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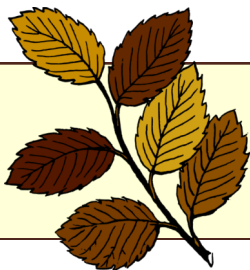
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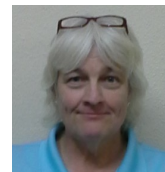


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FROM THE PRESIDENT
George Ferrari

Here we go, our season begins.

I for one can appreciate the time, patience, work , steadfastness, love and effort it takes just to have a dog, let alone have one who is willing and trusting to weight pull for you. I can honestly say I never knew how good any of my dogs were , until you start training a new dog, you find out what a blessing those trusting , loving dogs were. The ups and downs, the good days and bad, I would not change for anything. These dogs have given me unconditional love, which is priceless.....

I want to remind everyone to help the organizers out with setup and tear down. After all, they are putting pulls on for your benefit.

Be sure to always check your points in the standings and that they look correct. If you see something that doesn't look correct, be sure to contact the organizer and ask. If changes need to be done the organizer needs to contact the statistician for corrections. The sooner this happens the better. And not waiting until the last minute before Championships.

Good luck this season and always remember your dogs are watching you.

George Ferrari



FROM THE WEB MASTER

Sheryl Franklin

We have a new page on our website, **FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions**. You can get to this page from the Members Corner link. This is for our members (not for people new to weight pull) and contains the most Frequently Asked Questions our Committee Chairs receive throughout the season, along with the answers of course! These can be anything from where something should be mailed, to questions about points and results. We'll be adding to this page as needed so that you can always reference this handy dandy page first before re-searching the issue.

Sheryl Franklin

FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHAIR

Valarie Thawley

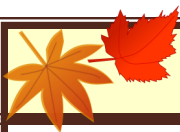
It is early in the season but, it is time for submissions of Championship bids. The West Regions (1, 2, 10 and 12) have first option to host the IWPA Championships for the 2016-2017 pull season. These regions include the states and territories of Alaska, the Yukon Territory, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California and Hawaii.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact me through my contact information listed below. I will be happy to send you the bid application to fill out and return to me. The postmark deadline for the bid is September 15th, 2016. If there is no bid submitted by the West Regions, the bid will be opened up to the Mid-East Regions which include Region 4, 6 and 8. These regions include the states of Manitoba, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

I hope to receive a bid soon!

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PULL CALENDAR

September 3 - 4, 2016

17th Annual Lake Placid Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd (Route 73))

Wheels : Sat 9/3/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM

Wheels : Sun 9/4/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 1st dog, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th, Rosettes & prizes for most wt pulled and top% pulled

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors: North Elba Park District

Lodging:

Directions: North Elba Show Grounds

September 17, 2016

Tractor Supply Amateur Pull

Region: 9 Greeley, Colorado (3015 23rd Avenue)

Wheels : Sat 9/17/2016 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$10 per dog

Contacts: Terence Reed, 970-339-9264 [Reedtr9@comcast.net]

Chief Judge: Terence Reed, 970-339-9264 [Reedtr9@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st to 3rd

Novice Info:

Comments: This event is in conjunction with Tractor Supply Animal Fair

Sponsors: Tractor Supply, Royal Kennel, Awards & Etc

Lodging:

Directions:

September 17 - 18, 2016

Season Opener

Region: 2 Spokane, Washington (9001 N. Indian Trail Rd)

Wheels : Sat 9/17/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Wheels : Sun 9/18/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$20 per dog

Contacts: Marcia Ezell, 509-724-7108 [malsontherun@yahoo.com]

Chief Judge: Sue Ferrari, 509-966-1133 [ferrari1133@msn.com]

Prizes: Ribbons

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors:

Lodging:

Directions: Pull will be on dirt field south of the Albertsons (Sundance Plaza)

September 17 - 18, 2016

Steve Jackson's 2nd Annual Mega Birthday Bash

Region: 5 Utica, New York (708 Court Street)

Wheels : Sat 9/17/2016 Weigh-in: 9:30 AM -- Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Wheels : Sun 9/18/2016 Weigh-in: 9:30 AM -- Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$12 ea Additional

Contacts: Michele Izzo, 315-725-5463 [chycutica@gmail.com]

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbon s

Novice Info:

Comments: Feel free to bring fans, if you throw John a few bucks for electricity rise

Sponsors: JCA of Utica

Lodging:

Directions:



September 17 - 18, 2016

2016/2017 Season Opener

Region: 6 Petoskey, Michigan (420 N, Ellsworth Road)

Wheels : Sat 9/17/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:30 AM
Wheels : Sun 9/18/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog \$10 ea Additional

Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Chief Judge: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Prizes: TBD

Novice Info:

Comments: There will be a BBQ potluck outside (weather permitting) after Saturday's pull. Canopies and pools will be set up for shade and cooling dogs if necessary.

