Island

Total Grant Amount: \$14,040

Grant Period: 6/1/2018- 2/29/2020

Project Abstract: Canine influenza is an important disease affecting dogs, especially in situations where many dogs come together (e.g., boarding, dog shows, doggie daycare). Several recent outbreaks of canine influenza have been reported in the United States with anecdotally high levels of dog-dog transmission of canine influenza virus (CIV), resulting in dog illness and death as well as disruption or cancellation of shows and other events. Despite the importance of this disease, little is known of modifiable factors linked to CIV spread in dogs. Work to address this research gap is greatly needed in order to answer key questions about CIV and future control and prevention needs. The investigators will utilize an existing database of dogs tested for CIV to determine any recent changes over time and region (outbreaks) of CIV in the United States. Surveys of dog show participants will also be used to collect information on dog, owner/handler, and canine event factors related to CIV spread. Results will be used to develop and pilot a voluntary surveillance network to serve as an early warning mechanism to identify disease outbreaks (CIV and others) linked to dog events. Findings from this work will allow for targeted prevention strategies to reduce CIV spread in the United States which could be applied to other canine infectious diseases.

Participate in Research: Genetic Consultation

AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has a keen interest in supporting genetic consultations for breeders, veterinarians and dog owners as an area of research and service. The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL) at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine is contributing to this effort through an online resource for pet owners and breeders to request genetic consultation with Dr. Kate Meurs' VGL Team or for veterinarians to inquire on behalf of a client's genetics concern. To take advantage of this service please go to <https://cvm.ncsu.edu/genetics/> and select the Genetic Counseling icon to ask a genetic question about your dog or patient and continue forward progress for canine health.

Veterinary Genetics Laboratory

🕒 Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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📦 Order Swab Kit

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👤 Meet Our Team

The NC State CVM Veterinary Genetics Laboratory offers genetic testing for genetic disorders in specific canine and feline breeds. Learn additional details about our current research programs are below and see if your pet qualifies for participation!

💬 If you would like to make an appointment for genetics consultation about your pet or breed issues, or your client's genetics concerns, please email kate.meurs@ncsu.edu

📌 Please see our [new clinical trials](#) in Boxers, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Mitral Valve Disease and Feline Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy [here](#)

GENETIC TESTING INFORMATION



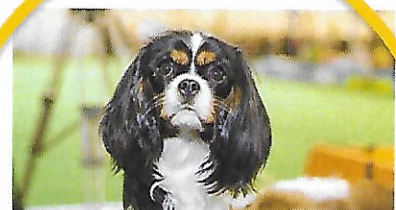
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About CHF

Since 1995, the Raleigh, NC-based AKC Canine Health Foundation has leveraged the power of science and research to improve the lives of dogs. The Foundation works to prevent, treat and cure diseases that impact all dogs, while providing professional information and resources for a new breed of dog owner. Take action because you care; find out more online at www.akcchf.org.



Now that we're entering the busy holiday season, please remember to **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2020 National Specialty!

We will have our grooming seminars on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, so please plan your hotel arrival accordingly. Tuesday afternoon will be split into two 2 hour sessions – 1st 2 hours is Basic Scissoring and the 2nd 2 hours will be Grooming techniques (ie bath and correct prepping and drying techniques) as well as grooming products new to the market in the past year. Wednesday morning session will be Scissoring a Bichon Head.

Please be sure to **book your hotel room early** in order to obtain our group rate.

Our 2020 National Specialty will be held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN. Activities will begin on Tuesday afternoon, May 19 with show days on Thursday & Friday, May 21 & 22, 2020. Our hotel room rate is \$129.00+tax per night with complimentary high-speed internet in the guest rooms. This group rate is available 3 days prior to the event and 1 day after the event. The deadline date for reserving hotel rooms at our Group rate is April 27, 2020. The hotel has capped the number of dogs allowed per room to 4 dogs. All crates in the guest rooms must have plastic under them. All dogs must be crated in guest rooms when no human is present. The hotel will charge a \$50.00 Non-refundable pet fee per guest room. Parking is complimentary for all vehicles except RVs. The hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle service.

You can now make your hotel reservations by either calling 877-361-4511 or 317-248-2481 – be sure to identify yourself as part of BFCA in order to obtain our group rate.

You can also make your hotel reservation on-line through our dedicated weblink - [Bichon Frise 2020](#)

Please reach out to Myra Wotton (myblissbichon@comcast.net) if you experience ANY issue with your hotel reservation.

The judges for the 2020 National Specialty are as follows:

Conformation – John Hutchison

Sweeps – Kayley Kovar

Special Attraction BBE – Joanne Rubin

4-6 Month Puppy – Timothy Catterson

Obedience – Betty Ribble

Junior Showmanship – Ted Lee

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