

January 2018

The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

**NEXT MEETING- Approx 1hour after breed judging at St Joseph,
MO. February 3, 2018**



So...you say you **DON'T** have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the **Odd Man** (or woman) out at our next function!?! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!

2017-2018 Club Members and their New Title Holders

Plaque	Full Name	Plate	Call name	Date of Title	Member/Owner
CH	Envisions I Wanna Talk About Me	GCH	Rick	27AUG 2017	Julie Higgins

Remember- MARCH 1 is the cut off for ALL plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates

DUPLICATE plaques can be ordered!

Member Brags

Who is out and about??

Anything to brag about? Please get the brags (show, dates, judge, award, full dogs name, and owners)

IF you would like to be included in the newsletter brags...please send them to farmoreboxers@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month!



**Merry Christmas
to all of our Boxer
Families!**

Check out our Facebook
page for Updates...



Officers & Directors 2017-2018

President: Karen Emerson (2019)

Vice President: Mark Ewing (2019)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2018)

Secretary: Tiffany Jay (2019)

Board Member: Janet Ewing (2018)

Board Member: Amber Gates (2018)

Board Member: Thomas Latta (2019)

Committee Assignments for 2017-2018

Show Chairperson: Jeannine

Trophies: Nicki (C) and Jim

Hospitality: Becky (C) , Tom D., Linda

Facebook Updates: Amber (C) and Peyton

Fundraising: Jeannine (C), Janet, Tom L, Jim

Performance: Janet

Advertising: Scott (C) and Tiffany

Annual Meeting: Mark

Historian: Peyton

Cards & Flowers: Sabrina (C) and Carol

Breeder Referral: Carol

Website: Tom L

Membership: Rachel (C) and Tiffany

Boxer Rescue: Liz

Public Education: Rachel

Newsletter: Amber

Door Prize: Joyce (C) and Julie

Legislation: Joyce



Call 1-855-M6-4Dogs and use code CP542764 to receive your 10% discount – or use their app



Rescue Corner

WE NEED HELP!

Contact mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net

URGENT need for foster homes!!!

Please! Help get the word out! MO/KAN Boxer rescue is in need of qualified Foster homes.

Some BASIC requirements to be considered for a Foster Home.....

- Fencing is not required but is preferred; not having a fence will limit placement options.
- All other pets in the home must be UTD on shots and on HW prevention year-round.
- Contact Elizabeth or Joyce for more information at mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net

Helpful Links

Kansas all breed clubs

<http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/>
<http://www.heartofamericakc.org/>
www.wichitakennelclub.com
www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com
www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/
www.ljkc.com/
www.salinakennelclub.org/
www.TopekaKC.org

Kansas Obedience Clubs

www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com

Missouri all breed clubs

www.JCKC.org
<http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/>
www.missourirhinelandkc.com
www.heartlandkc.org
jopbindogs.com

Missouri Obedience Clubs

kansascitydogtraining.com/
www.gsltc.org
www.mcotc.org
www.showmek9.com

AWESOME stuff to do with your dog!

All Star Dog Sports (BSMO)

<http://www.allstardogsports.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Allstardogsports/?fref=ts>

Mo-Kan Dock Diving

<http://www.mokandockdogs.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/mokandockdogs>



Ozarks Mischief Barn Hunt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/347414932104557/>



Important Links- health/clinics

BLUE PEARL

<http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/>

www.offa.org

Overland Park

913.642.9563
11950 West 110th St
Overland Park KS 66210

Kansas City North

816.759.5016
139 NE 91st Street
Kansas City, MO 64155

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>
<http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm>

CLUB HOLTER

The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ sabrina@lattahomes.com for availability

