

Phoenix Bulldog Club News for May, 2017

The next meeting of the Phoenix Bulldog Club will be on Wednesday, May 17th beginning at 7:00PM at Bass Pro Shop in the upstairs meeting room.

A giant thank you to Jerry Adler for opening his home and his yard to our April handling class. He was a generous and kind host! Jerry's Blossom was hostess and disciplinarian. The 4 ½ month old puppies mastered the ramp and practiced holding the stack. They pranced around the “show ring” and explored every inch of Jerry's backyard. Christine Brown brought her husband to help wrangle the pups and Jack Hanna was a guest. Thank you Jerry for making it possible!!

It's going to be a pleasant week this week with cooler weather and even a chance of rain. But it is May and the heat will return by Friday. Now is a good time to remember heat precautions when living with Bulldogs. Always have fresh water available, inside and out. Putting ice in the water dish is refreshing, plus some dogs like to play “bobbing for ice cubes.” Outside water dishes should be kept in the shade. If you walk your dogs, do it in the early morning or after sundown. If cement is too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for your dogs. When walking, carry ice cubes with you for a cold treat. Try freezing beef or chicken broth into ice cubes for variety. And of course always carry water for your dog. Never ever leave your Bulldogs in your parked car on a hot day. Leave your dog at home when running errands. Bulldogs prefer being inside with air conditioning during the summer. More on heat dangers in the next newsletter.

“Lepto” is a disease that has returned to the Valley of the Sun in the past months. Here's an informative article about it from AKC Health:

“What Is Leptospirosis And Should You Be Concerned?”

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC | June 13, 2016

Leptospirosis is a disease that affects dogs, as well as many other kinds of animals. The organism that causes leptospirosis is a spirochete bacteria and is found throughout the world. There are a very large number of Leptospira; about 230 of them have been identified.

In the United States, Leptospirosis is in the environment because it is carried in rats, wildlife, as well as domestic livestock. More cases are seen in late summer and fall and often after heavy rainfalls. Leptospira is known to exist in standing water, dampness, and mud. Winter conditions tend to lower the risk because Leptospira do not tolerate freezing temperatures.

Pets can become infected through contact with urine of infected animals such as raccoons, skunks, rats,

feral cats, dogs, and other animals. Often, dogs contract the disease by [swimming](#) in stagnant water or drinking contaminated water in puddles.



Should Dog Owners Be Concerned About Leptospirosis?

Not all dogs that are exposed to Leptospirosis become visibly ill. [In a 2007 study](#), 25 percent of unvaccinated healthy dogs had antibodies to Leptospirosis. This indicated to researchers that they had been previously exposed to Leptospirosis without their owners noticing a problem.

When Leptospirosis does cause disease in dogs, it tends to be most severe in unvaccinated dogs that are younger than 6 months of age. It takes about 4-12 days after exposure for a dog to start to feel ill.

Signs of illness vary, but usually include lethargy, poor appetite, [fever](#), [vomiting](#), increased thirst or urine production. Jaundice may also be seen. Blood tests will show changes in kidney values or liver and kidney values.

Diagnosis is made through blood and urine tests that look specifically for Leptospirosis. Antibiotics are typically used to treat Leptospirosis; not only can they treat the active infection, but also may prevent dogs from becoming carriers of the organism.

How Can Dog Owners Prevent Leptospirosis?

Prevention is best accomplished by stopping your dog's access to contaminated water. Also, try to sanitize your dog's environment by eliminating food and garbage to reduce the attraction of rats, raccoons, or feral cats.



Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease. In other words, it is contagious to humans. The most likely way humans contract Leptospirosis is via exposure to dog or rat urine. However, any bodily fluid, including vomit and saliva, can transmit the disease. If your dog is infected with Leptospirosis, it is very important to observe proper hygiene even after he has recovered (wearing protective gloves when cleaning up after your dog, preventing face licking, etc.)

[Vaccination](#) for leptospirosis is an option to consider if your dog is at high risk of contracting the disease. The American Animal Hospital Association considers Leptospirosis a “non-core” vaccine for dogs. That is, they do not recommend it unless there is a good chance your dog will be exposed to Leptospirosis. The efficacy of the vaccine is variable: short lasting or limited. There have been reports of reactions to the vaccine that vary from minor to severe.

Vaccination does not always prevent infection, but it tends to make the disease much milder if infection occurs. There is the potential for vaccinated dogs that do become infected to become long term carriers of Leptospirosis. Some long-term carriers have more frequent incidence of reproductive failure and stillbirths.

