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Club Business & Announcements

REMINDER

Our next General meeting is

November 8, 2016

at

7:00pm

at

HemoPet

Welcome to new members:

Vicki Holloway
Evan McDermott

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

SAVKC's 2016-2017 Officers & Board of Directors

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*Its Thanksgiving pass the love the
warmth and sharing pass the smiles
the hugs and caring pass the blessing big
and small pass them on to one and all.
Hope this Thanksgiving brings you
generous helping of blessing.
Happy Thanksgivings*

New Member Corner

Are you a new member ? If so tell us a little bit about yourself. Include a couple photos and brief summary and email it to the Editor of the Sombrero by the 25th of the month to be included in the next issue.

AKC Judge Opens Owner Handling Mentoring Program Posted By kaylaln

DOG SHOW MENTOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 24, 2016
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PRESS RELEASE

AKC judge opens owner-handler mentoring program October 30, 2016
Vancouver, WA - Many dog world insiders are lamenting the sad state of American Kennel Club dog shows, and while Judge Lee Whittier recognizes the issues, she also rejoices in the ever-increasing number of owner-handlers exhibiting in the ring. Over the last several years, Whittier has heard the persistent talk among "dog people" about the high attrition rate of beginner and intermediate dog show fanciers, and the frustration that little has been done about it.

Whittier commented that the lack of understanding of the dog show culture and the hard work involved in showing dogs are key issues. The outcome is poor win records and frustrated exhibitors. They don't know where to invest their time and money in order to improve their win rate.

Although AKC has implemented the National Owner-Handler Series competition, Whittier says that unfortunately there are few complementary services available to these exhibitors. After speaking privately with a number of owner-handlers who aspire to excellence in the sport of purebred dogs, Whittier realized that there was an unmet need in the dog show community. Whittier also recognized that the enviable skillset held by the professional handler is more than training; rather it is the long-time knowledge and understanding of the ring and of the judges' criteria because of their experience. She wondered how owner-handlers could bridge that gap and gain the knowledge to present their dogs professionally.

"I'm a judge and an owner-handler myself, she said, and I noticed that people were missing out on the joy of showing their own dogs because they didn't know the right questions to ask and the right action to take. I thought, I'm only one person, what can I do about it?"

After months of research and preparation, on October 30 Whittier will open DogShowMentor.com, the sport's first comprehensive program specifically for the owner-handler. Whittier says she anticipates that this will reignite the sport by bringing the knowledge base of judges, professionals, and successful owner-handlers together. Not only will the owner-handlers benefit, but judges will have better-informed exhibitors as well. The end result is to extend the longevity of hundreds of exhibitors and raise the bar of competition.

"I look at this as an opportunity for those of us who know what we're doing and who love the sport deeply to act. This program extends a hand to an under-served but growing segment of our population so that they can become contributors of excellence to our sport," Whittier concludes.

About: Dog Show Mentor

Registration in Dog Show Mentor.com is limited. For more information go to DogShowMentor.com/owner-handlerprogram

New Point Schedule

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

Club T Shirts

HURRY and GET YOURS...ALMOST SOLD OUT !

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

Annual Awards

It's that time of year again. Time to recognize your dog for all of his/hers hard work and accomplishments.

Attached you will find the Awards Application. Please follow the instructions on the form and email it to:

Chris Porter at cjpfb@yahoo.com
or mail to:

Chris Porter
C/O SAVKC AWARDS
7108 Katella Avenue PMB 417
Stanton, CA 90680

Please make sure to fill it out COMPLETELY and LEGIBLY !

Make sure to check if you wish to receive a single plaque; or if your dog is working on multiple titles and need a perpetual plaque; or if you already have an existing perpetual plaque and only need additional name plate(s).

[2016 SAVKC Awards Application](#)

Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party / Awards Dinner is coming up Saturday evening, December 17th at the Los Alamitos Racetrack. First post time is 6:30. Ordering will be done individually, so you can set your own cost. Keith will get those who wish to attend into the Vessels Club and their parking will be at no cost.

