



# Timber Ridge Newsletter

March 2023 Issue

## The Barking Bulletin

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2023 at the  
Stevens Point Public Library in the  
Prairie Room at 6:30 (downstairs).  
If you would be interested in providing  
hospitality, please contact Dana!

### Upcoming Events

2023 Spring Scent Work  
Trial: (April 22-23)

2023 Spring Agility Trial:  
(April 28-30)

2023 Labor Day Agility  
Trial: (September 2-4)

2023 Fall Scent Work Trial:  
(September 9-10)

2023 Fall Obedience Trial:  
(November 5-6)

### Consider Volunteering

Volunteers are always  
needed for all our events.  
It is a great way to meet  
people and learn how  
these events run.  
Plus, what could be more  
enjoyable than a day  
spent with dog people?  
As events are posted  
here in the newsletter,  
please consider helping  
the club. None of these  
activities can continue  
without your help!



President Dana Nelson and Acting Secretary Wendy Carlson watch as members attending the February meeting on Zoom introduce themselves to the rest of the group.



Congratulations to Jocelyn Reid who was elected to replace Dana Nelson on the Board Of Directors!

# OBEDIENCE & RALLY RUN-THRUS AT CAMP BANDY

Obedience Time: 1:00-3:00

Rally Time: 3:00-4:00

Set-up is at noon

(Check Facebook for new info)

Sunday, March 5th

Watch our Facebook page for more information,  
including sign-up!

## Run Thrus

*by Dana Nelson*

**Run Thrus will be returning for 2023.** The dates will be Sundays – January 8, February 19 and March 5. I am not sure if we will have any in April as it seems there are so many shows and trials that everyone's calendars really get busy at that time of the year.

**The cost will be \$10/15 minutes.** You need to sign up in advance to reserve your ring time. They begin at 1pm. Obedience will be from 1-3 and Rally from 3-4. To reserve your spot, email me with the ring you want (Novice, Open, Utility or Rally) and the time you want. I will do my best to get you the time you want, but please have a second or third choice ready when you contact me. My email is [nelson.dana22@gmail.com](mailto:nelson.dana22@gmail.com).

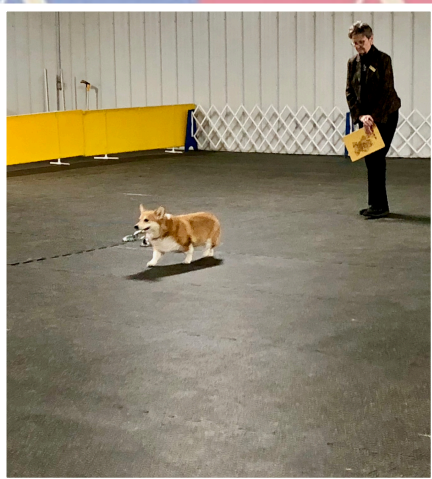
**We will need help with set-up (at noon) and then people to run others through.** Please contact me if you are able to help!! I have been asked about the optional titling classes – Beginner Novice, etc. If you are wanting these you may have to set up the ring for these yourself. Our 'judges' are volunteers and they may not be familiar with the optional titling classes.

**The run thrus are open to everyone, so invite your friends!!** This is a great training opportunity not only in the ring, but also crating and practice for a trial of what YOUR routine will be. Plus it isn't a bad way to spend a Sunday afternoon, because let's be honest....the Packers aren't going to the Super Bowl this year.

Please direct any questions to me – [nelson.dana22@gmail.com](mailto:nelson.dana22@gmail.com)



# February Obedience & Rally Trials Candids



Dogs & Humans Having Fun!



# AREA VETERINARIANS HAVE REPORTED NEW CASES! WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS!

## Blastomycosis

### Information for Dog Owners



#### Key Facts

Disease in dogs can be:

- Nonspecific - dogs may have fever, weight loss, or lack of appetite.
- Associated with signs in a specific organ/system, such as:
  - Respiratory disease, e.g. cough, difficulty breathing.
  - Eye disease, e.g. blindness, swelling within or around the eye.
  - Skin, e.g. ulcerations or mass-like lesions on the face, nose or nails.
  - Bone, e.g. lameness or swelling.