Sponsors: Team Newf

Lodging:

Directions:



September 24, 2016

5M Season Opener

Region: 9 Evans, Colorado (3520 11th Avenue)

Wheels : Sat 9/24/2016 Weigh-in: 3:30 PM -- 4:30 PM Pull Start: 5:00 PM

Fees: \$20 per dog

Contacts: Rodney Martin, 970-339-3635 [m5mkennel@aol.com]

Chief Judge: Terence Reed, 970-339-9264 [Reedtr9@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st-3rd

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors: New Plantation, 5m Kennel, All Around K-9 Massage

Lodging:

Directions:

September 25, 2016

TENTATIVE

September in Baxter

Region: 7 Baxter, Tennessee (1196 Bloomington Rd)

Wheels : Sun 9/25/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$12 per member, \$17 provisional, \$5 novice

Contacts: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]

Chief Judge: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597 [sheryl@sheryl.org]

Prizes: Certificates for 1st-4th, TBD for MWP and MWPP

Novice Info: Novice class will run after the pull \$5.00 per dog

Comments:

Sponsors:

Lodging: Motel 6, I-40 exit 287 (913) 528-1040

Red Roof Inn I-40 exit 287 (913) 528-2020

Directions: Exit 280 on I-40, north on Rt 56, after 1st light 1 mile to 4 way flashing light, go straight, 2 miles to Rt 291, turn right, 1 mile to pull site on the right

October 1 - 2, 2016

1st Annual Pull with the Dogs

Region: 5 Stafford, Connecticut (367 Buckley Hwy)

Wheels : Sat 10/1/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM

Wheels : Sun 10/2/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$10 per dog

Contacts: Todd Sheehan, 860-684-7442 [tjssmalamutes@hotmail.com]

Chief Judge: Todd Sheehan, 860-684-7442 [tjssmalamutes@hotmail.com]

Prizes: Ribbons

Novice Info:

Comments: Barbeque at and after the pull, please bring something if you can. Thanks!

Sponsors: Oasis Church, Manchester Muffler, PBG Malamutes

Lodging:

Directions:



October 8 - 9, 2016

Natural Surface

Region: 5 Westfield, Massachusetts (129 Russelville Rd)

Wheels : Sat 10/8/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Wheels : Sun 10/9/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$15 per dog

Contacts: Jane Palinkas, (860)379-2155 [janesmals@aol.com]

Chief Judge: Todd Sheehan, 860-684-7442 [tjsmalamutes@hotmail.com]

Prizes: Ribbons

Novice Info:

Comments: Eileen Rogers will judge on Saturday and Todd Sheehan on Sunday

Sponsors:

Lodging:

Directions:

October 15 - 16, 2016

AMAEP/Tractor Supply - 1st wt pull

Region: 5 Parkesburg, Pennsylvania (985 S. Octorara Trail)

Wheels : Sat 10/15/2016 Weigh-in: 7:30 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Wheels : Sun 10/16/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 per dog

Contacts: Valarie Thawley, 302-366-8660 [blemon@nemours.org]

Chief Judge: Brenda Lemon, 302-366-8660 [blemon@nemours.org]

Prizes: 1st-3rd lace certificates, MWP and Highest % ribbons

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors: AMAEP

Lodging:

Directions:

October 22 - 23, 2016

Epps Farm Supply

Region: 11 Suffolk, Virginia (2170 Joshua Lane)

Wheels : Sat 10/22/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:00 AM

Wheels : Sun 10/23/2016 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:00 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Debbie Lee, 252-357-0942 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net]

Chief Judge: Debbie Lee, 252-357-0942 [Dreamweaver1@wildblue.net]

Prizes: Certificates for all, trophies for most wt pulled and most percentage

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors: Epps Farm Supply, Harnesses by Carol, MAWP, Tidewater block

Lodging:

Directions:

October 29 - 30, 2016

15th Annual J&T Benefit Dog Pull

Region: 9 Evans, Colorado (3456 11th Avenue)

Wheels : Sat 10/29/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Wheels : Sun 10/30/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees: \$20 per dog

Contacts: Terence Reed, 970-339-9264 [Reedtr9@comcast.net]

