

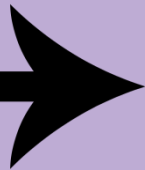


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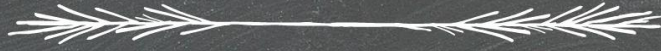
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From the ICAW President

Hello to everyone across the ICAW land,

By the time this gets in your mailbox, summer will be in full swing. Right now, we are having 90 degree humid weather. Makes one think back to a month or two ago when we were wishing for warmer weather and now it's here so better be thankful, right?

This morning we pulled out the kiddie pool and filled it up and also set up the sprinkler in our play yard. Most of the dogs absolutely love it, but a few of them didn't want part of it. It's something we don't do a lot but like to do when it gets real warm.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to attend the Purdue meeting down at the Purdue campus. It was a very interesting day for me. Some of the items that were talked about were canine health, genetic testing, rehoming, socialization, how to reduce stress in your kennel, and the benefits of it, and much, much more. Dr. Bret Marsh from BOAH was also there and had a great topic. One of the best things I liked about this is that it's not just someone's idea, this is proven facts. These studies are done on REAL dogs and that is how they get their info. One thing that Dr. Candace Croney said is that what she appreciates about ICAW is that instead of fighting back against the animal rights people all the time, we are doing what they ask of us plus lots more. Years ago when they said we don't care about our pets because they are in wire cages, what did we do? We moved on to tenderfoot or solid surface. Other things that happened were OFA testing, pen size 2-3 times bigger than USDA requirements, inside and outside access at all times, big play yards, socialization, basic training, enrichment to no end, and the list goes on!!

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

We have taken away just about all the ammunition they have against us.

The seminar is right around the corner and a few changes have been made to how we find our nominees for our ballot positions. We wanted our members to have a voice of who they want in for our next leaders. This year, vice president (Jerry Lambright) and secretary (Alvin Brenneman) positions needs to be filled, but they are both up for re-election too. So what we did was send out post cards (you should have received it already) to every ICAW member.

Everyone's voting for one person for each position in each chapter and sent it to the chapter president. The chapter president will take the top two votes for each position, the nominating board will then pick the final ballot from these eight individuals to run against Jerry and Alvin at the ICAW seminar. Thanks to everyone for participating in this as we want everyone to have a voice.

Another big question that has come up is, how can we raise more funds at our seminar auction?? This is our yearly fundraiser, yet it seems these funds don't reach around until the next seminar. What do we do? With approval from the board we have made a few changes. We've moved our seminar location to a nice and more cost-effective facility, we have cut cost on our farm tour, and at this time, no more transportation will be paid to the seminar. We still have hopes in moving our seminar to different locations (chapters) if we can find a big enough building so this will be fair for everyone.

So back to the big question – how do we raise more funds?? With some thought and feedback from you guys our goal is to have a 3 hour auction instead of a 4+ hour auction so folks won't be leaving before the auction is over. So how do we do this – raise more money and yet have fewer items? One of the things we will be looking for is stud services (contact your chapter president before donating one of these). And also, instead of you and your neighbor each buying a single item, can we go together and buy a bigger item? Don't get me wrong, we appreciate everything that has been donated in the past and we still need those items that the vendors love, the baked goods, and homemade stuff, etc. that always sell well! This was just one way we have hopes in raising more funds. Thanks in advance for any help in making this a successful auction.

Don't forget... you don't need a million dollar kennel to help RAISE THE BAR! You can do the items mentioned above, go the extra mile, do the things not required of you out of love for your pets and you can be very successful!! Thanks for what you are doing and may God bless!

Wishing everyone God's richest blessing,
Darin Miller

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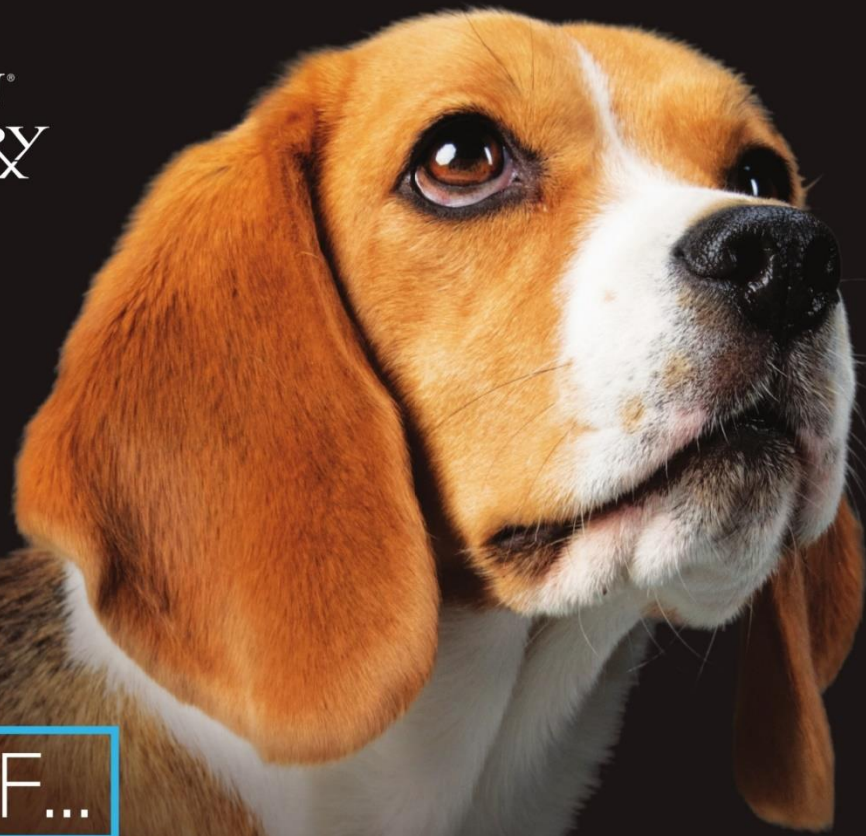
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a WORD from the East Central chapter



