

THE HOWLER

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Presidents Message

Richmond Dog Fancier
November 22, 23d, 24th

This show was supposed to be a supported Entry show but some wires got crossed and it never made it in the catalog. WE had trophies for each winner. First day towels, donated by Jennifer Corr.

second day I made wreaths malamute themed. Third day was Leashes Donated by Sydney Stone. We decided to go a head and give them out each day outside the ring. We also had a pot luck lunch. This was not an official meeting: In attendance was Mike Stone, Alisa Syar, Monty and Debi Biss, Linda and Troy Katlarz, Sharon Frost, Debbie Hunyada, Sydney Stone, Jennifer Corr. We had a nice time visiting and talking about the club. We would love to hold a specialty at this show site in the future but without people stepping up to help, we can't do it. We may have another supported entry though. We also talked about a Christmas get together but with the holidays it is hard to pin down a date that everyone can make it. We do plan to hold a fun day in the future and hopefully it will go though. I know people really enjoy coming to that. I am insurting a few pictures of some winners with the Wreaths I made that are at the bottom of the dog stand. I also will put in some others as they come up. I hope your Holidays will be wonderful.

Richmond Dog Fancier Pictures.



Trophy at bottom of the pictures



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yes, it's that time again!!

Time for All of you to renew your memberships for 2025

Please Fill out the form below and return it to Linda Katlarz. Membership renewals are due by December 31st, and will expire as of Feb. 1st 2025

Please think about what your membership in our club means to you. If you want to be an active member and have an active voice, please make sure that you do send your votes out. As an associate member you are entitled to all the privileges of a regular members, receiving the Howler, participating in club functions and events, but you are not entitled to vote, so if you are not interested in voting perhaps an associate membership would be best for you.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2025

NAME:-----

ADDRESS:-----

CITY:-----STATE:-----ZIP-----

PHONE:-----

E-MAIL ADDRESS:-----

FAMILY-----SINGLE-----ASSOCIATE: -----JR. MEMBER -----(check one)

DUES: FAMILY 35.00

SINGLE 25.00

ASSOCIATE 20.00

JUNIOR 20.00 (if not joining as part of a family membership)

Would you like to make an additional donation to MUSH (Malamutes Unsettled Seeking Homes) Please indicate amount you are donating \$-----

(we are a non profit corporation but we are not a 501 c and unfortunately the donations are not tax deductible)

For those needing a tax deductible donation you can send a check to our sister group Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral of CA (SHRRCA) put a note or in the memo Donation for MUSH. SHRRCA PO Box 1231 Danville CA, 94526. All donations are tax deductible but for 250.00 or more you need a letter from them or us for your taxes. Thank you all again.

(we are a non profit corporation but we are not a 501 c and unfortunately the donations are not tax deductible)

Newsletters are sent out electronically, to save money. please check here..... if that does not work for you. We will mail one to your address.

RETURN TO

Linda Katlarz

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Jokes & cute pictures





On a sad note, Muriel Deans Husband Phillip Dean passed away on November 20th 2024. Our hearts & Condolences go out to Muriel and her family.

On Thursday, November 21, the City of Seaside, CA, unanimously adopted an ordinance that will require city residents to purchase a breeding permit before their dog or cat is bred and will require residents to spay or neuter their dog or cat if an unaltered license is not purchased or a veterinarian approved health exception is not obtained. The specific costs of breeding permits and unaltered licenses were not included in the ordinance (see more below).

The ordinance takes effect 30 days after passage.

Additional Information on the Resolution:

- Requires anyone to spay or neuter their dog or cat unless they purchase a (*potentially costly*) unaltered license.
- Requires anyone breeding and selling one litter of puppies or kittens to purchase a (*potentially costly*) breeder's permit. The permit would not be allowed for any dog over seven years of age.
- The revocation of an unaltered license for violating any animal control laws twice over a 24-month period.
- Potentially require unlicensed animals impounded once in their lifetime be spayed or neutered prior to redemption by their owner.

What You Can (still) Do

- AKC thanks those who joined us in expressing opposition prior to the passage of the ordinance. All breeders, owners, and residents in Seaside are strongly encouraged to continue to express opposition to the Seaside City Council. At the current time, AKC believes it's also important to stress to Seaside councilmembers that the (currently unspecified) costs for breeding permits and unaltered licenses **should be affordable for responsible city residents.**

To contact members of the Seaside City Council directly (all members are at-large):

- [Mayor Ian Oglesby](#); (831) 899-6704
- [Councilmember Dave Pacheco](#); (831) 899-6704
- [Councilmember Alexis Garcia-Arrazola](#); (831) 899-6704
- [Councilmember Rita Burks](#); (831) 899-6704
- [Councilmember Alex Miller](#); (831) 899-6704

AKC GR will provide updates as warranted on next steps as they are available. For questions or more information on California legislation, contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org.

NCAMA News

Our website is being updated with new pictures and information. More to come soon.

