



The Bulletin

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The PNW Performance Schips look forward to seeing you at the SCA 2023 National in Olympia, WA! Come join us for a variety of events to play in!

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The SCA performance committee encourages all Schipperke enthusiasts to participate in the 2023 SCA National. We have agility, fast cat, obedience, rally events to enter, plus some very fun and interesting workshops planned for other sports. If you love Schipperkes, get involved. Join the SCA to support Schipperkes. If you do, you will find other like-minded members working with and promoting all types and representations of our favourite breed.

See you at the National! Deb Bruner & Kathy Swan

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Message From The President

Lee Ann Stusnick



The board recently approved the following motion:

The SCA institutes an annual award of "title achieved crate tags." Said tags will include the SCA logo and title(s) achieved in the past year. Eligibility to be determined by annual AKC reports. Members must apply for the award which will be available for pick up at the national each year OR member may opt to have tag mailed at their expense. Any club member may further be allowed to order a custom crate tag with dog's full name and SCA logo at their expense (cost to be determined by vendor based on lettering etc.) with a markup for fund raising). Virginia Larioza proposed this as a way to recognize SCA members for their new title achievement, as well as to give something back to SCA members. Members may also order tags for dogs titled prior to 2022, with \$1 going to SCA as a fund raiser. Get your crate tags ordered before the Christmas rush! Don't forget you'll have the opportunity to order your tag awards to match in the future. To order from Platinum Forge visit

<https://www.etsy.com/.../kennel-custom-logo-crate-tag...>

Under logo style select Schipperke club.

We need your pictures for the 2023 SCA fundraising calendar. This year's theme is Costume Contest! So please email your pictures of Schipperkes in Costume to skipparade@gmail.com by October 15th. The winner of the contest will be on the cover of the Calendar!

Please only send pictures via email and they must be at least 300dpi to be included. Low resolution pictures are not accepted by the printer. We will use all the photos we receive IF they meet the minimum resolution and are sent via email.

The board has been exploring possible solutions to the medals and awards issues, including requesting ideas from performance committee members and even members of other clubs. We understand this is an issue that is important to our members.

Don't forget to plan for our next national specialty show to be held in Olympia, WA April 18-21, 2023. The SCA National 2023 information is posted on the SCA main website.

Lee Ann



Crush

RACH Kiara Kool Dude, UD, RAE2, RM2



Three year old Crush finished his RACH (Rally Championship) in November 2021.

Then earned his CD (Companion Dog) in February, 2022, followed by CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) in April 2022, and his UD (Utility Dog) in July 2022.

Crush was also High In Trial at the SCA National Specialty in April.



CRUSH



Bred by:
Vicki & Gary Hester

Loved & Owned by:
Kathy Sweet

mqd



Schip to the Sound April 2023 to beautiful Olympia, Washington, home of the award-winning Washington State Capitol and a waterfront city at the southern end of Puget Sound with majestic views of the Olympic mountains and Mount Rainier.

UPDATE – Unfortunately, the shows hosted by Tacoma Kennel Club have been rescheduled to July. There will no longer be all-breed shows the weekend after the National.

There are still 3 major point opportunities at the National and two Cascade Schip Club specialties. Additionally, if the entries are large enough at the National there is the possibility of the Reserve Winners receiving 3-point majors.

We have made it a priority to offer as many performance and companion events as possible for the week. Some highlights are below: The 3 days before Specialty week will also feature at nearby venues:

- 3-day agility trial with SCA supported entry in Auburn, WA
- 2 days of FastCat with SCA supported entry in Roy, WA

Specialty week will include:

- SCA Obedience and Rally trials
- Canine Good Citizen testing for both CGC and CGCA
- Trick Dog seminar and testing
- Introduction to NASDA seminar
- Scent Work seminar
- Treibball seminar



You can find more details on the SCA website at <https://www.schipperkeclub-usa.org/sca-national-2023/>

Sports Dogs:

Rest and regeneration

by Krystyna Cisak

As sport dog handlers, our focus is mainly on how and how much our dogs should be active. We think about and discuss with other handlers and trainers how many activities our sport dog needs, how much training, how many walks, fitness sessions etc. While this is necessary and important, I felt like the subject of activity is widely explored, while another key part, which I learned is crucial for human athletes as a physiotherapist, is left out. That other vital part we are missing in our sport dog training program is... rest and regeneration.

Rest however, does not appear to be a fun topic for social media. As I am part of the canine influencer community, discussions mainly center around the more exciting things you do with your dog such as showing, training, competitions, tricks, travel and other fun stuff. And while that's all super important, I wanted to put a spotlight on rest and show how important it is for our dogs' performance. Let's start off with how much our dogs need to sleep... and surprisingly, they need A LOT!

According to researchers, dogs sleep between 16 to 20 hours per day! This is mostly because dogs do not enter REM sleep (deep sleep phase) as easily as humans do.

"All day long, electrical activity is happening in our brain, and random, disorganized data gets stored in various places," says Dr. Nicholas Dodman, professor emeritus at Tufts University. "We organize that in our sleep, and dogs do too. It's very therapeutic, and if you deny dogs that, they'll kind of lose it."