Please RSVP ASAP to Keith so he can get a count and reserve seating.

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Lick Granulomas: An Annoying Little Problem That is Difficult To Solve

Posted by Nancy Kay D.V.M In Canine Health Learn!

If you've no idea what a lick granuloma is, count your blessings! What a nuisance they can be. The official name for this disease is acral lick dermatitis. "Acral" refers to an extremity (leg) and "dermatitis" means inflammation of the skin. The "lick" is thrown in because incessant licking behavior is what causes the problem.



Lick Granuloma

Acral lick granulomas are skin sores that typically occur in large breed dogs (Doberman Pinschers and Labradors are notorious) and more males than females. For reasons we truly don't understand, affected dogs pick a spot towards the foot on one or more of their legs and begin licking..... and licking, and licking and licking. The effect on the skin is no different than if you picked a spot on your arm and scratched at it round the clock. The chronic self-inflicted irritation can result in thickening of the skin, increased pigmentation (skin appears darker than normal), an ulcerated surface with bleeding, and infection complete with pus, redness, and tenderness. The average lick granuloma varies from dime-sized up to the size of a silver dollar.

Acral lick granulomas may be initiated by something that traumatizes or irritates the skin such as infection, allergy, or an embedded foreign body such as a thorn or splinter. The dog overreacts lingually (no tongue in cheek here) and, over time, a lick granuloma appears. It's theorized that incessant licking may represent a self-soothing behavior (like thumb-sucking) associated with release of endorphins. This theory is supported by the fact that, if one is savvy enough to interrupt the licking cycle at one site, many clever dogs redirect their attention to a new site on a different leg. Another possibility is that arthritis is present in the joint underlying the affected skin surface. Licking is tantamount to a person massaging a sore joint. Yet another theory is that boredom is the culprit. Truth be told, there are likely many different causes for lick granulomas.

The diagnosis of acral lick dermatitis is officially made via skin biopsy. Your veterinarian may also recommend a skin scraping (material is scraped from the skin surface for evaluation under the microscope to rule out mange mites) and collection of samples for bacterial and fungal cultures. Some veterinarians feel comfortable making the call based purely on history and visual inspection of the affected skin site.

Making the diagnosis is the easy part. Stopping the licking is notoriously difficult. In fact it can be a nightmare because many affected dogs simply will not be deterred from this obsessive behavior. And even when one thinks the problem is licked (pun intended), a year or two down the road, the self-trauma cycle may begin all over again.

The ideal therapy for lick granulomas is identification and treatment of the underlying cause (foreign body, allergy, infection). If the cause cannot be determined (true for most dogs with lick granulomas) and eliminated, here are some therapeutic options. Keep in mind, what works well for one dog may not work for another.

- Keep the site covered with a bandage. You can use standard bandaging material or one of your own socks might be suitable. Simply cut off the foot part and pull the tube section up over the affected area. Secure in place with some tape. If the lick granuloma is low enough on the leg, you can slip the dog's foot into the toe of the sock. A product called DogLeggs may be worth a try as well. If you are really, really, really lucky, your dog who is obsessed with applying his mouth parts to the spot you've covered will leave the bandage in place. Warning! It is extremely easy to put a bandage on that is too tight (a recipe for disaster). Practice bandaging with a member of your veterinary team watching before trying it yourself at home. Second warning! Your dog may go one step beyond removing the bandage- he or she may eat the darned thing. Close supervision is a must for the first day or two after accessorizing your dog with a bandage. The last thing anyone wants is for a lick granuloma issue to morph into a gastrointestinal foreign body issue.

