

The Scentinel

York County Kennel Club of Maine, Inc.

November 2016



York County Kennel Club of Maine, Inc Meeting Minutes November 28, 2016

Attendees: Mary Bateman, Sandy Bergeron, Donnah Brnger, Karen Gatchell, Carroll Goodwin, Pollie Goodwin, Robin Janusewski, Tracey Levasseur, Karen Norteman, Gloria Pasquini, Sarah Todd

President Sandy Bergeron brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

President's Report

Edward Frady is a guest. He moved to Arundel from Hawaii. He is looking to get a Poodle in the spring (mini).

Our proposed slate of officers for 2017 is complete.

Cooper and Jenna need to fill out their membership application so we can vote them in.

Everyone seems to be pleased with the new venue for the annual match.

Recording Secretary's Report (October Minutes)

Pollie moved to accept the minutes. Gloria seconded.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report. The dog park people haven't

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responded.

Treasurer's Report:

Carroll distributed the match accounting report and the October treasurer's report.
Sandy moved to accept the October Treasurer's report; Gloria seconded.
Karen G. moved to accept the Match Report. Pollie seconded.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee has assembled the following slate of officers for 2017:

President:	Pollie Goodwin
Vice President:	Karen Gatchell
Treasurer:	Carroll Goodwin
Rec. Secretary	Karen Norteman
Corresponding Secretary	Gloria Pasquini

Board:
Donnah Brnger, Mary Bateman, Mary Smith, Tracey Levasseur

December Meeting:

We won't have one; we'll have our holiday party in January. We will hold our annual meeting tonight.

Holiday Party:

Gloria will talk to James about holding the YCKC Holiday party in January at the Oak Street Bistro in Alfred. First choice of date: **January 14. at 6 PM.** There will be a Yankee Swap. Gloria will explain to James that we'd like to order off the menu, and that the service was less than stellar last time. If James doesn't want to let us order from the menu, Gloria may talk tot he Bull & Claw on our behalf.

Annual Meeting:

Election of new members: Edward has his application and can fill it out.

Election of the proposed slate: No new nominations from the floor. Gloria cast the vote for the proposed slate as presented.

Unfinished Business:

Pat Mowbray-Morgan died a week ago last Saturday. Donnah will get the info to Sarah 9Sunshine Committee) to send a card. The owner of The Cutting Edge, who is a vendor at our shows (scissor sharpening), also died recently. Donnah will get that info to Sarah too.

New Business:

Fritz makes up custom copies of If I Ran the Dog Show. We could send copies to the elementary schools in the area. Should we look into it and put in bookplates from YCKC? It was decided to table this idea and discussion until the January meeting, when we know what it costs and how many schools or libraries would be involved. Carroll moved to wait. Tracey seconded. In the meantime, Sandy will contact Fritz and will start a list of libraries.

Tracey mentioned that we have finally run out of our old logo T-shirts and sweatshirts. We have one more throw left with our new logo. Sandy will go see Charley Horse in Arundel, which already has our logo set up.

Show/Cluster:

Applications for 2017 cluster are in process.

Miscellaneous:

AKC offers recognition for police dogs and other dogs in service. We can nominate our sponsored police K9 dog Maverick. Tracey will write to AKC about Maverick finding a missing woman, to see if he can be considered for recognition.

Carroll moved that in lieu of a December meeting, Gloria should cast the vote. She cast the vote, and the new slate is elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

John Kelly would have won \$14 in the 50-50 raffle if he had been here.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen Norteman

Recording Secretary





YCKC Holiday Party

**Saturday, January 14, 2017
6 pm**

**Oak Street Bistro
3 Oak Street, Alfred, Maine**

Please mark your calendars for our Club holiday celebration on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 6 p.m. at the Oak Street Bistro, Alfred, Maine. This celebration is open to Club members and their guests. Club members are welcome at the cost of the Club, but the Club member will not be responsible for the cost of their guest's food. A Cash bar will be available for all attendees. There will be a Yankee Swap for those Club members who wish to participate. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift worth \$25.

If you plan to attend or if you cannot attend, please contact Gloria Pasquini, bonniebay@roadrunner.com, no later than Saturday, December 31, 2016. Please let her know if you will be bringing a guest as well.