Chief Judge: Rodney Martin, 970-339-3635 [m5mkennel@aol.com]

Prizes: TBD

Novice Info:

Comments: Proceeds from the event to benefit Zac's Legacy Foundation

Sponsors: Greeley/Evan Moose Lodge, JT Country Feeds, Awards & Etc, Royal Kennel

Lodging:

Directions:

November 12 - 13, 2016

Gateway Sled Dog Club Charity Pulls

Region: 4 Farmington, Missouri (5109 Southfield Court)

Wheels : Sat 11/12/2016 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM



Wheels : Sun 11/13/2016 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: \$10 per dog
Contacts: John Podolak, 573-915-5132 [johnpodolak@sbcglobal.net]
Chief Judge: Eileen Barnes, 636-931-0950 [ebarnes611@sbcglobal.net]
Prizes: 1st-3rd place per class, MWP, Highest %, High% veteran, High % rookie
Novice Info:
Comments: This pull is outdoor. Ring crate covers for rain or shine
Sponsors: Gateway Sled Dog Club
Lodging:
Directions:

November 12 - 13, 2016

Kalkaska Fall Dryland / IWPA Weight Pull

Region: 6 Kalkaska, Michigan (1725 W Kalkaska Rd)

Snow : Sat 11/12/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM
Snow : Sun 11/13/2016 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$10 ea additional
Contacts: Donna Libbey, 231-350-0240 [dlpuppypower@gmail.com]
Chief Judge: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]
Prizes: TBD
Novice Info:
Comments: Pull will be located across from the fair grounds located to the west of the fairgrounds where we usually have it in the winter. Due to some conflict of Winterfest, the actual Winterfest will be held in March instead of January. Please watch for these future dates

Sponsors:
Lodging:
Directions: Pull is located on the Church of Christ grounds

January 21 - 22, 2017

Gateway Sled Dog Club - 30th Annual Winter Fest Weight Pulls

Region: 4 St. Louis, Missouri (1721 S. Mason Rd)

Wheels : Sat 1/21/2017 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Wheels : Sun 1/22/2017 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$20 per dog
Contacts: Samantha Jackson, 573-915-5132 [johnpodolak@sbcglobal.net]
Chief Judge: Eileen Barnes, 636-931-0950 [ebarnes611@sbcglobal.net]
Prizes: 1st-3rd, place per class, MWP, High % overall, High % veteran, High % rookie
Novice Info:
Comments: The pull is indoors. Complimentary coffee and donuts on Saturday and complimentary lunch on Sunday . **A raffle will follow the Sunday weight pull
Sponsors: Gateway Sled Dog Club
Lodging:
Directions: AKC Museum of the Dog

February 4 - 5, 2017

Annual Tug Hill Challenge

Region: 5 Lorraine, New York (C.C.C., Winona State Forest)

Snow : Sat 2/4/2017 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:30 AM
Snow : Sun 2/5/2017 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 for 1st, \$10 ea additional
Contacts: Diane Geitzenauer, 908-475-5447 [sambits@juno.com]
Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]
Prizes: Rosettes, ribbons, dog treats, cash
Novice Info: Sat only after sanctioned pull \$5 per dog
Comments: Feel free to join us for a crock pot dinner at the Mountain Brook Lodge in Wilmington NY on Sat night at 6pm. We will be sharing this event with PSDC race this year. You MUST clean up after your dog!

Sponsors:
Lodging:
Directions:

February 18 - 19, 2017

Central WA Sportsman Show

Region: 2 Yakima, Washington

Wheels : Sat 2/18/2017 Weigh-in: 9:30 AM -- 10:30 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM

TENTATIVE



Wheels : Sun 2/19/2017 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: \$20 per dog
Contacts: Sue Ferrari, 509-966-1133 [ferrari1133@msn.com]
Chief Judge: George Ferrari, 509-966-1133 [ferrari1133@msn.com]
Prizes: Rosettes
Novice Info:
Comments:
Sponsors:
Lodging:
Directions: Central WA State Fairgrounds

March 18 - 19, 2017

Missouri "Show Me" Weight Pulls

Region: 4 Farmington, Missouri (5109 Southfield Court)

Wheels : Sat 3/18/2017 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Wheels : Sun 3/19/2017 Weigh-in: 8:30 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$15 per dog

Contacts: John Podolak, 573-915-5132 [johnpodolak@sbcglobal.net]

Chief Judge: Eileen Barnes, 636-931-0950 [ebarnes611@sbcglobal.net]

