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#### **BVKC**

#### **July Meetings:**

#### **General Meeting:**

July 6, 2015 @ 7pm

#### **Board Meeting:**

July 27, 2015 @ 7pm

Dinner/Social time:

6:30pm

Meetings begin at 7pm

# Buckhorn Valley Kennel Cl July 2015

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*July 6th  
General Meeting Special*

*Speaker:  
Ashley Foster*

*Manager, Trainer  
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We want you! We want you back!

We sincerely miss seeing you at our monthly meetings. We have been enjoying some very informative presentations. We joined with the Larimer Humane Society for their Fire Hydrant 5k walk/run by having a Public Education booth. We hosted a Fun Day BBQ last weekend and have a conformation and obedience match coming up on August 8th. Our All Breed dog shows are October 23-25 at Island Grove Regional Park. We have a Herding Symposium July 10-12. We have a Tracking Dog Urban Test on July 19 at UNC in Greeley. No matter what you like to do with your dog, BVKC has it going on!

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## Public Education

# FOURTH OF JULY



## Safety Tips for Dogs



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than any  
other day.**



**Fireworks are Scary**



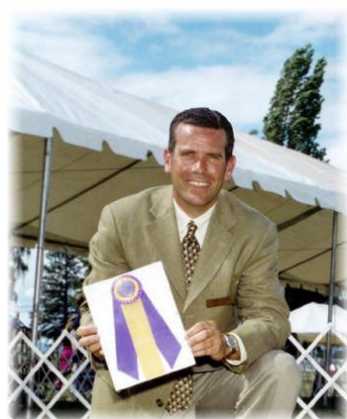
**Keep Your Pets Safe**

**Fireworks  
terrify pets!**

Create a safe haven for your pets in a sheltered, escape-proof part of your home with plenty of water. Also, turn on the TV to help mask the fireworks with familiar sounds.

# Public Education ~ Showing in Conformation

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## FLAW, FAULT or UNFORGIVABLE?

During my many years of exhibiting, winning some and losing some, I often found myself wondering how many times I was defeated because of a minor flaw that a judge may have considered a fault. Faults and flaws come in all shapes and sizes, sometimes performance related or more obviously in physical appearances but I believe there is a clear difference.

Faults are those defects that are clearly and specifically addressed in the standard, where flaws are merely variations and blemishes on an otherwise quality exhibit. I believe that any judge who, unless it is a tie breaker, tosses an exhibit for a flaw, is guilty of a disservice to that particular breed. Many times you'll find a judge's tolerance of flaws and minor faults coming from issues carried over from their very own breed standard.

If you have read your own breed standard you are well aware of the faults stated within, some variations may be stated as minor or major. Flaws of course are most times never mentioned within a standard, so I will attempt to give some examples of those slight imperfections that sometimes judges find so offensive as to put an exhibit out of contention. There are however, a few elusive examples of circumstances within breed standards that guide us to proper appraisal of a breed stating that a judge should or should not fault an exhibit accordingly. Example #1 The Samoyed standard states "A judge should always see the tail over the back once when judging". The standard of the German Shorthaired Pointer states "A dog in hard and lean condition is not to be penalized." In most cases depending on the breed these issues would not enter into your overall opinion of an exhibit.

Here are some examples of flaws that I feel should be of little or no consequence when viewing any high quality animal. Some may be more breed specific than others. Please remember every situation is unique and there is much gray area and subjectivity in dog judging. These examples only apply where limitations are not otherwise provided for within any given standard.

Scars or imperfections in the coat.

Sun fading or slight variations from ideal coloration.

Light masked or excessive darkness of masking.

A slight crook or bump in the tail

A light toenail or missing toenail.

Missing, crooked or recessed teeth. (disqualification to some breeds, not mentioned in other standards.)

A stitch or small injury ( sore eye, sore tail, or elbow bruised)

Performance related flaws:

Handling, where presentation is altered by human error.

Stepping back off an examination, especially while distracted or in young exhibits.

Double handling.

Performance lessened by silly behavior of a youngster or even an adult so long as it is corrected for proper appraisal of the exhibit.

Performance lessened due to circumstances such as small rings and undesirable facilities.

There are so many other examples that could be represented, but I think this gives one a general idea. One of my mentors once said to me that it was my responsibility as a judge to find the best dog and make sure that it ends up the winner. Making it win meant when a situation arose where a slight performance flaw or physical flaw occurred, not to throw the baby out with the bath water! As judges it is our sole responsibility to find the best exhibit in every circumstance.