During my 11 years of training dogs in various sports, mainly agility, I was often asked "Have you tried giving your dog a break from this exercise? It might help them to understand what you want later." When I followed this suggestion, I observed many times in all 9 of my own dogs, and in many of my student's dogs, that giving a break actually worked! Why? Exactly because of what Dr Dodman said. Data gets stored and organized during sleep so it's "easier to find" by a dog after a rest. I've often joked that it "seems my dog had time to re-think that last bit of training and gets it now", is seemingly true!

"Dr. Joan C. Hendricks, VMD, PhD, Dip ACVIM, adds that sleep helps a dog's brain with development, memory, and learning capacity, as well as their immune system. According to Dr. Hendricks "Sleep-deprived animals and people are more prone to infections."

Lack of rest and sleep in sport dogs can cause problems with learning, memorization, lack of motivation, increased risk of injury and illness, which in turn can make their overall performance worse. It's just like when we haven't slept enough. When we're tired or nervous, everything just seems to go wrong and we forget easy things, making us just want to go back to bed, not show how amazing we are. Right?

Let's dig into what sport dog experts in the fields of orthopedics, physiotherapy and neurology, have to say about it!

As a physiotherapist, I learned that for human athlete's, rest is as important as training and performance. Rest is just as important as adding load to locomotor systems is, by allowing it to regenerate and rebuild. The best regeneration happens when we sleep, and it's the same for our canine athletes, and what's even more surprising, is that it takes almost the same amount of energy to train and perform, as it does to rebuild and regenerate. Which seems to be impossible because hey, our dog is "getting tired" while resting? Kind of. While we watch our dogs sleep after training, their bodies are being regenerated and rebuilt. What we are doing to gain muscle mass in training, is letting our body know that there are activities that are hard for it right now and it needs to adjust to that. Training is a signal to create new nerve paths and build more muscle

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which improves the ability to perform, and while all that starts happening during training, it continues even during rest! Newly created nerve paths are being saved and the body rebuilds itself to adjust to the latest activity, and step by step, training by training, rest time by rest time, the body gets better adjusted to what the task is. This is why rest time needs to be much longer than the actual activity itself.

"When you are doing an exercise in agility which is taking 30 seconds, your dog will need recovery time of 10 times that amount (300 sec = 5 min at least). In my opinion, this lesson is the most important one for agility handlers and trainers. Besides during training rests, recovery time after training is also very important. An average agility training session will require a recovery time around 36 to 48 hours" says Ronald Mouwen, veterinarian, chiropractor, agility competitor and creator of the FitDogProgram.

Now, imagine if you do more than just agility! Our dogs need long walks, have fitness activities, before activities warm up and cool down sessions, maybe some trick performances too, and then they also have little everyday things like their excitement before eating, or when you come home, following you around house, playing with other dogs, and so on. This makes 16 - 20 hours of sleep seem quite justified!

Okay, so what is regeneration really about? For that we received a perfect explanation by Agnieszka Biały, canine physiotherapist and functional trainer. "Regeneration is a complex process and each organism has its' own self-healing potential. Yet only in optimized conditions can that organism regenerate well enough to reach its full function again." For that we need to meet these conditions.

1) NO EXCESSIVE ENERGY LOSS which includes loss through coping with chronic pain, persistent mental stress (in addition to that which is sometimes given by the owner!), incomplete and inconsistent diet, emaciation or excessive weight, chronic systemic disease, repetitive physical stress (overload), violent physical stress, as well as oxidative stress, incorrect rehabilitation, excessive load on the liver, and not enough exercise.

2) DELIVERY OF ENERGY, VIA APPROPRIATE QUALITY AND QUANTITY of moderate exercise, sunlight, complete and correct diet, manual and physical therapies, adequate sleep length, mental relaxation, targeted supplementation, suitable physical movement and energizing activity.

When all of these energy-depriving and energy-supplying ingredients remain in balance, or are more on the positive side, our dogs' body will be able to carry out its' full regenerative processes. However, when the opposite out of balance, energy-deprived situation occurs, regeneration will be faulty and take much more time to run its course.

Dogs as a species, should be resting 60-80% of the day. Which equates to 15 to 20 hours a day! But what is a 'state of relaxation'? Is it only sleeping? No, the activities considered to relax the body and mind of our dog include lying on the couch, or their owners lap, stretching, rolling on their back, shaking off, scratching, wandering around their home to rest in another location, drinking water, changing sleeping positions, cleaning their fur and body, cuddles and massages. Okay, so what is NOT resting or relaxing to a dog? Anything where a dog gets busy and involved such as running around the house with a toy, getting ready for a walk, performing tasks, playing with other dogs, being outside in the garden, barking at the fence, training, walks, sports, eating and bodily functions.

However, it should be noted that while some of these can be relaxing for a dog, we should not consider them as a "physiologically required state of relaxation". There are many factors influencing what physiologically relaxes a dog and what does not, observing your pet will be the most valuable way to spot them.

For active, sports and working dogs, the regeneration process is additionally conditioned by the

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issue of using them as specific, specialized 'tools'. Our awareness, as their handlers, must therefore be even higher, not only for clear overload trauma or violent injury, but also for less obvious symptoms indicating a lack of adequate regeneration time.

On 'rest days' we need to thoughtfully plan our dog's schedule so that regeneration activities occupy most of the day and minimize activities which make our dogs busy.

