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This picture is the Championship Medalists in the 10 lb weight class on Snow from the 2019 CHAMPIONSHIP in Estes Park Colorado. Gold Medalist Monarch Joseph with Robbie Reed. Silver Medalist Baron Benjamin with Terry Reed.

Season Opening

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Robbie Reed

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Sanctioning:

Sue Ferrari

Judges:

Jean Wilson

Elections:

Jean Wilson

Animal Welfare/Education:

Sheryl Franklin

Standing Rules/Forms:

Robbie Reed

Awards:

Jennifer Berning

Grievance:

Stephanie Stoll

Personnel:

Sean Hammell

Championship:

Stephanie Stoll

Newsletter Committee:

Robbie Reed

Regional Coordinator:

Randolph Gerke

Statistician:

Sue Ferrari

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Sean Hammell

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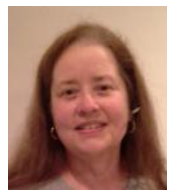
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sue Ferrari

Hey everyone,

It seems like we haven't been together for a long time. I hope you have all managed to avoid COVID, and that it hasn't made life too hard for you. I know working odd hours, and working from home isn't ideal, but we all have to do what is best for our families.

There is still some uncertainty about opening up the season. As you are aware, we have to open up all of the US and Canada. As of this writing, the border between us and our neighbors up North is not open. And I know here in Washington State, we seem to be really struggling. I have also noticed that several other states are having some setbacks. For now, let's assume we will start our season September 1st. I will be closely watching this and will let you know if it's different. If we need to cancel pulls, like the end of last season, the organizers will be refunded their money.

Please take some time and read the notes from the annual Board meeting. This was a great meeting, doing it all on Zoom, for the first time. If you have any questions or concerns about what we talked about, please reach out to one of us.

There is lots of hot weather still to come this year, so pay attention to the article regarding dogs and the heat. Let's keep those pups of ours safe.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sue



2019-2020 Board Meeting Minutes
ZOOM Meeting
June 13th, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Sue Ferrari at 8:11 AM.

Roll Call – Those present were President Sue Ferrari (2nd term, 1st year), Vice President Brenda Lemon (2nd term, 2nd year), Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed, Treasurer Cheryl Martin (1st term, 2nd year), Valarie Thawley (2nd term, 2nd year), George Ferrari (2nd term, 2nd year), Bob Sencenbaugh (2nd term, 2nd year) Jennifer Berning (1st term, 1st year), Jean Wilson (2nd term, 1st year), Rodney Martin (1st term, 1st year). Guests Stephanie Stoll, Sheryl Franklin, and Terry Reed Promotions Director. Missing from invited guests are Sean Hammell and Randolph Gerke.

Meeting minutes previously approved after the 2019 board meeting. Minutes not read. Brenda Lemon made a motion to accept and not have minutes read. Second by Cheryl Martin. MSC

Secretary Report Robbie Reed – Written report submitted. Robbie Reed outlined voting that had taken place during the 2019-2020 season.

Treasurer Report Cheryl Martin – Written report submitted. Cheryl Martin explained there are still two outstanding reimbursements to be filed; one from Jean Wilson for Judges and the other from Jennifer Berning for mailing out Regional medals as well as a couple of checks for working dog submissions to deposit. Cheryl Martin explained when someone uses PayPal to pay for fees, the unusual dollar amounts are actually pennies earned. The user pays any fees to PayPal and there is no expense to the organization for using this type of payment method. All of the events that were canceled due to the COVID 19 pandemic did receive refunds for sanctioning which is shown in the End of Season Financial Statement.

It should be noted all committee reports were submitted prior to the meeting for everyone to review. President Sue Ferrari explained there were a couple of questions about the treasurer report and PayPal payments as well as the cost of the printed newsletters. Motion made by Jean Wilson to accept all the committee reports as written. Second by Jennifer Berning. MSC

Committee reports

- Drug Testing Robbie Reed – Written report submitted
- Membership Rodney Martin – Written report submitted
- Sanctioning Sue Ferrari – Written report submitted
- Judges Jean Wilson – Written report submitted
- Elections George Ferrari – Written results submitted
- Animal Welfare/Education Sheryl Franklin – Written report submitted
- Standing Rules/Forms Robbie Reed – Written report submitted
- Awards Jennifer Berning – Written report submitted
- Grievance Bob Sencenbaugh – Written report submitted
- Personnel Brenda Lemon – Written report submitted
- Championship Valarie Thawley & George Ferrari – Written report submitted
- Newsletter Robbie Reed – Written report submitted
- Regional Coordinator Bob Sencenbaugh – Written report submitted
- Statistician Sue Ferrari – Written report submitted
- Web Master Sheryl Franklin – Written report submitted
- Web Site Inquiry Brenda Lemon – Written report submitted
- Hall of Fame Robbie Reed – Written report submitted
- Promotions Terry Reed - Written report submitted

Unfinished Business

Newsletter Review – (page 7) Cost and layout (refer to newsletter report). Robbie Reed explained the current printer Mail and Copy charges depended on the employee who was ringing me up. It was discovered some charges were by using 8 1/2X11 inch paper size and the other was using 11X17 inch. Robbie added she had contacted Office Depot for a quote for the May newsletter. That cost was almost two-thirds the cost charged by Mail and Copy. If we wanted to continue using Mail and Copy it was suggested to contact Mail and Copy to see if they would agree to price match. Will discuss in New Business for any voting of

additional cost for receiving printed newsletters.

Membership Dues – Rodney Martin stated he didn't have any problems with the cost increase at the beginning of the season. Jennifer Berning asked if we are in line with other pull organization membership fees. Jean stated we are higher; some don't even require membership fees. After discussion, if membership fees were to change, it would be for cost of printing hard copies of the newsletter. Sue asked about a person who turns 18 years old during the season; if they have to get a membership when they turn 18. Rodney Martin explained if the person turns 18 during the season, they may continue on the family membership. However, if they turn 18 prior to July 1st of that given year they would need their own membership

Regional/National/International Hall of Fame – eligible/ineligible for induction/voting

Regional HOF all needing to be presented to the membership at the next Championship Awards Banquet 2021
Jynx with Owner Sean Hammell
Micky with Owner Jean Wilson

National Inductees - No inductees were submitted for induction into the National HOF for this season.