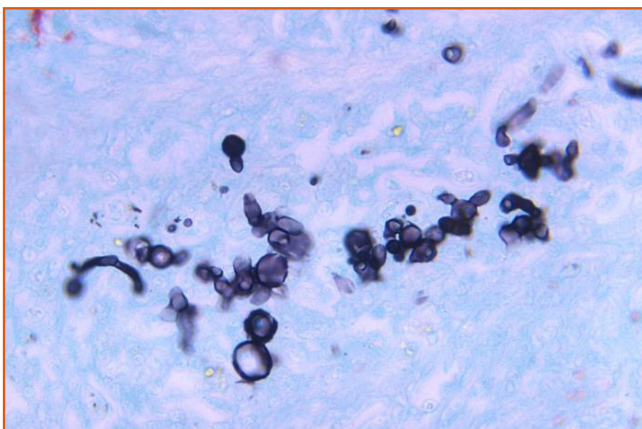
If appropriate treatment is started early, most dogs can be cured. However, long-term expensive treatment may be required.

Dogs living in or traveling to specific locations (see below) have the highest exposure to the disease-causing mold and are at greatest risk. Dogs involved in hunting or field trials in these areas are at increased risk of disease.

#### What is it?

Blastomycosis is due to infection with the fungus *Blastomyces dermatitidis*. The fungus is found in the environment, most often in sandy soil near bodies of water.

Disease in dogs can vary with infection site; lethargy, fever, cough and trouble breathing are most common.



*Blastomyces dermatitidis* fungus in canine liver tissue under microscopic examination (Public Domain: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)



#### Where is it?

Due to the preferred environmental conditions of the fungus, blastomycosis is generally found in specific regions of North America. Although there is some risk of blastomycosis to dogs outside of these regions, it is very unusual to see dogs with blastomycosis who have not lived in (or traveled to) the following high-risk regions:

- USA: Ohio River Valley (i.e. Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, southwest Pennsylvania, northwest West Virginia), Mississippi, Missouri and the Mid-Atlantic States.
- Canada: Manitoba, southern Saskatchewan, Quebec and Ontario.



## Who gets it?

Dogs, humans, and rarely cats may experience clinical disease once infected.

## Can people get sick with it?

Yes. Although human disease is uncommon, people need to be careful to avoid infection, particularly those who live in regions where the fungus is most common (see *Where is it?*). People who have weakened immune systems may be more likely to develop severe blastomycosis than people who are otherwise healthy. Dogs may serve as sentinels for disease, as people can be infected due to exposure and contact with the same outdoor environment (e.g., soil) as dogs.

Very rarely, people have acquired blastomycosis after being bitten by, or being stuck by a needle used on a dog with blastomycosis.



## How is it spread? (Transmission & Infection risk)

The fungus has two distinct forms – a mold (present in the environment) and yeast (present in infected dogs/people). In dogs, infection typically occurs through inhalation of mold spores or when the mold contacts an open wound. Once within the dog, the mold form transforms into the yeast form and thickened inflammatory lesions containing pus can result. The fungus can also circulate in the dog's blood, moving to other organs or tissues (i.e. disseminated disease). The most commonly affected organs include the lungs, eyes, bone, skin and neurologic system (brain, spinal cord). An infected dog could transmit blastomycosis to another animal through a bite, although this appears to be extremely rare. Infected dogs do not typically serve as a source of infection for other dogs.



Infection risk appears to be highest for young (1-5 years of age), sexually intact, male, large breed dogs that live in (or travel to) endemic regions, particularly those located near a lake, river, or containing recently disturbed (e.g., dug up) ground or soil. Hunting and sporting dogs (e.g. hound and retriever breeds) are at higher risk of blastomycosis, likely due to their greater exposure to the mold through roaming, sniffing, and digging in the soil.

In North America, most cases of canine blastomycosis are diagnosed in late summer and early fall.

## What should I look for? (Signs of disease)

Non-specific lethargy, fever, weight loss and lack of appetite are common. Signs of respiratory disease (e.g. cough, increased breathing effort, exercise intolerance), ocular (eye) disease (i.e. glaucoma, swelling, blindness), or skin ulcerations or mass-like lesions on the face, nose, and nails



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can occur. Bone, spinal, and nervous system signs can also develop, such as lameness, neck pain, and seizures.