So now it should be quite clear for us what is resting and relaxing for our dogs, and what isn't! However, there are some possible exceptions that were mentioned to me from one of my amazing followers. It can be hard for a dog to rest and relax, and it can even be stressful for some, to have guests visit their home, visit the pet shop or go on errands, visit with someone away from home and other similar activities. While these events often seem simple for us, these activities often make our dog more busy than relaxed and are probably best avoided on 'rest days'.

Okay, so, we want our dogs rest days to be... boring? Kind of. Though if we consider how much activity and fun our dogs get throughout the week, a boring day seems to be exactly what our dogs need from time to time. So, how to plan a rest day? First, we can't avoid daily stress that affects our dog sometimes and I wouldn't put too much emphasis on that. What I do know from various behaviorists, is that our dog's benefit from time apart from us, of course when they are properly trained to stay home alone. Kennel training is also very important for allowing good regeneration and rest for those dogs which are more active, because sometimes dogs have problems settling. Again, only when properly trained, a kennel helps them to settle, relax and rest, when your dog is otherwise too excited to rest on its own.

It all comes down to taking time to observe your dog to see if they can relax correctly around you, as well as being able to sleep well when you are away (most dogs do!) or realizing they need a kennel to help them settle in either or both cases. Sometimes covering the kennel with a blanket can create that 'den' feeling, which caters to their instincts, as dogs are descended from animals who felt safest in their dens, which allowed them to get the sleep and relaxation they needed. Once you know how your dog relaxes best, you can plan your day accordingly. Your dog might need a few hours alone in a kennel, or maybe sleeping at your feet. You can watch Netflix together, cuddle while you read, or you can go out and leave your dog to chill alone. Or a bit of both? We need to know how they relax, as well as we know what motivates them and we need to teach dogs to rest and settle, the same as we teach them to be active and motivated.

Yay! Now we know that our dogs need to relax, as well as why and how... so how do we balance training and rest days, for week or for a year? That varies for each dog and the best plan is to consult with an orthopedist or physiotherapist for your own dog, which we highly recommend. But I also asked specialists what their vision is of a week and a year of active training and competition for a sport dog.

One of the most famous polish vets, when it comes to care for sport dogs, is Dr. Aneta Bocheńska, orthopedist and neurologist, who cares for sport dogs all over Poland. Her advice when it comes to agility dogs, is to keep training to 2-4 times per week, with one day of full rest, in which you can either do a shorter walk (up to 20 min), if the week wasn't too active, or do a full day of rest, going out only for potty, when the dog had a very active week. Other days are for long walks where the dog can move naturally, ideally off leash, but without any forced movement, like playing fetch. We want the dog to walk, sniff, relax and explore. To this schedule we can add fitness workouts 1-3 times per week, based on the orthopedic vet or physiotherapist consultation of what the dog needs to work on.

Sport dogs need at least once every year, a longer break from sports specific training and competing, which should also be based on the consultation results of the individual dog, and for a

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healthy dog this can be about 4-8 weeks of time off. The dog should still be active during this time, by taking long walks and doing other activities such as swimming or fitness exercises in place of specific sport training.

Another well-known Polish physiotherapist, canine conditioning instructor and sport dog trainer Paula Gumińska, agrees with this system. In her opinion, one rest day per week is needed which consists of a full day of rest if the week was very intense, or with a 40-60 minute walk if it wasn't that intense. A sport specific training schedule of 2-4 sessions per week is the right amount, as well as a 4-6 week scheduled break per year for a healthy sport dog. She also mentioned that getting back to regular training after a break, should take two weeks if the break was planned, and twice amount of time that was spent on break if the break was caused by an injury.

Another similar approach is suggested by Debora Severo, osteopath, human and dog physiotherapist, and official therapist of the Czech agility team. It's very important in her opinion, to plan the whole week for a working dog and split training sessions, for example for an agility dog we would do 1-2 times running a full course, plus about two sequences or technical trainings per week, ideally with one or two days of fitness training and a day off when the dog only goes for off leash walking. She also pointed out how important it is to take a longer break every year from sports specific training for working dogs. She advised 1-2 months without agility training, although the dog still needs to stay active with more relaxing activities such as long walks, hikes and swimming. What is also crucial is to avoid competition with agility dogs every weekend. It's too much for both the body and mind, so even during competition and training season, weekends without competition events are very important to keep your dogs' body and mind relaxed. In Belgium, sport dog training plans are created by Ellen Martens Het Waterhof, physiotherapist and sport dog trainer from Het Waterhof Animal Rehabilitation Center.

She states that "rest is equally as important as training." She also advises to keep training goals different during the week, with at least one or two days when the dog only does off leash walks, without any training or tasks. She also made a point, that after the main competition season is over, her client's dogs are set to a lower activity time, mostly consisting of a few weeks without sport specific training, yet still kept active with long walks, fitness training and swimming.

Veterinary doctor, physiotherapist, canine conditioning instructor and agility trainer and competitor Beata Luchowska, places a great deal of importance on rest by writing "There's no progress without regeneration." She prefers active rest, which is off leash walks, as a dogs' body is well prepared to walk miles without much effort. When it comes to longer and intense agility training, such as during seminars, rest time can take up to three days without any sprinting, turns, jumping and other sports-specific activities. Beata also pointed out that when it comes to rest, it's important to not only plan it for a week or a year, but also during each training session. After each intense session a dog should have ten to fifteen minutes of free movement (trotting or galloping) and if a leash is unavoidable, use a long line. She also noted that once a year, sport dogs need a longer break from training and competing, for dogs up to 3 years old it should be 3-4 weeks since they usually have quick regeneration, for older dogs it's good to take a longer break of 5-6 weeks. During the break, you don't do sport specific training or any movements that can mimic that - so for agility dogs this means no sprinting, turns and jumping. However, dogs should stay active by taking long walks and trying new activities.