Greetings from East Central Indiana,

I hope this finds everyone doing fine. Here, we are having nice weather. We had a full week without any rain, which didn't happen all spring. We are looking forward to our summer picnic here in Wayne County on July 5th. We are excited to have some of our county sheriffs with us along with three of their trained dogs.

Here in Wayne county, we did not get to do our kennel tour in early spring like we usually do. Many thanks to Northern Indiana for inviting us to their kennel tour in August. It is greatly appreciated. We wish everyone a blessed year!

Sincerely,

Paul King

The East Central chapter held a meeting at Stephen Stoltzfus' on April 23rd. Meeting started at 7:20 and a former ASPCA employee, John Bowlen, was the speaker. He pointed out how rich and powerful some of the animal rights groups are. For example, ASPCA's budget is usually \$165 million to \$185 million. He was told when he started working for them that if all their donations would stop right now, they could still operate for 20 more years before they would run out of money. They have a full-time position plus secretaries dealing solely with donated estates. He also said that if they divide their expenses by the number of animals that they rescue, it costs them \$34,000 per animal. He said that the animal rights groups are training the animal control officers and sponsoring the National Sheriff Association's publications. It is very important that we have a good relationship with our local law enforcement officers, so they know our side and know what we are doing, rather than just believing everything the animal rights groups (who want no animals, leather, hunting or fishing) are telling them. They also like to type up the probable cause affidavits for police, so they can word it like they want it worded. About the scariest part was that they are going into elementary schools with their teachings and influencing our future veterinarians, law enforcement, legislators, and citizens to think negatively about us and what we do.

One thing he mentioned was that if the animal rights comes to your place and you're suspicious that's what they are, do not show them more or say more than you have to, because you are probably being video taped or recorded, even if you think you're not. He said they can have cameras that look like a button on their shirt, or a pen in their shirt pocket, or on their hat or key fob. He said that the better job we do, the less they can do or say, so it seems as if we need to make sure that each and every of us strives to do the best job possible and in that way we will take their ammunition away from them. Meeting adjourned at 10:00. Thank you John Bowlen and Craig Curry for being there.

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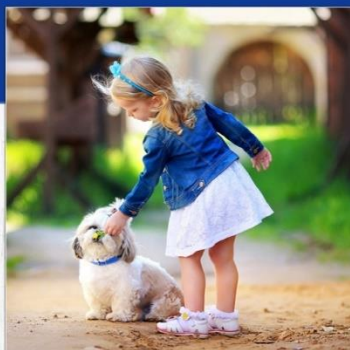
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a **WORD** from
the Allen County chapter



Greetings to all,

John Schmucker had asked me to write a few lines for the Allen County chapter. It had been very wet and chilly a lot longer than normal but now has warmed up and has next to quit raining and getting dry. My family and I are small breeders here in the community; we raise Rottweilers and Golden Retrievers. We sell all retail, so it really gives us an insight of what the end consumers are expecting. To some, we are raising their child, so all of us as breeders have big shoes to fill to meet their expectations. I am on the chapter KMA board and our first KMA went very well. Everyone seems very interested and we thank everyone that participated. So long, hope to see you all soon!