- Taste deterrents work for some dogs and there are a variety of products on the market (Bitter Apple is the classic). If this is to stand a chance of breaking the cycle, application must be frequent and consistent. Most dogs are so determined to lick that they will persevere in spite of the adverse taste reaction, and in all honesty, the looks on their faces after licking the nasty stuff time after time suggests that this "solution" may be less than humane.



Elizabethan collars work well for some dogs but, is a temporary solution.

- Elizabethan collars work well for some dogs. Don't forget to rearrange your house in advance so that nothing valuable is damaged as your dog learns to navigate his surroundings with a satellite dish around his neck. (No, your television reception will not be enhanced.)

- Medications can be applied to the site that are anti inflammatory in nature and/or help rebuild healthy tissue. These typically must be accompanied by a method for keeping tongue away from skin so the medication has a fighting chance.
- Acupuncture and/or chiropractic treatments are thought to work for some dogs.
- Laser therapy at the site is successful with some lick granulomas.
- See if keeping your dog super-busy for a week or two breaks the cycle. The hope is to alleviate boredom and/or create a dog that is too tired to lick. Try increased play/exercise, a large Kong toy filled with peanut butter, doggie day care while you are away from home, or adoption of a playmate (careful here-sometimes the stress of a new animal in the household amplifies licking behavior).
- Behavior modification medications work for some incessant lickers, but should be tried when other efforts have failed. Categories of medications that can be tried include tricyclic antidepressants, serotonin-inhibiting drugs, and endorphin blockers.

It's a given that the more treatment options there are for a particular disease, the less we know about how best to treat it! Lick granulomas are a classic example. If your dog is afflicted, I strongly encourage you to enlist help from your veterinarian. If, together you try two or three things without success, please consider consultation with a board certified dermatologist. To find one in your neighborhood visit the American College of Veterinary Dermatology website.

Although a lick granuloma looks like a small problem, it can be downright difficult to cure. If your dog's lick granuloma remains small and clear of infection, and if the sound of licking is not keeping you awake at night, simply living with the problem is a reasonable choice to consider.

Has your dog had a lick granuloma? If so, please tell us what you tried, what worked well, and what didn't.

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Upcoming Events

All Breed Shows

San Gabriel Valley KC -	City of Industry	11-5
Antelope valley KC -	City if Industry	11-6
Wine Country KC -	Napa	11-12 & 11-13
Madera Canyon KC	Tucson, AZ	
KC of salinas	Napa	11-14
Golden Valley KC	Turlock	11-25 & 11-26
San Joaquin KC	Stocton	11-27 & 11-28

May your turkey be plump,
may your potatoes and gravy have never a lump,
may your pies take the prize.
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
stay off your thighs.



Stay In Touch With Your Club

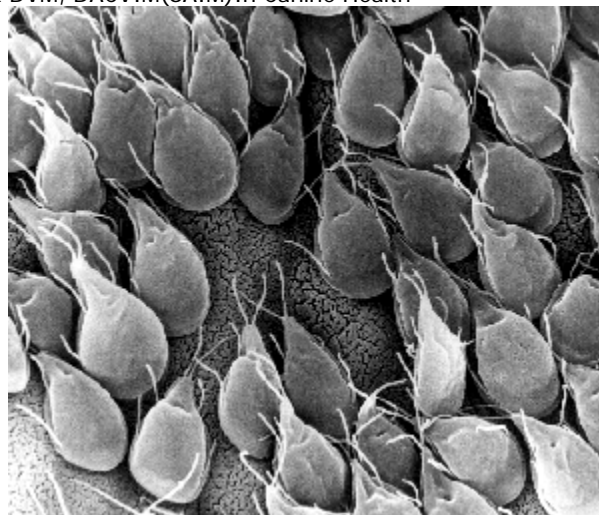
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club's Website....For club news and archives

<http://www.savkc.org/>



Is Giardiasis Getting Too Much Attention for Diarrhea?