Mark your Calendars

Club	City	State	Show Day	Show Date	Breed Judge	Competed Last Year
Winnegamie Dog Club, Inc.	Oshkosh	WI	Saturday	13-Jan-18	Mr. Timothy Catterson	17
Winnegamie Dog Club, Inc.	Oshkosh	WI	Sunday	14-Jan-18	Ms. Diane Anderson	17
Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc.	Des Moines	IA	Saturday	20-Jan-18	Mrs. Terry M DePietro	33
Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc.	Des Moines	IA	Sunday	21-Jan-18	Andrea Bradford M.D.	35
Park Shore Kennel Club, Inc.	Grayslake	IL	Thursday	25-Jan-18	Mr. James M Fankhauser	34
Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club	Grayslake	IL	Friday	26-Jan-18	Dr. Elliot L More	33
Park Shore Kennel Club, Inc.	Grayslake	IL	Saturday	27-Jan-18	Ms. Mary Anne Brocious	40
Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club	Grayslake	IL	Sunday	28-Jan-18	Mr. Lee Herr	33
St. Charles Missouri Kennel Club	Lake St Louis	MO	Saturday	27-Jan-18	Robin Hug	16
St. Charles Missouri Kennel Club	Lake St Louis	MO	Sunday	28-Jan-18	Dr. Roger S Pritchard	17
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.	St Joseph	MO	Saturday	3-Feb-18	Dr. Eric Liebes	29
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.	St Joseph	MO	Sunday	4-Feb-18	Professor Douglas C Taylor	30
Peak to Peak Working Dog Association of Colorado	Aurora	CO	Thursday	15-Feb-18	Mrs. Cathy De La Garza	17
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado	Aurora	CO	Friday	16-Feb-18	Ms. Joanne (Jan) N Paulk	17
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado	Aurora	CO	Friday	16-Feb-18	Jack H Ireland	14
Colorado Kennel Club	Denver	CO	Sunday	18-Feb-18	Mr. Lee Herr	4
Colorado Kennel Club	Denver	CO	Monday	19-Feb-18	Mr. Robert J Shreve	4
Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines	IA	Saturday	17-Feb-18	Ms. Bonnie Linnell Clarke	52
Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines	IA	Sunday	18-Feb-18	Mrs. Sioux Forsyth-Green	52
South Arkansas Kennel Club	Camden	AR	Saturday	24-Feb-18	Mrs. Christie Martinez	4
South Arkansas Kennel Club	Camden	AR	Sunday	25-Feb-18	Mr. David Bolus	3
Garden City Kansas Kennel Club	Garden City	KS	Friday	2-Mar-18	Ms. Shalisa Neely	7
Garden City Kansas Kennel Club	Garden City	KS	Saturday	3-Mar-18	Mrs. Beth Downey	7
Garden City Kansas Kennel Club	Garden City	KS	Sunday	4-Mar-18	Bridget Brown	7
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.	Gray Summit	MO	Saturday	3-Mar-18	Mr. Richard Lashbrook	61
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.	Gray Summit	MO	Sunday	4-Mar-18	Dr. Carmen L Battaglia	56
Leavenworth Kennel Club	Kansas City	MO	Thursday	8-Mar-18	Ms. Elizabeth Muthard	43
Leavenworth Kennel Club	Kansas City	MO	Friday	9-Mar-18	Mr. David J Peat	43
Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.	Kansas City	MO	Saturday	10-Mar-18	Mr. Charles L Olvis	46
Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.	Kansas City	MO	Sunday	11-Mar-18	Mr. James A Moses	50
Clinton Iowa Kennel Club	De Witt	IA	Saturday	24-Mar-18	Pending Panel Processing	36
Clinton Iowa Kennel Club	De Witt	IA	Sunday	25-Mar-18	To Be Assigned	34
Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa, Inc.	Claremore	OK	Wednesday	28-Mar-18	Mr. Jay Richardson	17
Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa, Inc.	Claremore	OK	Thursday	29-Mar-18	Mr. Michael Forte	15
Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Inc.	Claremore	OK	Friday	30-Mar-18	Mr. Robert Stein	15
Claremore Kennel Club of Oklahoma	Claremore	OK	Saturday	31-Mar-18	Col. Joe B Purkhisier	15
Claremore Kennel Club of Oklahoma	Claremore	OK	Sunday	1-Apr-18	Nicolas DeBedout	13
Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.	Manitowoc	WI	Thursday	29-Mar-18	Mrs. Paula Hartinger	31
Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.	Manitowoc	WI	Friday	30-Mar-18	Mrs. Houston (Toddie) Clark	33
Packerland Kennel Club, Inc.	Manitowoc	WI	Saturday	31-Mar-18	Mr. Houston Clark	35
Packerland Kennel Club, Inc.	Manitowoc	WI	Sunday	1-Apr-18	Mr. Roger R Hartinger	34
Scottsbluff Kennel Club	Mitchell	NE	Friday	30-Mar-18	Patricia V Trotter	11
Scottsbluff Kennel Club	Mitchell	NE	Saturday	31-Mar-18	Dr. Robert D Smith	12
Scottsbluff Kennel Club	Mitchell	NE	Sunday	1-Apr-18	Mrs. Polly (Mrs. Robert) D Smith	12
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club	Gray Summit	MO	Saturday	31-Mar-18	Mrs. Faye Strauss	7
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club	Gray Summit	MO	Sunday	1-Apr-18	Mr. William (Bill) P Shelton	7

Learning Stuff!