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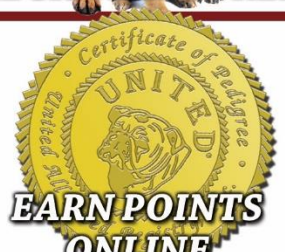
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BREEDER Spotlight

CHUMLY CHAMPS

Greetings to all, from us all at Chumly Champs in New Haven IN. How is everyone? We have had a great summer so far and so much to be thankful for. We were asked to write a letter for the featured kennel article in the ICAW newsletter. But, can think of a lot of people in the industry that would have far more knowledgeable things to write and talk about than me. But I will try to do the best I can. First and foremost, I want to thank the Lord up above for helping and guiding us through the challenges of the industry and our daily activities. Also, I want to thank presidents, past presidents, chapter presidents, USDA, vets and etc. and (all the folks, the list goes on and on) that are putting hours upon hours of free time into ICAW and other dog industry programs to keep it going in the right direction. Thank YOU! We lived in Quincy, Michigan at the time, and in 2009 and wanted a socializing hobby for the whole family. We already loved playing with the little baby puppies as they come along on the farm. So we started looking into some other breeds and thought we would like to try it. We started out with a few small breeds. Pekingese, Shih Tzus, Shelties, and a designer breed with that being Mini Bulls. This went on for several years everyone is having fun looking forward for the next litter of fluffy pets to be added to the family and new companions to play with. But, it seemed the Mini Bulls was the look and kind of puppies we wanted to be involved with and kept thinking we would like to try an English bull dog pet. When one day a friend asked to trade an English Bulldog female on a litter of Pekingese puppies. We were like, sure!! Our dream come true. By 2013 we were raising a few of English Bulldog puppies. Wow! What a challenge this was. There was something for the whole family to do then for sure. And we even enjoyed it more. Especially the children loved the little baby Bulldogs the most. The summer 2016 we moved to New Haven, IN so I would be little closer to my Job and be able to commute to and from home when needed to, work with the puppies when needed. By 2018 we built our new kennel and added a few more adults to our family which really enjoy taking care of the adults and the babies. Now the new kennel allows the children to play and socialize with the adults and the baby puppies whenever their heart desires...

We still don't have our play area in yet. We are planning on having it ready in the upcoming months. Now everyone has gotten very committed to raising good quality loving English Bulldogs. Which we get very attached to by 8 weeks of age. The children are like, Why just why, do we have to let this one go? We want to keep them all? Folks, it was mentioned earlier in this letter, if it wasn't for these people to step up and step forward back when they did and continue to do so everyday going forward we would NOT have an ICAW newsletter to look forward to every quarter, Because raising quality fluffy pets would be against the law by now. So with an open mind on quality, integrity, open to options, willing to listen, we will always have improvements to make to keep things going in the right direction. So all the folks in the industry can live and continue to live our dreams with the fluffy pets we love. Sometimes it seems the overwhelming with the paperwork, laws, etc., but, if we are committed to the industry it needs improvements every day. If it isn't improving it will be diminishing, it will always be one or the other. Gods Blessings from us all at Chumly Champs.



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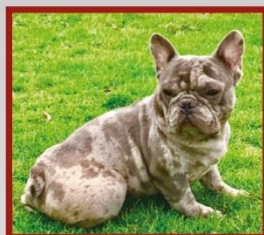
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Thoughts from our Past President

Greetings across the state!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the time of year to prepare for our annual ICAW seminar, which will be held this

year at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds September 20-21st. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

If we are serious about raising the bar and being a brighter light to the industry, this is an event that we cannot afford to miss out on. For those of you who have never been to an ICAW seminar, please consider attending this year if at all possible. It is two days packed with education and fun!

Kids are welcome!

Bring your children! Yes, we want the children to attend. They are our future. Guessing games, drawings and prizes will be available for them to play, and the USDA kids class is the most valuable and biggest highlight of the day for your children. I have to wonder where we'd be today if we'd had something like this when we were children? Surely we would be further ahead if we had grown up going to educational seminars and meetings, sitting in on USDA classes. Again, bring your children.

Rehoming Theme

Our theme for this year will be REHOMING. I'm very excited about this theme as this is a new step in the industry that we really need to focus on. The last couple weeks have been a humbling experience as I worked on the agenda for this seminar. I've talked to numerous different people on having topics that revolve around rehoming and everyone was excited about our theme. They couldn't stop talking on how great it is that we as an industry are focusing on educating about rehoming. I don't think I can quite grasp the value that this is creating by us as breeders putting our focus on rehoming. Again, a humbling but rewarding experience.

Rehoming is something that we must do for our industry if we want to stay ahead of the animal activist people. Are we thankful enough that we have people that are more than willing to come educate us on how to rehome our dogs? I hope we don't take this for granted.

Preparation is key

When working on this agenda, I decided that we would focus on having topics that revolve around rehoming. I also found out that rehoming covers a broad horizon. There's a lot more to it than just rehoming our dogs when they reach retirement. It all starts way before then, actually when that dog is born. First, we need to prepare our dogs for rehoming.

And that's why each breeder needs to attend this year's seminar, as there will be topics on [How to Rehome](#) and also [How to Prepare](#) for rehoming.

It's about time I close off here; hopefully we will see each and every one of your familiar faces and new faces when we all get together again this fall to learn how we can improve our industry. It is an exciting time for me to meet everyone and see the passion you have for the industry, even just seeing your smiles. Are we thankful enough that we can work and learn together in unity?