Posted By Brett Wasick DVM, DACVIM(SAIM) In Canine Health



This is the small intestine of a gerbil infested with Giardia sp. protozoa. Photo courtesy of CDC/Dr. Stan Erlandsen.

You remember the Pepto Bismol jingle, right? "Nausea, heartburn, indigestion, upset stomach, diarrhea!" Some of you may be running for the toilet paper just thinking about it. But in all seriousness, those signs sum up the bulk of what your dog or cat may experience if they have an active infection with Giardia.

How does my pet get Giardia, you might ask? Well, let's say you take your dog somewhere a lot of other dogs congregate, perhaps a dog park or a show venue. Before you and Fido got there, some other dog (we'll call him Patient Zero for anonymity) with Giardia pooped on the ground and Mrs. or Mr. G failed to pick it up. Maybe they were having a hectic morning or maybe they just don't like their hands getting close to poop! Hey, who can blame them, right? This stuff stinks! Then the ground where the infected feces is sitting got

wet, probably from rain or a hose. Your dog comes along and drinks from a puddle at that same spot and voila...the fun begins!

The puddle drinker now has giardiasis and a lovely case of bowel-emptying, watery diarrhea.

Wise as they are, cats are not immune to the effect of our friend Giardia. If exposed to infected stool from another cat, they can also become infected. Yay, more "dire rears," and now you're washing rugs again, plus that brand new pair of Calvin Klein jeans you left on the floor.

How often do pets pick up this nastiness?

Pretty often. Let's just say I frequently see Giardia-positive fecal samples; I happen to be an internal medicine consultant for a large veterinary diagnostic lab. Treatment usually involves antibiotics and/or dewormers.

In an effort to remain good stewards for appropriate antibiotic usage, I think it's reasonable to talk about when it's okay not to treat that Giardia positive stool sample because honestly, only a small percentage of dogs or cats develop diarrhea when exposed to this organism.

Giardia duodenalis can be an infectious organism in dogs and cats. But according to the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC), infections in dogs and cats who actually have symptoms only averages about 15.6 and 10.3 percent respectively. If the organism attaches to the inner lining of the small intestine, damage may ensue and this on occasion can result in diarrhea, bloating, or cramping (remember the Pepto jingle?). Giardia is transmitted when an animal ingests cysts shed by infected animals or humans. These cysts are acquired from fecal-contaminated water, food, or inanimate objects.

Dog strains of Giardia are not known to infect cats, and cat strains are not known to infect dogs.

In most cases the infection goes away on its own. But if diarrhea is severe or becomes chronic, then medical attention is required.

Zoonosis, meaning transmission of Giardia from pet to human, is a concern commonly cited as a reason to persist with chronic or repetitive treatment.

Despite your pet possibly not having any obvious signs of illness, many veterinarians will generally treat a pet with a single course of therapy to see if it can be eliminated from the stool. I think that once-off treatment is okay.

We can't completely say for sure whether people universally get affected or sick with Giardia from their dog. What I don't like to see is young dogs, whose symptoms have resolved, repeatedly treated for Giardia based on seeing the organism in the stool. They had diarrhea the first time they presented, we diagnosed Giardia and treated it, and the darn thing is still there but NOW the diarrhea is completely resolved. In general I usually instruct the veterinarian in those cases to treat once more and then stop, even if the pet is still positive for Giardia on a routine fecal screening.

I think this is okay because I see many young pets who have no gastrointestinal signs who eventually eliminate the organism from their gut without our intervention. And let's face it: the less we use antibiotics in ourselves and our pets, the better off we are in the long run.

Even if your dog continued to have diarrhea and remained Giardia positive, after several rounds of therapy, I think it's time to allow your veterinarian to step out from the tunnel vision of blaming the Giardia, put on their thinking cap, and investigate whether or not there may be an alternative cause for your dog to continually soil that new rug you just bought from Rooms to Go.