Brucellosis: Dog Breeders Shouldn't Skip Testing for This Dangerous Disease

Staff Writers | August 21, 2015

Based on my many discussions with breeders over the years, there appears to be a great deal of misunderstanding about the bacterial disease [brucellosis](#). Interestingly, there also seems to be misunderstanding at some veterinary offices as well.

Brucellosis is a contagious disease caused by the bacterium *Brucella canis*. It is one of the leading causes of infertility in breeding stock. It occurs worldwide, affects all kinds of dogs, purebred and not, and can also be transmitted from dogs to [humans](#). Other animals that can be affected with brucellosis include livestock such as sheep, cattle, and goats, as well as wildlife, including bison, elk, and wild pigs.

In dogs, a classic sign of brucellosis is abortion during the third trimester of [pregnancy](#). Other signs include stillbirths, conception failures, and litter [resorption](#). Some infected dogs may show no symptoms, however.

In humans, clinical symptoms vary. They range from mild, nonspecific or flulike symptoms to infertility or serious cardiac or neurological problems.

In dogs, the bacteria tend to attack the reproductive organs (steroid-dependent tissues) but can also migrate to the eyes, spinal column, liver, spleen, and lymph nodes.

About Brucellosis

With dogs, the main mode of transmission of brucellosis is by direct contact with infected body fluids, such as semen, vaginal secretions, and urine. Aborted materials are also a major source of infection. The bacterium invades the body via the mucous membranes of the genitals, nose, eyes, or mouth and is spread throughout the body (organs) via blood and lymph nodes.

Brucellosis affects female and male dogs in specific ways:

Females: The most often seen clinical symptom in the female dog is [infertility](#), with 75 percent of cases resulting in late-term abortion (45–55 days of gestation). Aborted puppies will typically show signs of generalized infection, with the female presenting a brownish or green-grey discharge and being highly contagious with the bacteria for several weeks.

Males: The male will present with severe inflammation and/or infection of the epididymis (that part of the testicle where sperm matures and is stored). In the early phase of infection, the testes will be enlarged and painful. As the infection progresses, the testes become firm and shrunken. Infected males will become sterile due to testicular damage causing anti-sperm antibody formation. Infected males may also develop prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate gland), with clinical symptoms of difficulty urinating and defecating.

Both sexes: Non-reproductive symptoms in both sexes can include lethargy, weight loss, and exercise intolerance. More specific clinical symptoms will depend on the organ infected but can include inflammation of the spine, eye, heart, and skin.

The Importance of Testing

There are accurate, definitive tests for brucellosis (PCR-based, blood culture), but they must be performed correctly. Screening tests are accurate if negative except very early in the course of the infection. (There is not a 100-percent accurate, definitive test for this infection in dogs, though there are many tests available.)

A simple blood draw is most often used. The [rapid slide agglutination test](#) (RSAT) that detects antibodies to *Brucella spp.* is often used as a screening tool. This test is quick and inexpensive, but cross-reactivity with other bacterial species commonly results in false positives. Therefore, if the test is positive, it is important to confirm the results with another test that is more specific for *Brucella spp.* antigens.

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A definitive diagnosis can be made by positive culture of the bacteria in blood or tissue. However, the bacterium is difficult to detect in early stages with antibiotic treatment affecting the results. PCR testing can confirm the presence of active infection by detecting DNA of the *Brucella spp.*, but lab tests are not yet universally available. Ultrasound and/or X-rays may help show abnormalities in the prostate and/or testicles, and inflammation of the spine in cases of discospondylitis.

Sadly, there is no guaranteed cure for this infection in dogs. It is very difficult for antibiotics to effectively penetrate cells to eradicate the disease. Long-term doses of combinations of antibiotics have been tried, as well as neutering and isolation of infected dogs, but the infection often reappears. As the disease is [zoonotic](#) (capable of spreading to humans), tragically, euthanasia of infected animals is recommended.

The foregoing should alert breeders as to just how imperative it is to test both male and female dogs for brucellosis before breeding.

