

The Phoenix Bulldog Club

News for October, 2015

At last it is pumpkin time with Fall festivals, pumpkin spice everything, and cooler weather. Let the Bulldogs lounge outside again! Ok, so the weather isn't actually cool yet. **The next Phoenix Bulldog Club meeting will be Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00PM at Bass Pro Shop** just south of the 202 and east of the 101. Welcome to our 2 guests at the September meeting – James Mitchell and Judy Jenkins!

PBC member Barry Leimkuehler had two of his Bulldogs chosen to be in the Arizona Broadway Theater production of “Legally Blonde” during the summer. He also has two of his Bullies in the upcoming movie “The Dog Wedding.” The 2 small movie stars filmed 22 days out of the 26 day shooting schedule. The movie will be released in theaters in the Spring.

And did you know that Max in the 1980's TV show “Jake and the Fatman” was one of Dr. Jack Brown's Bulldogs? What a handsome fellow he was!



I walk my Yankee and Mocha with their Bulldog friend Bode on the weekends. Bode grazes like a miniature cow on the grasses at the park. So why do some dogs like to eat grass?

WHY DOES MY DOG EAT GRASS?

From AKC Healthy Dog
July, 2015

Even if your dog has a well-balanced diet, she may still go for the green stuff on a regular basis. And studies have shown that most types of grasses will not make dogs throw up. So the idea that dogs eat grass because they are missing something in their diet does not stand up to scrutiny. (Though grass does contain essential nutrients that a dog might crave anyway.) There has also been no hard science proving that eating grass is linked to vomiting. That said, the ingestion of grass does make some dogs vomit, but it's unclear if it was the grass that gave the dog the upset stomach to begin with.

So Why *Do* They Eat It?

Whether they scarf it up by the mouthful or daintily nibble just a few blades, the answer may be simple: They just like the way it tastes. Remember, dogs enjoy all sorts of things that disgust the human palate

—dirty socks and gristle from the trash can, anyone?

Writing for the [Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine](#), Andrea Rediger says, “another theory states that undomesticated dogs are naturally omnivores (meat and plant-eaters), therefore domesticated dogs instinctively include plant material in their diet. Alternatively, some speculate that undomesticated dogs would ingest plant material in the stomachs of their prey, and therefore the species developed a taste for it.”

[Petmd.com](#) points out that “for tens of thousands of years, these opportunistic scavengers have devoured anything and everything, as long as it fulfilled their basic dietary requirements.”

Despite the lack of solid evidence that grass-eating is directly related to a dog self-curing, Petmd.com says that it does seem like dogs will seek out a natural remedy for a gassy or upset stomach, and grass may do the trick: “When ingested, the grass blade tickles the throat and stomach lining; this sensation, in turn, may cause the dog to vomit, especially if the grass is gulped down rather than chewed.”

Most experts say that letting your dog eat grass poses no real risk. But do keep an eye on it, especially if there is a sudden increase in grass eating; it could be a sign of an underlying illness. And always monitor a teething puppy, because ingesting a lot of leaves, grass, and sticks can lead to a blockage.

Bottom line: Many dogs are drawn to eating strange, worrisome, and just plain gross things. They have a talent for gobbling down the unauthorized item with lightning speed, long before we can intervene.

But of the many things dogs ingest, a moderate amount of grass is one of the more benign.

Go Green:

If you notice that your dog has been munching away on grass or houseplants, you may want to introduce natural herbs or cooked vegetables into his diet.

You may also want to buy a small tray of grass just for your dog, or start an herbal home garden. This will give your pooch an alternative to eating the outdoor grass and landscaping, which could lead to accidental ingestion of pesticides, herbicides, or chemicals that have been used to treat your yard.



It's amazing what you find on the internet. I searched on "Bulldogs and pumpkins" and found this 2014 Pumpkin Carving Contest winner from Extreme Pumpkins.com



Halloween Hazards

It's important to be extra vigilant with all your furry friends on Hallow's Eve. Keep in mind these safety tips:

Keep a barrier between your dogs and the door you open for trick-or-treaters so your dog doesn't accidentally slip out to go trick-or-treating on his/her own.