Reminders

A few reminders concerning the seminar before I close off. Contact your chapter president for a ride, bring a friend, and come with an open mind to learn how we can continue raising the bar. Also, be sure to reserve a hotel room well beforehand if necessary. See page 20 for all the reservation info. Also, don't forget your donated auction items. That's right, I almost forgot to mention the auction.

Large items for Auction

I'm excited about this year's auction. The ICAW Board has been working on a couple different ideas to see how we can get more of those bigger items to the auction. Don't take this the wrong way, we very much appreciate all your donated items, the baked goods that our vendors go crazy over and all the other creative items that show up.

But we think it might make it even more exciting if we could get more of the larger items – possibly a Green Egg Grill, a gun cabinet, etc. Those are just ideas, but come prepared for some exciting items. If you breeders have any ideas on big items, why don't you get some of your fellow breeders involved and donate together. Just throwing some thoughts out there. Hope to see you all there!

-Stephen Stoltzfus

Ps. Another reminder - as you go along visiting our valuable sponsors and vendors, be sure to thank them for coming and everything they do! We would not exist if it wouldn't be for them.



See pages 20-21 for hotel reservation info and a preliminary agenda for the seminar.

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Preliminary Agenda

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morning

10:30 Doors open to public
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afternoon

12:00 Opening and welcome by ICAW President, Darrin Miller
12:30 Introduction and input by ICAW Board, ER Team Chairman, and BLC
1:00 The values of Purdue and why they do the research they do, by Dr. Candace Croney
1:45 Update by USDA
2:15 Preparing your dogs for rehoming, by Tracie Schreyer
3:00 BOAH update, by Dr. Marsh
3:30 Rehoming update, by Rehoming Team Chairman Devon Yoder

evening

4:15 Dinner with Featured Speakers
5:30 Auction

Saturday, September 21

morning

7:30 Doors open to public
7:30-9:00 Booth Visitation
9:00 Opening and welcome by ICAW President, Darrin Miller
9:30 Introduction and input by ICAW Board, ER Team Chairman, and BLC
10:00 Exposing your dogs to different environments for rehoming, by Stacy Mason
10:45 The benefits of Rehoming by "The Rescue Team"
11:15 Exhibitor Presentation

afternoon

12:00 Lunch with Featured Speakers
12:45 Platinum sponsor presentation
1:15 Dangers of AR People, by John Bowlen
2:00 The power of proper branding, by Atlec Raber

There's more!

Round Table Discussions

Three discussions will run in unison with the main stage events on both Friday and Saturday. The topics will be Vet Care, Genetics, and USDA

Show-me-booth

Live demonstrations will also run in unison with main stage events both Friday and Saturday. Watch best practices for ear cleaning, clipping toe nails, checking teeth, and grooming on real dogs

TAKE NOTES

Jot notes during the event. Focus on small steps you can take to accomplish big picture goals!.

USING PROGESTERONE TESTING TO DETERMINE THE RIGHT TIME TO BREED

Ovulation timing, the telltale indicator that a brood bitch is ovulating and thus ready to breed, is the most common thing to go wrong in dog breeding. Poor timing during a bitch's three-week heat cycle, also known as estrus, can cause a missed breeding and result in a normal female being labeled infertile.

"Knowing when to breed is perhaps the most important aspect of breeding. The prime time to breed is 48 to 72 hours post-ovulation," says Fran Smith, DVM, PhD, DACT, a board-certified reproduction specialist, of Smith Veterinary Clinic in Burnsville, Minnesota. "This is because after ovulation, the released eggs continue to mature, reaching

maturation two to three days later. Once the maturation process is completed, the eggs are ready for fertilization."

Progesterone testing is used to determine when a bitch ovulates and thus when to breed. A reproductive hormone, progesterone increases in the bloodstream just before ovulation. As the progesterone level increases, lutenizing hormone (LH) is released from the pituitary gland, triggering the release of eggs from the follicles.

"When progesterone reaches 5.0 to 10.0 nanograms (a measure of one billionth of a gram) per milliliter of blood, a bitch is ovulating," Dr. Smith





FEEDING DURING PREGNANCY

During pregnancy a bitch must not only meet her own maintenance energy requirements but also those of the growing fetuses. The amount of food she is provided should be gradually increased during the nine weeks of pregnancy.

The increased energy demand is minimal during the first five weeks of pregnancy due to the small mass of fetal tissues. Feeding her typical caloric intake of a dog food formulated for growth or all life stages is best during this time.

As the pregnancy progresses beyond the fifth or sixth week, the rapid rate of fetal tissue growth leads to a significant increase in a bitch's energy requirement. It is estimated that her energy requirement will increase approximately 10 percent per week

from week six to week nine. Thus, at whelping a bitch's energy requirement may be nearly one and a half times greater than her typical maintenance requirement.