### How is it diagnosed?

Your veterinarian will examine your dog for consistent disease signs. A history of your dog living in (or travel to) an endemic region (where blastomycosis is common) will increase their suspicion for blastomycosis and assist with diagnosis. Your veterinarian may discuss performing blood and urine testing, imaging (radiographs, ultrasound), and cytology or biopsy of a lesion or organ to find the fungus.

Specific fungal urine antigen testing can help confirm diagnosis and allow for therapeutic monitoring. However, other types of fungus can interfere with the test (e.g. provide a positive result), so providing your veterinarian with a detailed travel history for your dog can help in interpreting test results and ensuring that blastomycosis infected dogs receive appropriate treatment and duration. Similarly, blood antibody testing may also be used to help with diagnosis or when infection with the fungus cannot be confirmed through cytology or biopsy testing, i.e. samples do not reveal the fungus or cannot be safely obtained.

### What is the treatment?

#### Will my dog recover?

Blastomycosis can be treated and most dogs have an excellent prognosis with therapy, especially if diagnosed and treatment is started early in the course of disease. However, long-term treatment (six or more months in many cases) is required and can be expensive.

Typically, therapy consists of appropriate antifungal medications, pain relief, and needed supportive care, such as intensive care monitoring and oxygen supplementation for dogs with difficulty breathing. Dogs with neurologic disease and severe lung disease have a more guarded prognosis. Ocular (eye) involvement will require aggressive care to try and save the eye, with the understanding that in some dogs, surgical removal of the eye (enucleation) may be advised to prevent the infection from spreading to other body locations.



Relapses are common, despite appropriate therapy.

### How can I stop this from happening to my dog and other dogs?

Be informed and aware of endemic regions, along with reducing (as practical) exposure to lakes, rivers, and recently dug up soil. In high-risk areas, dogs should be kept away from construction or dig sites.

Owners of dogs involved in hunting or field trials in endemic areas should be especially aware of blastomycosis. Dogs should be kept away from specific locations where other dogs are believed to have become infected. Owners of infected dogs are encouraged to report such locations to local canine event coordinators or similar groups to allow for event location changes and other risk communication messaging as indicated.

### Outbreak management:

It is uncommon for numerous dogs to be simultaneously diagnosed with blastomycosis in a single location. However, within high-risk regions, it is common for communities to observe multiple dog and human cases, sometimes within the same household. In such cases, it may be helpful to identify suspected sources of infection (e.g. nearby soil adjacent to bodies of water, construction or similar areas where soil is frequently disturbed) and for people and dogs to stay away from such areas.



## Zoonotic (Human Infection) Alert:

Blastomycosis cannot be spread to people from dogs through the air, such as breathing or coughing. However, blood transmission (e.g. from dog bites, used needles) can occur. Similarly, care should be taken to regularly change any bandaged dog skin lesions and dispose of these used items safely, due to risk of inhalation of the fungus forming on bandages.

Given their increased susceptibility and exposure to the fungus, dogs can act as sentinels of human disease, so any increase in the number of canine disease cases should result in notification to local human public health organizations. Additionally, information on human cases (e.g. location, annual counts) can be useful in determining the risk for canine cases in the same area.



## Additional Resources:

Taylor, S. and Gaunt, C. (2009). Canine blastomycosis: A review and update on diagnosis and treatment. DVM360. Available at: [veterinarymedicine.dvm360.com/canine-blastomycosis-review-and-update-diagnosis-and-treatment](http://veterinarymedicine.dvm360.com/canine-blastomycosis-review-and-update-diagnosis-and-treatment)

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According to AKC registration statistics and Canine Partners enrollments, these were the most popular girl's and boy's names in 2022.


The TOP 10 names were:

**GIRL NAMES**

1. Luna
2. Bella
3. Daisy
4. Lucy
5. Willow
6. Penny
7. Sadie
8. Maggie
9. Rosie
10. Ruby

**BOY NAMES**

1. Max
2. Milo
3. Cooper
4. Charlie
5. Teddy
6. Tucker
7. Buddy
8. Bear
9. Rocky
10. Leo



The least popular names were  
Zola and Willie....

# That's my dog!

## Wags & Brags

### Welcome!

I am finally getting around to announcing my new addition. Another little Papillon girl. Her kennel name is "Berndocks Chirping Sounds of Nature." Call name---- "**Cricket**"---- and she pesters her sister Sonic all the time. And yet they are good buddies. Hoping to do obedience & agility with her in the future.