International Inductees for the 2018-2019 season will need to be introduced as recipients during the next Awards Banquet at Championships 2021. These include;
Daffodil with Owners/Handlers Rodney and Cheryl Martin
Prince Mufasa with Owners/Handlers Robbie and Terry Reed

The following dogs submitted applications for induction into the International HOF for the 2019-2020 season. Both earning the criteria needed for induction. If induction approved, both will need to be introduced at the next Awards Banquet at the next Championship 2021.

Jynx with Owner Sean Hammell
Micky with Owner Jean Wilson

Rodney Martin made a motion to Induct Jynx and Micky into the International Hall of Fame as well as accepting them as Regional Hall of Fame recipients. Second by Valarie Thawley. MSC

Review bond amount for Treasurer as outlined in Standing Rule Article XIII Section 7. Cheryl Martin advised she is not currently bonded. The board discussed how much a bond would cost. Sue Ferrari indicated she would check with our insurance company to see if they offer bonds and if they do how much it would cost. Sue Ferrari will report back with information from our current insurance company. Rodney Martin made a motion to leave the current bond amount at \$0.00 until bond amount costs can be obtained. Second by Brenda Lemon. MSC

From General Membership Meeting - NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD. Championships and the General Membership Meeting were CANCELED due to a COVID 19 pandemic. Official notice was supplied to the membership by posting articles in the April and May issues of the newsletter in either the President's article and/or Secretary to the Board article. It was also noted in the newsletter if any member had any items they would like to have the board of director's review during the board meeting, submit it to Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed or provide it to another board member to address during the board meeting.

Follow up/update on the IRS/Not for Profit filing 501C3 – Cheryl Martin indicated the person she thought could assist in filing who is a CPA doesn't do this. Stephanie indicated she had personally obtained a Not for Profit status for her rescue and she filed the paperwork by herself. She added it cost about \$1200.00 and took a while to receive. Cheryl stated she had obtained an ITIN Number through the IRS. Jennifer Berning made a motion to not proceed with obtaining a Not for Profit status. Brenda Lemon second the motion. MSC

PayPal use during the season – Cheryl Martin reported the only issue has been people not sending in their Membership Application timely. Cheryl added after she receives notice from PayPal of a payment for Membership, she will email the person reminding them to submit their Membership Application.

Audit of financial books – Cheryl Martin stated she mailed all records for the last 2 years (2017/2018 and 2018/2019 seasons) to Sue Ferrari. Sue then transferred the documents to Diana Ferrari who reviewed all documentation. Robbie Reed asked if a written report was ever provided to document the findings. Sue said she recalled an email was sent and would search her email for it. Follow-up for written report of findings.

Agenda items of unfinished business submitted by Sue Ferrari - Sue explained the past two years Jennie Chen has had a fun pull

at a dog show. Jenny is stating this is an IWPA pull, but in reality it isn't a sanctioned pull, just a novice pull. She is also listing herself as the chief judge, but she doesn't do any other pulls, to qualify as a judge. Jenny is a member. Sue doesn't want to discourage fun pulls, but was wondering what the rest of the board thinks about this situation. Sue has received emails and there was a Facebook post from people wanting to get their legs approved. Sue did have some discussion with Jennie about this. Emails submitted for documentation. Sue said Jenny indicated she may not be doing the novice pull this year.

Sue Ferrari wanted to make sure the board was aware that she had received a voice message from Steven Gatzow that she interpreted as threatening. Sheryl Franklin stated she was told he wasn't welcome to pull with the Malamute Club because of his suspension with the IWPA. The board agreed Steven Gatzow needs to be added to a list of memberships to be reviewed/ memberships needing action before accepted. This list to be published in the newsletter.

Sue Ferrari updated on the status of Shea-La Gatz letter sent by her attorney to our insurance carrier in hopes of receiving compensation. Our insurance company denied this claim. Terry Reed informed the board that Shea-La's attorney has submitted a letter to the owner of the dog, in hopes of receiving compensation. That owner has submitted a claim to her renters insurance. That insurance company is in the process of their own investigation in whether they will accept the claim or deny it. It is suggested any membership application submitted by Shea-La Gatz be reviewed due to the history of incidents each year over the past several years.

Discussion in regard to the COVID 19 pandemic in the U.S./Canada and government regulations regarding events/social distancing/gathering size and open venues. How will all this effect the IWPA in the 2020-2021 pull season. Topic tabled for new business and possibly assign a committee to compose a "Best Practice" for organizers once the IWPA is sanctioning events in the 2020-2021 season.

Sue Ferrari recognized Cheryl Martin and Sean Hammell were elected to fill two year terms. There are three vacancies on the board for the 2020-2021 season. Sue contacted members Sheryl Franklin, Stephanie Stoll and Randolph Gerke to inquire if they would be interested in filing a one year nomination to the board. Sheryl, Stephanie and Randolph all agreed to accept a nomination if presented. Rodney Martin made a motion to accept Sheryl Franklin, Stephanie Stoll and Randolph Gerke's nominations to fill one year appointed vacancies on the board of directors. George Ferrari second. MSC

Election of Officers (current and incoming board members present at the spring meeting are allowed to vote in officer elections per Standing Rule Article XIII Section 4).

Nominations:

President – Sue Ferrari accepted a nomination. Jean Wilson accepted a nomination. Winner Sue Ferrari.

Vice President – Rodney Martin accepted a nomination. Jean Wilson accepted a nomination. Jennifer Berning accepted a nomination. Winner Jennifer Berning

Secretary – Robbie Reed accepted a nomination. No other nominations made. Winner Robbie Reed

Treasurer – Cheryl Martin accepted a nomination. No other nominations made. Winner Cheryl Martin

New Business

Roll Call – present via video meeting President Sue Ferrari (2nd term, 2nd year), Vice President Jennifer Berning (1st term, 2nd year) Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed, Treasurer Cheryl Martin (2nd term, 1st year), Jean Wilson (2nd term, 2nd year), Rodney Martin (1st term, 2nd year), Stephanie Stoll (1 year Appointment), Sheryl Franklin (1 year Appointment), and Terry Reed Promotions Director. Guest Brenda Lemmon. Absent were Sean Hammell (1st term, 1st year) and Randolph Gerke (1 year Appointment).

