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Merry Christmas

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BVKC January Meetings:

General Meeting:
Jan 5, 2015 @ 7pm

Board Meeting:
Dec 29, 2014 @ 7pm

Dinner/Social time: 6:30pm
Meetings begin at 7pm

Location: Mulligan's Pub
Fort Collins, CO

BVKC/AKC News



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today!

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to save Small Breeders
rights! Go to:

[http://www.akc.org/
petition](http://www.akc.org/petition)

Member:



Results!

BVKC General Election of Officers ~ November 3rd

- President: Anita Eley
- Vice-President: Sandy Edwards-Zickrick
- Secretary: Elaine Verdill
- Treasurer: Vicki Harris
- Board Positions ~
 - Bailey Bremner
 - Elise Kind

In addition:

- Bud Brockway was appointed by the Board to fill
Holly Trumble's Vacated Position (1 yr term)
- Vicki Lembcke was appointed by the Board to fill
Val Manning's 'Past President Position' (1 yr term)

Please
tell
your
friends,
co-workers,
acquaintances....



A pet is for LIFE!

BVKC Christmas Party!



Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club Annual Christmas Party!

Where: Sundance Steakhouse and Saloon
2716 E Mulberry St, Ft Collins, CO 80524.

When: Saturday, December 13th at 6pm

Menu: Prime Rib and Chicken with potatoes,
vegetable, salad and dessert, water/tea/coffee
Wine provided by BVKC

Cost: BVKC Members, No Charge
Non-Members & Guests \$27 *(Includes tax and gratuity)*

Gift Exchange: If you would like to participate in
the gift exchange, bring a Wrapped Gift (\$15 max ~
does not have to be a dog related item)

Public Education ~

Have you ever seen a dog or cat press their head against the wall? It kind of looks adorable, but it isn't something that should be taken lightly. Head pressing is one of the biggest red flags that something is wrong. If your pet presses it's head against a wall or an object, it's time to see a veterinarian to rule out the following illnesses:



Head pressing is one of the major warning signs that your pet has a life threatening illness and needs veterinary attention.



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- *toxic poisoning*
- *brain tumor*
- *liver shunt*
- *metabolic disorder*
- *prosencephalon disease*
- *encephalitis*
- *infection of the nervous system*
- *stroke*

Toxic Poisoning

A number of toxic chemicals can poison our dogs and cats. Certain foods, such as grapes and chocolate, can also cause toxic poisoning. Toxicity can eventually lead to a whole host of other health problems including cancer, arthritis, liver disease, and immune system and neurological disorders. Learn more about toxicity [here](#).

Brain Tumors

A primary brain tumor occurs from cells normally found within the brain and its membranes, while a secondary brain tumor is the result of cancer or another tumor that has spread into the tissues of the brain. In addition to head pressing, symptoms include seizures, abnormal behavior, vision and mobility problems, and hyper-sensitivity to touch or pain around the neck and skull.

Liver Shunt

A liver shunt is a condition in which blood flow to and through the liver is compromised. It causes blood from the intestinal tract to bypass the liver and flow directly into the systemic bloodstream. This prevents the by-products from digested and absorbed food from being processed by the liver and removed from circulation. So the by-products remain in the bloodstream and can adversely affect some animals. One of the main symptoms is [urate](#)

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Metabolic Disorders

This is a broad category that encompasses hyper or hyponatremia, hepatic encephalopathy, hypoglycemia, and more. Metabolic disorders can be genetic or acquired and affect the body's energy production and can damage tissues. [Learn more](#).

Prosencephalon Disease

Pacing, circling, vision problems, seizures, changes in behavior, and damaged reflexes are other symptoms of prosencephalon disease. With this disease, the forebrain and thalamus parts of the brain are affected.

Encephalitis

Inflammation of the brain can be caused by many factors, including [reactions to vaccines](#) and viral infections. Seizures, lethargy, and mobility issues are other symptoms.

Infection of the Nervous System

Rabies, parasites, and bacterial, viral, or fungal infections all affect the nervous system. These infections can be contracted through insect and animal bites, and from exposure to bacteria and viruses found in food and in the environment. Infections such as these are very serious and require immediate veterinary treatment.

Stroke

Nancy Scanlan, DVM, advises that stroke occurs when the blood supply to the brain is interrupted and is caused by a blood clot or ruptured blood vessel. Other symptoms of stroke include dizziness, staggering, falling, seizures, eyes flicking back and forth, sudden or gradual collapse, and a twisted or distortion of the neck or torso. Many factors can lead to stroke, including encephalitis, toxic poisoning, cancer, kidney disease, and more. If your pet has any of these symptoms, please see a veterinarian immediately. For more info on strokes, [read Nancy Scanlan's article here](#).

Head pressing is almost always an indication of one of the above illnesses and is not a symptom that should be taken lightly or treated at home. However, it should not be confused with affectionate head butting or playfulness that is common in dogs and cats. By recognizing the other symptoms that often accompany head pressing and seeking veterinarian attention, you can save your pet's life.

BVVC Committee Reports

Show Committee ~ It's not too early to get plugged in for next year's show, so please contact Kim if you would like to be involved.

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Tracking Committee ~ Come to Lori State Park THIS SUNDAY, December 7th, and watch out TDs, and TDXs!

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Herding Committee ~

For more information on how you can become involved in Herding Events contact:

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Nearby Events ~

December

- * 12/6 12/7 Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club TD TDX Lori State Park Fort Collins
- * 12/6 12/7 AKC AG CO Cairn Terrier Club of Denver; Denver Dog Sports; Denver I Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124
- 12/6 12/7 DOCNA AG CO Front Range Agility Club (FRAC); Boulder CFG; Longmont I Shelley Fugett;
303-678-7497*
- 12/6 12/7 USDAA AG UT Wasatch Agility; Legacy Arena; Farmington O Coleen Hawker; 801-571-8061
- * 12/8 12/8 **Match** OB/R CO Mile High Golden Retriever Club (MHGRC); Jefferson CFG; Golden
- * 12/9 12/8 **Match** AG CO Mile High Golden Retriever Club (MHGRC); Jefferson CFG; Golden
- 12/12 12/14 AKC AG CO Palmer Divide Agility Club (PDAC); Douglas CFG; Castlerock I Deb Ascher;
970-532-3124
- * 12/12 12/14 AKC AG FL AKC Agility Invitational; Orlando I AKC
- 12/13 12/14 UKC AG CO Twin Peaks; Boulder CFG; Longmont I Michelle Hoppes; 303-604-9658
- * 12/15 12/16 Match AG CO Fl'n Paws; Douglas CFG; Castlerock I Shar Henry; 303-770-5323



 I want to know what you have been doing this year
 with your “best friends”! **Please email me a**
paragraph or two of your 2014 Brags/Bches/**
Accomplishments/Fun Times/Titles with your dog/s.
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 sure to include them in the January edition ;)

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From the Editor



Have yourselves a
Merry Christmas;
See you next year!
blessings,
Sandy

Paws and reflect.....



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