



UNLEASHED

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2023 Meeting/Event Dates

**Meeting: No February Meeting
Next Meeting will be Wednesday,
March 1
Home of Jan Eichensehr**

Tentative Meeting/Event Dates

March 1	Wednesday
April 5	Wednesday
May 3	Wednesday
June 7	Wednesday
July 5	Wednesday
September 6	Wednesday
October 4	Wednesday
November 1	Wednesday
December	TBA

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ON FACEBOOK

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/575516432535825/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/575516432535825/)



Just an FYI : It is now Coyote Mating Season

Coyote

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/animals/mammals/coyote>

Overview

Native American folklore is filled with tales of the coyote (*Canis latrans*). This animal is either revered for its intelligence and ability to resolve a conflict or threat to its life or is frowned upon for being a cunning and deceiving manipulator, much as it is thought of in real life. The coyote is not native to Ohio, but it is present throughout the state today. Love or hate it, the coyote has the ability to make the best of a bad situation to survive or even prosper. Usually, we associate the coyote with the open, deserted lands of the west. As its presence in Ohio shows, this versatile animal can make a home most anywhere.

Coyotes are monogamous breeders and breeding occurs January through March. Gestation lasts approximately 63 days. Litters are born in April and May and can contain 1-12 pups.

The female selects, prepares, and maintains the den. Occasionally, two or three females will share a large den area. Related females will sometimes act as helpers in the care of offspring of other coyotes in the den. Both parents hunt for food and feed the young. However, the male takes the lead role when the pups are newborns, obtaining enough food for both his mate and offspring. The parents will regurgitate their stomach contents for

Coyote Continued:

their offspring's meals. At about three weeks of age, the young leave the den under the watch of their parents. At 8 to 12 weeks of age, the pups are taught hunting skills. The coyotes stay together in a family unit throughout the summer into mid-fall when the young will break from the family unit and develop territories of their own anywhere from 10 to 100 miles away. It is not unusual for young female coyotes to remain in the family unit into the following year; young males that have either never left the unit or that attempt to rejoin it the following year are run off by the male.

Habitat & Behavior

The coyote is a nocturnal animal, active during the nighttime hours. However, when it is less threatened by man, it will hunt and move from place to place during the day. The coyote will hunt in unrelated (non-family) pairs or large groups. Coyotes are omnivorous and typical foods include small mammals (voles, shrews, rabbits, mice), vegetables, nuts, and carrion. Unchecked, they will eat livestock, particularly sheep and chickens.

The coyote's strength is that it can adapt and exploit most any habitat to its advantage. While most wild-life species have avoided developed areas and often declined as a result of man's expansion, the coyote seems to have thrived.

Down 'n Backs

Shannon's Back In Black New Champion!!!

Rubber City KC

1/6/23

WD, BOW major Columbiana Co. KC

1/7/23

owner: Jennifer Stotts

Captain Nick's Barnacle Bill

Medina County CPE

1/14/23

CPE Elite Speedway Title

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Kon Tiki

Medina Swarm Agility Club

1/14/23

Qualified 5 of 6 Speedway Runs

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Litter Listing

Hyspire Impressive Legacy

X

Shannon's It's All About Me At My Wit's End

Yellows due: 2/1/23

Contact: Jennifer Stotts

shannonlabradors@yahoo.com or

740-819-1607

2023 Membership Dues ARE DUE!!!

It is that time of year again to renew your COLRC club membership.

Dues are \$25 annually for a single membership and \$40 for a joint membership. Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50.

Please Mail your check by January 30 to

Linda Bednarski

7840 Cheshire Rd

Any questions, please contact Linda at Linda@tullamorelabs.com

Is My Dog Experiencing Hearing Loss?

Written by [Lauren Jones VMD](#)

Dogs utilize all of their senses as they interact with and respond to the world around them. Therefore, it can be difficult to tell when one of these senses doesn't work quite as well. By remaining patient and attuned to your dog's needs and abilities, you can help them to adapt to any changes associated with hearing loss.

Why is This Happening?

Deficits in hearing loss can occur for a multitude of reasons. Some causes of deafness are congenital, meaning that a puppy is born with a hearing deficit. In other cases, certain medications used to treat an [ear infection](#) may cause temporary or permanent hearing loss. However, even with these risks, it's still important to use these medications as directed by your veterinarian in order to avoid more serious consequences of untreated ear infections.

Most commonly, hearing loss is a degenerative issue that occurs in aging dogs. Technically called presbycusis, this condition is thought to be similar to age-related hearing deficits in people. Age-related hearing loss can occur in any breed of dog.

How Can I Tell?

Since most dogs experience hearing loss gradually, they typically learn to adapt to their diminished sense of hearing over time. As a result, it can be challenging to pick up on these often-subtle changes. Some of the first signs that you may notice at home may be that your dog does not come right away when called. Other dogs may not hear the familiar jingle of food going into their food bowl or notice a knock on the front door.

The only way to definitively diagnose hearing loss in dogs is through a Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) test, which evaluates the response of the cranial nerve associated with hearing. BAER testing is only conducted at certain specialty veterinary hospitals. This test is useful in diagnosing congenital deafness in puppies for breeding purposes. However, BAER testing is not typically recommended in cases of age-related hearing loss because the results will not change the prognosis or management strategies.

While it is important to have a full physical exam performed by a veterinarian to evaluate the ear canals and eardrum (tympanic membrane), most dog owners are able to get a sense for their four-legged friend's hearing abilities at home. One simple way to check your senior pet's hearing ability is to make a sudden noise while out of sight to see if it startles them. Take care not to make the noise too close to them, as they may feel vibrations on the floor or feel air being blown at them. Try calling your dog to a different room for a treat, walk or belly rub in varying volumes to see if they respond.

What Should I Expect and How Can I Help?

Dogs typically learn to adapt quite well to hearing loss. However, dogs experiencing some degree of hearing loss are more prone to being startled easily, particularly while sleeping, as they cannot hear you approach. It's good to get in the habit of stomping more when you walk so that your dog can feel the vibrations on the floor when you're around. Take care not to surprise your dog, as many dogs are quick to bite when they're caught off guard. It's best to only allow children to be around dogs with hearing loss under very close supervision. Children normally move quickly and suddenly, which can easily startle a dog that cannot hear them.

Teach your dog to respond to commands utilizing hand signals rather than words or auditory cues. Something as simple as training them that it's time to go outside when you turn a light on and off is a valuable visual cue.

While your dog may be perfectly comfortable in your home, remember to be on high alert when you head outside. Dogs with hearing loss are not able to hear oncoming traffic, or approaching people and other dogs. Keep your dog on a leash for safety and help them by acting as an extra set of ears.

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General COLRC Information



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Dues are \$25 annually for a single membership and \$40 for a joint membership. Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50 for members and non-members.

Club members who wish to utilize the Litter Listing Column of the newsletter and website will be required to pay \$50 per litter listing unless they have worked at two of our three club events during the course of the year.

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