



# SACCARAPPA Yapper

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Next newsletter deadline: 10th of the Month

## Show & Go Dates:

February 22nd

March 15th

WHERE: Westbrook Armory, Stroudwater St., Westbrook

FEES: \$10.00 per dog, \$5.00 additional routine same dog

ENTRIES: 9:00am-11:00am obedience

JUDGING: Obedience starts @ 9:30am

AKC Novice, Open & Utility obedience routines only. Time permitting, we will offer only one routine per dog in Open & Utility, as entries dictate.

Available to help at the Show & Gos? Please Sign Up [HERE!](#)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LDwnpPW521bDdlykVDfw2ejnOuUblOETRaoffSH3Pxs/edit?usp=sharing>

## NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY February 25, 2015**

7:00pm

Barron Center, Portland, Maine

## REFRESHMENTS:

Lois Hoyt, Carol Dunham,

Sue and Charles Crockett

## 2015 Officers & Board:

**PRESIDENT:** Cindy Strumph

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Chris Berg

**REC. SECRETARY:** Barbara Schwartz

**CORR. SECRETARY:** Claire Marx

**TREASURER:** Jeremy Shaw

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Rusty Morrison,

Drema Shaw, Sue Crockett

**PAST PRESIDENT:** MaryJo McCormack

**AKC DELEGATE:** Barbara Schwartz

## Winter Pups:

by Dr. Donna Spector  
December 2011

Brrrr....winter is here! Does your dog love the winter wonderland or would he rather cuddle up on the couch under a cozy blanket? Either way, you must be prepared to protect him when he ventures out into the elements.

Let's talk temperature! If it is too cold for you to stand at the door without your coat, it is probably too cold for your dog to be out without a coat. Some dog breeds have dense undercoats that help protect them against very cold temperatures...but most dogs should have a coat to help them deal with Jack Frost. If getting your dog a coat makes you think about poodles in pink fur being toted around New York City, don't distress! Coats are not just about fashion; there are many functional, non-couture coats available! Coats will not prevent frostbite on the ears, feet or tail...so don't keep your dog out too long in freezing temperatures.

Provide extra bedding and warmth for your dog. In addition to limiting your dog's time outdoors on cold days, you must also provide warm indoor shelter. Place your dog's bed in a warm spot; away from drafts, cold tile or uncarpeted floors.

Protect your dog from burns. Dogs will often seek heat during the cold winter weather by snuggling too close to heating sources. Avoid space heaters and lamps and place baseboard radiator covers to avoid unnecessary burns. Fireplaces also pose a major threat and a pet-proof system should be used to keep your heat-seeking pal out of harms way!

Don't overfeed your dog during the winter. Although dogs are in need of an extra layer during the winter season...make sure it comes from a coat, and not a fat layer. Unless your dog lives outdoors during the winter, he or she often needs no additional calories during the winter chill. Cold temperatures often bring on lazy behaviors and actually the need for LESS calories. Be attentive to your dog's activity level and adjust his calories accordingly. Always feed your dog the highest quality natural dog food available to insure a healthy coat and good energy for the cold winter months.

Keep your dog hydrated. Dogs can dehydrate just as quickly in the winter as summer. Although many dogs eat snow, it is not an adequate substitute for fresh water. If your dog has a water bowl outdoors, check it often and break ice that may form on top.

Groom your dog. Your dog needs a clean, well-groomed coat to keep him properly insulated. This is especially important if your dog lives outdoors. After bathing, dry your dog adequately, especially before allowing him outdoors. Protect your dog's feet. Dogs walk through snow, slush, salt and chemicals and are very likely to sustain an injury to their foot pads unless protected. Although doggie booties may sound a little corny, they can prevent painful injuries. The biggest problem with canine footwear is keeping them in place! Many booties are now available with Velcro but a child's mitten keeper also works to keep booties or socks on. If you don't want to invest in booties, place tube socks on each paw and connect the top of each sock with a mitten keeper over the dogs shoulder and hips. If booties absolutely don't work for your dog, clean your dog's feet every time he comes into the house. Use warm

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## Show N' Gos

Hosted by Brenda Proulx

~~November 9th~~

~~December 7th~~

~~January 4th~~

**February 1st**

**March 1st**

**March 29th**

**April 26th**

Entries taken starting @ 8:30  
until the start of each class.

