



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club News PFOC.CLUB May 2019

2018-2019 PFOC Board

President	Carolyn Quinlan
Vice President	Kay Morrow
Treasurer	Susan Norman
Secretary	Cindy Blair
Training Director	Marilyn Bennet
Trial Chair	Jane Krause
Members-at-Large:	Mindy Masch, Clemence Newcomb, & Don Wilson



May 17 PFOC General Meeting -7:30 pm

Location: North Mountain Visitor Center,
12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix



Program: Join us for a presentation on doing draftwork with your dog. Teaching your dog to pull a cart or wagon can lead to all kinds of fun from participating in parades to earning draft titles. With patient training, many dogs can learn to draft. That includes not only traditional drafting breeds but also breeds as small as a Basenji or Parson Russell Terrier. Everyone is welcome; so bring a friend!

Nominated Slate for 2019-20 PFOC Board

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Nominations for all positions on our Board, including those for the 3 members-at-large, may be made by our membership at our May 17th meeting.

*Those nominated must be present at this meeting or submit in writing their willingness to be nominated and serve. Elections will be held at our June meeting (annual banquet)

PFOC's last spring training classes began in April and will start again in the fall. Marilyn Bennett reminds everyone our training classes ALWAYS need more volunteers, apprentices, and instructors. Contact Marilyn to help this fall.

Don't forget to mail your information for PFOC Awards for the new titles your dog earned, membership renewal, and to attend our June banquet.



Stewards needed for future AKC trials. Please contact Sybil Smith if you are available to steward at up-coming trials. 928 699 4843, udali92@gmail.com



Calendar

Send trial and match info for our calendar to Kay Morrow.

draftdog@cox.net

2019 Events

May 17, 2019, 7:30 pm – General Meeting

Jun. 15-16

Border Collie Club, Phoenix. (all breeds)
AKC Scent Work trials

June 22- PFOC annual meeting & awards

July 20-21

Flagstaff KC

Location: Williams

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

August 17-18

Chino Valley Canine Training Club of Arizona
Obedience & Rally

Location: Chino Valley

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

September 20-21

Prescott KC Location: Prescott Valley

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

September 28

Arizona White Mountain KC

Location: Show Low

Superintendent: BaRay Event Services

November 2-3

Old Pueblo Dog Training Club

Obedience & Rally

Location: Tucson

Event Secretary: Kathy Hand

November 8-9

Canada Del Oro KC

Location: Tucson

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

November 10-11

Madera Canyon KC

Location: Tucson

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

November 15-16

Tucson KC

Location: Tucson

Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows

November 17-18

Greater Sierra Vista KC

Location: Tucson

Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows

November 22-23

Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

Location: Chandler

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

November 24-25

Arrowhead KC

Location: Chandler

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows

Nov. 30

Yuma KC

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows



*Don't forget to mail your Awards applications to Jan McClure.



*Don't forget to mail your June 22nd Annual Meeting & Banquet Reservation to Kay Morrow.



*Don't forget to send your membership renewal to Clemence Newcomb.

Forms are found at our PFOC.Club site.

Good News - Progress is being made to fight Valley Fever!

Valley Fever in Dogs Visiting Arizona and the Desert Southwest

Definition, Symptoms, and Treatment

BY JUDY HEDDING

Updated 11/12/18

Courtesy of Judy Hedding

If you visit Arizona and the desert Southwest with your pet, you may hear about Valley Fever. While everyone knows people can get this difficult-to-diagnose disease, many are not aware that it affects dogs as well.

Valley Fever is fairly common in dogs in Arizona, and dogs who travel to this desert area even for short periods of time can become infected.

After returning home from a visit to Arizona, one visitor noticed that her dog had a cough. After a few days of dry coughing, she took her dog to the veterinarian thinking the dog may have [kennel cough](#). Thankfully, lab tests and x-rays showed that the dog's cough was not Valley Fever and the diagnosis of kennel cough was confirmed. After a few weeks of antibiotics the dog's cough, and the infection that caused it cleared up.

The visitor returned each winter season to the "Valley of the Sun," and brought her dog with her. One year her dog developed a limp. The dog wasn't in pain, just limping. After a vet visit and more lab tests and x-rays, it was confirmed that her pet had **Valley Fever**.

Many out-of-state veterinarians do not routinely test for Valley Fever, so it is important that they know that the dog has traveled to Arizona if the dog becomes ill.

