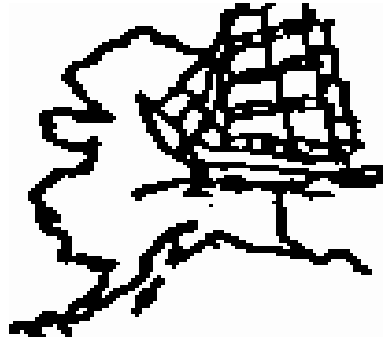


# The Cook Inlet Kennel Club GAZETTE



## Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency

Information Compiled by Cheri Hagen

**Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)** is a disorder where the pancreas fails to produce adequate amounts of digestive enzymes. Without those enzymes food is not properly digested and absorbed. A dog with EPI can literally starve to death even when fed as much food as they can ingest.



Diagnosing EPI is as simple as a blood test but many vets and dog owners do not recognize the signs and some dog owners can even be accused of abuse due to the condition of the dog even when giving the best care available.

EPI can strike at any age. Signs of EPI include weight loss, extreme appetite, diarrhea, eating feces, vomiting, gas, changes in temperament and loose, foul-smelling stool. In many cases, signs of the condition do not appear until as much as 90% of the pancreas is destroyed.

There is no cure for EPI but it can be managed successfully. Treatment must continue throughout the dog's life.

Approximately 8,000 dogs worldwide are diagnosed with EPI every year. The list of breeds affected by this disease is very long, however, certain breeds have an above-average occurrence but all breeds are at-risk. The disease is known to be prevalent in German Shepherd Dogs, Rough-Coated Collies and Chow Chows.

### What is EPI and what causes it?

The pancreas is a glandular organ located under the stomach that produces and secretes digestive enzymes. Acinar cells in the pancreatic tissue produce amylase to digest carbohydrates, lipase to digest fats and trypsin and other proteases to digest proteins. These enzymes are secreted into the small intestine to help break down food into smaller parts so nutrients can be absorbed through the intestinal wall. An insufficiency of these enzymes causes nutrients to remain in the gastrointestinal tract undigested and pass in the feces.



### 2010 Board Members

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### 2010 Committee Chairs

- Judges Committee - Carolyn Tolson
- Training Committee - Carolyn Tolson
- Show Committee— Carolyn Tolson
- Hospitality Committee - Rene'e Clayton
- Earthdog Committee - Carolyn Tolson

## COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

SEPTEMBER 7th AT 7:00 P.M.

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General Membership Meeting 8/3/10

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes from 7/6/10 General Membership Meeting: Christine Asay made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Cheri Hagen seconded. Motion passed.

**President's Report**-everything is going well for the show, please volunteer to help as needed

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**

- Invoice from Aurora Portable Toilets
- Enstar bill
- Judging program for Baray Events
- MTA Business Insider

Treasurer's Report

**Committee Reports**

**Show Committee**-everything going well for show this weekend, will be at the fairgrounds at 6:00 Wednesday

night to set up top of tents, the rest of set up will be at 11:00 on Thursday. Volunteers still needed for the Health Fair, some food dishes are still needed for hospitality

**Training Committee**-No Report

**Legislative Committee**-No Report

**Judges Committee**-The fair grounds are still working on available dates for 2013, will get back to us. Next meeting to be scheduled after the August show.

**Earth Dog**-first Fun Run to be held on 8/6/10 at Sirius Ranch, open to Dachshunds and some terrier breeds.

**New Members**

1<sup>st</sup> Readings

Inge Christensen  
Courtney, Andrew, and Lindsay  
Dowling

2<sup>nd</sup> Readings

Holly Lewis  
Motion passed to accept Holly as a member. Welcome Holly!

**Unfinished Business**

-Rally and Obedience Seminar-tabled

**New Business**

-The Hirshmans have some free 2010 calendars that will be given away at the trophy table of the show

Cheri Hagen made a motion to adjourn. Christine Asay seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Keim



Board Meeting  
8/17/10

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes from the 7/20/10 Board Meeting: Gretchen Keim made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Cheri Hagen seconded. Motion passed.

**President's Report**

Carolyn Tolson says thank you, thank you, thank you for everyone's help during the August 2010 show. Everything went well. Haven't heard anything back from AKC regarding the dog bite incidents.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**

- AKKC trophy pledge form for the January shows
- MEA bill
- Market Rate account statement
- Wells Fargo NSF
- Business account statement
- Sportsmen's Insurance Policy

-MTA bill

**Treasurer's Report**

**Committee Reports**

**Show Committee**-Working on the final totals for the August 2010 show

Comments were made that a few of the judges, not be invited back due to not exhibiting proper judge's etiquette and un-sportsman like conduct. Obedience judges had a few concerns regarding their assignments and contracts. Five judges stayed at the Grand View due to desired sleeping arrangements and one lack of ability to climb stairs. Discussion of how to remedy these situations in the future.

Silent auction made \$251 plus a \$100 donation from Joe Bishop for the November show to be used towards trophies.

Health Fair-Kathy Kochendorfer wanted to thank Gretchen Keim and Zoe Vey for their help during the afterhours cardiac clinic.

November Show-reviewed the premium. The Rottweiler, Shetland Sheepdog, and possibly the Herding clubs have signed up for specialties on Saturday. If a club is interested in holding a specialty, please contact Cheri Hagen for more information.