I often find myself giving beginners small lessons in the ring to improve their dogs performance, sometimes even the occasional "old timer" can benefit from a lesson or two. The ideal scenario for handler and judge alike would be to be presented with the highest quality exhibit, perfectly trained and conditioned, unfortunately that so very often is not the case for various reasons. I do feel that while the quality and technical ability has risen in the handling field, unfortunately the emphasis on the very purpose of the dog show has fallen by the wayside, especially so in the young and upcoming handlers. It is the judge's sole responsibility to appraise a breed with the eye of the breeder at all times. It's the responsibility of the handler to present the breed to best of his or her ability. Sometimes circumstances arise where judges and handlers alike have to alter their performances to fit any given situation. My advice to anyone as a previous professional handler and breeder exhibitor, be aware of the quality of your exhibit and know when you have the best dog and when you do not. Understand when those minor variations in the competition are truly all that separate them from being ideal, even with a little helpful advice, they should always end up the winner.

Within our beloved breed we are gifted with so very many talented breeder owner, professional handlers who truly aspire to breed and exhibit only the finest specimens. Having walked in those shoes for a very long time, I truly understand how frustrating it can be. One hard lesson to learn was that a good performance, good condition or a good handler does not make a good dog it simply enhances the overall appearances. A good dog is easy to find, but when the previously mentioned advantages are not up to par, as a judge, certain adjustments might need to be made in order to perform the job we are expected and committed to do. One can occasionally be fooled by a superb handling job, but never should one be fooled or confused by small imperfections and flaws. Even great dogs have flaws or even faults! A quality judge knows the difference and rewards the dogs accordingly.



## Public Education

**Anti-Cancer Properties!!!**

*One of the most interesting discoveries I made while investigating the benefits of turmeric is that there are now reports coming out claiming that turmeric may help in the fight against cancer! This powerful antioxidant plays a significant role in preventative medicine.*

*Read online about other facts pertaining to the ancient spice Turmeric !  
Here's a sample:*

**Heart Health**

*Another concern with our senior pets is ensuring heart health. Like us, our pets are susceptible to blood clots and excess cholesterol. You may have heard of LDL (bad cholesterol) and HDL (good cholesterol). Well turmeric has been found to lower LDL levels which support both heart and liver health.*

*In addition, turmeric helps to thin the blood, reducing the risk of deadly clots that can lead to strokes and heart attacks. It's important not to thin your dog's blood too much, but the right amount can be helpful. If your pet is on medication, especially those that thin the blood, check with your vet for the appropriate dosage.*

**The Great Detoxifier**

*What about the liver? Yes, turmeric is good for that too.*

*Our environment is becoming more and more toxic and that not only affects us, it impacts Fido as well. Our pets are susceptible to toxins in the environment and in their food, especially commercially produced kibble and treats.*

*The liver plays a significant role in removing toxins from the body. Think of the liver as the main industrial centre for the body. It's involved in nearly every biochemical process required to run the body. The body's abilities to clot blood, to breakdown harmful toxins, and to remove waste and store energy, are all affected by the liver. It is a major player in your pet's digestion, storing vitamins and producing bile which is necessary to break down fat. It's a pretty important piece of machinery for your pet's overall health.*

*Curcumin is believed to stimulate bile production necessary for the digestion of fat in the liver. Active dogs need at least 20% fat in their diet; therefore, bile production is critical for good health.*

*In short, turmeric boosts the liver's ability to metabolize fat and remove waste from the body. As with any pre-existing condition, if your pet already suffers from liver disease, you should consult your vet before treating with turmeric as some studies indicate that turmeric may aggravate existing problems.*

***\*If you have had experience with this spice and it's health claims, or have heard of it's benefit, will you drop me a note at: [sezickrick@gmail.com](mailto:sezickrick@gmail.com)...Thank You!***

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**Dog Ice Cream Recipe:**

- 3 ripe bananas
- 32 ounces plain yogurt
- 1 cup peanut butter

**Directions:**

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**PUMPKIN HARVEST DOG TREATS**

YIELD 20 treats

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons dry milk
- 2 1/2 cups flour (wheat is probably better!)
- Water

**DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Blend eggs and pumpkin together; add salt, dry milk, and flour.

Add water as needed to make the dough somewhat workable.

The dough should be dry and stiff, don't be concerned with crumbs being left in the bowl.

You will need to mix this with your hands because it is too stiff for an electric mixer.

Roll to 1/2-inch thick.

Cut into shapes.

