



# Iowa Brittany Club Newsletter

July, 2011

*Dedicated to the Dual Brittany*

## Happy Birthday to the Iowa Brittany Club!...

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*At it's summer meeting on July 10, 2011, Club members celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Iowa Brittany Club! The Iowa Brittany Club was founded on June 20, 1961.*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!*

## IBC Summer Meeting Ends With A Bang!...

*Though the IBC's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday cake didn't sport fifty candles, our host, Larry Dunn, owner of Steelclay Shooting Sports, made sure the celebration was one to remember. To close our summer meeting, Larry demonstrated the fire power of his antique canon...*



*As fearless, Iowa Brittany Club lifetime member Dick Morris awaits the fireworks...*

## *And a ka-boom it was!*

*Very fitting for our 50 year accomplishment!*



The IBC's summer meeting concentrated on the productive handling of many topics including the amendment of the Club's Articles of Incorporation into perpetuity, potential amendment to the IBC By-Laws, plans for our upcoming fall events, introduction of Iowa Brittany Club clothing available soon, and plans for updating the information available on the IBC website.

The current slate of IBC Officers was re-elected for the 2012 calendar year...these include Jon St. Clair (President), Bruce Heiter (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Jane Windom (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Roger Stowell (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President), Marcy Beveridge (Secretary) and Kendall Brown (Treasurer). Due to the resignation of Mary Garr as Director, Bob Burchett was elected to fulfill the Director position for the remainder of the 2011 through 2012 term. With Director Ken Windom's term expiring at the end of 2011, Ken was re-elected as Director for the 2012 through 2014 year term.

The meeting was adjourned followed by a pot-luck lunch enjoyed by all. Watch your email and mailbox for the meeting minutes!

## **New Iowa Brittany Club Members...**

*Submitted by Marcy Beveridge, Secretary*

Please join me in welcoming several new members to the Iowa Brittany Club!....

**Dr. Mark Schultz** and his wife, along with their young Brittany boy "Yeager Meister" hail from Storm Lake where Mark is a family physician. Mark is quite familiar with Brittans as he notes he's had them since he was about five years old! Though unable to attend our July Club meeting, I know he is anxious to meet you all and get involved in IBC events, so we hope to see both Mark and Yeager this fall!

**Dave Grindberg** and family, including Ladie his female Brittany, are from Ft. Dodge, and are good friends of Mark Schultz who also just joined the IBC. In fact Dave and Mark have "joined forces" with the recent breeding of Dave's "Ladie" and Mark's "Yeager" to produce a litter of healthy pups with a very nice pedigree. You can read about this litter here in the July Newsletter, as well as on the IBC website where Mark's puppy ad will soon be posted. Mark is an avid hunter, looking forward to meeting IBC members and learning about our events.

**Kristopher Hayes**, who goes by "Kritter", has just joined the IBC as this Newsletter goes to print. Kritter and family live in Adel with their three Brittans..."Rizzo", "Chip", and "2Dot". He is an avid hunter, fisherman and conservationist. Kritter will no doubt find an interest in the IBC events, and we're hoping to meet him and his Brittans very soon!

## Upcoming IBC Fall Events...

The Iowa Brittany Club is hosting a number of events this fall, so make note of all below, mark your calendars, and plan to join us! Whether a participant, an observer or a volunteer, we look forward to seeing you!!

### ➤ IBC Fall Specialty Show & Sweepstakes

The IBC's Fall Specialty Show & Sweepstakes will be held on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Creston Alternative School, Creston, Iowa. Watch the IBC website ([iowabrittanyclub.com](http://iowabrittanyclub.com)) or your mailbox for the premium posting with further details. Contact Jane Windom, IBC Show Chairman at [jwindom@huxcomm.net](mailto:jwindom@huxcomm.net) or (515) 220-4925 for additional information.