**Training Committee**-Not many calls coming in for classes. Next meeting will be 9/7/10 at 6:30 before the general membership meeting.

**Legislative Committee**-No report

**Judges Committee**-No report.

**Earth Dog Committee**-Had a good turnout for the fun run, 12-15 dogs. All the dogs had fun and hope to do some more events in the next year.

# Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency

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The most common cause of EPI is pancreatic acinar atrophy (PAA) where the acinar cells decrease in number and function. Very little is known about the case of PAA but researches believe the condition is genetically inherited. PAA usually develops between 6 mo. and 6 years with German Shepherds representing the majority of cases.



Before Treatment

EPI also can develop due to chronic pancreatitis. Repeated bouts of pancreatitis can destroy acinar cells that synthesize enzymes. In some cases chronic pancreatitis may be an inherited condition.

In rare cases, EPI results from pancreatic cancer or pancreatic hypoplasia. Pancreatic hypoplasia is a congenital condition where the exocrine pancreas does not fully develop.



1 Year after treatment started

A genetic marker for EPI has not been identified but several studies previously indicated that PAA is an autosomal recessive disease. Additional studies, however, indicate that EPI has a more complex mod of inheritance. It is now believed that EPI may result from mutations in multiple genes or from both genetic and environmental factors.

### Diagnosing the Disease.

EPI is a complicated disease to diagnose because signs of the disease mirror other

health issues. Often veterinarians miss the disease in the early stages because the clinical signs are more variable than most realize. The actual test for the disease is a simple blood draw. Once diagnosed it can be controlled.

### Living with the Disease.

EPI cannot be cured. Supplementation of enzymes that allows proper digestion and absorption of food is necessary throughout the dogs life. Some dogs need additional B12 and testing on a regular basis of cobalamin and folate levels is important. Diet changes are also required reducing the amount of fiber and grain in their diet. It is often recommended to change to a grain free, raw or hydrolyzed diet. Some dogs need fat reduced diets, others do not.

Please remember that this disease can affect any breed at any age. It is a horrible disease that in most cases can be controlled.

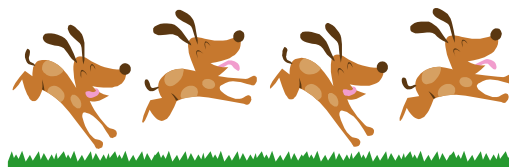
Fore more information on this disease go to <http://www.epi4dogs.com>.

Information courtesy of Purina ProClub update and EPI4Dogs.

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## Upcoming Events

Kenai Kennel Club Agility Trial September 4, 5 & 6 Soldotna

OTCC Responsible Dog Day September 18, 2010 CBA Field, Chugiak

MACH Agility Trial September 18 & 19, 2010 Sirius Ranch, Wasilla

DOTCA Obedience Trial October 23 & 24, 2010 ACT Building, Anchorage



## Monthly Schedule

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	3 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	4 Private Classes— Rene'e Clayton 4:00—6:00 p.m.
5	6 Labor Day	7 Training Comm. Meeting 6:30 p.m. General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8	9 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	10 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	11 Private Classes— Rene'e Clayton 4:00—6:00 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	17 No Show n Go's Building Rented	18 Building Rented to Rabbit Club
19 Building Rented to Rabbit Club	20	21 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	24 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.	25 Private Classes— Rene'e Clayton 4:00—6:00 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30 Show N Go's 7:00 p.m.		

### AUGUST SHOW MEMORIES

Thanks to Roger Hale for the Pictures



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**Unfinished Business-None**

**New Business**

Agility-TVKC would like to do an agility trial in conjunction with CIKC, in efforts of hoping to build CIKC's agility interest.

OTCC/KKC would like permission to hold an agility trial within CIKC's territory; KKC 2/18/11-2/19/11 and OTCC 2/20/11-2/21/11. Kathy Kochendorfer made a motion to approve this request, Cheri Hagen seconded. Motion passed.

Kathy Kochendorfer brought up the subject of CIKC purchasing a universal microchip scanner for the health fair, had to rely on one lended to

CIKC for the weekend. Would also like to offer microchipping next year. Discussion if it would be worth it purchase a universal scanner, Judi Rideout mentioned that OTCC has a scanner might be able to be rented and also chips OTCC might be willing to sell CIKC.

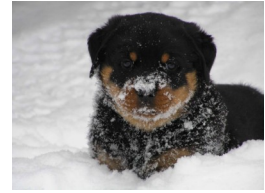
Renee Clayton made a motion to adjourn. Christine Asay seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Keim

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**CIKC is asking for trophy donations for our shows November. If you would like to donate to the trophy fund, please contact Judi Rideout at [rideout@mtaonline.net](mailto:rideout@mtaonline.net).**



The Mat-Su Animal Control needs your help. They are looking for volunteers who can spend time with the animals, dogs and cats, that are at the shelter. It doesn't require a lot of time and you will be doing something which will greatly improve the animals time at the shelter. If you have any questions you can contact me, Jon at 376-1651 or [jfz@gci.net](mailto:jfz@gci.net) or call Sue at 761-7515 weekdays 9 to 3.

