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Club Business & Announcements

REMINDER

Our next General meeting is

March 8, 2016

7:00 PM

at

Hemopet

11561 Salinaz Avenue

Garden Grove, CA 92643

**New Membership Applications:
Doris Engbertson**

Meeting Minutes for both the Board and General Membership meetings are chronologically filed on our website.

SAVKC's 2015-2016 Officers & Board

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President.....Dean Langwiser
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Why Does My Dog Tremble?

Posted By Nancy Kay D.V.M

In [Canine Health](#)

Have you ever watched your dog tremble or shiver in warm weather and wondered why? While it's tempting to think that trembling and shivering are always a result of being too cold, such is not the case. Here's a list of causes to consider.

1. **1. Thermoregulation (temperature control):** Shivering is a very effective means of creating body heat, and is a normal response to decreasing body temperature. When a dog has a fever the body's thermostat is reset to a higher temperature. When the temperature attempts to drop back down to normal, shivering occurs in an attempt to restore the new, elevated temperature set point.
2. **2. Excitement/Anxiety/Fear:** All of these emotional responses are capable of evoking trembling in some dogs. Without the help of anti-anxiety medication, one of my dogs becomes a quaking, quivering mess during thunderstorms.
3. **3. Pain:** Trembling can accompany pain, whether due to acute trauma or a more chronic painful condition. Be aware that not all dogs demonstrate trembling in response to pain. Trembling is simply one of several symptoms a painful dog may exhibit.
4. **4. Medical disease:** A variety of underlying medical issues, ranging from kidney failure to hormonal imbalances, can produce trembling. Neurological disorders and muscle diseases commonly cause trembling.
5. **5. Toxins:** A variety of toxins cause trembling as one of the earliest neurological symptoms. Some examples include chocolate, antifreeze, and snail bait.
6. **6. Muscle weakness:** Atrophy or weakness of muscles, particularly those in the hind legs, often causes trembling. This is likely the reason that hind leg trembling is so common in older dogs.

7. **7.Small dog trembling:** For many very small dogs, trembling appears to be just a normal fact of life. Theories abound as to why, but none have been documented to be true. Be forewarned, if you get a very small dog, you will likely observe a trembling very small dog from time to time. This is certainly the case with my little Nellie girl who weighs in at 11 pounds.

What to do if you observe that your dog is trembling

Trembling is always cause for concern, particularly if it is out of character for what you know to be normal for your dog. If you observe trembling, a good first step is to determine if something in the environment is causing your dog to feel anxious or fearful. If so, try to eliminate the source of the stress or remove your dog from the situation to see if the trembling abates.

Also inspect the environment for any potential toxins. If found, take your dog along with the toxin container to your veterinary clinic right away.

Another good first step is to take your dog's temperature (the normal range is 100-102 degrees Fahrenheit). The presence of a fever warrants veterinary attention.

If your dog does not appear anxious or fearful and his or her body temperature is normal, I encourage you to contact your veterinarian if:

- trembling is getting worse.
- The trembling continues for more than an hour or two.
- You observe any other symptoms such as lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing, etc.
- You identify a potential toxin in the environment that your dog may have accessed.

As is true for most medical issues, the sooner the cause of your dog's trembling is identified and properly addressed, the greater the likelihood of a positive outcome.

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New Point Schedule

Click [here](#) for the AKC's new point schedule effective May 11, 2016

Club T Shirts

We recently had some awesome club t shirts made. They are available at out meetings and events. Please check them out, there is a limited supply.



Tracking Animal Cruelty FBI Collecting Data on Crimes Against Animals

Posted By Press Release

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Acts of cruelty against animals are now counted alongside felony crimes like arson, burglary, assault, and homicide in the FBI's expansive criminal database. On January 1, the Bureau's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) began collecting detailed data from participating law enforcement agencies on acts of animal cruelty, including gross neglect, torture, organized abuse, and sexual abuse. Before this year, crimes that involved animals were lumped into an "All Other Offenses" category in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's annual *Crime in the United States* report, a survey of crime data provided by about 18,000 city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

By adding animal cruelty offenses to NIBRS, law enforcement agencies and the advocacy groups that pushed for the inclusion in the FBI database are hoping the results will reveal a more complete picture of the nature of cruelty to animals.

"Some studies say that cruelty to animals is a precursor to larger crime," said Nelson Ferry, who works in the Bureau's Criminal Statistics Management Unit, which manages NIBRS. "That's one of the items that we're looking at."