Place 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake for 20 minutes on one side, then turn over and bake another 20 minutes.

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## Tracking Committee Report

The Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club held their VST test at a new location this year. The lovely campus of the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley was perfect for the test. The test limited to 7 dogs did not fill, and the 6 entries received were reduced to 5 when one exhibitor withdrew. Sally Nesbitt and I plotted 5 lovely tracks utilizing only one area of the campus. A passing thunderstorm Saturday night left the grounds in seemingly perfect condition for Sunday's test. Sunday's anticipated temperatures in the 80s were mitigated by an early start to the test. The first track went in at 4am for a 7am start. Conditions were cloudy and cool at the start, with damp lush grass in abundance.

Track 1 was run by a hard working Australian shepherd that motored through 4 of the 6 legs of the track before running into trust issues with his handler. While he tried valiantly to make a left heading toward a parking lot and his final turn, his handler seemed not to believe him and backed him up to a previous article, from which point he determined she wanted him to change course and he did so to the off track whistle. Watching him finish after being put back on, he is sure to pass next time!

Track 2 went to a collie that had a beautiful start on a long first leg. Unfortunately, the dog made a right turn into a parking lot shortly before the actual turn and heard the whistle.

Our third exhibitor ran the track that made all our efforts worthwhile! Standard Poodle Tudorose Notorious Riant, VCD3, RE, CA added the CT to the front of her name by completing a 625 yard track with 5 turns. Her owner, Carol Pernicka, brought Tori to the start flag and headed down the first leg confidently. We worried when Tori made a right turn into a parking lot prior to the actual turn, but after paralleling the leg, she zeroed in to the article and made a left to get to it. This caused her approach to the article to be at a right angle to the actual track. Upon restarting Carol pushed her ahead but Tori knew better and angled her way across the lot and got back to the track. Continuing, Tori worked her way through an open area between buildings and overshot the next turn. Coming back, she once again paralleled a bit off track, which brought her to her next article at a right angle and gave the appearance that we had placed an article at a turn only a few feet from a building. Not to be fooled, Tori picked up the scent and turned right at the article and continued next to the building on a long leg toward the final turn. After passing the building, we were all holding our breath as she kept looking left across a broad sidewalk at the turn, but explored a bit ahead before returning to the turn, looking toward the track and pausing to have a nice stretch. She then crossed the sidewalk and checked out a doorway to the building, but angled her way back to the track and soon found her final article to great congratulatory cheering! Tori leaped up and down and greeted everyone in the gallery to celebrate her pass and new CT title!

Track 4 went to an All-American dog that unfortunately had a wrong start.

Track 5 was run by a Basset hound that made her way carefully down the first leg, through an open gate and across a service road to her first turn next to a building. She continued on this leg and overshot the second turn next to tennis courts. Realizing her mistake, she brought her handler back to the turn but sadly paralleled the track and missed an article. Once again a very nice working dog that should pass soon.

Many thanks to my co-judge Sally Nesbitt and congratulations on her first VST assignment and first VST pass! As everyone involved in tracking knows, it takes a great deal of effort from volunteers to make a tracking test run well, and the club supplied us with many willing workers to make the test happen.

Test Secretary and Chairman Linda Gruver did a spectacular job. Chief tracklayer JR Nunamaker laid two tracks and made sure everyone was in the right place at the right time. Tracklayer Jeanne Looker also laid two tracks, and our judge's driver and host for the weekend Anita Eley added tracklayer to her duties by filling in for a tracklayer that could not make it due to a family emergency. Sally and I took over the lower floor of her home for the weekend and Anita kept us well fed and comfortable. Hospitality chair and club treasurer Vicki Harris provided plenty of food and water for everyone over the weekend. Exhibitor driver Sarah Milam was invaluable as she works on campus and had great knowledge of the area. In addition, drivers Donna Dolezal and Karen Bever were available to transport tracklayers, exhibitors and gallery from track to track. It always makes for a great judging experience to have a wonderful staff to keep things running smoothly. Thanks to everyone involved and congratulations once again to Carol and Tori on their great accomplishment and new CT title! Judge, Terri Everwine

***Tori and Carol with a winning track!***





## BVKC Committee Reports

**Show Committee ~** Next Meeting of the Show Committee will be **July 17th**. If you want to get plugged in for this year's show, please contact Kim (Show committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month) Kim: 970.219.9858  
kakreutzfeldt@gmail.com



**Tracking Committee ~**  
Our next event is a TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) on July 17th. Call for more information or to find out how you can join in on the excitement!