During the last three weeks of pregnancy, a brood bitch should be fed two to three times more than before pregnancy. Small feedings throughout the day of a caloric-dense diet, such as one of the *Purina Pro Plan* puppy foods or an all life stages food, is recommended. A puppy food also is recommended for the first part of lactation. Regardless of the phase of pregnancy, diets should be adjusted based on maintaining an ideal body condition for the pregnant bitch.

says. "The sooner the progesterone results are known, the better, since timeliness is so important in breeding."

SIGNS A BITCH IS READY TO BREED

- A pinkish, reddish discharge appears during the first week of the heat cycle that gradually turns a tan color during fertility, though some bitches have reddish discharge throughout estrus
- The vulva, or two thick folds of tissue at the outer portion of the female reproductive tract, will be swollen and soft at the peak of the heat cycle
- Tail flagging, a behavior in which a female stands still while a male investigates her vulva, even wagging her tail from side to side to help a male pick up on her scent, is common
- Moody, sensitive behavior, including whining, is common before estrus
- Males become keenly interested when they smell the change in a female's hormones, an indicator she is in her optimal fertile period and ready to breed

In her veterinary clinic, Dr. Smith uses a progesterone test that produces results in one hour based on chemiluminescence, or a process in which light is emitted from chemical reactions. The gold standard is radioimmunoassay (RIA) testing, which detects the quantitative progesterone level, though RIA testing is typically only available in veterinary teaching hospitals or large reference laboratories. At-home progesterone kits are available that estimate progesterone levels through color changes, though these are not as accurate as chemiluminescence or RIA progesterone testing.

Breeders can combine progesterone testing and behavior monitoring to help pinpoint the best time to breed a bitch. Knowing when a bitch ovulates as detected by progesterone testing significantly increases the chance of a successful breeding.

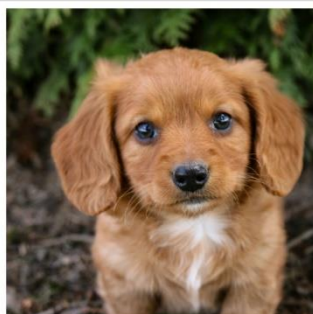
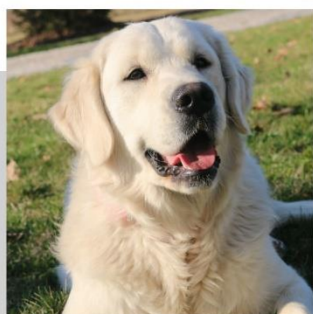
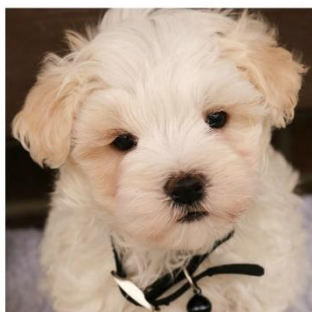
"Once you have confirmed ovulation with progesterone testing and know when to breed, you are more likely to get a larger litter size," says Dr. Smith. "You also will know that a bitch's due date is 62 to 64 days later." ■

THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Greeting from the Emergency Response Team, Summer has arrived and we are enjoying the heat wave. The -45* wind-chill from January and February are a distant memory! Things have been quiet on the ER front. We are still working out the details for the kennel tour. All good things take time, right? There are more emergencies than just natural disasters. The heat index reached 110* this week and without proper protection, our furry friends can suffer. Dogs can only sweat through their foot pads and that is only a tiny amount. They cool themselves by panting, but when the air temperature is warm or warmer than their body temperature, panting does not help. Signs of heat stroke include a temperature of higher than 104*, a bright red tongue and nose, and thick saliva. Your dogs can become unsteady on their feet and appear weak and shaky.

As shock sets in their lips and nose will turn gray, and collapse, seizures, coma, and then death will quickly follow. Emergency cool-down must happen immediately! Move them to an air-conditioned building or out of the sun preferably in front of a fan, spray them down with a garden hose or submerge them in a cold pool of water (never ice water!) for up to 2 minutes until their temperature lowers to 103 or below. Please always provide clean and cold water for your dogs! We have Lix-It fountains for our kennel and we've made a habit of checking them every day to ensure they are working correctly in this heat wave. In our play-yard we've provided extra shade and several doggie dishes which we fill with fresh water several times a day. Our dogs are depending on us to take of them, so let's do our best to protect them this summer!