President Sue Ferrari announced Chair Assignments as follows;

Drug Testing Robbie Reed

Membership Chair Rodney Martin

Sanctioning Sue Ferrari

Judges Jean Wilson

Elections Jean Wilson

Animal Welfare Sheryl Franklin

Standing Rules/Forms Robbie Reed

Awards/Working Dog Jennifer Berning
Grievance Stephanie Stoll
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Proposed New Budget – Treasurer Cheryl Martin explained she cut all paid stipends by \$25.00 a month. The organization owns enough Championship, Regional, Working Dog and Hall of Fame medals that we shouldn't have to order any for the 2020-2021 season. Cheryl said there were suggestions made to add the word "stipends" behind each stipend paid, as well as to designate the postage under the newsletter line as newsletter postage. Sheryl Franklin made a motion to accept the proposed budget Jean Wilson second. MSC

Membership dues – The board discussed the cost of providing members who request their newsletter to be a printed hard copy and whether there should be a charge for receiving a printed newsletter. Robbie Reed brought up using a different print company whose prices may be more competitive, which may help reduce the cost of printing. It was also suggested if we wanted to stay with the current printers, to see if they would consider price matching another print company. Robbie will discuss this with them and will decide what print company to use. Rodney Martin made a motion to leave the cost as is for the various memberships. Jennifer Berning second. MSC

Newsletter review – this topic was discussed simultaneously with the membership dues. The board discussed posting in the newsletter, any prior memberships that are not in good standing. Robbie Reed to research this and will add this to each newsletter.

Sheryl Franklin items for agenda – Sheryl asked the board what they thought about trying to welcome back members in Region 5. Sue Ferrari stated that there were several members in Region 5 but most did not pull dogs. Sheryl suggested an apology letter be drafted and mailed out to each member. After much discussion, the board agreed a letter should be composed and mailed. Sue Ferrari said she would write a letter and send it out for board review. Suggestions were made about it having an apology and recognizing the length of time to communicate back, causing lost points for some. Then they were unable to attend other pulls to attempt to regain the points lost.

Sheryl Franklin also asked about Region 4 members who did not join the 2019-2020 season. The board agreed a letter should also be composed and mailed to Region 4 members indicating the intent of communication to them was to reinforce rules regarding chute requirements, not to punish any person, organizer or region.

Sheryl Franklin stated one Region 5 member was the culprit for everything that had happened. Also indicating that person bullied other members. Jennifer Berning said members need to be willing to come forward and file a grievance against that person. Without cause, the board is restricted what they could and could not do in regard to the person's membership. Jean Wilson said she did receive text communication from a member in a different region in regard to the Region 5 member sending out racist text messages after the 2018-2019 Championships. Brenda Lemon described this person being an in your face kind of person and will make comments to people during pulls somewhat antagonizing. It is after the pull ends and awards given out that people will complain about things he did or said. It's only after the person leaves that people will say anything.

Sheryl Franklin also wanted to discuss Region 11. She indicated it was her understanding several members in Region 11 were looking at starting to weight pull in other organizations. Brenda Lemon stated Valarie Thawley had talked with members in Region 11 and it wasn't that they were looking at pulling in other organizations and leave the IWPA. But looking at possibly bringing in other members to pull in their region as well.

Discussion about what our pull season will look like and when it would start, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Brenda Lemon said she would be willing to help on a committee to create "Best Practices" for the IWPA. Sheryl Franklin agreed to be on the committee as well. Robbie Reed also agreed to be on the committee. Sheryl Franklin indicated AKC has released Best Practices for Obedience and Rally. Perhaps we could modify it to fit weight pulling. Sheryl Franklin, Brenda Lemon and Robbie Reed to

work on this and submit a draft to the board for review. It's suggested to have this in place and posted in the August newsletter. It was the consensus of the board for the pull season to begin only if all States and Canada are opened.

Follow up on job descriptions not written in Standing Rules Article II - Terry Reed submitted written job descriptions or additions to existing job descriptions for Section 5 Standing Rules and Forms, Section 6 Regional Coordinator, Section 10 Working Dog, Section 14 Promotions, Section 15 Awards/Medals and Section 17 International Representative. Robbie Reed submitted a job description for Section 13 Drug Testing. Terry stated he did not write a job description for Animal Welfare. Thinking Sheryl Franklin may be the best person to do that since she has been the committee chair for that job for several years. Rodney Martin made a motion to accept the job descriptions as submitted by Terry and Robbie. Sheryl Franklin second. MSC

Sue Ferrari Standing Rules Article XI Elections Section 1. Sue stated the first sentence in Section 1 she didn't think pertained to anything she has done as President. Sue suggested the first sentence can be removed. Jennifer Berning made a motion to remove the first sentence. Sheryl Franklin second. MSC

Sue Ferrari Pulling Rules Section 5 (C) (1). Sue asked if the board feels the requirement for each dogs' harness to be measured while in the holding area should continue. After discussion Sheryl Franklin made a motion to remove "While in the holding area" and replace it with "At any time", and change "must" to "may". Additionally, change "less than 24" to "24" or less. Also Pulling Rules Section 4 number 7 change wording to "no more than 24" (inches)". Jean Wilson second. MSC (It should be noted there was discussion about measuring harnesses at championships.)

Sue Ferrari Pulling Rules needing grammatical corrections 1 through 11 on Sue's list of items to discuss for the board meeting. Jennifer Berning made a motion to make all those changes as outlined. Sheryl Franklin second. MSC

Sue Ferrari By Laws Article I Section 2 Dues. Sue asked if this section needed to be revised. After discussion no change needed. It should be noted By Law changes cannot be changed during a board meeting. By Laws can only be changed by qualifying membership vote via Election Ballot.

Sue Ferrari wanted it noted that the Championships for the 2020-2021 season will be awarded to Canada, as per all the previous conversations when the season ended abruptly. This is due to the Covid 19 pandemic where Federal and State regulations were imposed to close the US/Canada borders. Also, numerous States within the United States were closed for travel. This occurred prior to Championships and March 31st. Hence the season was officially ended on March 16th, 2020. Dog pull events scheduled on or after this date were canceled and sanctioning fees returned to organizers.

