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President's message

I want to wish all of you a very happy and healthy 2021. May we find an end to the virus spreading so quickly and be able to get back to some sort of normal early in the year. This past year has been very different. For those of us who show our dogs, there was one show after March 2020. There was little activity in northern California for agility, obedience, barn hunt, tracking, scent work, and earth dog. May 2021 bring some of these activities back. We also had a very dry year with fires in the west, then wet year with hurricanes in the east. I hope nobody was affected by any of the multiple events that caused harm in 2020.

Your officers and board have voted to hold a general meeting via Zoom or through our Free Conference Call program we use to hold our telephonic meetings. This will be arranged sometime in the next few months. The meeting will last no longer than one hour, and you will be sent an agenda and directions to call in prior to this meeting.

As of now, activities in the works for 2021 include our Spring Specialty, Fall Specialty, and Summer get together. All the above depend upon safety for all our members and animals.

I want to personally thank all of you for taking the time to vote online to continue with the current Board of Directors and Officers. We have held our first unscheduled meeting. The Northern California Terrier Club and Sacramento Dog Club who host our Spring Specialty in April have had to move the show due to the COVID restrictions in Sacramento. Cal Expo is a mass vaccination site, and the grounds will not open to outside events until Sacramento reaches the yellow tier. They found July 9-10 for Northern California Terrier and July 11-12 for Sacramento available at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds available and have moved there. The Board voted to hold our show there for one year. Our Fall show should still happen unless Solano County does not enter the yellow tier by October 31, 2021 in Dixon, California. Our annual banquet will be held that evening on the grounds and there will be an auction to raise funds for the club and for our 2022 event which will be our 50th Anniversary!

There are a lot of changes happening due to COVID-19 and dog show planning this year.

In the meantime:



Renal Dysplasia in Dogs

By Vetbook (reprinted from the Westie Health Book)

Renal dysplasia is an autosomal-dominant multifactorial genetic renal disease of dogs characterized by delayed maturation of renal and other parenchymal tissue, leading to progressive renal degeneration, protein-losing nephropathy and chronic renal disease. This disease is usually an inherited syndrome but congenitally-acquired neonatal urinary tract infections, viruses and vitamin A deficiency may result in a phenotypically identical presentation of arrested or delayed nephric development. An autosomal-recessive genetic predisposition has been noted in the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier[2]. Because of the typically adult-onset nature of this condition and the multiorgan involvement, it can be confused with nonhereditary causes, and has few consistent clinical signs. The age of onset and clinical disease symptoms are highly variable, and kidney failure from this birth defect can occur at any age, even in dogs that are up to 10 years of age or beyond. Clinically affected dogs are often middle-aged dogs of any breed which present with weight loss and extreme polyuria and polydipsia. The extreme polyuria and polydipsia seen in younger dogs (under 6 months of age), is thought to be (Continued on page 7) caused by lack of response by immature renal tubules to antidiuretic hormone activity[3]. Renal biopsy confirms the histological presence of immature fetal glomeruli, persistent primitive mesenchyme and metanephric ducts, asynchronous differentiation of nephrons, and atypical tubular epithelium[4]. Blood tests usually reveal non-regenerative anemia, hyperammonemia, hypercreatinemia and hyperphosphatemia[5]. Urinalysis may reveal concurrent pyelonephritis[6]. Hyperfibrinogenemia is a consistent finding, and these dogs have a higher risk of thromboembolism[7]. Ultrasonography often features poor corticomedullary definition, multifocal hyperechoic speckles in the renal medulla or a diffusely hyperechoic medulla[1]. Diagnosis requires renal biopsy, as no mutation-based DNA test is available. A surgical wedge biopsy is the only reliable diagnostic method, as approximately 100 glomeruli have to be evaluated, and the architecture of the renal cortex has to be assessed[8]. Histopathology usually demonstrate abnormal or asynchronous differentiation of renal tissue, with the presence of immature or fetal glomeruli and mesenchymal tissue in the medulla[9]. Other histological features include mineralization of renal tubules and diffuse interstitial fibrosis in the cortex and medulla[10]. Renal dysplasia in a dog, showing characteristic a large, normally developed glomerulus, and a small fetal glomerulus with a dilated Bowman's capsule (arrow)[1]