We received our first courtesy visit from our new USDA inspector, Justine O'Malley. The visit went well with her pointing out several changes that should be made to improve our kennel and the lifestyle of our dogs. One area was long toe-nails! The dogs don't enjoy it and neither does their owner:) We've made a habit of setting aside an evening every two weeks or so dedicated to that job. Another point she brought up was sanitizing the food boxes. We've discovered that after soaking the food boxes in hot soapy water for several minutes, it doesn't take long at all! With an eager five year old willing to rinse (and splash!) it's a chore that's quickly done and over with. Enjoy a safe and happy summer! Caleb and Kathleen Ramer



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Hope this finds you and your family in good health. Wow, June is almost history, where did the spring go so fast? I'll try to write a few lines about getting your dog ready for their "retirement" home. First of all, if our dogs don't know how to act, or lead, or walk, or respond to a collar and leash, it's nobody's fault except for our own. If our dogs don't like to be handled, maybe we're in too much of a hurry when we handle them or maybe we're too rough. When we pick up a dog, do we pick it up in a comfortable hold or do we grab it and heave it, in a not so nice way? These are some of the things that I need to improve on. That way, when the time comes to move the dogs on to a new home, they're a lot easier to work with. Another way to get the dogs to see new things is to get them on a leash and take them with you wherever you go, be it town or over to the neighbors to borrow something, or in the house – upstairs and downstairs.



These are just some of my ideas, and also where I need to improve. I just love it when I rehome dogs and I call them a couple days later to see how the dogs are doing, and they'll say oh, we'll take more dogs like you gave us, dogs like that are easy to find a home. I'm also excited to hear that some of the other chapters that are getting their own rehoming team together, it'll be interesting to hear from them as well. Also had a call from a breeder in Iowa wanting to know how we got started and how it's going so far. To me, that's exciting! It's making progress, and more tips to share and pointers to give. So in the future, I hope to get calls from these folks. So you rehomers from other chapters, get on the horn and I want to hear a toot. 😊

Wishing you and yours a blessed year,

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a WORD from the Southern chapter



Hello to all from Daviess County,

I wonder how this finds everybody? Here, everyone seems busy and doing well. After a wet, cool, and late spring, most people finally got their first cutting hay in and crops planted. Everything is starting to look good now that the weather has cleared up some and it warmed up.

We had our KMA crash course on April 23rd with good attendance – 5 from USDA, 3 from BOAH, the local vet, the KMA and the local board, with dinner after the walkthrough. It was an interesting evening. We also had a meeting on June 6th at Dinky's with American Natural Premium dog food, Tenderfoot, and Puppy Gram sponsoring the pizza and ice cream. Topic was ingredients in dog food.

On June 8th, a van load from Daviess County went to the Purdue meeting. There was a good attendance and our load thought it was a very interesting and educational day. I thought it was more down to the breeder level than it has been in the past.

Here at our kennel, we have two litters now and a few more coming in a couple of weeks. The sales in the pet stores has been a little slow in June and so far in July; hopefully things will pick up again before too long. We have not had many puppies in the heat of the summer before so not sure how that will go yet. Hopefully we will see everyone at the ICAW seminar in September. We are looking forward to it! Keep your dogs and kennel cool and have a safe and happy summer!





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a WORD from the Northern chapter



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Canine Brucellosis

Canine brucellosis is a bacterial disease of dogs that causes infertility in males and females. Brucellosis can be economically devastating to kennels because of lost litters and late-term abortions.

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) encourages all commercial dog breeders to verify new breeding animals are negative for canine brucellosis, before introducing them into the kennel. BOAH's column in the spring newsletter covered factors to consider when purchasing new breeding animals. In the fall newsletter, BOAH will cover introducing new breeding dogs to a kennel.

How do dogs get canine brucellosis?

Dogs can be infected with canine brucellosis during breeding and through contact with body fluids from an infected dog. The placenta of an infected female has a high number of bacteria, as does the urine of a chronically infected male. Fomites (shoes, human hands, clothes, contaminated equipment, etc.) can pick up the *Brucella* bacteria and carry it to another enclosure or run, thereby infecting other animals far away from the initial infected animal.

What problems result from brucellosis?

Brucellosis infection has caused a reduction of 75% in the number of pups weaned in some breeding kennels. The disease spreads rapidly among closely confined dogs, especially at the time of breeding or when abortions occur.

Human Health Threat

Canine brucellosis, also known as *Brucella canis* or *B. Canis*, is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be spread from a dog to a human. Like dogs, a person may become infected after coming into contact with infected animal body fluids like urine or birthing fluids and/or the placenta. Brucellosis produces flu-like symptoms in people, including fever, malaise, headaches, etc. At this time a *B. canis*-specific test for humans does not exist. People may become infected, recover and be unaware the cause of their illness was brucellosis.

Signs

Many dogs will show few or no signs when positive, so they can spread the disease (via urine or breeding) without the breeder or others knowing about the problem. The incubation period for canine brucellosis is 2 weeks to 3 weeks. Signs of infection in females include: late pregnancy abortion (6 weeks to 8 weeks), infertility, smaller litters, still-born or weak puppies, retained placenta, and endometritis. Signs of infection in males include infertility and tender, swollen or shrunken testicles.

Testing

The *B. canis* organism can be difficult to identify. Detection may not be possible until 30 days to 3 months after infection. Testing can be done by several methods. The PCR test seems to be the most accurate. Culture testing is the gold standard, but takes a long time and few laboratories offer it. Card or slide test (RSAT or ME-RSAT) are most available to veterinarians and are good for screening.