As with all vaccinations, you should discuss the vaccine for leptospirosis with your veterinarian. This decision will be based on you and your dog’s life style, if your community is experiencing cases of Leptospirosis, and the other pros and cons your veterinarian has experienced with the vaccine.

OFA HEALTH CLINIC

June 4th , 2017

Sponsored by the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona, Inc.

Applewood Animal Hospital-Dr. Reeves

6909 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

DR. KUBAI WILL BE DOING EYE EXAMS AT THIS CLINIC!

X-RAYS

Hip x-ray	\$85
Elbow x-ray	\$55
Shoulder x-ray	\$55
Patella exam	\$40
Hip & Shoulder combined	\$140
Hip & Elbow combined	\$140

Sedation is extra based on weight (required for dogs over 80 lbs or at doctor's discretion).

Sedation will be paid for separately at the time of the clinic and directly to the veterinarian.

EYE EXAMS

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OTHER SERVICES

*OFA Thyroid (MSU)	\$104
AKC DNA Parentage testing	\$50
Microchip (AKC Companion Animal Recovery)	\$40
Heartworm Test	\$35

*OFA Thyroid price includes submittal fee

X-RAY prices are for the radiograph/exam ONLY. If you plan to submit your radiographs to OFA, you will pay OFA directly by including your credit card number at the bottom of your OFA form(s). Radiographs will be electronically submitted to OFA by Applewood and the corresponding forms will be faxed to OFA at the same time.

1. All testing by appointment only. All appointments will be made directly with the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona, Inc.
2. Services must be paid for in advance. NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS, MISSED, OR LATE APPOINTMENTS.
3. Remember to bring your AKC registration and microchip number and arrive 15 minutes early.
4. Please use the links on the health clinic page on our website (www.cavalierclubofarizona.com) to download the forms needed and fill them out ahead of time to help us stay on schedule.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

1. Fill out the registration form. Mail the completed form to CKCS Club of Central AZ, Inc. c/o J. Milosevic, 10855 N. Appian Way; Fountain Hills, AZ 85268.
2. You can pay by check or paypal/credit card. If paying by check, send it in with the registration form. To pay by credit card please do so on the health clinic page at www.cavalierclubofarizona.com.
3. We will send you an appointment time by email and will call you with any questions. You may contact us with any questions regarding scheduling at julie@azcavs.com. We will not be sending out appointment times until about a week before the clinic.

We must have a valid e-mail address and telephone number on your forms-this is how you will receive your appointment times.

Here's excerpts from the April 10, 2017 AKC article “Spring Cleaning for Your Kennel”

If you are preparing to do some spring cleaning on your own kennel, consider these questions:

1. Is the general appearance of your kennel good? Does it need sprucing up?
2. Is the structure of the kennels and/or crates structurally sound, in good repair, and without hazardous corners or other safety issues?
3. Is there adequate space for each dog per kennel or cage, appropriate to the breed?
4. Is there a source of fresh air by doors, windows or vents?
5. Is there an ample supply of artificial or natural light?
6. Are there exercise yards in which the dogs can have a good run?
7. Do you have a written emergency plan in the event of a disaster?

For the entire article and pictures of kennels go to

http://www.akc.org/content/dog-breeding/articles/spring-cleaning-for-your-kennel//?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breeder-170419&utm_term=button

Fish for Dogs

Fish is an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids which support the optimal functioning of the heart, eyes, immune system, skeletal system, skin and coat. Omega-3 foods such as fish can benefit such conditions as allergies, arthritis, heart disease, and cancer. When using fish in recipes for dogs, it is best to use wild-caught fish to avoid contaminants such as mercury.

“fish & chips”

- 1 ¼ cup oat flour
- 1 cup potato flour
- ½ cup oat bran
- 1 cup cooked cod (or other white fish)
- ¼ t. garlic powder (or granulated garlic)
- 1 egg
- ½ cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook the cod thoroughly (use as little oil as possible). Finely grind it in a food processor.

Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly until a dough forms. Roll the dough out on

a lightly floured surface to ¼ inch thickness. Use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes. Place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper (for easy clean up). Treats can be placed close together as they don't spread much while cooking.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and let cool completely on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

from Organic Dog Biscuit Cookbook from the Bubba Rose Biscuit Company.

I am researching arthritis in dogs for the next issue of the newsletter. If you have any treatments or tips for arthritis in dogs, please send it to me. Thank you!!