Summing up all of these approaches, developed by multiple experienced specialists who take care of numerous sport dogs around the world, we can see how important it is to integrate rest and regeneration into the daily life of our canine athletes. In fact, all these specialists agree that we should pay as much attention to our dog's rest and relaxation time, as we put into training time. Without balance between action and rest, we risk injuries, behavioral problems, lack of

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progress, poor memorization and much more! Our dogs give us their best when it comes to training and performing by our side and I believe we should give them our best too, not only on the field, but in every aspect of their life. That's why I've put so much effort into this article, along with all of these great specialists, who have agreed to take part in it. I hope, their valuable insight will make many dogs' lives happier, as well as their handlers.

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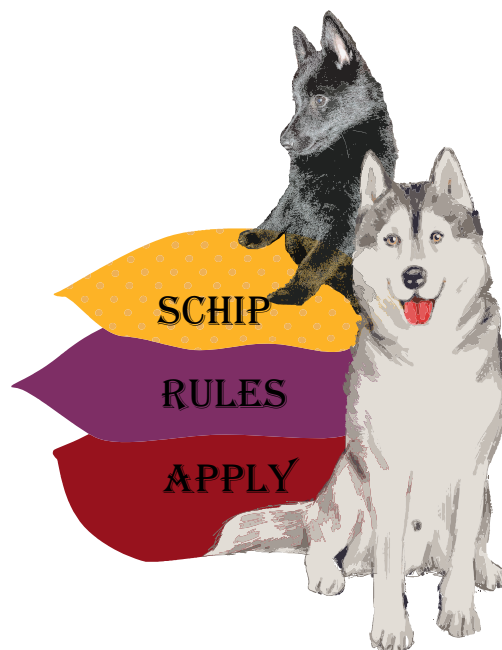
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With Deep Appreciation
**Willow & De Sang Bleu
Schipperkes**



With deep appreciation for my very fun teammates – past, present, and future – and the breeders who bred them: Willow Schipperkes and de Sang Bleu Schipperkes.