Forms review – The board reviewed all official forms used by the IWPA. Minor changes made. Secretary Robbie Reed to make changes as noted. Rodney Martin made a motion for changes as noted be completed. Sheryl Franklin second. MSC

Cheryl Martin made a motion for the IWPA to obtain a Zoom Meeting subscription. This will allow for any time sensitive discussions to happen quickly with minimal cost to the organization. Sheryl Franklin second. MSC

The annual board meeting via Zoom Meeting subscription to take place on June 12th and June 13th, 2021 beginning at 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time.

Jean Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rodney Martin second, MSC. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

2019-2020 Season Year End Financial Statement

INCOME	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total	
Membership	6,200.00		1,385.00	632.12	292.61	637.22	115.58	495.81	275.48	70.00			3,903.82	
Sanctioning	5,400.00	50.00	420.00	492.64	493.49	386.75	247.08	295.00	526.75	71.75			2,983.46	
3.00 per dog	6,200.00			99.00	84.00	514.10	459.32	305.36	615.94	684.80			2,762.52	
Judge Certification	500.00		145.00	19.82	75.00	14.90		15.14			15.14		285.00	
Ads/Promo	175.00												0.00	
Working Dog	300.00	21.14	50.00	40.00			9.99			19.66			140.79	
\$1.00/dog drug test	1,800.00			33.00	28.00	171.00	152	101.00	202.00	227.00			914.00	
\$1.00/dog travel	1,800.00			33.00	28.00	171.00	152	101.00	202.00	227.00			914.00	
Misc Income	0.00						50.00			40			90.00	
Total Income	22,375.00	71.14	2,000.00	1,349.58	1,001.10	1,894.97	1,135.97	1,363.31	1,822.17	1,340.21	0.00	15.14	0.00	11,993.59
EXPENSES														
Newsletter stipend	1,000.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,000.00	
Treasurer	1,200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00	
Statistician	1,200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00	
Sanctioning	1,300.00	100.00	131.26	121.87	100.00	128.37	100.00	100.00	101.65	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,283.15	
Webmaster	1,200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00	
Website	200.00	14.95	14.95	119.52									149.42	
Newsletter	1,000.00		61.20	32.31	56.37	55.07	95.46	109.76	100.77	215.30	177.72	116.85	1,020.81	
Postage	600.00		33.35	14.95	16.10	16.10	20.80	20.80	23.80	34.20	26.60	22.80	229.50	
Expenses	0.00	10.00	14.35										24.35	
Board Conf Call	0.00												0.00	
Board Meet Travel	3,500.00												0.00	
Board Meeting	600.00										16.18		16.18	
Membership	500.00	89.50		126.36			13.06			37.65			266.57	
Regional Reps	0.00												0.00	
Medal/Awards	2,250.00		11.95		250.61					3,442.62		297.47	4,002.65	
Awards Mailing	275.00												0.00	
Hall of Fame	200.00		7.62										7.62	
President	100.00									75.74			75.74	
Vice-President	0.00												0.00	
Board Secretary	100.00		275.01							28.30			303.31	
Board Members	0.00												0.00	
Rules	300.00		450.22		7.35								457.57	
Judge Chair	1,125.00												0.00	
Elections	200.00							79.81		27.02	10.50		117.33	
Championship Travel	1,800.00												0.00	
Championship Chair	0.00												0.00	
Champion Judges	1,500.00												0.00	
Drug Testing	1,800.00												0.00	
Working Dog	200.00												0.00	
Insurance	625.00	625.00							50.00				675.00	
Bank-fees checking	50.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	25.95	2.00	2.00	47.95	
Bank-fees savings	0.00												0.00	
Champion apparral	500.00												0.00	
Returned Checks	0.00							40.00		40.00	340		420.00	
Board Equipment	50.00												0.00	
Promotions	0.00												0.00	
Total Expenses	22,375.00	1,141.45	1,401.91	817.01	832.43	601.54	631.32	752.37	678.22	4,426.78	1,056.82	955.30	402.00	13,697.15
Beginning Bank Balance														15,037.86
Ending Bank Balance														13,334.30
Savings Acct + Interest	5,493.97	0.70	0.50	0.42	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.21	0.06	0.05	0.05		5,496.89
Insurance for Murdoch's in Greeley										1828	(travel and drug testing money)			
Membership Refund Gatz														
Refunds of Sanctioning fees end of Season-Coronavirus														
Refund Wacker														

2019-2020 Check Ledger

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Written to</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
7/13/2019	Visa	Post Office	\$ 89.50	Stamps to mail membership renewals
7/20/2019	Visa	Secretary of State	\$ 10.00	Annual Incorporation Dues
7/1/2019 A/W		Website	\$ 14.95	July Website
7/1/2019 A/W		1st Bank	\$ 2.00	Visa Fee
7/8/2019	2283	Sue Ferrari	\$ 100.00	July Sanctioning
7/8/2019	2284	Sue Ferrari	\$ 100.00	July Statistician
7/8/2019	2285	Sheryl Franklin	\$ 100.00	July Webmaster
7/8/2019	2286	Cheryl Martin	\$ 100.00	July Treasurer
7/22/2019		Sportsmen Insurance	\$ 625.00	Annual Insurance
7/23/2019	2288	Post Office	\$ 14.35	Mail Financials for Audit
7/26/2019	2289	Sue Ferrari	\$ 131.26	August Sanctioning/Expense
7/26/2019	2290	Sue Ferrari	\$ 100.00	August Statistician
7/26/2019	2291	Sheryl Franklin	\$ 100.00	August Webmaster
7/26/2019	2292	Robbie Reed	\$ 100.00	August Newsletter Editor
7/26/2019	2293	Cheryl Martin	\$ 100.00	August Treasurer
8/1/2019 A/W		Website	\$ 14.95	August Website
8/1/2019 A/W		1st Bank	\$ 2.00	Visa Fee
8/2/2019	2294	Robbie Reed	\$ 294.58	(\$291.31 Board meeting print and binders, \$7.62 HOF, \$11.95 Championship Certificates, \$13.70 Gatzow Certified Mailing)
8/9/2019	2295	Robbie Reed	\$ 544.77	(\$450.22 Forms, 61.20 August N/L, 23.35 August N/L Mailing)
9/1/2019 A/W		1st Bank	\$ 2.00	Visa Fee
9/3/2019	2296	Sue Ferrari	\$ 121.87	September Sanctioning/Expense
9/3/2019	2297	Sue Ferrari	\$ 100.00	September Statistician
9/3/2019	2298	Sheryl Franklin	\$ 100.00	September Webmaster
9/3/2019	2299	Robbie Reed	\$ 100.00	September N/L Editor
9/3/2019	2300	Cheryl Martin	\$ 100.00	September Treasurer
9/6/2019 Visa		Post Office	\$ 126.36	Memberships
9/25/2019	2301	Sue Ferrari	\$ 100.00	October Sanctioning
9/25/2019	2302	Sue Ferrari	\$ 100.00	October Statistician
9/25/2019	2303	Sheryl Franklin	\$ 100.00	October Webmaster
9/25/2019	2304	Robbie Reed	\$ 100.00	October Newsletter Editor
9/25/2019	2305	Cheryl Martin	\$ 100.00	October Treasurer
9/25/2019 A/W		Website	\$ 119.52	Annual Website Fee
10/1/2019 A/W		1st Bank	\$ 2.00	Visa Fee
10/19/2019	2306	Awards & Etc	\$ 250.61	Medal Backs 18/19 season