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Concurrent genetic abnormalities have been reported in dogs with pre-existing renal dysplasia, including urolithiasis, ectopic ureter[11], renal agenesis, hepatic capsular fibrosis, lymphatic duplication of connective tissue, pulmonary calcification[12] and half-circular tracheal rings[13]. A differential diagnosis would

include psychogenic polydipsia, diabetes insipidus, hyperadrenocorticism, hypoadrenocorticism, other causes of chronic renal disease disease such as polycystic kidney disease, chronic pyelonephritis, Leptospira spp, as well as congenital disorders such as renal agenesis or hypoplasia (Ask-Upmark kidney)[14]. There is no specific treatment for this disease, and in clinically affected dogs, renal degeneration continues to end-stage renal disease. Poor quality of life factors usually dictates renal transplantation or euthanasia. Renal transplantation may be the only viable curative procedure for this condition.

From the AKC

Dear Club Officers and Delegates,

During the pandemic, there has been an increase in phishing attempts across every industry. Once again, we are reminding you that it is very common for Clubs to receive “phishing” and “spear phishing” attacks. Just today, we were notified of a fake email to clubs requesting a membership annual update and asking for information. The subject line reads “License Update.”

Spear phishing attempts are customized emails that target a specific individual (often executives) and can be made to appear to come from another specific individual. They usually convey a sense of urgency and are requesting a specific action to be done. For example, the email may appear to come from the Club President to the Treasurer requesting a wire transfer to a 3rd party.

If you receive any emails of this nature, you should immediately confirm the authenticity of the email with the person from whom the email appears to be sent. Do not do this by replying to the email, as it may go right back to the phisher and can subject you to the possibility of further cyber-attacks. Instead, call the person directly who allegedly sent the email. If you are unable to reach them, **wait until you do**, prior to transferring any money or completing any action (i.e. clicking links in the email). Sophisticated hackers access the calendars of their targets and will often send the attack email when they know the person that they are impersonating is traveling or otherwise difficult to reach.

It is very important to know the warning signs of a fraudulent email. These emails may not only ask for funds, but they may provide links or attachments that install malware or coerce the recipient into providing their login information. If you receive any suspicious email, we recommend you a) do not click any links in the email; and b) do not reply to the email. Delete it immediately and advise your fellow officers in a separate email. [This document highlights social engineering “red flags”](#) that you may find helpful. Feel free to distribute to other club officers and members as you see fit.

Also, please note that AKC is unable to monitor and cannot control phishing emails sent to any Clubs by a third-party actor. This is true even when such emails appear to come from an AKC employee. In such instances, the individual mailbox owner is the primary line of defense and must remain ever vigilant.

NOTE: Please be aware that AKC receives a copy of our membership list and all members can receive phishing e-mails that look like they are from AKC or the local club. If you have questions, please let one of the board members or officers know and we will let you know if it is real. Do not open suspect emails.

A Special Dog



Dirk is owned by Vickie Casacca. This annual award is given to the dog who earned the most points within a class for each breed. It is a celebration of your team's hard work and dedication in NASDA Working Dog Trials.

Dirk is two years old and is being worked in Barn Hunt and other trials not necessarily with AKC titles. Congratulations Dirk and Vickie! Another way to have fun with our dogs.

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WHITE TERRIER CLUB

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Please consider volunteering your time by serving on one of the Club's committees.

We wish to take this opportunity to honor our wonderful four-footed friends who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.



In Memoriam

The Board of Directors has just learned of the passing of long-time former member Pam Evans. Pam along with her sister Dianne Pritchard were active in Rescue and Pam handled the fund-raising activities of the club for many years. We send the family our sincere sympathy.

The HIGHLAND TARTAN is published at least four times per year in March, June, September and December. We encourage any Club Member or Subscriber to submit articles or information which they feel would be of interest to the Club. Please send material of interest to the Editor by the first day of the month of publication. All materials are published at the discretion of the Editor. Opinions are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Editor or the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay West Highland White Terrier Club. Send materials for publication to *(insert current editor's contact info)*

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For future issues, we ask that you send your memorials to us at:

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Please send a photo, birth (an estimate is fine if you don't have the exact date) and passing date along with a short note to include in the memorial.