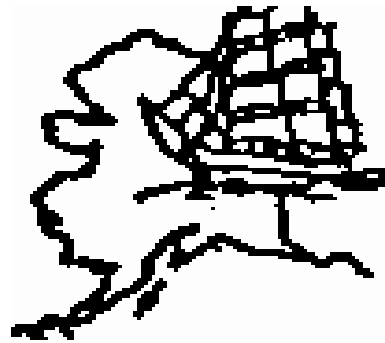


The Cook Inlet Kennel Club GAZETTE



SPOTLIGHT ON THE BREED: FROM THE MISCELLANEOUS CLASS THE BOERBOEL

The Boerboel is a big, strong, athletic dog. Well balanced with good muscle development, they should move swiftly and powerfully with an impressive and imposing countenance. Reliable, obedient and intelligent with a strong watch dog instinct, the Boerboel is self-assured and fearless, yet perceptive to the needs of the family.



Boerboels are foremost incredibly devoted dogs that form close bonds with the entire family. Many possess outstanding intuition - the ability to discern between friendly and threatening behavior. They are known for being protective when necessary without being aggressive in normal interactions. Due to the emotional nature of their bond, Boerboels fare best living as part of the family. Left to live completely outside and away from their humans, they can become bored, depressed and will likely occupy themselves by indulging in undesirable or destructive behavior.

Socializing the Boerboel

Proper early socialization is a must. Quite adaptable and much easier to control as puppies, introducing this breed to a variety of sights, sounds, species and experiences during the formative months greatly improves their social skills.

Protecting puppies from interactions with aggressive dogs is important in preventing dog aggression. Boerboels tend to carry those experiences with them and could react in a fearful or defensive manner when presented with similar situations later on in life. Good tempered, well socialized older dogs are the best teachers, showing the young Boerboel proper play manners and dog communication.



Positive interaction with friendly human strangers cultivates the social aspect of this breed.

Some dogs are extremely social by nature and others are more reserved with new people. The more positive, enjoyable interactions they have, the

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COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

May 3rd AT 7:00 P.M.

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General Membership Meeting
4/5/11

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Cheri Hagen made motion to approve minutes. Second by Judi Rideout, motion passed.

Presidents Report-No Report

Corresponding Sec. Report:
Enstar Bill
Optigen correspondence, received
Raffle Certificates for our July show.

Treasurers' Report

Committee Reports

Show Committee-Needs help!

Training Report- No report

Earth Dog- the 40 feet ED line will be up and operational in a couple of weeks.

Agility- A Match, over 100 runs, April 23rd at Sirius Ranch. AKC on line going good, bought software.

Election of new members

First Readings
Regina Cook
Paige Ranzhaf(sp)?
Elizabeth Neakok
David and Janette Bower
Rose Fagenkrantz
Kathy Barenburg

Old Business
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Mats-Under order, final cost \$3,600.00, that includes shipping

May 7th Garage Sale/Swap Meet-bring your stuff, remember no computer or baby clothes

New Business

Motion from Cheri Hagen to borrow jumps, gates, and wheelchair for the Rot-tie Club for the 16th and 17th of April Obedience Trials. Motion passed.

Cheri Hagen made a motion to adjourn,

Christine seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cunningham

Board Meeting
April 19, 2011

No quorum present. See you all next month!



Monthly Schedule

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Show Committee Meeting 6:30 General Membership Meeting 7:00	4	5 Show n Go 7:00	6 Show n Go 7:00	7 Rene'e Clayton Private Classes 4—6
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 Show n Go 7:00	13 Show n Go 7:00	14 Rene'e Clayton Private Classes 4—6 OTCC Obed/Rally Trials—Chugiak
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE BREED:

From the Miscellaneous Class

THE BOERBOEL

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cept new animals into the family and add them to their list of charges. Boerboels are a dominant breed and this presents several challenges. They are not really suited for the Dog Park. Care should be taken to introduce new dogs properly. Boerboels do



not respond positively to dominant behavior from other large dogs, particularly those of the same gender.

Puppies are much more adaptable and willing to work within the existing hierarchy.

Careful consideration should be given to gender selection. If a dominant dog is already in residence, choosing a pup of opposite gender is far more likely to lead to a peaceful household as the Boerboel matures.

Boerboel Training

Boerboel puppies are known for being easy to train and live with. Due to their easy-going attitude while in pre-adolescence, many people erroneously believe that training isn't necessary. As they mature,



their confidence, reactivity, dominance and willingness to protect increases substantially and owners need to be sure they can read their dog and maintain control in any situation. Structured Obedience training and continual proofing of commands under a variety of distractions is necessary for raising the well-adjusted Boerboel. Many owners have found incorporating a NILIF protocol from the very beginning avoids dominance issues and streamlines communication.

As a Working and Utility breed, Boerboels positively thrive when presented with the challenges and rewards of structured training. Their name literally translates into "Farmer's dog" and they possess a truly utilitarian nature and high biddability. Obedience, Rally-O, Weight Pull, Agility, Stock work, Protection Sports and Therapy work are all disciplines in which they are known to excel. As with any breed, individuals possess their own temperament and assortment of drives and are more suited for some activities than others. Boerboels are an

intelligent, sensitive, athletic breed and need the mental stimulation, interaction and energy outlet provided through focused work and training.

The Boerboel is considered to be a fairly health breed. Hip and Elbow

Dysplasia, along with Entropion and Ectropion eye conditions are the most common health concerns with the breed. For more information about the Boerboel go to <http://www.theabc.us/>