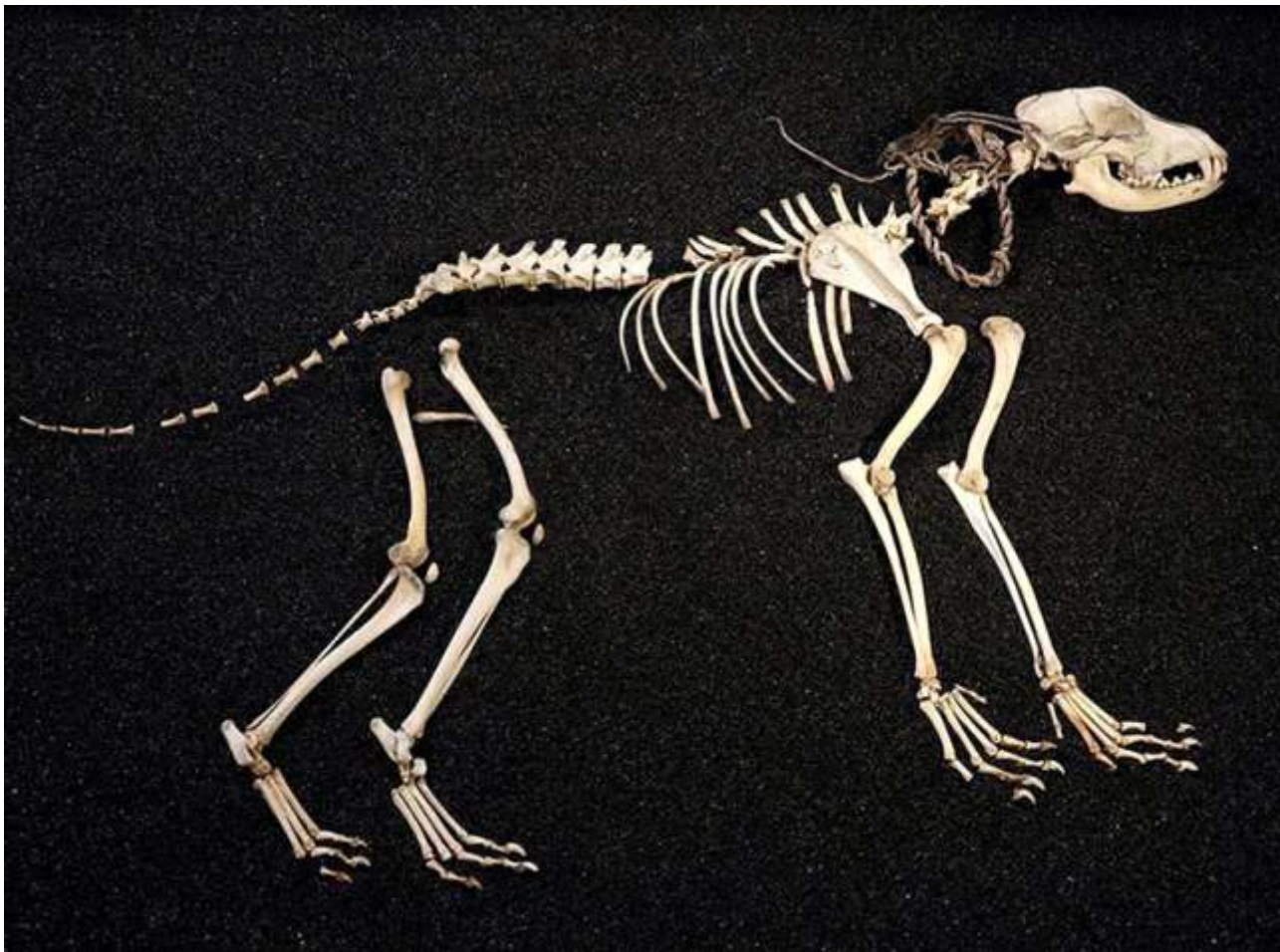


Feel the love...

Secret's of the Ice

In 2019, we found the skeleton of a dog with collar and leash in the Lendbreen pass. The dog is radiocarbon-dated to the 16th century AD. The bones tell us that it is an adult male dog, about 50 cm tall, with wear marks starting to show on the bones. One of his ribs had broken and healed again. A selection of small bones collected at the same spot appear to be the stomach contents. They show that our dog ate fish for his last meal. DNA analysis of one of the dog's teeth is ongoing. It will be interesting to see how the Lendbreen dog relates to traditional Norwegian dog breeds.

The dog can now be viewed by the public at the Historical Museum in Oslo in the exhibition "The Hunter" (<https://www.historiskmuseum.no/english/exhibitions/the-hunter/index.html>), together with other artefacts from hunting (including many from our ice sites).



In the exhibition, the skeleton is reassembled in the anatomical order. We can see that only a few bones are missing, most notably the pelvic bones and one shoulder blade.
(Photo: Trond Andersen, Museum of Cultural History)

Secrets of the Ice



A close-up of the head of the dog.
(Photo: Trond Andersen, Museum of Cultural History)



Secrets of the Ice

This is how the remains of the dog were found lying on the surface of the Lendbreen ice patch. The collar and leash is also preserved.

Secrets of the Ice (2022, August 12). In 2019, we found the skeleton of a dog with collar and leash in the Lendbreen pass [These images attached] [Status update]. Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/secretsoftheice/posts/2628929900571657>



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Multiple Group Winning

DECKER

Decker has had a great 2022 so far! He has been awarded multiple BOBs and group placements and to top those off are his multiple Best in Specialty Show awards. He was awarded BISS at the SCSC #2 in January, both SCSC shows in March and CSC #1 in July.

Decker is currently the #2 Breed and #3 All Breed (Canine Chronicle as of 7/22).

My thanks to the many judges who have honored Decker and I with their lovely compliments. At 8 ½ years old, Decker isn't missing a beat and loving the ring!



**Proudly Owned and
Always Handled by:
Sue Altmeyer**

**Bred by: Kristen Henry
Bonchien Schipperkes**





A funny and true story about the Queen:

Around 2005, the Queen and her Personal Protection Officer, Dick Griffin, were walking alone one afternoon in the hills near the Scottish royal castle, Balmoral.

Two tourists approached them, and engaged in conversation. Griffin recalls:

"There were two hikers coming towards us, and the Queen would always stop and say hello.

"They were two Americans on a walking holiday.

"It was clear from the moment we stopped that they hadn't recognised the Queen, which was fine.

"The American gentleman was telling the Queen where they came from, where they were going next, and where they'd been in Britain.

"I could see it coming, and sure enough, he said to Her Majesty: 'And where do you live?'

"She replied: 'Well I live in London, but I've got a holiday home just the other side of the hills.'

"He said: 'How long have you been coming up here?'

"She replied: 'I've been coming up here ever since I was a little girl, so over 80 years.'

"You could see the cogs whirring, so he said: 'Well, if you've been coming up here for over 80 years, you must have met the Queen.'

"Quick as a flash, she said: 'I haven't, but Dick here meets her regularly.'

The hiker then asked Griffin what the monarch was like in person. 'Because I was with her a long time, and I knew I could pull her leg, I said: 'Oh, she can be very cantankerous at times, but she's got a lovely sense of humour.'

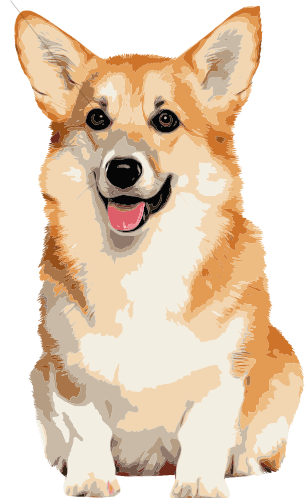
"The next thing I knew, this guy comes round, puts his arm around my shoulder, and before I could see what was happening, he gets his camera, GIVES IT TO THE QUEEN, and says: 'Can you take a picture of the two of us?'

"Then we swapped places, and I TOOK A PICTURE OF THEM WITH THE QUEEN.

"And we never let on, and we waved goodbye.