About Valley Fever

Valley Fever is caused by a fungus that lives in the desert soil in the southwestern United States and is a respiratory disease that affects both [humans](#) and animals. It can also spread to other parts of the dog's body. While other animals are susceptible to Valley Fever, it manifests itself mostly in dogs because they are usually more exposed to dusty areas and have a tendency to sniff the soil, thereby inhaling the offending spores.

The **Valley Fever Center for Excellence** at the University of Arizona in Tucson has long been acknowledged as an expert resource for Valley Fever information, and is involved in research and providing consultation to the medical community about the disease. This Valley Fever information is drawn from information provided by the university.

How Dogs Get Valley Fever

Arizona isn't the only place where Valley Fever is an issue, but the disease is probably the most prevalent in Arizona and in Southern California. Valley Fever is found not only in the desert Southwest but also in other warm and dry-climate states. Dogs get Valley Fever by sniffing the soil. They sniff and that's all it takes.

Humans cannot catch Valley Fever from their dog as it is not contagious. It is not passed from animal to animal, or animal to human, or human to human. It is a result of inhaling spores from desert soil.

Symptoms and Treatment

Coughing is one symptom. Others include lack of appetite, weight loss, a lack of energy, and/or weight loss. If the disease spreads to other parts of the body outside the lungs, the [symptoms](#) might also include lameness, seizures, eye inflammation, and swollen lymph nodes.

Most dogs, like humans, are able to fight off the Valley Fever infection and never have any symptoms. Also like humans, the severity of the disease varies in dogs that develop it. It might be a mild infection or might develop into a serious illness.

If your dog has been diagnosed with Valley Fever, your veterinarian will conduct tests to determine the degree to which the disease has advanced. Typically, the dog will be treated with an anti-fungal medication, usually Fluconazole (a pill). Other drugs are available as well, and your veterinarian will discuss the pros and cons of each. Your dog may be on this medication for a year or longer and may require future tests for the disease. Relapses are possible.

There is the possibility that your dog could die from Valley Fever, but, with regular checkups and quickly addressing your dog's health problems, it is usually treatable. Luckily, Arizona veterinarians are very familiar with Valley Fever and will consider it early on in a symptomatic dog.

If you take your dog to a veterinarian in Arizona with a cough, they may first try a regular antibiotic regimen to see if that resolves the cough. If that doesn't work, Valley Fever tests are ordered. Like most illnesses in dogs (and in humans) early diagnosis of Valley Fever will likely yield faster, more effective relief.

Pet Insurance and Valley Fever

Tests and treatments for Valley Fever are covered on most plans. Every company is different, and each company has different plans. If you plan to travel or live in the desert Southwest, when you evaluate pet insurance companies, make sure you ask what the coverage is for Valley Fever and how long it lasts. Be aware that most companies will not insure your pet for pre-existing conditions. That means that if your dog has already been diagnosed with Valley Fever, they probably won't cover it.

Drugs like **Fluconazole** are typically obtained through regular pharmacies that offer compounding services and are not dispensed by the veterinarian. Because the prescription will be written in your pet's name, the pharmacy will not submit that to your (human) medical insurance plan. You will pay regular retail for it.

Fluconazole can be very expensive. The dosage is usually between 2.5 and 10 milligrams per kilogram weight of your dog per day. Since a kilogram is about 2.2 pounds, a dog that weighs 65 pounds, may need 200 milligrams or more per day.

It is very important that you inquire at different pharmacies to compare prices for your pet's drugs. When they are not covered by insurance, prices can vary greatly between pharmacy chains with Costco being a good option.

Preventing Valley Fever

You can't totally avoid Valley Fever—it's on the ground and in the air in the desert Southwest. It is caused by spores in the dust. You can, however, reduce the likelihood of your dog being infected, or at least mitigate its impact.

1. Don't leave your dog in a yard or **dog park** that has not been landscaped. If it's just dirt and dust, that's what your dog is inhaling all day. Grass or desert rock/gravel is better.
2. Don't walk or run your dog in open desert areas or undeveloped dusty lots.
3. Don't walk your dog during **dust storms or haboobs**.
4. Be aware of symptoms, and have your dog examined by a veterinarian if they become symptomatic. It's not just a cough. Valley Fever can spread to other organs.

Dog Days of Summer Keep your dogs safe in water!





Phoenix Field & Obedience Club Membership Renewal Form

Please complete and send this form along with
your dues to the membership chairman by July 1, 2019

Note: Your membership is very important to us. However, we must receive your dues by September 1, 2019 or they will be delinquent and your name will not be included on the 2019-2020 membership roster.