Preventing Spread

Breeders should test all new additions to their kennels, quarantine for 30 days to 60 days and obtain a second negative test, 4 weeks to 8 weeks apart, before adding to the general population. All animals should be tested annually.

When assisting a whelping female, breeders should wear exam gloves, eye protection, and should change clothing and wash their hands before attending to any other dogs. This protects the handler, as well as prevents spread.

Treatment

No effective treatment will cure brucellosis. Antibiotics may be used to suppress the organism, but once a dog is infected, it will always have the disease. Many breeders may choose to euthanize positive animals because infection means few or no puppies. Puppies born to infected mothers may be positive for life; therefore, their reproductive status is questionable and they pose a health hazard to people. Neutering male and female dogs will stop spread via reproduction, but they continue to be infected for life. Females may continue shedding the virus years after spaying. In neutered males, the bacteria will hide in their secondary sex organs (prostate, etc.) which remain after surgery, so even males can shed the bacteria in their urine periodically for the rest of their life.

Handling Infected Dogs

Act quickly if canine brucellosis is suspected. Isolate the suspect dog and stop movements into and out of the kennel. Contact a veterinarian for testing. All dogs should be tested and infected dogs should be removed from the kennel. Everything in the kennel must be cleaned and disinfected.

Reporting Brucellosis

Canine brucellosis is reportable. Veterinarians who diagnose *B. canis* are required to report positive detections to BOAH. (This is not a requirement of the breeder.) This is strictly a reporting requirement; other aspects of managing the disease or treatment of the dog are left to the owner to decide.

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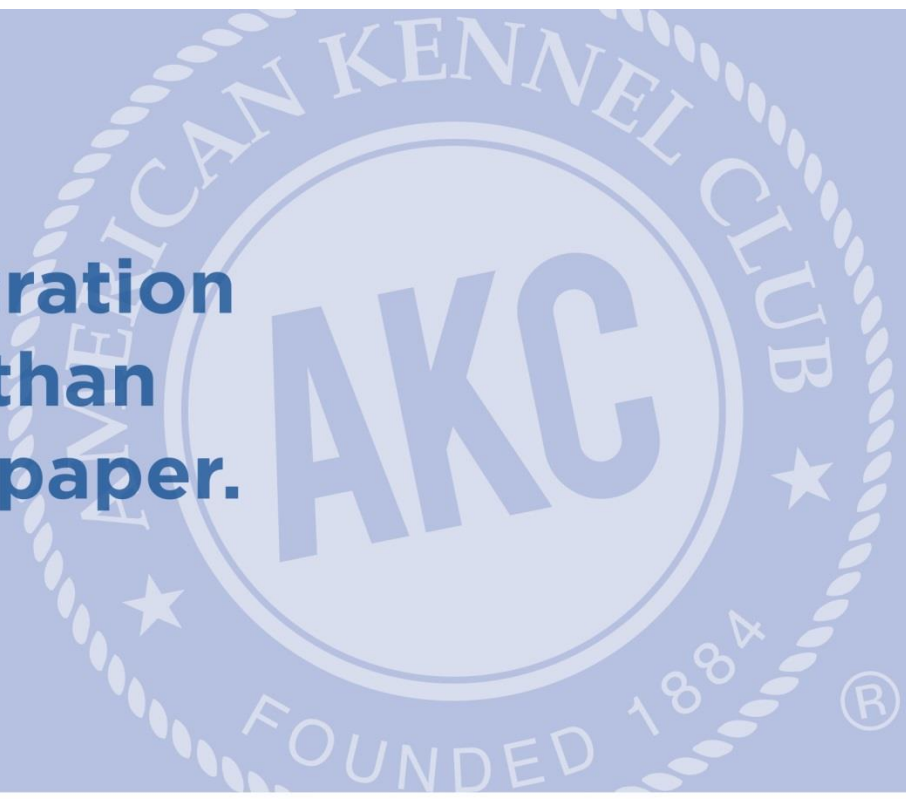
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Hello, let me introduce myself...I am Dr. Rex Miller and I have been in practice for 18 years now. I graduated from Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine 2000 and have been serving Allen and Dekalb counties in Indiana, as well as Paulding county in Ohio. For the past 6 years, I have owned and operated the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic in Woodburn, Indiana.

It is amazing how God works in our lives, through the doors He opens and closes. When I first entered college, I had two career choices in mind, either teaching our next generation of students or pursue veterinary medicine. I had already worked for a few vets around the area I grew up in and found medicine to be complex but interesting. After my first couple years in undergrad, I decided to take the chance and chose to pursue medicine. I finished my undergrad requirements and applied to vet school in the fall of 1995. Somehow a door opened up in the spring of 1996 and I was accepted to Purdue. The next four years was one of the most trying and difficult times of my life.

Through prayer and persistence, in 2000 I graduated and another door opened up for me to come to eastern Allen County to start practicing and I have been here ever since.