Keep your pets in a safe, secure place. If you have many costumed visitors coming to your door with all their giggling and shouting consider leaving the TV or some music on where your dogs are to mask the outside noises.

Keep trick-or-treat bags that are filled with tiny morsels of goodness out of reach of your dogs.

If lighted candles are part of your decorations, be sure they are out of reach of your pets too.

Make sure the empty little candy wrappers make it into the wastebasket – they smell so enticing to dogs.

What is it about chocolate that makes it harmful to dogs? The toxic part of chocolate is theobromine. It's in all kinds of chocolate, including white. Eating chocolate, even just licking it off a plate, can cause a dog to vomit, have diarrhea, and be excessively thirsty. It can also cause abnormal heart rhythm, tremors, seizures, and death.

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center phone number is 888-426-4435 in case you ever need it.

Pumpkin Wafer Dog Treats

These pumpkin dog treats are loaded with Beta carotene and anti-oxidants, especially Vitamins C and E.

Ingredients:

One 15 oz. can mashed pure pumpkin (NOT the spiced pie-filling stuff)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup cream of wheat (or rice cereal if wheat sensitive) You can mix this in dry – no need to cook it first.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry powdered milk

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together. Drop small spoonfuls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet and bake at 300 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes.

From all-natural-dog-treat.com



The OFA Health Clinic is on Sunday, November 1, 2015. To check out their website go to <http://www.cavalierclubofarizona.com/clinic.htm>



OFA HEALTH CLINIC Sunday, November 1, 2015

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

Location: Animal Hospital at Grayhawk

(Grayhawk Plaza Shopping Center, one mile north of the 101 Freeway between Thompson Peak Parkway & Grayhawk)

Dr. Stan Howard – 20801 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale Arizona

OFA Heart Clearances will be conducted by Board Certified Cardiologist

Dr. Whit Church

X-RAYS	OTHER SERVICES
Submitted	OFA Heart Exam \$50
Hip x-ray \$115	AKC DNA Parentage Testing \$50
Elbow x-ray \$90	Microchip (and AKC Companion Animal Recovery Enrollment) \$40
Shoulder x-ray \$90	Valley Fever Blood Test \$120
Patella Exam \$50	Heartworm Test \$35
Hip & Shoulder combined \$175	Rattlesnake Vaccine \$30
Hip & Elbow combined \$175	Canine Influenza Vaccine \$25
OFA Thyroid (MSU) \$100	Parvo OR Distemper titers \$108
Unsubmitted	Parvo AND Distemper titers \$170
Hip x-ray \$85	
Elbow x-ray \$55	
Shoulder x-ray \$55	
Patella Exam \$40	
<i>Sedation 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</i>	

1. **All testing by appointment only.** All appointments will be made directly with the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona, Inc. X-ray appointments typically fill up quickly.
2. Services must be paid for in advance – **NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS, MISSED OR LATE APPOINTMENTS.**
3. Remember to bring you AKC registration and microchip number and arrive 15 minutes early.
4. Please download the forms needed and fill them out ahead of time at OFA or at CKCSCAZ to help us stay on schedule. (We will have a few forms available in case you forget yours, but please try to have everything filled out ahead of time so that you are not trying to fill out forms while holding dogs).

To Schedule an Appointment:

1. Fill out the attached registration form. Mail the completed form and your check to **CKCS Club of Central AZ, Inc. c/o J. Milosevic, 10855 N Appian Way, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Please make sure the form is filled out completely, including your telephone number and e-mail address. Appointments may also be made via our club website – <http://www.cavalierclubofarizona.com>.**
2. We will send you an appointment time by e-mail, 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 unless specifically requested.**

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

If you have any ideas, stories, jokes, or announcements for the next newsletter please send them to me at dlockett@earthlink.net Thank you!