I know Jennifer Remazki is not part of our club but I had to put this picture in the Howler as one, it is so darn cute and two, this is how our dogs should be at dog shows after they show. Happy Happy Happy.....



Simon Cockram

BLOAT: The Facts

Troy & Cooper

Both Malamutes, Troy was my partner's dog, Cooper was my dog, both born in 2008, unrelated.

Troy was neutered.

Cooper was entire.

- Troy was taken by Bloat in 2016, 2 days before Christmas day.

From the last time he was seen looking and acting normal he was dead within 45mins.

The first obvious sign when he was seen was retching or unproductive vomiting.

The Vet was 20 minutes away.

He didn't make it to the vet alive, he didn't even make it to the van.

He was raw fed twice a day, always exercised well away from feeding, over 2 hours on the day, he Bloats around 6 hours after feeding, around 11pm.

As it was late at night and past bedtime there was no one with him when it initially started.

It's not unusual to find dogs in the morning that have passed over night.

- Cooper was taken in 2018, 3 days before Christmas day.

The Vet was 10 minutes away.

He made it to the Vet alive but died in my arms around 10 minutes later.

He was a little more complicated, Bloat was secondary to another condition (a blood clot in his lung following a short illness).

He was kibble fed twice a day, fed well away from exercise on the day.

He was not a speed eater, he always ate slowly.

He had a slight cough in the afternoon which became progressively more severe after feeding.

He died from the blood clot around 6:30pm, around 3 hours after feeding.

We'll never know if he would have survived the Bloat, but the Bloat did progress severely very nearly killing him and gave me a taste of what it can do.

Some of the symptoms of the blood clot and Bloat overlapped making it harder to spot the Bloat in the early stage.

Despite retching or unproductive vomiting being the most common sign, at no point did Cooper show that sign, I was with him all day.

It can be hard enough for someone with no experience spotting a life threatening condition early, but 2 at the same time?

This was a case of going from no experience to being thrown in at the deep end.

Prevention is better than cure!

What causes Bloat?...

No one knows, as of yet there is no known cause.

Difficult to prevent something when you don't know what causes it.

There is a difference between a "Cause" and a "Risk Factor".

- Cause = something that made it happen.
- Risk Factor = something that makes it more likely to happen.

What are the Risk Factors?...

- Depends who you ask!
- Specific diets do not prevent Bloat despite what you may hear.

Dogs Bloat on all diets.

Do more kibble fed dogs Bloat? ... Probably, because far more dogs are fed kibble so it stands to reason.

If you fed raw for 20 years and never had a dog Bloat, does that mean raw feeding reduces the chance of it happening?

What about if you fed kibble for 20 years and never had a dog Bloat, does that mean kibble feeding reduces the chance of it happening?

• Despite many owners these days not exercising dogs within 2 hours of feeding, dogs still Bloat.

If you've always waited 2 hours after feeding before walking your dog and never had a dog Bloat does that mean it reduces the chance of it happening?

What about those that have always walked their dogs close to feeding and never had a dog Bloat, does that mean exercise close to feeding reduces the risk of it happening?

There is some suggestion that gentle exercise such as walking helps gut motility, so could it help?

It's sensible to avoid vigorous exercise after eating, not just because of Bloat.

People worry about vigorous exercise because of the possibility of the stomach "flipping", but there is no evidence you can make their stomach flip by exercise.

- Diets.

Feed/Exercise Timing.

Speed eating.

Drinking close to exercise/feeding.

One large meal a day.

Raised food bowls.

Temperament.

Higher drive dogs.

Nervous dogs.

Stress.

Although these risk factors have been reported, these associations have not been consistently validated. Some limited studies and cases suggest they do or don't, evidence in conflicting.

There is opinion, sometimes strong opinion.

There is nothing that says THIS is what causes it and THIS is what will prevent it from happening in your dog.

Anecdotal recommendations for reducing the risk of Bloat have been published in reviews on the topic, but evidence based guidelines for the prevention of Bloat do not exist in veterinary medicine; other than prophylactic gastropexy, which is recommended for all working dogs.

It is pretty well accepted that Genetics, dogs with a first degree relative that have previously Bloat. Large breeds with a deep chest (it also affects small breeds), more specifically dogs with a high depth to width ratio of the chest are key factors.

There is suggestion it may be related to a gut motility issue, or a microbiome issue, makes sense, there is ongoing research, but still no conclusive evidence.

- Gastropexy is said to be the only preventative measure, it does not prevent a simple Bloat, just the stomach twist which is the most dangerous part, it's much more common in the US, especially in working dogs.

In the US all DoD Military Working Dogs are Gastropexied before they enter training, they have been for over a decade, they have gone from losing 10% of dogs per year to Bloat to 0.1%.

It's not so common in other countries as a prophylactic procedure, I know some vets won't even do it as such, especially here in the UK.

A small number of pet owners say it doesn't work because they've had it done but their dog still suffered a full GDV, this is probably rare. There are multiple different techniques, and the experience/skill of the surgeon are likely important factors.