Submitted by Kathy Schuh



"**Chester**" Estrela Norte  
Subject of Cheese earned his first major at the Winnegamie show with Tammy Szabo at the helm. This is Chester's third show. He earned Winners and Best of Winners at each show. What a fun boy, thank you Tammy and Julie.

Submitted by  
Sherry N Rady  
Estrela Norte PWDS &  
Berger Picards  
AKC Breeder of Merit





## The Road To Best Junior Handler!



Matthew Carlson has been busy competing in 12 shows in a little over two weeks! He has been honing in his skills to be the best Junior Handler. He earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in his class in 10 of the 12 shows! He achieved 2 Best Junior Handler Awards and a Reserve Best Junior Handler Award. Great way to start the year with beautiful **Carmen San Diego** !

Submitted by Wendy & Scott Carlson

Reese is A  
Canine Good Citizen!

On February 3rd,  
Reese passed the tests  
required for the CGC.



Reese waited as I walked  
20 feet away and  
returned!



Reese is a CGC!



Submitted by Sarah Krueger



Duncan & Reese are  
AKC Bronze Fit Dogs!

After taking a 6 week class and submitting  
additional proof of fitness activities, 12 year  
old Duncan and 1.5 year old Reese earned  
their AKC Bronze Fit Dog titles!  
This proves that doggies of any age  
can be fit!



Submitted by Sarah Krueger



# SO MUCH TO BRAG ABOUT!

My daughter, Lauralei, put her first point from the breed ring on her dog CH Temora No Cookies, No Friends, "**Zero**" at the Gray's Lake show. My daughter, Dani went winners dog twice with our boy "**Dallas**," Riot's Oceanaire Mirage Arcane. Finally, my son, Harrison, put the first point on our friend and breeder's dog, Temora Bull in the Bowlers Hat, "**Bully**." Lauralei also finished **Zero** at the Winnegamie show prior to Gray's Lake.

Submitted by Sara Zoeller  
Photos by Booth Photography



LAURALEI & ZERO



DANI & DALLAS



HARRISON & BULLY

# WE RALLY!

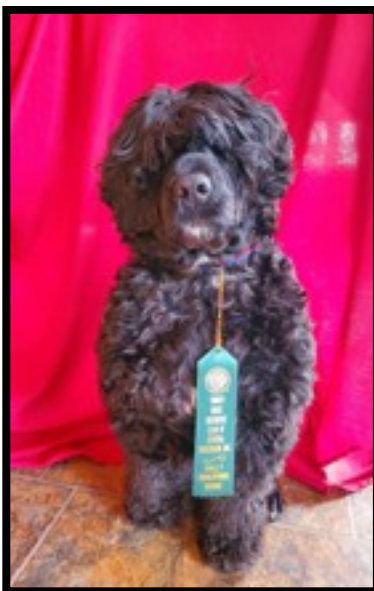


**Ketch** - CH Charbr Casta  
Net At Afortunado CD BN  
RE SWN SCA CGC TKI  
AWD RATN BROM

What a fun, family affair at the TROCCW Rally/Obedience Trial. Grandma **Ketch**, Daughter **Tempest** and Granddaughter **Jaya** all qualified in their Rally classes. After a long hiatus, Ketch and Tempest were back in the Rally ring and had a ball! Ketch earned her 6th leg in Rally Masters competing for the first time with hand signals as she can no longer hear. Tempest earned her Rally Excellent title and Jaya earned her first leg in Rally Advanced.



**Tempest** - BISS GRCH  
Afortunado Calm Before  
The Storm CD BN RE  
TD SCN SEN SBN CGC  
TKI AWD RATN BROM



**Jaya** - CH Afortunado  
Expects the Best BN RI  
SEN SIN CGC TKN JWC

It was wonderful to compete in such a well run trial and visit with friends! Thank you, TROCCW!

Submitted by  
Shelley Plucker



**TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.**  
**February 13, 2023 – Stevens Point Public Library – Prairie Room**

Meeting called to order at: 6:30pm by President Dana Nelson  
Board report was via email, discussion on vacant position held.  
Treasurer's report was given by Ann Hanson  
Minutes of the last meeting was approved by Laurie Bandy and second by Phyllis Christensen. Motion carried.  
Motion to dispense with the reading was Jocelyn Reid. Motion seconded by Kathy Schuh.  
Motion carried.