Procedures and Prevention

When abortions, infertility, and/or testicular abnormalities are detected in dogs and/or bitches during routine inspections or testing, immediate blood testing for *Brucella canis* should be done. *(Again, it is important to bear in mind that positive results can be false and need more specific testing.)*

Your veterinarian should know how to accomplish this testing. The kennel should be quarantined during the eradication process, with no new dogs brought to the premises and no selling, relocating, or breeding. [Serology testing](#) should be done on all animals in order to identify the sources of infection.

Any animal testing positive must be immediately removed. Monthly testing must then continue for at least three months, until there are no new positive results for brucellosis.

After this period, testing should be performed every three months for a year and a preventative plan put in place. Very thorough and careful hygiene routines are vital if this disease is to be eradicated. Sadly, there is no cure, and even if tests are showing a negative result, the infection will most commonly recur.

All organic material should be removed from infected surfaces prior to a thorough disinfection. It is essential that dogs testing positive are not kept as breeding stock, even if they are of great genetic importance in a breeding program. The only way to have and to successfully maintain a clean environment for the dogs is if all infected dogs are removed.

Prevention is easily accomplished by simple blood testing of both the dog and bitch prior to breeding. Stud dogs must be tested annually, and bitches must be tested prior to each breeding.

This serological test should even be done on a stud dog being collected for frozen semen. Any new animal entering the premises should be quarantined for 8–12 weeks and tested for *Brucella canis* at the beginning and the end of the quarantine period.

Brucella canis is not transmitted only by sexual activity; all maiden bitches and virgin dogs should also be tested. The bacteria can be found not only in the reproductive tract but also in the eyes, spinal column, liver, spleen, and lymph nodes. The main route of infection is by direct contact with infected body fluids, such as semen, vaginal secretions, and urine.

To date, there is no vaccine for prevention of the disease in dogs.

Risk to Humans

Canine brucellosis is a reportable disease in many states (though not California). In the event of a positive blood result, your veterinarian can seek advice from the state veterinarian regarding a plan of action. It is important to keep in mind that false positives occur, and in this case re-testing or testing at a different laboratory is needed. It is imperative to confirm that a positive result really is positive.

Since the disease can be transmitted to humans, and for dogs there is no known cure and no vaccine, infected dogs are a health hazard to humans. While most human cases of brucellosis are caused by consuming unpasteurized dairy products or undercooked meat, it is possible for humans to get this disease from dogs. Most reported cases from a canine source have been from people who have had direct contact with an aborted litter or aborted material associated with such a litter, such as veterinary technicians and breeders.

Immune-compromised people are at the greatest risk and are of particular concern for contracting this disease. Pregnant women and young children are also at the top of the "concern" list. Clinical signs in people range from being uncomfortable with flulike symptoms to septicemia, infertility, and cardiac and neurological symptoms of a more serious nature. Fortunately, humans do respond to antibiotic treatment, but prolonged therapy is required. (See the [CDC website](http://www.cdc.gov) for more information.)

The above is based on interviews with and articles by Autumn Davidson, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM, VMTH SAC, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis.

—[Carolyn R. Gold](#), [Gordon Setter Club of America](#), from a two-part article in the April and July 2015 [AKC Gazette](#)



Read more at
<http://www.akc.org/content/dog-breeding/articles/brucellosis-dog-breeders-shouldnt-skip-testing-for-this-dangerous-disease/>

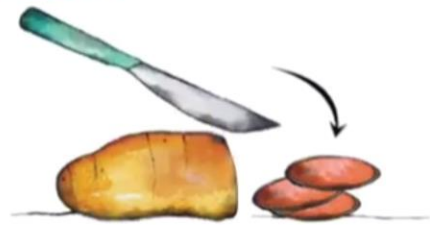
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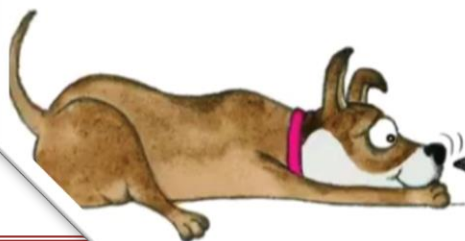
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Scrub 1 large sweet potato.
Don't peel—the skin is loaded with goodness.



Cut into very thin slices.



BAKE at 250°F for about 3 hours. Cool and serve.



Fun Stuff!



Just... gonna lay here...



Me.. And my sis.... Meant to be together...



All dressed up for the holidays....



Are the holidays over...yet....



Now...where did I put that really special toy....



Want to see YOUR dog in the newsletter??? I do! Please send your pictures to farmoreboxers@yahoo.com