But most owners are not doing it anyway.

- My advice...

Listen to all sides, consider everything, and then do what you feel is right for your dog, what makes you feel comfortable BUT, do it with the understanding that it can still happen, nothing is guaranteed to prevent it.

Also, understand that many of those who have been through it, especially those that have lost a dog to it, find it difficult to talk about.

Those that do talk about it often have a strong opinion on what you should do.

So what can you definitely do to help your dog NOW?...

- Understand the Signs & Symptoms

it's not always obvious, you want to catch it as early as possible but it can be difficult even for experienced owners to spot very early on.

- Know what's normal for your dog

This is a big one, knowing what is normal at rest, at work, behaviour, vital signs, everything, in everything they do will get you far, not just with Bloat. If you don't know what's normal you won't know when something is abnormal.

This will help you understand when something is even slightly off.

This is what will help you pick up Bloat very early on.

Very early signs of Bloat can be as subtle as a behavioural change or elevated heart rate.

(Signs & Symptoms <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/AjdbGz4GRpLMMp22/>)

- Learn what to do in an emergency, it is always an emergency!

Despite what you may hear it's not easy to deal with, and it's not always easy to get to a vet fast.

Some dogs get to a vet in time and survive, some dogs unfortunately were never going to make it to a vet in time.

It can progress and kill fast in some dogs, in others it can progress slowly over a number of hours.

Some people live 10 minutes away from the vet, some over 2 hours.

People will tell you what to do based on their own experience which is limited, Bloat is so varied and every situation is different.

(Veterinary Committee on Trauma best practice recommendations for prehospital veterinary care of dogs

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/XTSeFGbwWQqZnGTa/>)

- Have an emergency PLAN!

(<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/Z9HuwBKNLvWU5PaE/>)

- Rapid recognition and treatment is key to survival

You learn something from every dog you share your life with.

In a lifetime with dogs I learned my biggest lessons from Troy & Cooper...

- You never stop learning
- Being prepared
- Understanding how to support my dog in every way, how best to help them when they need it
- Know what's normal for my dog
- It can go from bad to worse FAST
- Don't focus on the obvious alone, in Cooper's case one condition masked the other in the early stage
- You don't truly understand something until you experience it
- If it ends bad, it's hard to get their final moment out of your head, it's heartbreaking
- If it does end bad, use the experience in a productive way moving forward, it makes it a little easier if something good can come from it
- Bloat is horrific
- There is nothing like fighting for your dog's life and seeing the look of desperation in his face, then have him die in your arms, to motivate you to learn and be the best dog person you can be, that one experience changed how I think about dogs
- There are some great people to learn from

Learn more about BLOAT here

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/e4QFb9jauLQ6usJ3/>

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Copied from a Facebook post.



Marie Bouchard

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Need I say more....

Dog People

"I know you love your dog," she said. "But to say you're completely in love with them?" she added, her tone almost dismissive. And that was the difference between her and me. She saw a dog; I saw a soul who had walked beside me through every joy and heartbreak, who had shared my life in a way no human ever could.

She didn't understand the way my dog had pulled me out of dark places, how his mere presence had given me a sense of peace I couldn't find anywhere else. She couldn't grasp the quiet connection we shared—the way he always knew when I needed him, without me having to say a word. To her, it was just a pet. To me, it was family.

And that's where we differed. Love wasn't just a word to describe what I felt for him—it was a bond, unshakable and true, something that filled the spaces others left behind. To her, it might've sounded dramatic, but to me, it was simple. I wasn't just in love with my dog—I was loved back in a way that made the world feel a little less broken.



You + 18

3 comments

Recipe of the month

Christmas Salad

A festive salad bursting with seasonal flavors, combining crisp greens, vibrant fruits, crunchy nuts, and a delightful homemade dressing - perfect for your holiday table!

Ingredients

Salad:

5 cups mixed greens (baby spinach, arugula, or spring mix)

1 cup pomegranate seeds

1 cup red apple, thinly sliced

1 cup green apple, thinly sliced

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese (or feta)

1/3 cup pistachios or walnuts, toasted

1/3 cup thinly sliced red onion

Dressing:

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar (or pomegranate vinegar for extra flavor)

1 tablespoon honey (or maple syrup)

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions

Prepare the Dressing:

In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, honey, Dijon mustard, and salt and pepper until well combined. Adjust seasoning to taste.

Assemble the Salad:

In a large salad bowl, create a base with the mixed greens. Layer on the pomegranate seeds, red and green apple slices, dried cranberries, and sliced red onion.

Top with crumbled goat cheese and toasted nuts for added texture and flavor.

Dress the Salad:

Drizzle the prepared dressing over the salad just before serving for a fresh burst of flavor.

Toss gently to combine, or serve with the dressing on the side, allowing guests to add as desired.

Serve & Garnish:

For an extra festive touch, sprinkle with more pomegranate seeds or a bit of fresh parsley.

Time:

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4-6 servings



Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year

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