From Mary Smith:

On Nov 27th, Hans slept most of the day. We weren't concerned because he and Dan had been to four dog shows and the first day home is a laid back kind of day. Wednesday, the next day, he went off food, so we thought he may have picked up a bug at the shows. During the night he vomited twice, than bloody diarrhea. When Dan got him to the our vet's office, Hans vomited pure blood. Hours later, after fluid transfusion and antibiotics by needle he and Dan were back home. He was diagnosed as having Acute Hemorrhagic Diarrhea Syndrome. We were lucky; we made it to the vets just at the tenth hour. This is an illness that can be deadly in a matter of hours

Hans is number two owner handled Bouvier for 2016. We planned to be in Orlando for the national show this week; here we are in Maine shoveling snow! What we do have is a happy, healthy Bouv playing in the snow!



Acute Hemorrhagic Diarrhea Syndrome (AHDS or HGE)

By Wendy C. Brooks, DVM, DipABVP
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The term hemorrhagic gastroenteritis basically means inflammation of the stomach and intestine with bleeding. It is a non-specific condition that could be seen in patients with parvovirus infection, pancreatitis, inflammatory bowel disease or any number of other conditions but when the term HGE is used, it usually refers to a more specific canine syndrome and is an entity in and of itself.

Hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (or HGE, but now renamed acute hemorrhagic diarrhea syndrome or AHDS) is a potentially life-threatening intestinal syndrome of an otherwise healthy dog that manifests as sudden onset of bloody, watery diarrhea. The symptoms are extremely dehydrating, often much more than might be expected from the amount of diarrhea, and if it is not promptly treated, the dog can go into shock.

Vomiting is often part of the syndrome; in fact 80% of patients experience vomiting approximately 10 hours prior to the dramatic bloody diarrhea and about half the time vomiting contains obvious blood. The good news is that with hospitalization and treatment, most dogs recover rapidly. It is crucial to identify AHDS and rule out more serious conditions promptly so that the dog can get the correct treatment and the pet's family can have proper expectations.

Smaller dog breeds seem to have a predisposition towards AHDS though any dog can be affected. Stress and hyperactivity seem to be predisposing factors.

How is this Condition Diagnosed?

There are no specific tests for AHDS but a test called a packed cell volume (also called PCV or hematocrit) is helpful in making the diagnosis. This test can be performed in most veterinary hospitals using a few drops of blood. The percentage of the blood volume made up by red blood cells is measured. A normal PCV for a healthy dog would be 37-55%, meaning 37-55% of the blood volume should be red blood cells; the rest is fluid and white blood cells. When the patient becomes very dehydrated, there is less fluid in the blood stream and the percentage of blood fluid drops, and consequently the percentage of red blood cells rises.

The average AHDS patient will have a PCV of at least 57%.
(It will even be greater than 60% in approximately 30% of patients.)

The measurement of the PCV also usually includes some sort of measurement of total protein (sometimes called total solids). In AHDS, the total protein measurement from the blood sample is low.

There are several aspects to the AHDS syndrome and they do not all have to be there to make the diagnosis. The syndrome elements your veterinarian will be looking for are:

- Elevated PCV of 57% or more
- Relatively low total protein
- At least one episode of vomiting (with or without blood) approximately 10 hours prior to the diarrhea
- A watery, very bloody diarrhea that looks almost like pure blood
- Relatively young dog (median age is five years)
- Relatively small dog (median size 25 lbs)
- Rapid response to intravenous fluids

As noted, there are many causes of a bloody diarrhea like this, including intestinal foreign body that requires surgery. Expect your veterinarian to need other tests to rule out other potentially more serious conditions.

What Causes AHDS?

There are still many unknown factors but the cause appears to begin with infection from an intestinal bacterium called *Clostridium perfringens* Type A. This organism produces two toxins called NET E and NET F, which are different from the usual Clostridial enterotoxin that is well known to cause diarrhea. The toxin ulcerates the intestinal lining and the intestinal blood vessels become permeable to fluid. In this way, fluid is lost into the intestine dehydrating the patient and the PCV rises while the ulcers are responsible for the bleeding.

Treating AHDS

The heart of therapy is aggressive fluid replacement. The idea is to get the PCV back to the normal range and keep the patient out of shock. Medication for nausea and pain control are included as is a low fat diet as soon as the patient is willing to eat. As dramatic as the diarrhea is, most patients have an equally dramatic improvement in the first 24 hours of hospitalization and the average dog is out of the hospital after three days total.

Antibiotics are surprisingly controversial in this syndrome and their use depends on many patient factors (such as whether or not there is a fever, white blood cell count, whether or not the expected improvement is achieved, etc).

Stool can be expected to gradually return to normal over the course of about one week.