10/19/2019	2307	Robbie Reed	\$	7.35	Mail Rules to Sanctioning
10/19/2019	2308	Robbie Reed	\$	47.26	(\$32.31 September N/L Print, \$14.95 Mailing)
10/19/2019	2309	Robbie Reed	\$	72.47	(\$56.37 October N/L Print, 16.10 Mailing)
10/29/2019	2310	Sue Ferrari	\$	128.37	November Sanctioning/Expense
10/29/2019	2311	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	November Statistician
10/29/2019	2312	Sheryl Franklin	\$	100.00	November Webmaster
10/29/2019	2313	Robbie Reed	\$	100.00	November N/L Editor
10/29/2019	2314	Cheryl Martin	\$	100.00	November Treasurer
11/28/2019	2315	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	December Statistician
11/28/2019	2316	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	December Sanctioning
11/28/2019	2317	Sheryl Franklin	\$	100.00	December Webmaster
11/28/2019	2318	Robbie Reed	\$	100.00	December N/L Editor
11/28/2019	2319	Cheryl Martin	\$	100.00	December Treasurer
12/1/2019		A/W 1st Bank	\$	2.00	Visa Fee
12/16/2019		Visa Post Office	\$	13.06	Membership
12/26/2019	2320	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	January Statistician
12/26/2019	2321	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	January Sanctioning
12/26/2019	2322	Sheryl Franklin	\$	100.00	January Webmaster
12/26/2019	2323	Robbie Reed	\$	100.00	January N/L Editor
12/26/2019	2324	Cheryl Martin	\$	100.00	January Treasurer
1/1/2020		A/W 1st Bank	\$	2.00	Visa Fee
1/14/2020	2325	Shea-la Gatz	\$	40.00	Refund of denied membership
1/27/2020	2326	Sue Ferrari	\$	101.65	Feb Sanctioning/Expense
1/27/2020	2327	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	Feb Statistician
1/27/2020	2328	Sheryl Franklin	\$	100.00	Feb Webmaster
1/27/2020	2329	Robbie Reed	\$	100.00	Feb N/L Editor
1/27/2020	2330	Cheryl Martin	\$	100.00	Feb Treasurer
1/27/2020	2331	George Ferrari	\$	79.81	Elections
2/1/2020		A/W 1st Bank	\$	2.00	Visa Fee
2/22/2020	2332	Sportsmen Insurance	\$	50.00	Murdoch Greeley
2/24/2020	2333	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	March Sanctioning
2/24/2020	2334	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	March Statistician
2/24/2020	2335	Sue Ferrari	\$	102.76	27.02 Elections, 75.74 flowers for Korgan funeral
2/24/2020	2336	Sheryl Franklin	\$	100.00	March Webmaster
2/24/2020	2337	Robbie Reed	\$	100.00	March N/L Editor
2/24/2020	2338	Cheryl Martin	\$	100.00	March Treasurer

3/1/2020	A/W	1st Bank		\$	2.00	Visa Fee
3/10/2020	Visa	Post Office		\$	37.65	Membership for Canadian Members
3/1/2020	2339	Robbie Reed		\$	71.17	November N/L 55.07 print, 16.10 mail
3/1/2020	2340	Robbie Reed		\$	116.26	December N/L 95.46 print, 20.80 mail
3/1/2020	2341	Robbie Reed		\$	130.56	January N/L 109.76 print, 20.80 mail
3/1/2020	2342	Robbie Reed		\$	124.57	Feb N/L print 100.77, 23.80 mail
3/1/2020	2343	Robbie Reed		\$	28.30	Mail to S. Gatz regarding membership
3/7/2020	2344	Terry Reed		\$	249.50	March N/L print 215.30, 34.20 mail
3/23/2020	2345	Awards & Etc		\$	3,442.62	Medals
3/23/2020	A/W	Deluxe Checks		\$	23.95	Checks
3/28/2020	2346	Terry Reed		\$	60.00	Refund Sanctioning
3/28/2020	2347	Darwin Lumbattis		\$	70.00	Refund Sanctioning
3/28/2020	2348	Debbie Lee		\$	70.00	Refund Sanctioning
3/28/2020	2349	Carol Gerke		\$	70.00	Refund Sanctioning
3/28/2020	2350	Clay Fonvielle		\$	70.00	Refund Sanctioning
3/28/2020	2351	Marlo Wacker		\$	40.00	Refund of Grievance
3/28/2020	2352	Sue Ferrari		\$	100.00	April Sanctioning
3/28/2020	2353	Sue Ferrari		\$	100.00	April Statistician
3/28/2020	2354	Sheryl Franklin		\$	100.00	April Webmaster
3/28/2020	2355	Robbie Reed		\$	100.00	April N/L Editor
3/28/2020	2356	Cheryl Martin		\$	100.00	April Treasurer
4/1/2020	A/W	1st Bank		\$	2.00	Visa Fee
4/24/2020	2357	Sue Ferrari		\$	100.00	May Sanctioning
4/24/2020	2358	Sue Ferrari		\$	100.00	May Statistician
4/24/2020	2359	Sheryl Franklin		\$	100.00	May Webmaster
4/24/2020	2360	Robbie Reed		\$	100.00	May N/L Editor
4/24/2020	2361	Cheryl Martin		\$	100.00	May Treasurer
4/24/2020	2362	George Ferrari		\$	10.50	Mail Election ballots to Secretary
4/24/2020	2363	Robbie Reed		\$	204.32	April N/L, Print 177.72, Mail 26.60
5/9/2020	2364	Robbie Reed		\$	139.65	May N/L Print 116.85, Mail 22.80
5/1/2020	A/W	1st Bank		\$	2.00	Visa Fee