### ➤ IBC Fall Horseback Field Trial

The IBC's Fall Horseback Field Trial will be held at the Union Co. Bird Dog Ranch, Thayer, Iowa on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch the IBC website ([iowabrittanyclub.com](http://iowabrittanyclub.com)) or your mailbox for the premium posting with further details; contact Bruce Heiter, IBC Field Trial Chairman (515-965-8102 or [bruceheiter@aol.com](mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com)) or Ken Windom, IBC Field Trial Secretary ([dualdogbritt@huxcomm.net](mailto:dualdogbritt@huxcomm.net) or 515-220-4925) for additional information.

### ➤ ABC Gun Dog Classic

The American Brittany Club's Gun Dog Classic will be hosted by the Iowa Brittany Club at the Union Co. Bird Dog Ranch on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch the American Brittany Club website ([theamericanbrittanyclub.org](http://theamericanbrittanyclub.org)) for the premium posting with further details; contact Bruce Heiter, Chairman (515-965-8102 or [bruceheiter@aol.com](mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com)), or Ken Windom, Secretary (515-220-4925 or [dualdogbritt@huxcomm.net](mailto:dualdogbritt@huxcomm.net)) for additional information.

### ➤ Hawkeye Fall Horseback Trial

The Hawkeye Brittany Club will be holding its Fall Horseback Field Trial on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Union Co. Bird Dog Ranch. Contact Bruce Heiter, Chairman at (515) 965-8102 or [bruceheiter@aol.com](mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com) for premiums and additional information.

### ➤ ABC Pheasant Classic

The American Brittany Club's Pheasant Classic will be hosted by the Iowa Brittany Club at the Union Co. Bird Dog Ranch on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the premium postings with further details on the ABC website ([theamericanbrittanyclub.org](http://theamericanbrittanyclub.org)); contact Bruce Heiter, Chairman (515-965-8102 or [bruceheiter@aol.com](mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com)), or Ken Windom, Secretary (515-220-4925 or [dualdogbritt@huxcomm.net](mailto:dualdogbritt@huxcomm.net)) for additional information.

### ➤ IBC Fall Hunt Test

The IBC Fall Hunt Test will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Steelclay Shooting Sports LLC facility in Eddyville, Iowa. Watch the IBC website ([iowabrittanyclub.com](http://iowabrittanyclub.com)) and your mailbox for the premium posting with further details. Contact Roger Stowell, Hunt Test Chairman at (515) 979-4733 or [rogstowell@aol.com](mailto:rogstowell@aol.com), or Marcy Beveridge, Hunt Test Secretary at (515) 979-4732 or [mam0709@aol.com](mailto:mam0709@aol.com) for additional information.

Don't forget now...mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Iowa Brittany Club Fall events! You'll meet lots of great folks, and see some exceptional Brittanys do what they do best in both show and field. And of course we can always use more volunteers to make all a success! If you can help out, please contact the event Chairman or Secretary as noted above for each event...they'll be thrilled to hear from you, and will help get you involved!

## IBC Member Brags...

*Submitted by Marcy Beveridge, Secretary*

The IBC's very own Angela Thompson is proud to announce that her boy, Ammo's High Tide, aka "Rip", has grabbed his Champion title this spring. With Jessica Carlson on the other end of the lead, "Rip" embarked on his show career early this summer, competing in a few select shows in the midwest and west coast. In just a few shows, and within a month's time, "Rip" had achieved his title in high style, highlighted with the winning of a 5 point major in California. Our congratulations to "Rip" and Angela! We couldn't be more proud!

## ABC National Raffle...

*Submitted by Marcy Beveridge, Secretary*

The American Brittany Club's National Raffle Committee is approaching each club and it's members to assist in generating revenue for the five National Raffle events...Monies raised will help offset the cost of running quality events and grounds improvement at these venues. The ABC has forwarded me a supply of 25 raffle tickets, asking that the Iowa Brittany Club and it's members sell as many as possible (we can always get more if need be). Total revenue raised will be divided five ways among the ABC National events...the National Specialty Show, the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships, and the National Open and Amateur All Age Championships. A drawing for the following prizes will be held during the live auction at the clubhouse in Booneville, Arkansas on Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2011...ticket holders need not be present to win...