"Afterwards, Her Majesty said to me: 'I'd love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to his friends in America, and hopefully someone tells him who I am'."

RIP, Your Majesty. ❤️



Announcing New Champion CH Barbil Juneau's Northern Breeze Pas De Deux

Juneau



Born June 24, 2021

Sire: BISS GCHB CH Fyrewater's Northern Lights
Dam: GCH Shalako Kenbe N Barbil Southern Breeze



Loved & Owned by:
Lisa Vizcarra - Pas De Deux

Bred by:
Lisa Vizcarra & Barbara Murray - Barbil

WARNING ALL DOG OWNERS!!!

You may be the most careful dog owner, but I thought I was too!!

Please read to the end...This is not a spam\scam\hoax...but I hope it will save your dogs from the same fate as our Schipperke puppy Seri, she was only 16 weeks old. Why?? How?? These questions have been plaguing me ever since we got the call that our beloved Seri was dying despite all the aggressive efforts at the 24 hour veterinary hospital we left her at Saturday morning... In less than 48 hours, a puppy who was running around, and playing was fighting to breathe on her own.

The answer came in the form of me finally being able to think while my heart shattered into a million pieces. I heard the words; severe neurological symptoms, total collapse...how?? People were mentioning possible Blue-Green Algae, but that was preposterous,...I mean we were always careful, our dogs never were allowed near stagnant waters, or water with visible scums, or looked greenish.



I only could think of one thing she did, that our two other dogs hadn't done, that was she drank from a small stream on our walk, earlier Friday, before the first of her symptoms manifested themselves (extreme lethargy or weakness).

I read all I could on waterborne toxins, and one stood out...some Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) blooms can produce neurotoxins that can be as lethal as a bite from a snake like a Cobra, or Viper. In even very low doses, in a small animal like Seri (6lbs) can be lethal in just hours or days. Larger amounts can kill in minutes!! The effects have no treatments, no antidotes. You can try and support the victim, but they may survive with dire, irreversible results. Or die later from complications.

Many Cyanobacteria blooms may also be harmless, some are NOT GREEN OR BLUE, some are RED, BROWN, or YELLOW. They can form films, patches even small dark spots. They can form long filaments that grow deep into the water, and some can even grow on the bottom of bodies of water, not seen until they are disturbed by a dog walking it, drinking it, stirring it up. Some can even be re-animated by a rainfall, after drying up on surfaces like the dirt at the bottom of a puddle, stream bed, pond, or even a dog bowl, or bird bath in your yard. In many cases, you dog may even eat the dirt, licking the mud off of their feet, that is contaminated with the toxins.

I also learned that dying, decomposing Algae (Cyanobacteria) blooms emit more toxins than healthy, living ones do. So, those mucky, slimy or even foamy films in lakes, streams, or ponds that look perfectly harmless because they are not green or thick lush sheets, are in fact the most deadly.

The clearer the water the more deadly the Cyanobacteria could be because it can grow on the bottom layers of the water column or even the bottoms of the lake, stream, pond, or any water source container for that matter. (this can be everything from a leave with rainwater, right up to that lake or saltwater beach you let your dog wade into, drink from, or swim in) Even in

Blue Green Algae

saltwater! So, small pools at seaside areas and lagoons, are possible areas where the algae can grow, flourish, and emit their toxins.

I always thought Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) was only in stagnant water, but learned in the last two days from reading everything I could on the subject, that after a very hot, dry spell in summer, ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, puddles, and ditches dry up, or the level of water decreases. That is nothing new, but what I didn't know was after a large amount of rain, that is when algae is not only re-animated, it also is more likely to be moved to areas where it may not have been before. It can be flushed from a stagnant pond or puddle, ditch, or stream pool, into rushing flood waters and it will then be in moving water sources...even fast moving water sources. The toxins carried and released by the algae may be in small quantities in deeper water, but in lethal doses along the shoreline or in swallow stream beds, like the one Seri drank from. We had no idea a simple day walking with our dogs would result in the tragic, and devastating loss of our newest and youngest member of our dog family.

The vet said Seri likely wouldn't have survived even if we would have gotten there sooner, or knew immediately why she was sick.

I will forever be haunted by the what if I had known about the possibility of Blue-Green Algae neurotoxins even in running water, would Seri still be alive today. I would have been more careful, tightening up her leash as we approached the edges of the stream, maybe I would have picked her up knowing she was so quick to experiment in water, and loved playing in it.

Through this post, I hope I can help other dog owners to please be ever diligent around all bodies of unknown water sources. Even those seemingly innocent looking large leaves with rainwater can have toxic algae (Cyanobacteria) growing in them during the hot summer months, and VERY SMALL DOGS, or PUPPIES are more susceptible to their effects.

Seri literally went from playing, to being sleepy, lost her appetite (no vomiting, no diarrhea), increased salivation and urination prior to starting treatments with IV fluids, antibiotics at the vet clinic. She rallied and walked about, ate some food, looked very bright. Then a few hours later, collapsed with severe seizures, all the drugs they gave her to control them weren't working, and she eventually succumbed to respiratory collapse due to the effects of the neurotoxin on her brain. They put her on a respirator, but the damage was too severe, her brain had died.

The vet did more than most vet clinics are capable of doing, if this had of happened where a vet hospital wasn't staffed 24 hours, or had a respirator, Seri may have been dying alone, and found the next day by the Sunday staff.