Single membership (\$15) Family membership (\$20) Life membership (free)

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ Work Phone _____

Zip (9-digit please) _____ Email _____

Breed(s) of dog(s) you own _____

Check the box if you want to receive your PFOC Obedience/Rally Trial premium by mail.

Check the box if you want to receive your PFOC newsletter by mail.

(PFOC's monthly newsletters can be viewed online at pfoc.club/newsletters)

I would like to help my club in the following areas:

Obedience/Rally Trial _____ Matches _____ Obedience/Rally Instructor _____

Training Apprentice _____ Training Helper _____ Ring Setup _____ Ring Procedure _____

Training Line _____ Picnic _____ Hospitality _____ Seminar _____ Awards _____

Stewarding _____ Meeting Programs _____ CGC Testing _____ Sunshine _____

Mail your completed form with a check or money order payable to PFOC to:

**Clemence Newcomb
1714 N. Whittier Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85006-1932**

LIFETIME MEMBERS: You no longer have to pay membership dues. However, if you have an address or phone number change, please send this form to the membership chairman so you can be listed correctly. **Also, please let us know if you do not need a newsletter mailed to you.** Thanks.



Phoenix Field & Obedience Club Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 22nd

Time:

11:30 / No-host cocktails with chips & salsa
12:00 / Lunch (order from limited banquet menu)

Place:

Garcia's Las Avenidas 🍀 2212 N. 35th Avenue

(Between Thomas and McDowell on the west side of 35th Ave. Restaurant is on the south side of the parking lot.)

Agenda:

- PFOC Annual Meeting
- Presentation of TAB and Titling Awards

Cost:

\$23 per person (pre-paid reservations required by June 15th)
Mail the form below to Kay Morrow, 3150 W. Monte Cristo Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85053
or

▶ Pay for your reservation on-line at <http://www.pfoc.club/pfoc-events.html>



PFOC Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Reservation

Make checks payable to PFOC. Reservation deadline is June 15th.
Questions? Contact Carolyn Quinlan at 602-999-1978 or stellarussell6336@live.com.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed: Number of reservations _____ x \$23 = \$ _____

2018-2019 Phoenix Field & Obedience Club Awards Application Form

The purpose of PFOC's annual awards is to honor members who, with their dogs, have won obedience and other dog-related titles. The following policy is reviewed at least every 3 years. It shall be effective as of January 1, 2018.

I. Qualifications for an award:

- A. The applicant must be a PFOC member in good standing.
- B. The applicant must be the owner of the dog or a member of the immediate family or household of the owner.
- C. The applicant must have trained and shown the dog in earning the title being applied for.
- D. An applicant must have earned an AKC Beginner Novice or more advanced obedience title or a Rally Novice title to receive the original plaque.

II. One free plaque will be awarded per dog. Plaques are wooden and display the PFOC logo. A metal plate engraved with the dog's registered name and breed will appear on the plaque.

III. After the applicant has qualified for the original plaque, in accordance with I-A through D above, the applicant may apply for engraved metal plates recognizing individual titles. These will include title name and date earned. All non-AKC awards will have the awarding organization's initials appear before the title (example: NADAC, USDAA, ASCA). Metal plates may be purchased at a cost of \$7 each.

IV. All applications for all title awards must be accompanied by a copy of the title-awarding organization's certificate or acknowledgement of the title. If you have not received the certificate yet, a list of the shows or tests in which the dog received credits for the title must be sent. If you are applying for awards for multiple dogs, please use one application per dog and include copies of all titles being applied for. Additional award applications are available in the PFOC newsletter and on our web site (pfoc.club).

Your name _____ PFOC member since _____

Address _____ Phone number () _____

Dog's registered name _____ Dog's call name _____

Breed _____ E-mail address _____

Titles and dates of completion: (Please print clearly and spell out title as you wish it to be engraved on the metal plate.)

title # 1 _____ date _____

title # 2 _____ date _____

title # 3 _____ date _____

title # 4 _____ date _____

title # 5 _____ date _____

▶ **Please remember to enclose a copy of the title-awarding organization's certificate.**

Plaques and bars must be picked up at the awards banquet. Please have a friend pick up your award if you will not be present at our June banquet. They will not be mailed or delivered.

Plaque applied for: yes _____ no _____

Number of metal title plates applied for: _____ x \$7 = \$_____ (total amount due payable to PFOC)

Signature _____

Applications must be mailed. They will not be accepted by phone, email or fax.

Make checks/money orders payable to PFOC and submit with application before June 1, 2019 to:
Jan McClure, 6510 W. Lucia Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85083-7406