

# Barks and Tails

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## MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is *Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at Kay's Bar-B-Cue, 1552 King St. (SR 520), Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm.* Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00.

Directions: From I95, take Exit201 (SR 520 toward Cocoa Beach. Travel to Clearlake Road and make a U-turn. Kay's is on the north side of 520.

Website: <http://www.kaysbarbque.com>.

## 2018-2019 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Edna Corney
Vice-President	Leslie Glaze Kovacs
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	Marsha Dyal
	Donna Lee

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ready, set, go – the race has begun!

If you plan to be at the show to work, please let Leslie know.

Good luck to all who entered.

See you Friday – Edna

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

A general membership meeting was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2017 at Kay's BBQ in Cocoa, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm, by club President, Edna Corney.

Attendance on file with Secretary.

This meeting did not follow the usual format, instead we had two guest speakers.

Cocoa Community First – Officer Chris Hattaway, Chief Mike Cantaloupe and K-9 Copper were in attendance. Officer Hattaway spoke about his week of Search and Rescue Training that he attended in Virginia with K-9 Copper. Brevard Kennel Club sponsored the training. Chief Mike Cantaloupe wanted to thank the club members for their continued support of K-9 Copper.

Chris Molnar – addressed the truth behind Amendment 13. Mr. Molnar presented a slide show about the life of a Greyhound racing dog. The dogs are impeccably cared for and are treated like the athletes they are.

Brenda Warner – reminded everyone of the Police K-9 Competition on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Guests in attendance: Pat Barton, Linda Taylor, Christopher Molnar (speaker), Barbara Becker, Beth Tyre



We had seven Australian Shepherd puppies born 10/20/18. One is very weak & may not make it.

*Marsha Dyal*



Murphy got her DCAT title in Deland at 9.5 years old.

*Johann Goines*



Carter was one of the 75 heroes in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study parade at the National at Purina Farms.

*Johann Goines*





Luna was one of the 75 heros to walk in the parade for the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study at the National at Purina Farms.

*Dalia Druffatto*

Liza, my Whippet, shown by our own Linda Belin, won her first major in DeLand. In Arcadia, she won Winners Bitch one day and another day she got WB, BOW and Best Op over a Multi-Best in Show bitch!!!  
 GOOOOOOOO TEAM LIZA ♡  
*Sherry Hatfield*

We have a new Champion Sylvan's Shazam from Ranchlands finished with 4 majors and took breed in her first day out as a special. Her litter mate Ranchlands Queen of Hearts has her national International and UKC championship as well as her AKC puppy trick title!!  
*Tracy Eberhardt and Melody Gibson  
 Ranchlands Mastiffs and Frenchies Too!*



She also received an invitation to compete in the NADD/Eukanuba National Championship for dock diving in December.

*Dalia Druffatto*

# Can You Use Neosporin on Dogs?

*By Alexandra Anastasio*

*Sep 21, 2018*

Just like their owners, dogs are susceptible to minor injuries and are not immune to getting cuts, scrapes, or burns. But can you use Neosporin® on dogs? The answer isn't completely straightforward. In some instances, applying the topical, antibiotic ointment can help heal your dog's wound, but there are situations when it is not advisable or necessary to use it on your canine companion.

Since most people immediately reach for some type of ointment when an incident occurs, it's not unusual that your first instinct might be to do the same for your dog. But before you go ahead and start applying Neosporin, there are a few things to take into consideration.

With abrasions (scrapes and scratches), you should first clean and flush the wound with soap and water, then rinse thoroughly and pat dry. Your veterinarian should see all puncture or penetrating wounds, including dog bites, as soon as possible.

Neosporin is comprised of three different antibiotics: bacitracin, neomycin, and polymyxin B. Together, they work to kill bacteria on the skin and prevent topical infection. Dr. Rachel Barrack, a licensed veterinarian, certified in both veterinary acupuncture and Chinese herbology with Animal Acupuncture in New York City, points out that Neosporin has been formulated for people and is not necessarily safe for use on dogs.

"Bacitracin has been deemed safe for use on animals, as has polymyxin B. However, neomycin has been linked to loss of hearing," she says. "This was primarily shown with intravenous use, but it is recommended that you do not administer neomycin topically to your dog without first consulting your vet."

Because Neosporin is topical and applied directly onto the skin, there's always a chance that your dog could have an allergic reaction. It's a good idea to administer a small patch test first. The best way to do this is by picking a small area of skin and applying a tiny dab of Neosporin, then monitor the area to see if your dog develops a mild rash, redness, or hives.

"Typically, small amounts of Neosporin are not harmful," says Dr. Danel Grimmert, a veterinarian with Sunset Veterinary Clinic in Oklahoma. By

performing a patch test in advance, you'll know for certain whether your dog can tolerate this antibacterial cream before he really needs it.

The advantage of using Neosporin is that it kills off any live, existing bacteria, and stops them from growing. When applied to the skin, it helps to create a physical barrier against bacteria to prevent them from entering the wound and offers protection against infection. But there are some instances in which applying it to your dog might do more harm than good.

If your dog's wound is located in a spot that's easily reachable, he might try licking the Neosporin off, which not only defeats the purpose but also might make your pup sick.

"The main concern regarding ingestion of Neosporin is the potential impact to the GI flora (normal gut bacteria), resulting in GI upset such as vomiting and diarrhea," explains Dr. Grimmert. "A second potential cause of GI upset would be the lubricant base, which could also give them diarrhea, etc."

You can try covering the area with a sterile dressing, but Dr. Grimmert points out that not all dogs tolerate bandaging, and the same desire to lick something off their skin will most likely prompt them to chew, as well. "A bandage can act as a tourniquet, reducing adequate blood flow to extremities, if not managed well," he says. "Great care must be taken to prevent any constriction."

Other instances when Neosporin would not be beneficial to your dog are if he is bleeding heavily, the wound is deep, or appears to be severe. In these circumstances, it's important to call your veterinarian or nearest animal hospital immediately for assistance.

While using Neosporin to treat a minor injury to your dog may be fine at times, there are several products that are designed specifically for canines and completely safe, even if ingested.

Whatever type of injury your dog sustains, it's important to first talk with your veterinarian before administering any new medications, especially if they're made for humans. "Your veterinarian is better equipped to treat your dog's potential infections than you are at home," says Dr. Barrack

# *Orlando November Cluster*

*Brevard Kennel Club, Inc.*

*Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.*

*Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Inc.*



**NEW LOCATION!**

**NEW DATES!**

*Casual Sportswear Encouraged.*

*No shorts please!*

*No suits & ties!*

*Greater Ocala Dog Club Show Grounds*

*10205 N.W. Gainesville Rd., Ocala, FL 34482*

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

**November 2 - 4, 2018**

*These Shows are Dedicated to the memory of Betty Page,  
Brevard Kennel Club, Inc. Treasurer, friend and stalwart pillar of our club.  
She is deeply missed.*



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