Judging will start @ 9. Run  
order will always be

Utility, Open then Novice.

**\$12 a dog and \$5, 2nd entry of  
same dog.** Any questions email  
Brenda at bsppwd@aol.com

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water and clean between the toes really well to remove debris and salt. Apply a small amount of a natural Herbal Healing Salve every day to keep the pads from cracking. Avoid using any chemical ice-melting compounds or rock salt on your sidewalks or driveways that your dog may contact.

Shovel and clear the snow! Snow can be a lot of fun but also dangerous for your dog. Snow piled near fences pose escape hazards that even well trained dogs often can't resist. Keep snow cleared away from fences to prevent your dog from climbing over. Snow and ice often accumulate on rooftops and if the sun is out or as temperatures rise, this accumulation can fall and injure your dog. If you are unable to clear the snow from the roof, keep your dog away from the roof overhang to prevent injury.

Take precaution when playing. Although your dog is likely to be having a great time outdoors, take frequent indoor breaks for water and warming up and don't ever stay out too long. If you are walking or playing in unfamiliar areas, keep your dog close. It is easy for them to venture onto unsafe ground...for example, some ponds and lakes are small and can be hidden by snow and ice and pose hazards to unsuspecting frolicking dogs.

Avoid toxin exposure. With winter comes antifreeze from automobiles. Antifreeze is sweet in taste and dogs will readily lick or drink it. Antifreeze is extremely toxic and just a small amount can be fatal for dogs. Keep your dog out of the garage and off the driveway where they may encounter antifreeze or other harmful chemicals.

Freezing cold temperatures are the main concern during the winter. If a car is left running during the winter (especially in the garage), carbon monoxide poisoning is a real threat.

Special medical needs. Cold weather will often aggravate existing medical conditions in dogs, particularly arthritis. It is very important to maintain an exercise regimen with your arthritic dog, but be mindful of slippery surfaces and make sure your dog has a warm soft resting area to recuperate after activity. Try the addition of a natural Hip & Joint supplement to lubricate the joints and ease the discomfort of arthritis. Just like people, dogs are more susceptible to other illnesses during the winter weather. Contact your veterinarian if you detect any unusual symptoms in your dog. Remember, never use over the counter medication without the advice of your veterinarian.

Paying special attention to your dog's well-being during the winter season will insure that you both enjoy the Winter Wonderland to its fullest.



# Awards Banquet!

*High Scoring Dog Earning a Title*  
Chris and Tycho

*High Scoring Dog with a Title*  
Deb and Libby

*Congratulations to all the Award Winners!!*



*All Brags and photos must be submitted to [bex@pawsink.com](mailto:bex@pawsink.com) by the first of each month*

# Membership Meeting Minutes:

December 7, 2014

Meeting was held at the home and Jim and Drema Shaw in Gorham, Maine and called to order at 2:02pm by the President.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

## Committee Reports

Christmas Tree: The Christmas tree is up and will be taken down on the 14th. It was decided that interested members will meet on Tuesday, December 9th to view the display with dinner to follow.

Training: Regular classes will begin the Tuesday following New Years.

## Unfinished Business:

- Lois has the boxes for the tree and the decorations and someone needs to pick them up and transport them to the church.
- Mats are at the Armory and some are available to anyone who wants to pick them up. However, they must be cut and laid down before the Monday classes on the 5th of January. It was agreed that this will be done on Sunday, the 4th at 3:00pm

## New Business

- The Annual Banquet will be held on January 18, 2015 at the Weathervane Restaurant in South Portland at 12:00pm. December 22nd is the deadline for awards.
- Checks for dues (\$15.00) should be sent to the treasurer.
- The secretary casted one vote for the nominated slate of officers. The new officers are:  
President----Cindy Strumph  
Vice President----Chris Berg  
Corresponding Secretary---Claire Marx  
Recording Secretary---Barbara Schwartz  
Treasurer-----Jeremy Shaw  
Board Members---Drema Shaw, Rusty Morrison, Sue Crockett  
Past President----Mary Jo McCormick  
AKC Representative----Barbara Schwartz (Awaiting confirmation by AKC National)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara K Schwartz