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| ➤ <b>GARMIN ASTRO GPS 2 Dog Tracking System with DC-40 collars</b>   | <b>Retail Value \$900</b> |
| ➤ <b>TRI TRONICS PRO 550 G3 2 Dog System</b>   | <b>Retail Value \$550</b> |
| ➤ <b>HTC FLYER Tablet Android 2.3 Gingerbread Operating System, Wi-Fi enabled, digital pen, shield, touch screen</b> | <b>Retail Value \$600</b> |
| ➤ <b>KINDLE 3G and WiFi, leather case with light</b>   | <b>Retail Value \$250</b> |

**DONATION** - Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 tickets for \$20.00, and again, you do not need to be present at the drawing to win. Get your tickets now! Checks should be made payable to AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB (note "Raffle Donation" in the check memo) and sent to me (Marcy Beveridge, Secretary, Iowa Brittany Club, 4312 - 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, Iowa 50322). I will send tickets to purchasers by return mail, and forward all checks and ticket stubs to the ABC National Raffle Committee.

Your participation in this fundraiser will help promote our breed on a national scale and gives you the opportunity to win some great prizes! We can certainly sell tickets to other than IBC club members, so use your creativity and help get these tickets out there!! If you have questions contact me at (515) 979-4732 or [mam0709@aol.com](mailto:mam0709@aol.com). Thanks!

## Litter Announcement...

*Submitted by Dave Grindberg*

Prairie Kennels of Iowa is proud to announce the birth of six healthy Brittany pups whelped on June 3, 2011. Three male puppies remain for sale...one white/orange and two liver/white. Sire is Yeager Meister CMKJ, out of FC/AFC Trademark's Iceman x Midwest's Brown Sugar. Dam is Duchess Marmelade Grindberg, out of Major KJ Ringneck Schultz x Fighting Irish Rudy. Champion and FT bloodlines include paternal grandsire, Trademark's Iceman (2010 Illinois Amateur Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the Illinois Open, ABC Chicken Classic Champion, Lee Holman Classic winner, 8<sup>th</sup> place in the ABC Dog of the Year Award), and maternal grandsire, Major KJ Ringneck Schultz (3<sup>rd</sup> place 1998 Minnesota NAVHDA Natural Abilities Trial, one of only two dogs in an 18 dogs stake handled by an amateur handler).

See pictures of the puppies and their sire and dam at [www.pkiowa.com](http://www.pkiowa.com), and contact David Grindberg, Ft. Dodge, Iowa at 515-227-0807 or [info@PKIowa.com](mailto:info@PKIowa.com) for additional information.



## Health Tip Of The Quarter...

*As you'll recall, the new "Health Tip Of The Quarter" feature was kicked off at our January, 2011 winter meeting with a program on traps, and followed by an article on heat exhaustion in the April, 2011 Newsletter. Given the weather conditions we've experienced to date this summer that are likely to continue, this quarter's health tip will again concentrate on the effect of heat on our four legged friends...specifically, what is the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke, what are the specific symptoms of both, and how can we prevent and treat both. Read this information carefully and keep it at close hand should you find yourself in the position of having to help a dog in heat distress. Heat can be extremely dangerous to our dogs and we hope you won't hesitate to share this information with your friends and neighbors. You could very well be saving a dog's life.*



Heat exhaustion and heatstroke are dangerous situations for a dog, with exhaustion the precursor to heatstroke. Heat exhaustion is generally overheating, the result of too much exposure, heat, and exercise but the situation can usually be remedied by taking immediate action. With heat exhaustion, the dog's temperature must be monitored to prevent the more deadly heatstroke.