I want to tell this story to educate everyone that even if you are the most careful dog owner, and you always check the water before you let your dogs near it, when you are in a location you are not familiar with **DO NOT GO NEAR THE WATER!!**

I never knew about the neurotoxins in Blue-Green Algae, or Cyanobacteria, because in actuality, it isn't a true algae at all, but a potent potentially toxic form of bacteria. One without an antidote or antibiotic treatment.

PLEASE SHARE!!

Even if you think you would never let your dog around water, sharing this may save the life of another dog, whose owner, like me, thought playing in a clear, moving stream was perfectly fine.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(As of: 8/1/2022)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SCA Nationals at Olympia, Washington April 17-21, 2023. Co-host club is the Cascade Schipperke Club. SCA Specialty Show Chair: Grant Fredricks, 9020 Valley Green Drive SE, Olympia WA 98513.

ERIE CANAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

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SOUTHERN MICHIGAN SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

COLONIAL SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Eastern Region)

Fall Specialty , Sat Oct. 15 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland.

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS (Eastern Region)

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA (Western Region)

November 26th and 27th, 2022. Concurrent Specialties at the Rawhide Events Center, Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, AZ with the Fiesta Dog Show all breed show. This runs from Nov25-27th. Confirmation will be held both days. Sweeps and Junior Handler will be on Saturday. There will be an opportunity to show in 5 separate conformation classes. Show Chair, Ken Marks, kmarks50@cox.net. Show Superintendent is Bradshaw.

SCHIPPERKE CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (Western Region)

Specialty date to be determined.

CASCADE SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

.Monday, April 17, 2023 back-to-back specialties in conjunction with the SCA National Specialty at the Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake, Olympia, WA and July 8th and 9th, 2023 concurrent specialties including Sweeps and Junior Handler at the Western Washington Summer Club cluster's 3 all breed shows at the Puyallup, WA fairgrounds. There were 5 point majors at all 5 shows in 2022. BaRay Event Services is superintendent for all Cascade shows. Lisa Haines is show chair for the April 17th specialties.

CENTRAL ROCKIES SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

LONE STAR SCHIPPERKE CLUB (Western Region)

October 1, 2022 - NEW LOCATION – North Texas Fairgrounds, 2217 N Carroll Blvd, Denton, TX. Back-to-back specialties. No limit on entries. Overnight parking for RVs on show grounds for \$35. Beth Lilly, Show Chair, bethalilly@gmail.com. Show secretary is Caper LLC, www.caper-dogs.com.

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Tracheal Collapse

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Tracheal collapse is a chronic, progressive and irreversible disease. It is most commonly found in small breed dogs and can result in significant respiratory difficulty if severe. The trachea is the windpipe that connects the throat to the lungs and has cartilage rings to support the airway staying open. Weakening or flatten of the cartilage causes the trachea to flatten and collapse.

CAUSES:

Many times, a weakened or redundant tracheal membrane, tracheal cartilage ring malformations or chondromalacia (softening of the cartilage) are the typical cause of the flattening of the trachea.

It is important to note that collapsing trachea is a progressive disease since the tracheal cartilage can continue to deteriorate over time despite treatment.

SIGNS:

A dry and honking cough that is worse with excitement, wheezing, labored breathing or airway obstruction are all possible. Tracheal collapse occurs most frequently in middle-aged to senior (4-14 years) dogs, but can occur younger and signs of tracheal collapse can be mild to life threatening.

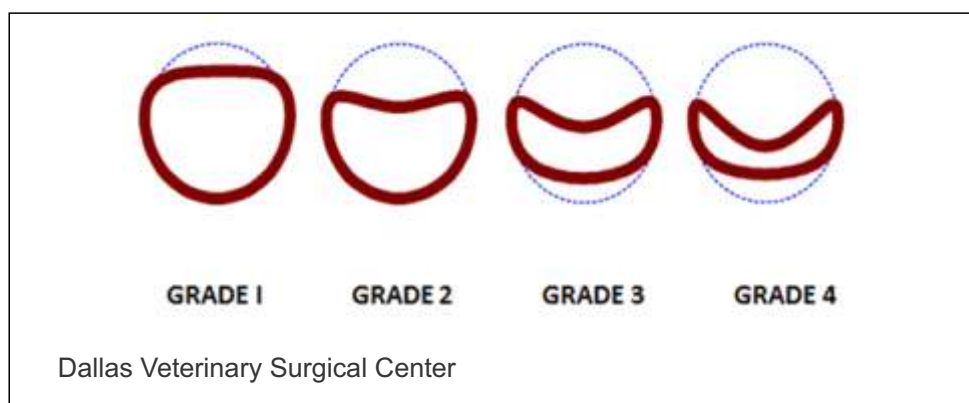
The condition occurs more frequently in dogs that are obese and in those with heart disease or another lung disease (especially chronic bronchitis).

DIAGNOSIS:

During a physical exam, very light pressure is placed on the trachea that causes coughing or breathing difficulty. Additional tests like radiographs, endoscopy, or fluoroscopy may be needed. Tracheal collapse is not always visible on regular x-rays, or dynamic x-rays taken as a series during all stages of breathing is often required.