Human infections are usually acquired from other humans (want to wash your hands after you've wiped? Thank you!). Fortunately, transmission to people from dogs and cats appears to be rare. Giardia also are classified into collections based on their infectivity towards other animals or humans. Dogs have mainly collections of strains C and D, cats have A1 and F, and humans get A2 and B. The collections of Giardia that your dog or cat may be carrying may not be infective to you, so breath a collective sigh of relief!

There is little direct evidence of transmission of Giardia from pets to people naturally. Accordingly, healthy pets positive for Giardia are not considered significant human health risks for HIV-infected people by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Is there absolutely no risk to humans? No, we can't say that because the risk is not absolute zero. It is reasonable to err on the side of caution by treating a Giardia infection initially when your pet has diarrhea to reduce potential spread to other pets, and less likely to their human owner(s). It can only be transmitted by ingesting cysts from the feces of an infected animal or person. Therefore, preventing stool from contaminating water, food, and yourself is the best way to reduce its spread. Basically, try not to eat your pet's poop, appetizing as it may sound!

Recommendations to reduce spread of the organism include:

- Proper hand hygiene with soap and water (especially after playing with your pet, changing an infant's diaper, handling your pet's stool, using the bathroom, or before food handling)
- Pick up dog or cat stool as soon as possible after they eliminate (shame on you, Mr. and Mrs. G!)
- Prevent pets from drinking out of puddles, ponds, lakes or standing water sources in the great outdoors.
- Bathe the pet after completion of therapy and wipe the hairs near their back end free of any stool that might remain after a bowel movement to reduce possible shedding of Giardia.

As a fellow dog and cat owner, I can understand the concern we may have if our pet is diagnosed with something like Giardia. If your pet suddenly develops diarrhea, your veterinarian can run several different tests if Giardia is suspected. Thankfully, most cases do not make people or animals sick at all. If it does, it will usually appear one to three weeks after the initial infection, and usually the pet has watery diarrhea for a few days. Some dogs and cats may have subclinical infections, meaning they may be passing it in their stool but have no noticeable signs of disease themselves. The CAPC suggests testing only symptomatic dogs and cats.

So what happens if your veterinarian diagnoses Giardia in your pet with sudden diarrhea? Currently there are no drugs approved to treat Giardia in the United States (oops). Most veterinarians, myself included, will use either a deworming medication called fenbendazole or an antibiotic called metronidazole, or even both to help eliminate the organism and resolve the diarrhea, in addition to bathing. A veterinarian will typically use one of these drugs alone and recheck the pet and a stool sample within 14 to 28 days after finishing the medication. If the pet still has diarrhea and is positive a second time, I'll usually combine both drugs together, complete a second course of therapy, and recheck again in 14 to 28 days. If the pet is still positive but the diarrhea has resolved and the pet is otherwise healthy, then medication is discontinued and I do not recheck again.

If diarrhea and Giardia persists after several rounds of rechecks and subsequent treatments, then we start looking for other causes such as:

- diarrhea that responds to dietary adjustments
- infection with a different bacteria, virus, or other organism
- a different internal disease causing the diarrhea
- pet may have ingested foreign material.

Sure, Giardia can cause diarrhea. Sometimes it is the sole cause. Other times a pet who has it will have absolutely no signs whatsoever. And in some instances a pet may have it but it is not the cause of their diarrhea. The majority opinion these days is that most dogs and cats without symptoms don't get tested or treated. If treatment is deemed necessary, then one or two rounds of therapy are generally sufficient if there are clinical signs (you should all have the Pepto jingle memorized by now for those signs). There remains no approved or labeled medication to eliminate Giardia.

As we become more educated as pet owners, we can hopefully relieve some of the anxiety knowing our pet may be carrying this parasite, and we can understand that it doesn't always pose a substantial health risk to humans so long as we practice good hygiene. Therefore, we will hopefully pressure our veterinarian in fewer instances to prescribe repetitive rounds of antibiotics that may not be necessary, might be directly harmful to the good and normal bacteria in the GI tract, or even worse delay diagnosis of the true cause of your pet's diarrhea.