Oonah

On December 10th Oonah & I went to our first W3PO sanctioned weight pull, it was a fund raiser for the Amanda Strong Fund. It was also our first time doing two weight pull competitions in one day. At the first trial we stopped at her qualifying pull, but decided to go for it at the second trial and ended up taking Most Weight Pulled!! Her final pull was 1,340lbs on equipment that doesn't pull easy. She never quit on me & her tail was up and wagging the whole time. (W3PO is World Wide Weight Pull Organization)

-Sarah Todd

Summer

Summer's (Sippiwisset Summer Squall VCD1 PT TDX TDU OAJ RN CGC) latest accomplishments: A TDU title, OAJ title and she passed her Therapy Dog International certification.

-Robyn Januszewski

Hans

Hans is number 2 owner handled Bouvier for 2016. Dan and Hans got their invite to the National show and here we are in in snowy Maine.

-Mary Smith





AKC Government Relations



January 22, 2017

AKC New England Legislative Planning Conference

Please Rsvp

Over the past two years every state in New England has been targeted with legislation to restrict purebred dog ownership and breeding. The number and severity of attempts to limit our rights is increasing, and will be a very real threat in 2017. Not only are your own dogs at stake, but so is the future of the breeds you have dedicated your life to.

Please join AKC Government Relations (GR) staff and expert speakers to learn more about the threat of animal rights radicalism, the specific threats you can expect in your state in 2017, and how we can work together to protect our dogs and our rights.

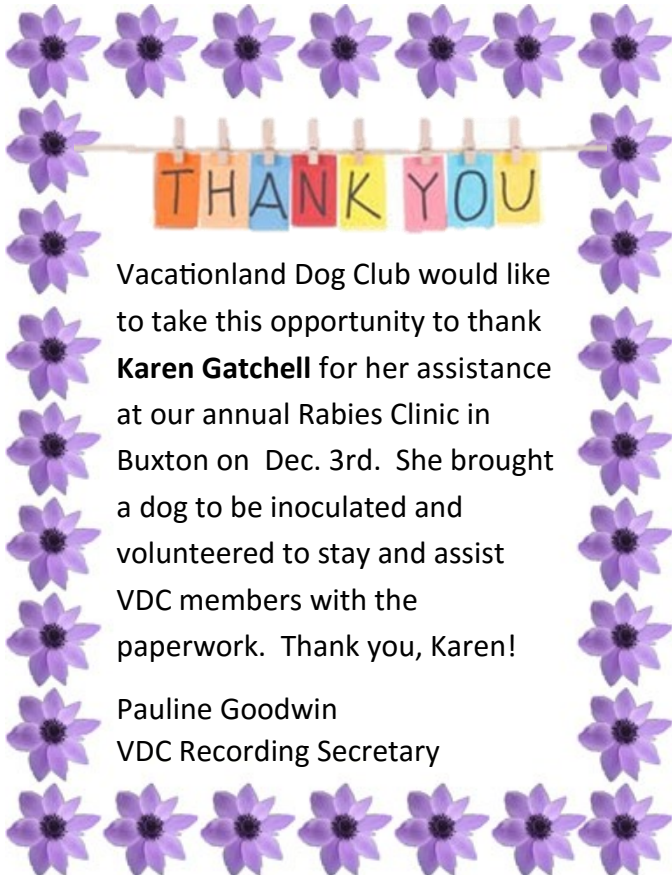
This *first-of-its-kind AKC GR New England Regional Legislative Planning Conference* is a one-day event in Boxborough, Massachusetts, on Sunday, January 22. The conference will feature speakers, breakout groups for state planning sessions, and opportunities to plan strategies, share experiences and learn from the experiences of other states, federations and legislative liaisons. Lunch will be provided.

Space is limited for this free event. As a federation and/or club official, we hope you join us as we plan to battle extremist animal rights legislation we will surely see in 2017.

Please RSVP by emailing phil.guidry@akc.org with your name, telephone number, and number of people in your party attending.

AKC Government Relations will provide event details in the coming weeks.

See you in January!



Vacationland Dog Club would like to take this opportunity to thank **Karen Gatchell** for her assistance at our annual Rabies Clinic in Buxton on Dec. 3rd. She brought a dog to be inoculated and volunteered to stay and assist VDC members with the paperwork. Thank you, Karen!

Pauline Goodwin
VDC Recording Secretary



Next Meeting:

Monday, January 30th, 2017

(No Meeting in December)

7:00pm

York County Community College

112 College Drive

Wells, ME 04090



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