

Barks and Tails

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MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is *Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at El Charro, 916 Florida Avenue, Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm.* Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00. Website: <http://elcharrofl.com/> (Menu: <http://elcharrofl.com/menu/>).

2018-2019 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Edna Corney
Vice-President	Leslie Glaze Kovacs
Secretary	Kristin Halkovic
Treasurer	Maureen Finch
Directors	Catherine Crampton
	Marsha Dyal
	Donna Lee

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hope you all have a very blessed Easter or Passover. Enjoy your family and friends at this very special time of the year.

Remember Saturday and Sunday the 27 and 28th are our last Fast CAT of the season. If you are helping, please try to arrive by 8 am. See the attached flyer for further details. Thank you for helping.

A big thank you to Pam Hinton, who is retiring from teaching handling class. Pam has done a wonderful job for years. Many of our dogs have done well due to Pam's tutelage.

We have a lot of brags from Perry, and I hope we have some photos in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Rip Dyal in being appointed head of Cocoa's volunteer police force.

Don't forget camp Paws and Pals; we will need some help with that.

This year we will also have a day with the Cops and Kids camp as we did last year.

See everyone at the Fast CAT and again thank you for helping.

Edna



Very excited to share that Jaxson is now CH All-In's Jacks 'R Better AOM. He was awarded two AOM in the highly competitive specialties. We also received OHBOB on Sunday.

Win picture is not yet available but this is one of our gorgeous rosettes.

Very thankful!

Jennifer Denick

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 3, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Edna Corney.

Secretary: Kristin Halkovic – Minutes wording changed, stand as corrected.

Treasurer: Maureen Finch – Reported on amounts for other shows with losses and gains from past shows. Loss from 2018 show was less than when the club used the Orlando site.

Monies earned from AKC national show was reported. Remainder of report is on file with the Treasurer.

Show Report: Leslie Kovacs – Questions in reference to Cluster Agreement were answered. Susan T. reviewed possibility of a venue being built at the Space Center that might be viable for future dog shows. There was a discussion in reference to why having a cluster agreement is advisable. It was reported that the club had the agreement reviewed by an attorney.

Brenda Warner made motion to approve and sign the agreement. Jenn Denick seconded. Vote passed with 31 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Susan T. reported on her progress in reference to the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores legislation. She will continue to follow progress with the sheriff. Bob T. stated people from the local kennel clubs need to attend meetings and show up in support of not passing the legislation. There is now one at state level. Members are requested to call their commissioners and show up for meetings.

Members also need to let state representatives know that we are against the legislation. Linda Pincheck stated that the rabbit groups may be a resource for fighting this type of legislation. Edna Corney

announced that FAKC and NAIA are fighting the state bill. There was a question about what AKC is doing and Edna advised AKC is helping with the state legislation. Brenda Warner will post the bill on the clubs Facebook page.

Barn Hunt: Traci Eberhardt – joined barn hunt club.

Fast CAT: Marsha Dyal – Sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the event was passed out.

Secretary: Kristin Halkovic – cast one vote for all members of the Board. Edna Corney, President, Leslie Kovacs, Vice President, Kristin Halkovic, Secretary, Marsha Dyal, Treasurer. Directors are Madonna Lee, Maureen Finch, and Susan Thibodeaux.

Guest was introduced; application by Pat Barton was read for the second time.

Rip Dyal: need to re-measure regarding mirrors for CSTA.

Humane Society had hail damage due to a recent storm, the board had voted previously to donate \$500. Brenda Warner reported that Theresa had said she had plenty of help and did not need anything at this time.

Paws and Pals Camp: need volunteers to work. Linda Pincheck will bring pugs as well as black and tans.

New Business: Maureen reported annual renewal for FAKC dues are \$50. Donation of \$200 each for funds in the past. Pam Shia made a motion it be left as is, Marsha Dyal 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.



Brevard Kennel Club

**Fast
Coursing
Ability Test
(Fast CAT)**

2 Runs each day: 9AM and 1:00PM

**Saturday, April 27, 2019
Sunday, April 28, 2019**

**6071 Route 524
Cocoa, FL 32926**

Contact Kristin Halkovic (halk@cfl.rr.com) or visit our Website, www.brevardkc.org for the Premium List, and our Facebook Page for more information.