The National Sheriffs' Association was a leading advocate for adding animal cruelty as a data set in the Bureau's collection of crime statistics. The association for years has cited studies linking animal abuse and other types of crimes-most famously, murders committed by serial killers like Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, and the "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz. The organization also points out the overlap animal abuse has with domestic violence and child abuse.

"If somebody is harming an animal, there is a good chance they also are hurting a human," said John Thompson, deputy executive director of the National Sheriffs' Association. "If we see patterns of animal abuse, the odds are that something else is going on."

A first look at NIBRS animal cruelty statistics will be available next year, but it will take at least three to five years for the data to begin showing helpful patterns. Groups that advocated for the new animal cruelty data hope that by adding it to NIBRS-rather than the summary-based statistics agencies provide the Bureau each year-they will get a much richer data set from which to mine.

That's because NIBRS requires participating agencies to not only report crimes but also all the circumstances of a crime. Additionally, the Bureau plans to phase out summary-based UCR statistics-which have been collected roughly the same way since 1930-in favor of NIBRS by 2021.

"With summary data, all I can tell you is a crime occurred," said Amy Blasher, who is leading the broader transition to NIBRS at the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division, keeper of the Bureau's various crime data stores. "With the incident-based, it's more granular. It tells the story."

The move to collect more granular data requires agencies to adjust how they track and disseminate crime statistics. Only about 31 percent of the country is represented in NIBRS today—a fraction of the overall UCR participants; however, Blasher anticipates the figure to grow larger as law enforcement agencies opt in, including police departments in Washington, D.C. and Chicago over the next two years. The FBI is aggressively pushing for the transition to NIBRS. In a speech last March in Atlanta, FBI Director James Comey said it was his personal mission to get better data "that we can all use to have informed conversations about the most important issues we face."

Those who lobbied for better animal abuse data would agree. "With this information, law enforcement and victim services would be able to better target their intervention efforts with respect to both animal cruelty and those crimes for which animal cruelty serves as a marker," said Dr. Mary Lou Randour of the Animal Welfare Institute, which worked closely with the National Sheriffs' Association to advance their cause. "Identifying and analyzing animal cruelty crimes would provide an important tool for law enforcement."

The National Sheriffs' Association's John Thompson urged people to shed the mindset that animal cruelty is a crime only against animals. "It's a crime against society," he said, urging all law enforcement agencies to participate in NIBRS. "By paying attention to [these crimes], we are benefiting all of society."

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Braggs

"Jewel"







GCH LARKANGEN'S AMERICAN TRENDY GIRL ~ JEWEL~

~ AWARD OF MERIT - WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW~

Presented Exquisitely By Her Team

~ Joseph Berkau and Burk Hughes~

Proud Owner is Patricia Rusko

This girl never stops amazing me.. She has shown her heart and continues to have fun in the ring while always being ranked in the Top 10 but currently is No. 6 in the country.

"Nigel"



CH Ocoee Winsome Out And About, CGC, NA

Nigel got his 3rd leg in Novice Agility on February 5th at the Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club with a score of 95 and 3rd place and his NA title.

Nigel also got a second leg in Novice Jumpers with a perfect 100 and 2nd place on Sunday February 6th at the SCPWDC.

This was only Nigel's third time out running agility.

" Kohl"



Starfyre Chrysocolla "Kohl" bred by Keith & Jolene Hicks and owned, adored and campaigned by Ruth Ann Miller, was the #1 Straight Racing, Oval Track Racing and Lure Coursing, Silken Windhound, and #6 of **All Breeds** in racing in Canada in 2015. As well as earning his Coursing tested Certificate of Honor. He also earned his RAT I, RAT N in Barn Hunt (taking 4th place) and his Advanced Nosework Titles achieving Silver level 86-- 95% in 2015

"Sonnet"



On Superbowl Sunday, Keith & Jolene Hicks' Starfyre Sonnet earned her UKC Grand Championship.

"Dior, Smoky & Khan"



Dior (11th) and his sons Smoky (6th) & Khan (13th) were in the top 20 lure coursing Silken Windhounds in the country last year. Dior finished up the year as the #1 Lifetime Lure Coursing Silken Windhound for the 6th year in a row with nearly 400 dogs defeated.

Congrats to all of you and those who forgot to brag !

Please remember to send in your brags.
Each of you and your dog work hard to earn them,
so why not be proud and share them with your club ?

From The Editor



Tammy

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