Prizes: 1st-3rd place per class, MWP, High % pulled overall, High % veteran, High % rookie

Novice Info:

Comments: The pull is outdoors. Bring crate covers for rain or shine

Sponsors: Gateway Sled Dog Club

Lodging:

Directions:

March 18 - 19, 2017

1st Annual

Region: 5 Stafford, Connecticut (367 Buckley Hwy)

Wheels : Sat 3/18/2017 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 12:00 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM

Wheels : Sun 3/19/2017 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$10 per dog

Contacts: Todd Sheehan, 860-684-7442 [tjssmalamutes@hotmail.com]

Chief Judge: Todd Sheehan, 860-684-7442 [tjssmalamutes@hotmail.com]

Prizes: Ribbons

Novice Info:

Comments: Barbeque at and after the pull, bring something if you like. Thanks!

Sponsors: Oasis Church, Manchester Mufflers, PBG Malamutes

Lodging:

Directions:



Blastomycosis—What Every Dog Owner Needs to Know

By Sheryl Franklin adapted from online articles

Blastomycosis, or Blasto as it is often called, is a very serious and potentially deadly, systemic fungal disease that can affect dogs, humans, and other mammals. Blasto is caused by inhaling the spores of the fungus *Blastomyces dermatitidis*. *B. dermatitidis* grows as a mold in acidic, organically rich sandy soils, decaying wood and other vegetation; and near bodies of fresh water with fluctuating levels such as streams, creeks, beaver lodges, and lakes.

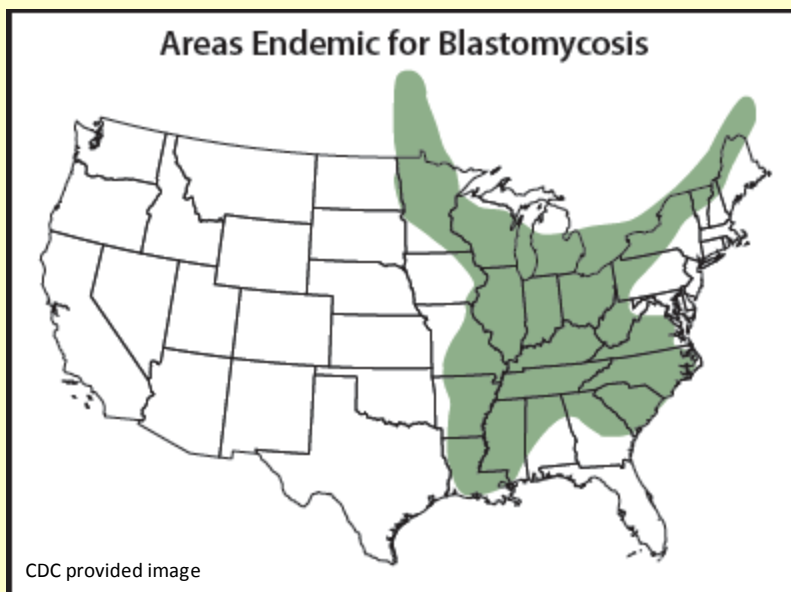
When the soil or vegetation where the fungus lives is disturbed, the spores are released into the air and either inhaled where it then travels to the lungs, or it can enter the body through a puncture wound. After the organism multiplies, it can travel from the lungs or wound to the vascular system or lymph nodes.

The soil can be disturbed by simply digging in the dirt, following a scent trail, or in dry weather the spores simply spread through dust in recently excavated areas, farmers plowing fields, areas undergoing construction, etc. It is generally found in the soil near fluctuating waterways and the right conditions—being temperature and humidity—must be present at just the right time to produce the spores, thus, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to isolate the source.

Nationally, *Blastomyces dermatitidis* has a wide distribution in North America.

- Endemic Areas, US – Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio River valleys, Eastern Seaboard, areas adjacent to the Great Lakes. States with highest endemnicity are Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Other endemic states include Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama. However, cases do occur outside the endemic areas.

Endemic Areas, Canada – Blasto is prevalent in Kenora, Ontario. Also found in Manitoba, Ontario (Kenora, Sault Ste. Marie, Chapleau), Quebec, New Brunswick, in particular areas around the Great Lakes and in a small area a small area in New York and Canada along the St. Lawrence River. Has also been increasingly reported along the Georgian Bay coastline (including Midland and Penetang), Dryden, and in Southern Ontario at the Rockwood Conservation area.