Committee reports:

- 1 Website was updated with photos. Reported by Jona Decker
- 2 Awards committee was on schedule for the April Award Banquet. Chair Sherry Salzman was absent.
- 3 2023 Spring Obedience Trial Feb 4-5 Outcome reported by Rose Gottung. There were 198 entries. Discussion commenced about the roles and expectations of the chair, secretary, and volunteers including what fees would be covered if you entered the trial. Planning for this next month.
- 4 2023 Scentwork Trial April 22-23 opening date is March 6 and held at the Boys and Girls Club in Plover.
- 5 2023 Spring Agility Trial April 28-30 Chair Jane Zank, Co-chair Donna Leavitt.
- 6 2023 May Agility Trial is canceled
- 7 2023 Spring Fast CAT Rose reported that lure operators are in short supply so no resolution yet.
- 8 2023 Labor Day Agility Trial Sept 2-4 Chair Lisa Huber no update
- 9 2023 Fall Scentwork Trial Sept 9-10 Chair Sherry Salzman-Scott. Rose Gottung updated that there would be supplies left from April's trial that could be used for the September trial.
- 10 2023 Fall Obedience Trial Nov 5-6 Chair Jennifer Kressin. Judges are booked and Dana Nelson is chief ring steward.
- 11 2023 Fall Agility Trial Nov 10-12 Chair Linda Redfield
- 12 2023 Fall Agility Trial Nov 24-27 a chair is needed.

Old Business:

- 1 Logo wear: Jona Decker reported she has a survey that will be in the newsletter to determine what styles, sizes and items are of interest to know better what to create.
- 2 February Obedience/Rally 2024 needs a Chair and co-chair to run. Cindy Bonert will take a role but won't be at the event. This will be in the board meeting next month.
- 3 Open Board vacancy can be filled by Jocelyn Reid. Sarah Krueger made a motion to accept Jocelyn and Phyllis Christensen seconded it. Motion carried.
- 4 Run Throughs Feb 19 (this Sunday) are filling up fast. On Mar 5, 2023 accepted volunteers to move equipment and set up. Dana can start taking reservations.

New Business:

- 1 Non-profit. Laurie Bandy was taking requests for someone to pursue Timber Ridge Club to qualify as a non-profit organization. Chris Jarvis volunteered to.
- 2 Senior Day. Barb Crowther presented the idea from Winnegamie Dog Club for keeping senior dogs active and having fun with them. General consensus was that it could be something for 2024.

Everyone introduced themselves and new guests. Club voted in Matthew Hutchison and Donna Leavitt.

Hospitality will be ? for March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Minutes are reported by Wendy Carlson Feb 13, 2023

February 2023 Treasurer's report

	Opening balance checking	4,349.19	
	Deposit	30.00	dues
	Deposit	100.00	dues
	Deposit	90.00	dues
	Deposit	5,370.00	February obedience expense
	Anna Lorenz	-765.00	
	Mike Frisch	-37.49	
	Lynn Tamms	-596.72	
	Julie Wittry	-16.00	
	Shirley Dillenbeck	-288.00	
	Camp Bandy	-800.00	
	Jocelyn Reid	-22.17	
	AKC	-674.50	
	DPI	-49.22	
	Rose Gottung	-100.15	
	Deposit	90.00	Dues
	Cindy Brick	-225.31	agility ribbons
	Deposit	84.38	awards/dues
	Secura	-452.00	insurance premium
	IRS	-522.00	tax payment
	Deposit	190.00	dues
	Deposit	30.00	dues
	TOTAL	5,785.01	
	Savings Balance	17,779.41	
	Balance CDs	8,579.89	
	Total Assets	32,144.31	
	Pineries – CDs	2,757.83	
		2,805.89	
		3,016.17	
	Total	8,579.89	



# TRDTC Officers & Contacts

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## Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

11:00-12:30 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

12:30-2:00 Agility Full Course

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

11:00-12:30 Agility Full Course

12:30-2:00 Obedience, Rally, Individual Skills

**Members set up rings and courses.**

### **GUIDELINES**

1. Please gate off the section you are working on during separate skills.
2. Please ask if the person is done using the equipment before you start working your dog.
3. Please have gating across the front while running full course agility.
4. Please have dogs on leash while entering and exiting the building.