Repeated courses of treatment are not indicated in dogs or cats without clinical signs. If clinical signs persist, then looking for an alternative cause makes sense if the pet doesn't seem to be responding to routine therapy. Further information can be found on the following websites:

- Companion Animal Parasite Council
- Worms and Germs Blog

Remember to wash your hands!

VetzInsight (formerly ANIMALicious) seeks to educate pet owners in a lighthearted, sometimes poignant manner by taking a sideways look at companion animal issues. Rather than explain what occurs in a disease process and how to treat it - which is what our sister site Veterinary Partner does - our goal is not only to inform on larger issues but to tap into the numerous emotions at play within the human-animal bond. We're here to learn and have fun.

Additionally, VetzInsight seeks to facilitate the notion that communication between veterinarians and pet owners is not only okay, it is essential. To provide the best care for your pet, you and your veterinarian need to listen to and understand what the other is saying.

A cooperative effort from the Veterinary Information Network (VIN), an online community for the veterinary profession, VetzInsight is brought to you by the same folks who offer Veterinary Partner, a trusted source for pet lovers since

2002. VIN is the largest community of veterinarians in the world, and is committed to the well being of companion animals

Upcoming Club Events

If you would like to get more involved with you club, we have these events that are in the planning stages.

Volunteers are always needed to make these events a success. Thank you in advance for helping to make our club a better club.

Valentine's Day Match (Including Dog Parkour demo) February 12

May Mixer Tuesday May 9, 2017

Temperament Test TBD

A Special Thank You

Just wanted to say thank you to **Bobbi Davis** for putting the idea in motion for Santa Ana Valley kennel Club to support the K9's.



And to **Jill Dominguez** for running with it and evolving it from concept to reality by

creating the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club Police K9 Blood Bank.

Thank you both for all you do !



Braggs

"Asher"



BIS MRBIS MBISS BIM GCHG SilverOaks SurfCityShades Of Grey

Team Asher has been on the move this Summer. We've traveled to Eumnclaw Washington where he won BISS and a Gp 2 in the Sporting Specialty. Asher has won multiple Gp 1's and group placements each weekend including at the prestigious Santa Barbara KC. The highlight of Ashes summer has been winning BIS at SAVKC. Asher went on 2 weeks later to win Gp 3 at the Arizona Sporting Dog Show along with group placements and RBIS at the Prescott KC.

Asher is ranked # 1 Weimaraner in both systems and # 8 Sporting Dog.

As always Asher is expertly handled, loved and cared for by Mr. Keith Pautz.
We are so proud of you two !

A huge Thank you to all of the judges who have recognized him
and to our wonderful Team.

Bred and loved by Bradley & Jo -Ann Rosenberg

Owned by Bradley Rosenberg MD, Jo-Ann Rosenberg, J Logan Esq.

Adored and loved by Grandparents Dean & Felicia
You All are truly truly the " Wind beneath our Wings"

"Adele"



We can't believe it!
Twice this year Adele has gone above and beyond

to prove that she is truly special.
Adele, again, earned the title of MBISS
at the Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club Specialty,
where there were over 200 entries!
A dog like this only comes around once in a lifetime
and we are lucky to have her
as our special family member.
Even if she hogs the bed.

Loved by Joey Alarcon & Evan McDermott

"Buzz"



Magic Berners To Infintiy and Beyond CGC
was
Best of Breed and Best in Match
at the Annual Swiss Breeds match hosted by the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southern California.
This is a match for the four breeds originating in Switzerland:
Appenzellers, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Entlebucher
and Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs.



Buzz also went Best of Breed At the Kennel Club of Riverside. getting to have fun in both the regular group and NOHS group ring as well.

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

Wishing you and your family a
wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday !

As always have fun and good luck !



Tammy