**Dog heat exhaustion** symptoms can be similar to heatstroke, but may not be associated with an elevation in body temperature as is the case with heatstroke. Symptoms can include heavy, rapid panting, gasping for air, a drunken, dizzy or mentally dazed demeanor, muscle weakness, abnormally rapid heartbeat, lying down, collapsing or fainting, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, reddening of the skin inside the ears, and muscle cramps (seizure-like tremors). It is critical at the point of suspected or confirmed heat exhaustion that you bring the dog inside to a cool, shaded area and offer *small* amounts of fresh, tepid water (large amounts of water or cold water should be avoided). Rinse the dog off with cool (NOT cold) water and place him in front of a fan while still damp. Continue to take the dog's temperature (rectally) and take him to your veterinarian once he starts to cool down.

**Heatstroke** is typically the result of the same exposure, heat and exercise components of heat exhaustion, with the addition of high humidity levels. It occurs when the dog is no longer able to maintain his normal body temperatures of approximately 101F, and it rises to 105F and above; at temperatures of roughly 106F the dog's internal organs will start to breakdown and if he's not cooled down quickly enough, he will most likely die. If the dog's temp exceeds 106F, you only have minutes to save his life. If a dog reaches the heatstroke stage, not enough was done to monitor/drop the dog's temperature early on, or care just simply came too late. *It is absolutely critical at this point to seek professional emergency treatment.* Heatstroke signs can include excessive and loud, irregular panting, breathing difficulty, pale gums, bright red tongue, disorientation and confusion, anxiety, dizziness, vacant or staring expression, glazed and/or dilated pupils, tremors or seizures, muscle weakness, increased heart rate, thick saliva, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive drooling or frothing at mouth, lack of urine production, rectal bleeding, difficulty walking or moving, and collapse and/or coma.

As you are making arrangements to secure medical treatment, move the dog to a cooler, shaded or inside area. Offer him *small* of tepid water (too much water will cause him to vomit and add to his state of dehydration, or bloat). Sponge down his entire body with cool, *NOT cold* water paying particular attention to the tummy, groin, and foot pad areas; cold water will cause his blood vessels to constrict and thereby stop heat from escaping which can send the dog into shock. Never submerge him into cold water as this will almost certainly throw him into shock or cool him down too rapidly, leading to further complications; running water (such as a faucet or hose) is the best way to wet down the dog's body. If you can, once you've wet him down, place an electric fan to blow on him. If not, improvise with a towel or something that will cause a draft around him, or use something to hand fan him to aid in cooling him through the process of evaporation. Never cover an overheated dog with a wet towel or blanket...this inhibits evaporation and creates a sauna-like effect on his body. Never wet the dog down and put it into a confined area such as a kennel. Keep the dog standing or moving if you can...circulating blood tends to pool if the dog is lying down. Massage his body and skin gently and flex his legs to encourage circulation. Monitor his temperature rectally and get him to a veterinarian for emergency treatment!

Young puppies, older dogs, overweight dogs and dogs with existing illness or in recovery from illness or surgery are more prone to heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Regardless of the age or condition of your dog, you need to know the signs of heatstroke and heat exhaustion. As one expert so aptly notes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure...and common sense should be your guide in keeping your four legged buddy safe from heat related dangers. Never, never, never leave your dog in a closed vehicle; even temps of 70 degrees can rise to life threatening levels in minutes. Be aware of temps and humidity levels. Exercise your dog in early morning and late evening...shorten his walks, and stay closer to home in hot weather. Take your dog's age and overall health into consideration when planning outdoor activities. Supervise your dog and help him restrict his usual rambunctious activities...he most likely won't restrict himself! Make sure he always has fresh, cool water and lots of shade available to him. Brush his coat regularly so as to remove dead haircoat which can trap heat. Monitor his food intake prior to exercise. Pay particular attention to your dog and his demeanor in times of high heat/humidity. And most importantly, don't ever take a "wait and see" attitude when it comes to dealing with the dangers of heat and humidity for your dogs. Plan ahead, and if you suspicion your dog is being affected by heat, contact your vet. and act immediately!