Pre-Entries:

\$20 Close April 19, 2019

Day of Test: \$25



**Watch
them fly!**

The Food & Beverage Establishments of



Present Giving Tuesdays!

Join us on the first Tuesday of each month as two of our Food & Beverage establishments team up in a #CocoaVillageCollab to cook a special meal for you and Give Back to a charity of their choosing!

Giving Tuesday Dinner with

Ryan's

Pizza & Pub



From Olives and Grapes

Tuesday, May 7th,

Ryan's Pizza & Pub & From Olives & Grapes with special guest **Tails at the Barkery** are cooking up a special dinner just for you!

Tickets are \$25 a person.

In support of our community, a portion of each ticket sold benefits the

American Red Cross



Tickets Available at

Ryan's Pizza & Pub,

From Olives & Grapes,

Tails at the Barkery

& Online at

Eventbrite



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dogs and all
the things
they can
do together.
Obedience, rally,
conformation,
lure coursing and
much more.*



A camp
for 8-12
year olds
and
their
dogs

June 3-7

9:00 am-Noon

Cocoa Commercial Center, 3815 US 1, #119, Cocoa

\$75

*Partial scholarships may
be available*

An adult is required
to be on site with
kids and dogs.

barton's
vaccine
recommended

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have a Dog?
We can
loan you
one!**

**Inside
Air-
Conditioned**

All dogs must
be on a 4 foot
leash.
Proof of DHLPP
& Rabies vaccines
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is limited!*
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452-6993**
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Early!*

More information and
registration forms on
caninestartrainingacademy.com
and www.brevardkc.org

What Dog Owners Need to Know about the FDA's Grain-Free Diet Alert

By Anna Burke

The FDA launched an investigation into potential links between canine heart disease and diet — specifically grain-free diets. We've compiled the information you need to know to understand this recent development.

What is the FDA Investigating?

It is easy to jump to conclusions anytime we see an FDA headline about pet food. After all, our dog's health is essential to us, and we know that diet can make a big difference in a dog's well-being. We reached out to Dr. Jerry Klein, the Chief Veterinary Officer of the AKC, to hear his thoughts on the investigation.

“The FDA is investigating a potential dietary link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain grain-free pet foods. The foods of concern are those containing legumes such as peas or lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes listed as primary ingredients. The FDA began investigating this matter after it received reports of DCM in dogs that had been eating these diets for a period of months to years. DCM itself is not considered rare in dogs, but these reports are unusual because the disease occurred in breeds of dogs not typically prone to the disease.”

After the advisory, 149 new cases of DCM were reported to the FDA.

What is Dilated Cardiomyopathy?

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle. The hearts of dogs with DCM have a decreased ability to pump blood, which often results in congestive heart failure.

Some breeds, especially large and giant breeds, have a predisposition to DCM. These breeds include Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, and Saint Bernards. While DCM is less common in medium and small breeds, English and American Cocker Spaniels are also predisposed to this condition.

When early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicated that recent, atypical cases in breeds like Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, Bulldogs, and Shih Tzus all consistently ate grain alternatives in their diets, the FDA took notice.

Should you be Concerned about Grain-Free Diets?

According to Dr. Klein, “At this time, there is no proof that these ingredients are the cause of DCM in a broader range of dogs, but dog owners should be aware of this alert from the FDA. The FDA continues to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the effect, if any, of grain-free diets on dogs.”

In the Dec. 1 version of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, Lisa M. Freeman, DVM, Ph.D., DACVN, provided an update to the research on DCM and emphasized the issue is not just grain-free diets. She calls the suspected diets “BEG” diets (boutique companies, exotic ingredients, or grain-free diets).

“The apparent link between BEG diets and DCM may be due to ingredients used to replace grains in grain-free diets, such as lentils or chickpeas, but also may be due to other common ingredients commonly found in BEG diets, such as exotic meats, vegetables, and fruits,” Freeman wrote.

Freeman emphasizes that although there appears to be an association between DCM and BEG diets, the relationship has not yet been proven, and other factors may be equally or more important.

As a general rule of thumb, the best thing you can do for your dog's dietary health is to consult your veterinarian, not the internet. Together you can weigh the pros and cons of your dog's diet and if necessary monitor your dog for signs of DCM. Cases of DCM in dogs related to a specific diet can be reported to the FDA via their Safety Reporting Portal.