Carol Pernicka:  
tracker@lpbroadband.net



**Herding Committee ~**

7/13—7/14 AKC Herding CO  
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- ♦ 7/12 7/14 **AKC AG CO** Mile High Golden Retriever Club (MHGRC); Douglas CFG; Castle Rock; All Breed O Deb Ascher; 970-532-3124 7/12
- ♦ 7/14 **NADAC AG CO** Mountain Dog Sports; Fairmont Park; Golden O Lindsey Cooper; 303-452-2786 7/13 7/14 **AKC B/OB/R CO** Roaring Fork KC; Eagle CFG; Eagle I/O Onofrio Dog Shows; 405-427-8181
- ♦ \* 7/13 7/14 **AKC Herding CO Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club**; Rancho Terra Norte; Wellington; C Course. PT, HT; O Val Manning; 970-568-7708
- ♦ \* 7/12 7/14 **AKC AG NE** Nebraska KC; Qwest Center; Omaha I Karen Nenow; 816-587-5023
- ♦ 7/12 7/14 **AKC AG UT** Golden Spike DOC; Davis County Events Center; Farmington; Mix Breeds Welcome! I Sheryl Harames; 801-985-5263
- ♦ \* 7/15 7/18 **Seminar AG WY** CSPOTWIN Camp; Hansen Arena - Univ. of WY; Laramie I Shar Henry; 303-770-5323
- ♦ \* 7/20 7/21 **AKC AG CO Pikes Peak Obedience Club (PPOC)**; Latigo Trails; Elbert I Kelly Misegadis; 719-596-7115
- ♦ \* 7/19 7/20 **UKC AG CO Twin Peaks**; Boulder CFG; Longmont; 2 trials each day I Shelley Fugett; 303-678-7497
- ♦ \* 7/19 7/21 **UKC B/OB/R CO Twin Peaks**; Boulder CFG; Longmont; 5 Breed shows I Maude Tank 269-664-5157
- ♦ \* 7/20 7/21 **USDAA AG UT** Wasatch Agility; Davis County Fair Park; Farmington O Coleen Hawker; 801-571-8061
- ♦ \* 7/19 7/21 **AKC AG MT Yellowstone Valley KC**, Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch; Billings I Susan Belger; 208-542-6552
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- ♦ \* 7/27 7/28 **DOCNA AG CO** Prairie Dog Acres; Prairie Dog Acres; Strasburg O Sandy Chia-velli, 303-622-6976
- ♦ 7/27 7/28 **AKC Earthdog CO** Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club; Elizabeth O Sandy Trzos 303-838-9636
- ♦ \* 7/28 7/28 **Match AG CO** Riverstone Ranch; Longmont O Trish Whitley; 303-748-8647

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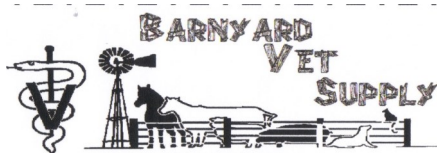
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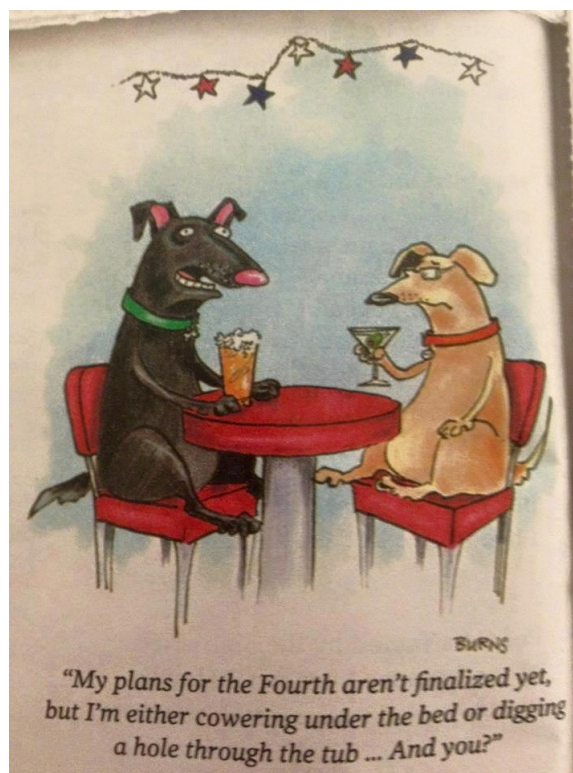
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*Blessings,*

*Sandy*

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