The severity of tracheal collapse is classified into 4 grades:

- Grade 1: Lumen size is reduced by 25%
- Grade 2: Lumen size is reduced by 50%
- Grade 3: Cartilage is nearly flat and lumen size is reduced by 75%
- Grade 4: Lumen is essentially obstructed



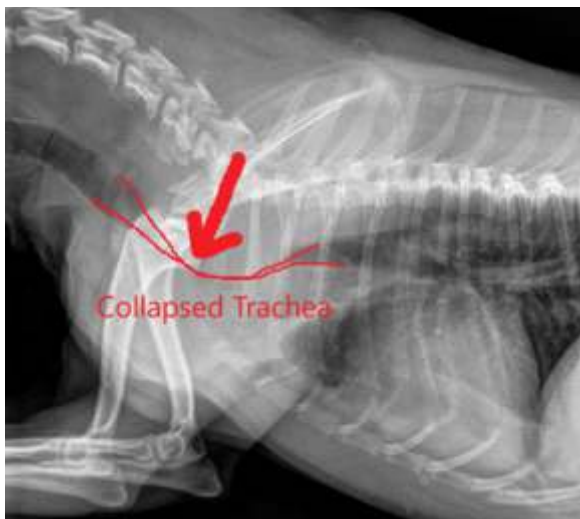
TREATMENT:

Weight loss for obese or overweight dogs is critical in the management of tracheal collapse.

Lifestyle changes like walking the dog on a harness vs. a neck collar often improve signs as does reduction of excitement and stress, avoiding excessive heat and humidity, avoiding irritants like second hand cigarette smoke or candles/incense burning.

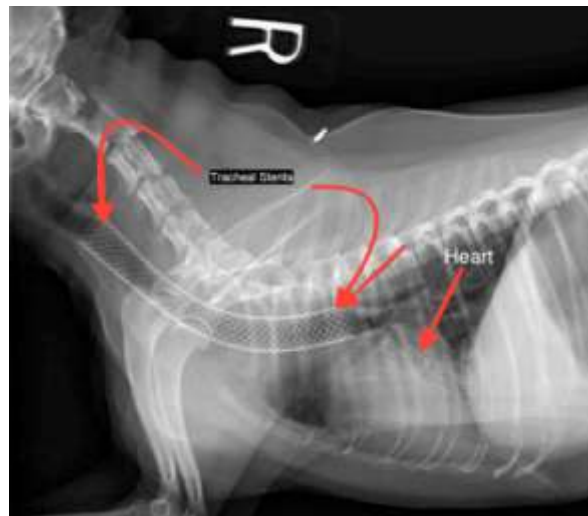
Medical treatment includes traditional therapies like cough suppressants, anti-inflammatories, bronchodilators, and/or antibiotics. Additional medications or modalities that may be beneficial include cerenia, laser therapy.

Surgical corrections are needed if severe disease occurs. Extraluminal prosthetic rings, or intraluminal tracheal stents can be placed. Surgical correction can have serious risks including irritation of the airway, granulation tissue formation, infection, stent migration or tracheal rupture, and is typically performed only by an experienced board-certified veterinary surgeon.



Tracheal collapse

North Star Vets



After surgical stent placement

Veterinary Health Center University of Missouri

BREEDING CONSIDERATIONS:

Because some breeds (Chihuahuas, Pomeranians, Shih Tzu's, Lhasa Apsos, Toy Poodles, and Yorkshire Terriers) are more predisposed to tracheal collapse, it is suspected that a genetic factor is involved. Dogs with collapsing trachea should be eliminated from the breeding program or given serious thought as to the value of continuing in a breeding program.

Currently no Orthopedic Foundations for Animals (OFA) test exists for tracheal collapse, but one does exist for tracheal hypoplasia which is a similar disease but different.

IN SUMMARY:

Collapsing trachea is a lifelong progressive disease. Weight management is the number one most important goal for dogs with tracheal collapse. Dogs can lead an improved quality of life with tracheal collapse with proper medical or surgical management.

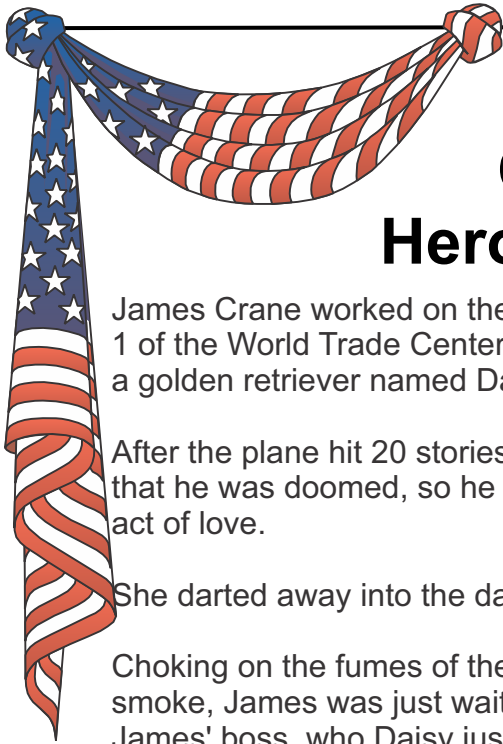
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One of the Heroes of 9/11

James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy.

After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love.

She darted away into the darkened hallway.

Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke, James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112 on her first run of the building. She leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building.

But she wasn't through yet, as she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes, she ran back in the building. On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears.

Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained. Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives.

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