$X = 8,814,618,136.95 \times 3,459,374.00$
 Really, I can do that in my head!!! Give me
 something challenging!

5/26/2020	2365	Sue Ferrari	\$	16.18	Board Zoom Meeting
5/26/2020	2366	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	June Sanctioning
5/26/2020	2367	Sue Ferrari	\$	100.00	June Statistician
5/26/2020	2368	Sheryl Franklin	\$	100.00	June Webmaster
5/26/2020	2369	Cheryl Martin	\$	100.00	June Treasurer
5/26/2020	2370	Awards & Etc	\$	297.47	Medal Backs 19/20 Season-Regional
6/1/2020	A/W	1st Bank	\$	2.00	Visa Fee
Total Checks Written					
					\$ 13,695.15



2019-2020 DEPOSITS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	
7/31/2019	\$ 71.14	(\$50.00 Sanctioning, 21.14 Working Dog Paypal)	
9/3/2019	\$ 420.00	Sanctioning	
9/3/2019	\$ 1,395.00	(\$1385.00 Membership, \$10.00 Judge)	
9/3/2019	\$ 135.00	Judges	
9/3/2019	\$ 50.00	Working Dog	
9/10/2019	\$ 500.00	Membership	
9/10/2019	\$ 245.00	Sanctioning	
9/10/2019	\$ 165.00	Fees	
9/10/2019	\$ 40.00	Working Dog	
9/10/2019	\$ 132.12	Membership Paypal	
9/10/2019	\$ 19.82	Judges Paypal	
9/10/2019	\$ 247.64	Sanctioning Paypal	
10/20/2019	\$ 266.10	(\$122.61 Membership, 143.49 Sanctioning Paypal)	
10/28/2019	\$ 280.00	Sanctioning	
10/28/2019	\$ 210.00	(\$140.00 Fees, \$70.00 Sanctioning)	
10/28/2019	\$ 170.00	Membership	
10/28/2019	\$ 75.00	Judges	
11/28/2019	\$ 680.00	Fees	
11/28/2019	\$ 195.00	Membership	
11/28/2019	\$ 385.00	Sanctioning (\$70 fees)	
11/29/2019	\$ 634.97	Sanct 71.75, Fees 106.10, Membership 442.22, Judges 14.90	Paypal
12/26/2019	\$ 70.00	Membership	
12/26/2019	\$ 165.00	105 Sanctioning, 60 Fees	
12/26/2019	\$ 380.00	Fees	
12/26/2019	\$ 520.97	WD 9.99, Membership 45.58, Fees 323.32, Sanctioning 142.08	Paypal
1/27/2020	\$ 185.00	Membership	
1/27/2020	\$ 295.00	Fees	
1/27/2020	\$ 345.00	Sanctioning 295 Ins 50	
1/27/2020	\$ 538.31	Judge 15.14, Fees 212.36, Membership 310.81	Paypal
2/28/2020	\$ 350.00	Sanctioning	
2/28/2020	\$ 645.00	105 sanctioning, 540 fees	
2/28/2020	\$ 190.00	membership	
2/28/2020	\$ 637.17	membership 85.48, fees 479.94, sanctioning 71.75	Paypal
3/30/2020	\$ 40.00	Wacker Grievance	
3/30/2020	\$ 885.00	Fees	
3/30/2020	\$ 25.00	Membership	
3/30/2020	\$ 390.21	Sact 71.75, Fees 253.80, Working Dog 19.66, Membership 45.00	paypal
5/13/2020	\$ 15.14	Judge Paypal	

\$ 11,993.59

PROPOSED 2020-2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME		July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Membership	3,900.00													0.00
Sanctioning	3,010.00													0.00
3.00 per dog	2,800.00													0.00
Judge Certification	300.00													0.00
Ads/Promo	100.00													0.00
Working Dog	200.00													0.00
\$1.00/dog drug test	1,000.00													0.00
\$1.00/dog travel	1,000.00													0.00
Misc Income	0.00													0.00
Total Income	12,310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENSES														
Newsletter stipend	750.00													0.00
Treasurer	900.00													0.00
Statistician	900.00													0.00
Sanctioning	1,000.00													0.00
Webmaster	900.00													0.00
Website	150.00													0.00
Newsletter	1,000.00													0.00
Postage	300.00													0.00
Expenses	0.00													0.00
Board Conf Call	0.00													0.00
Board Meet Travel	0.00													0.00
Board Meeting	100.00													0.00
Membership	400.00													0.00
Regional Reps	0.00													0.00
Medal/Awards	250.00													0.00
Awards Mailing	275.00													0.00
Hall of Fame	100.00													0.00
President	100.00													0.00
Vice-President	0.00													0.00
Board Secretary	100.00													0.00
Board Members	0.00													0.00
Rules/Constitutions	450.00													0.00
Judge Chair	300.00													0.00
Elections	150.00													0.00
Championship Travel	1,000.00													0.00
Championship Chair	0.00													0.00
Champion Judges	1,500.00													0.00
Drug Testing	1,000.00													0.00
Working Dog	200.00													0.00
Insurance	625.00													0.00
Bank-fees checking	50.00													0.00
Bank-fees savings	0.00													0.00
Champion apparral	560.00													0.00
Returned Checks	0.00													0.00
Board Equipment	0.00													0.00
Promotions	0.00													0.00
Total Expenses	12,310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reduced stipends to \$75/month														
Having a Zoom board meeting														
No Medals Needed														

**INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION
WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION**

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull _____ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.) _____ Wheels _____ or Snow _____
Pull will be run – Class by Class _____ or Concurrent _____ or Combined Classes _____
Title of Event: _____
Street Address of Event _____
City and State/Prov. Of Event _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Region _____
Organizer (person responsible for event) _____
Organizer Address _____ Phone (_____) _____
City and State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____
Purse/Prizes _____
Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____
Purse/Prizes _____
Sponsor _____
Name of required I.W.P.A. member _____ Phone (_____) _____
Name of Chief Judge _____ Phone (_____) _____
Additional Information _____

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.