Dogs at the greatest risk for developing blastomycosis are 2- to 4-year-old intact male dogs living in endemic regions. Sporting dogs and hound breeds are most likely predisposed due to running and sniffing in high-risk areas during hunting. However, all breeds and ages are susceptible and the fungi can occur in any *rural* and *urban* environment. Residence near a river or lake and access to recently excavated sites has demonstrated an increased risk of infection. Blasto is not communicable from dog to dog, or dog to human.

It is advisable however, that if a human has an open sore to wear gloves while handling the excrement, saliva, tissues, etc., of an infected animal.

The time between exposure to *Blastomyces dermatitidis* and infection varies from weeks to several months with most cases being reported in late summer to early fall. The Minnesota Department of Health reports the median incubation period is 45 days (range, 21 to 106 days). Dogs are usually sick for several weeks before the diagnosis is made and is usually mistaken for other illnesses. During the course of the disease the symptoms may improve slightly only to worsen again.

At normal canine body temperature, the organism transforms to yeast that can infect the lungs and spread systemically. Infection almost always begins in the lungs before traveling to other body tissues. The most common sites of apparent infection include the lungs, lymph nodes, eyes, skin, and bone.

Diagnosis of Blastomycosis can be difficult and is commonly mistaken for cancer, pneumonia, and even allergies because it is rare in most areas and your veterinarian may not be familiar with *Blasto*. If misdiagnosed and treated as a bacterial infection with antibiotics or as an allergy (because of breathing problems or a small sore that might be associated as a hot spot) with steroids, this will likely aggravate the situation. You must be persistent with your veterinarian.

And you must know the warning signs, which can include:

- Dry, persistent cough (Lung pathology occurs in 65-85% of cases)
- Loss of appetite/weight loss
- Vomiting
- Difficulty breathing
- Lethargy, exercise intolerance
- Depression
- Fever (a temperature $>103^{\circ}\text{F}$ is present in 40-60% of infected dogs)
- Skin sores that will not heal (30-50% of infected dogs). Skin lesions most commonly involve the nose, face, and nail beds.
- Limping (Bone infections causing lameness occur in 30% of dogs)
- Swollen lymph nodes (occurs in 30-50% of infected dogs).
- Eye infection, sudden blindness (Ocular lesions are identified in 20-50% of cases)
- Twitches, stumbling while walking, loss of coordination/balance.

Less commonly infected include the prostate, testes, kidneys, joints, and brain. Central nervous system infections are identified in only 3-6% of cases and neurologic findings include depression, lethargy, neck pain, and circling.

Diagnosis is usually via an x-ray of the lungs and will look like they are full of cotton (snowstorm pattern). Blood, urine, tissue, and biopsy samples also aid in diagnosis and should be insisted on in the event a chest x-ray does not show the usual signs and if your dog has been in an environment of dirt-moving activity, recent construction, hunting, etc., within the past six–twelve weeks.

Blasto is treatable as long as the diagnosis is made early. Treatment usually lasts several months and the costs can run thousands of dollars. The key is early detection. The current preferred choice of treatment is the antifungal medication itraconazole. It is well tolerated by most dogs and has relatively few side effects in comparison to the drugs used previously. Others have reported success using fluconazole. In severe, life-threatening cases, Amphotericin B can be the preferred treatment, but can present serious side effects

because of its toxicity to the kidneys.

At the beginning of treatment, many dogs condition can worsen for the first 5-8 days due to the dying-off effect of the yeast organisms.

Relapse can occur and is more common when the infection involves the nervous system, testicles, and eyes. Dogs may need to be neutered to remove the potential source and if ocular infection is present one or both eyes may be removed, especially if it has already been blinded.

There is no vaccine for Blastomycosis. The fungus is often very isolated and difficult, if not impossible, to source. There is no reliable means of detecting it in the soil, therefore no way for it to be eliminated from the soil. The spores are only briefly present in specific conditions.

Knowing if Blastomycosis has occurred in an area, recognizing the symptoms, and early diagnosis are the best defenses in prevention. We can't going about our routines, but we can be aware of our surroundings. I would suggest **NOT** allowing a dog to actually play, dig, or forage in areas of rotting vegetation around edges of water (in areas where water levels can fluctuate or flood, it is thought this can be up to a mile away), dense, dark wooded areas, and excavation sites with loose dirt.

Camouflaged



**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 Phone 509-966-1133
807 Ghormley Rd Fax 509-972-2070
Yakima, WA 98908 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 FAX or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (motion 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 faxing application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be faxed with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the fax. 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 fax 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 may be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ Date _____



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