Shortly after arriving to this area, I was blessed to have met my future wife, Angela. We have been married now for 16 years and have a 13 year old daughter named Morgan. I have learned several things since graduation. The first thing that I have learned is that you never stop learning. Medicine is always changing and advancing and I am a constant student. The second thing that I have learned is to be humble. All vets can tell you many stories of humbling experiences related to the animals we treat. The third thing that I have learned is that I have found enjoyment in teaching my clients how to improve their lives by improving the health and welfare of their pets. I try to make every encounter with each and every client a teaching opportunity.

I have worked closely with several breeders in my area and I encourage breeders in other areas to work alongside their veterinarian. By working together, a relationship of trust and comradery can be built and if you stay true to the right goals of breeding, this relationship should build over time to improve your kennels' quality of dogs used for breeding, your reputation in the community and beyond, and your bottom line. My goal as a veterinarian is not only to have a successful practice but to improve animal welfare, and those previous open doors have allowed me to be where I am today accomplishing this goal.

I have been blessed over the last 18 years in getting to know my clients (new and old) and their patients, and I am looking forward to the next door that God decides to open. I try to live each and every day to glorify Him. I want to say thank you to our current clients for supporting our office and I look forward to continue to serve you in the best way we can as we walk through this life together.

Best wishes.

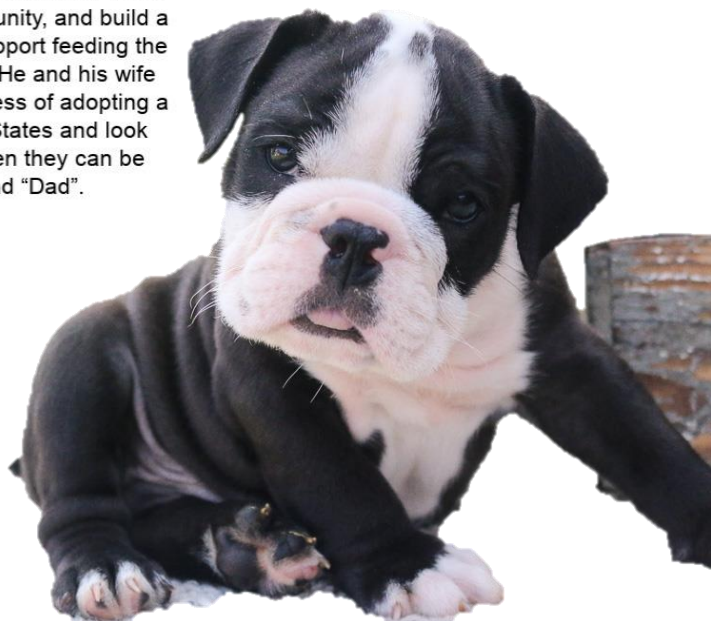
John R. Colter is an associate veterinarian at Woodburn Veterinary Clinic in Woodburn, Indiana. He grew up in Harlan, IN and attended Woodlan High School before traveling to Texas to attend Texas A&M University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Biomedical Sciences in 2010. From there, he was accepted into the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, from which he graduated in 2014. He was excited to move back to his home town of Woodburn, where he is in practice with Rex A. Miller.

Dermatology (skin disease), wound care, soft tissue surgery, and dentistry are some of his special interests. He lives with his wife of 8 years and beloved Boston Terrier. In his spare time, Dr. Colter can be found assisting as an elder at his church, Emanuel Lutheran Church, in New Haven, Indiana; discovering new adventures while cycling down country roads; BBQing with his friends and family (on his beloved Big Green Egg); and beekeeping. In 2018, he and his wife went on a mission trip with their church to an orphanage and school of 700 children in Kenya, Africa, where they helped run a vacation bible school, build a new home for a family in the community, and build a chicken coop to help support feeding the children of the school. He and his wife are currently in the process of adopting a child from the United States and look forward to the day when they can be called "Mom" and "Dad".

Dr. Colter really enjoys working at the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic, where he gets to meet new patients and clients every day. Each day is a new adventure and he looks forward to the various challenges the world of veterinary medicine brings. To meet the growing demand of technology, this year he designed a website for the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic (www.woodburnveterinaryclinic.com).

This new website is packed with helpful resources and also offers an online store for clients. He is passionate about finding new ways to engage with his clients to help improve their lives and the lives of their beloved companions. No matter what he does, he believes he couldn't do it without the staff at the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic, who has always been like family to him, and he is thankful to have such dedicated and caring people in his life.

This year, he hopes to continue to grow in his faith, family, education, and community. Among the dog breeding community, Dr. Colter enjoys learning new or better methods to improving dog breeding programs. He is passionate about improving the health and well-being of dogs. Everyday is an opportunity to learn and improve. He looks forward to working with individuals from the community, pursuing a better future for both the dogs and their breeders. If you happen to meet or see Dr. Colter, he would be happy to shake your hand and get to know you.





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