Please included your email address: _____



Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

Sue Ferrari
807 Ghormley Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

Phone 509-966-1133
E-mail ferrari1133@msn.com

\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)
\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)

This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.

Signature of Pull Organizer _____ Date _____

For the use of the Sanctioning Director

Date this application received _____ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received _____
Date Sanctioning approved/rejected _____ Date information sent to Newsletter _____
Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to
Organizer _____ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer _____ Date postmarked _____

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. No exceptions to this rule will be made!! It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a **postmark no later than 7 days** after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee, For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a **postmark no later than 7 days** after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports and Handlers Meeting Registration** to the **Judge Chairperson**
(The penalty for failure to meet the 7 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and E-MAIL (06/18) or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (5/98)

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception-When E-MAILING application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be E-MAILED with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the E-MAIL. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or E-MAIL is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer **will** be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. (06/17) There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ Date _____

FROM SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

Robbie Reed

Reference: Official Notice

Realizing best practices would need to be put into place, a COVID 19 Committee was formed. That committee is Board of Director Sheryl Franklin, Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed and Member Brenda Lemon.

The COVID 19 Committee researched suggested best practices for canine events. The Committee composed and presented to the Board of Directors suggested best practices for the IWPA. After review the Board voted on the following document that is found on pages 20 and 21 of this newsletter.

Every member should review the best practices for the IWPA and take them seriously. Success in keeping all members and competitors safe, depends on every member's compliance!!

Organizers and Judges, it is an added responsibility for you to help us all comply with the best practices!

If anyone has questions, please do not hesitate to ask someone on the COVID 19 Committee or a Board Member.

Please remember this document is fluid and may be subject to change. Any changes will be posted in upcoming newsletters. Please watch for any updates!

With this all in mind, know it is hopeful that the season will start on time. However, all members shall have the same benefits as any other member, including the ability to attend ANY sanctioned dog pull event. This is what will drive the official ability to host sanctioned IWPA dog pull events.

Best Regards,

Robbie Reed
Secretary to the Board

IWPA Memberships left NOT IN GOOD STANDING

Ed St. Lawrence	1998 until satisfied
Jennifer Demers	1998 until satisfied
Ed Demers	1998 until satisfied
Toni Yoakam	2006 until satisfied
Brian Hosfelt	2008 until satisfied
Rob Via	2010 until satisfied
Larry Williams	2016 until satisfied
Steven Gatzow	may apply 04-01-2022
Shea-La Gatz	Until July 15, 2020 Review Required
Zack Welsh	Until July 15, 2020 Review Required

Suggested COVID Best Practices for the Well-Being of IWPA Weight Pull Participants

The IWPA supports each organizer's informed decision to reschedule, postpone or cancel their respective events, as well as supporting organizers ready to hold events in locations that are open and permit gatherings. As events resume across the continent, people need to feel safe while enjoying their dog activities.

The IWPA urges organizers to take appropriate precautions for the benefit of their participants. Events need to be held in a manner that emphasizes the safety of participants and event officials over efficiency.

The following is a list of suggested best practices that may be helpful when planning or attending an event. Event locations, facilities and dates will differ. With a situation that is continually evolving, it is up to the organizers to determine the guidelines that best fit their event. In order to inform participants, specific guidelines established by the organizer should be published in the event notification, IWPA website and posted on signage/flyers at their event.

General Practices

1. Organizers, officials and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with current guidelines. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Wearing masks when in close proximity to others. Organizers should provide masks if desired for officials, judges and volunteers.
4. Consider wearing disposable or washable gloves.
5. Have plenty of hand sanitizers placed for people to use. CDC recommends consumers use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
6. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray at bathroom facilities for people to spray door handles (or anything else they touch).
7. If you utilize portable toilets, please ask for a hand washing station to be delivered as well.
8. Avoid shaking hands or hugging.
9. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
10. Avoid common use pens/pencils – bring your own. Organizers may consider providing one use pens/pencils, signee may keep provided pen.
11. Disinfect surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.) Organizers and facilities may consider not providing chairs.
12. Meals – No potlucks. Avoid or stagger group lunches/dinners if possible. It is recommended that organizers supply boxed lunches for judges and volunteers. Hospitality areas should avoid community items such as salt and pepper shakers, condiments, creamers, etc. Participants should consider bringing their own lunches/drinks.
13. Parking areas – Park with increased distance between vehicles if possible. This is especially critical if handlers are required to crate from their vehicles.
14. If a competitor is exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19 disease such as fever, dry cough, shortness of breath as well as other identified symptoms **THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT.**

Event Planning

1. Event Set-up • For indoor events, open the exterior doors for better air flow if possible. Where possible, encourage one-way traffic flow with marked entrance and exits.
2. Crating • Crating should be at least six feet apart, except for "family" groups of handler/owners and dogs.

Event Practices

1. Social Distancing Requirements – A minimum of six foot distances around the chute, crating, volunteer, and Judges' and Sign Up areas should be established. Recommend marking spacing to identify safe distancing requirements.
 - Judge's Chair/Table – Judges may have the chair/table at one side of the chute. The judge and the cart/sled marshal should maintain required distancing.
 - Timer – Set up an area where only the person timing is allowed. This is often the Judge. The timer should handle the stopwatches with gloves. If there is more than one timer/recorder maintain required distancing.
 - Sign Up – A separate table should be set up to allow handlers, one at a time, to register for the event with their own pen (or pen provided them that they then keep). This eliminates the interaction between event workers and participants. Stewards should wear gloves or sanitize their hands between handling paperwork.
 - Sign Up – Suggested for owner/handler to provide a pre-filled in registration form when registering the dog/s? This would minimize the amount of time spent at the registration table and limit contact surface of the table/equipment when registering.
 - Weigh in – Judges should sanitize their hands after weighing any dogs. Judge and handler must wear mask during weigh in. Handlers must maintain at least a 6 foot distance from one another while waiting to have their dog weighed in.
2. Chute Procedure Modifications
 - Judges, stewards and handlers should maintain the mandated required distancing throughout the event.
 - Suggest that handlers, with their dog, enter the chute from the far end and place their leashes on the ground at the far end, behind the chute barrier. They and their dog then proceed to the cart for hook up. This ensures that only the handler touches the leash. Alternatively, if handler enters from close end of the chute, they can place their leash on the cart.
 - Suggest that gloved hooker hook the dogs. This limits the number of people touching ring and clip. That person should have a bottle of hand sanitizer in an available area. They can sanitize gloves between dogs. We also recognize that some dogs can only be hooked by their owner/handler. Suggest they sanitize their hands after the dog pulls.
 - Suggest that handler's mask can be removed while calling/working the dog in the chute, but not prior to the handler proceeding immediately to their starting point (dependent if calling the dog or driving the dog).
 - Judges, handlers, cart/sled marshals and timers/recorders should wear masks during the competition.
3. After event procedures
 - Ribbons/Awards may be placed on a pick-up table versus handed out. The judge may announce the awards and handlers/owners may pick up the awards that were laid out on a table for the class.

Summer Safety: Spotting And Preventing Heat Stroke In Dogs

By Sheryl Franklin (adapted from online articles)

With hot summertime temperatures, it's important to remember that dogs are vulnerable to injuries and illnesses related to hot weather. In summer, dogs are more at risk for conditions like **dehydration, sunburn, foot pad burns, and heat stroke**.

Heat stroke, which can cause organ failure, seizures, brain damage, hemorrhages, blindness, convulsions, and even death, may be the most dangerous condition you have to worry about for your dog.

Here's what you should know about heat stroke in dogs and how you can prevent it this summer.

Heat Stroke Starts With Heat Exhaustion

Heat Stroke and **heat exhaustion** are dangerous situations for any dog. **Heat exhaustion** is generally the early stages when a dog begins overheating.

You can often remedy the effects by taking immediate action to reduce the animals' body temperature and prevent the more deadly heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion symptoms can include:

- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid panting
- Reddening skin inside the ears

If you see these symptoms, get your dog inside quickly to a cooler area, like a basement or near a fan, and offer fresh water. Dampen their skin with lukewarm water and allow it to air-dry.

Heat Stroke: The Symptoms And The Dogs Who Are At Risk

Heat stroke occurs when dogs' normal body mechanisms cannot keep body temperature in a safe range. Dogs sweat only through their paws, and panting can't always fully cool a dog down when they are overheated.

A dog's normal body temperature is 100 to 102.5 degrees. A body temperature over 106 degrees is deadly and calls for immediate veterinary assistance.

Signs of heat stroke include:

- Rapid panting
- Bright red tongue
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Depression
- Weakness and dizziness
- Vomiting – sometimes with blood
- Diarrhea
- Shock
- Coma

Any pet who cannot cool off is at risk for **heat stroke**, but some breeds and dogs with certain conditions are more susceptible. Heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems put the dog at higher risk, and for these animals, even normal activities in intense heat can be harmful.

Dogs with shorter snouts, like Pugs or Bulldogs, have a harder time panting out their body heat, and certain breeds don't tolerate the heat as well as others. This group includes English and French Bulldogs, Boxers, Saint Bernards, Pugs, and Shih Tzus.

6 Ways To Protect Your Dog From Heat Stroke In Summer

What can a pet parent do to prevent **heat stroke** danger? Be smart and proactive!

Here are six ways you can help your pet maintain their body temperature and avoid heat stroke in summer:

1. When the temperature is high, don't let your dog linger on hot surfaces like asphalt and cement. Being so close to the ground can heat their body quickly and is also an invitation for burns on sensitive paw pads. Keep walks on these surfaces to a minimum.
2. Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut can help prevent overheating, but never shave to the skin. Dogs with long coats should have at least one inch of fur protection to prevent sunburns.
3. Provide access to fresh water at all times. Make certain an outside dog has access to shade and plenty of cool water.
4. Restrict exercise when temperatures soar, and do not muzzle your dog because it inhibits their ability to pant.
5. Many dogs enjoy a swim, splashing in a wading pool, or a run through a sprinkler in warmer weather. This can help bring body temperatures down.
6. Never leave your pet in a parked car without air conditioning on, not even if you park in the shade or plan to be gone for only a few minutes. The temperature inside of a car can reach oven-like temperatures in just minutes, often in excess of 140 degrees. That quick errand can turn into a disaster and could be fatal for your pet.

What Should You Do If Your Dog Is Suffering From Heat Stroke?

If you suspect your dog is suffering from **heat stroke**, fast action might save their life.

Remove the dog from the hot area immediately. Wet them thoroughly with cool to room temperature water and increase air movement around them with a fan.

Do not use ice or very cold water: it can be counterproductive since cooling too quickly can trigger other life-threatening conditions. Allow free access to water, but don't force the animal to drink — they may inhale it or choke.

Even if the dog seems to be recovering, **take them to the veterinarian as soon as possible**. **Dehydration** is just one complication of heat stroke that the veterinarian will need to address.

The first priority will be lowering the body temperature to a safe range, and the animal may be given fluids and oxygen. A pet brought in for heat stroke should be monitored for shock, respiratory distress, kidney failure, and heart abnormalities and treated accordingly.

Your doctor may take blood samples, since clotting problems are a common complication of heat stroke. Dogs who've suffered from heat stroke once increase their risk of doing so again, so steps to prevent it must be taken. For them, hot and humid days will always pose a greater danger.

If any of the organs such as the heart, lungs, liver, or kidneys have been severely harmed during the heat stroke, the consequences may be irreversible.

Dogs are, by nature, protective of their humans. Responsible pet owners must return the favor by protecting their pets from the dangers of excessive heat so they can safely enjoy the welcome warmth of the summer season.



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