



# XOLOWORLD NEWS

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Remember this is YOUR  
newsletter please send me any  
braggs, interesting articles, pictures  
etc that you find or have.

Sorry for the delay folks.

Have had some health and  
family issues that we are  
dealing with right now and  
a good dose of Chemo  
Brain.

Hopefully better late than  
never.

Xolos are continuing to  
show the world who they  
are. The Eukanuba show  
had Xolos placing in  
both the International  
Show and the big show.

# Prez Report

By Barbara Griffin

XCUSA President

December 2011

## Xolos and AKC

2011 was a milestone for the Xoloitzcuintle in the USA. Xolos received full recognition from the American Kennel Club.

## XCUSA's role

I am proud to say that the hard work of **Xoloitzcuintle Club USA** is one of the main reasons Xolos are now competing in AKC events. When it was decided to pursue reinstatement for the Xolo in the AKC rings, XCUSA members worked hard to accomplish this goal. As registrar for XCUSA, I learned that prior to XCUSA's work, there were only about 150 Xolos registered in the AKC database and not all had 3 generation pedigrees. At least 300 Xolos with three generation pedigrees were needed to move our breed forward into the AKC world. XCUSA accomplished this!

At the time, we (XCUSA) had over 300 Xolos in our database with 3 generation pedigrees. With these, our XCUSA registry added close to 900 documented and registered Xolos to the AKC's database. XCUSA's work and registry made the difference! Thus as you watch Xolos glide across the show ring or perform in agility, rally, and obedience, it was **Xoloitzcuintle Club USA** that enabled these beautiful dogs to be there!

## XCUSA Xolos have set records

In 2007 Xolos earned the right to compete in agility, obedience, and rally and XCUSA Xolos did us proud earning the first title for Xolos. This was in agility, as was the second AKC Xolo title. The first obedience title, and the first Rally titles, including the RE, Rally's top level, were all earned by XCUSA Xolos. XCUSA has been the king of the agility ring too. The only Xolos to achieve AKC's top level in agility (Excellent) and earn MACH points (Master Agility Champion) are two XCUSA Xolos. Both earned the right to attend the AKC Agility Invitational.

Full recognition means that now Xolos can compete in conformation too. Those who compete in conformation proudly showed their beautiful Xolos and more record setting began.

- Twelve XCUSA Xolos have achieved their championships
- Thirteen Xolos across the country have achieved Group placements.
- Five of these Group placing Xolos are XCUSA Xolos.
- Thirteen XCUSA Xolos joined the ranks of earning the right to go to the Eukanuba Invitational.
- One XCUSA Xolo has earned the right to compete at Westminster

## The AKC Eukanuba Cup Invitational

Ch Besitos Minsitani, owned by Ian Little & Lesa Little-Manoskey, and Besitos Tekua owned by Marie L Lundbom, represented XCUSA in Orlando at the Invitational. Lesa's Standard girl, Minsitani, went on to win an Award of Excellence at this prestigious show.

The Invitational also invites the top agility dogs of each breed. SBIS XCUSA CH Baalche (Hoover) RN AX AXJ NAP NJP OF CGC ThD owned by Barbara Griffin and Don Webb earned this honor as the Top AKC Agility Xolo for 2011. Baalche is the only Xolo invited in 2011.

## Westminster

CH Oconee Bella Hoover, owned by Christine Feldman-Bartnick and Mark Bartnick has been invited to the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club show in New York! Only the top five dogs of the breed are invited. Entries are limited to the Top Five Champions of Record in each breed/variety based on the number of dogs defeated in breed competition. Bella is the only Toy invited.

## XCUSA's Top Xolo of the Year Awards

**Conformation:** "Bella." CH Oconee **Bella Hoover CGC, Owned by Christine Feldman-Bartnick and Mark Bartnick**

**Agility:** "Quixote." Gwinn-Dells' Don **Quixote CGC ThD NAC O-NAC S-NAC NCC O-NCC S-NCC O-CC OAC O-OAC RS-N NJC O-NJC S-NJC OJC O-OJC S-OJC NJS-N NGC O-NGC S-NGC GS-N TN-N O-TN-N S-TN-N TN-O O-TN-O S-TN-O WV-N O-WV-N S-WV-N TG-N O-TG-N S-TG-N TG-O O-TG-O AG-N OGC CL3-R CL3-F CL3-H CL3-S PS1 PJ1 TBAD TG-1 TIAD S-TG-N RN NAJ NA OAJ EJC S-TN-O WV-O AJX OA OAJ AX MXJ TN-E Owned by Barbara Griffin & Donald Webb**

## Orlando Shows

The Eukanuba show was the final of a week of shows in Orlando in December. Xolos showed during these preliminary shows and 3 different dogs won majors. On Thursday Marie Lundborn's Tekki won her first major. I bet the two of them floated all the way home.

Besito's  
Tekua



## Orlando Results

Here are the results from the Invitational. Congratulations to all of the winners!

### Best of Breed

Tecoman (Avalos)

### Best of Opposite Sex

CH Blanchos Rosita Fernandez

### Best Bred By in Breed/Variety

CH Blanchos Rosita Fernandez

### 1st Award of Excellence

CH Bayshore's Mole

### 2nd Award of Excellence

CH Besitos Mintsitani

### 3rd Award of Excellence

GCH CH Amoroso's Basilio

The link: It shows the entries. I pasted it below, but the lists will probably strip out pictures.

[http://www.akc.org/nationalchampionship/show/index.cfm?section=breed\\_results&text\\_event\\_number=2011277101&breed\\_selection=XOLO&ax=get\\_breed\\_data&ct=159](http://www.akc.org/nationalchampionship/show/index.cfm?section=breed_results&text_event_number=2011277101&breed_selection=XOLO&ax=get_breed_data&ct=159)

JUDGE: Francisco Chapa

Xoloitzcuintli, Best of Breed/Variety, Dogs

GCH CH Serranisimo Caliente . NP11201601 . 02122004. BREEDER: Criadero Caliente By Padrisimo Caliente -Serrana Caliente OWNER: John & Debbie Caponetto

CH Blanch-O's Tecuani . NP27491901 . 11122010. BREEDER: John Caponetto/Debbie Mullusky Caponetto By GCH CH Serranisimo Caliente -Blanchos Rough N' Ready OWNER: Debbie & John Caponetto

CH Bayshore's Mole . NP23794401 . 06072008. BREEDER: J FRANK BAYLISS By CH Moctecuzoma Rivera-Cortes II -Iztacihuatl Arcangel Arena OWNER: Richard E Yenchsky & J Frank Baylis

GCH CH Amoroso's Basilio . NP26658304 . 06302010. BREEDER: Stephanie Mazzarella By GCH CH Shida Mighty Joe Young -GCH CH Chabella Mazzarella OWNER: Stephanie Mazzarella

BOB

Tecoman (Avalos) . GB0276B . 10052009. BREEDER: Owner By Not Available -Not Available OWNER: Hugo Avalos

Xoloitzcuintli, Best of Breed/Variety, Bitches

BOBBBE/OS

CH Blanchos Rosita Fernandez . NP26778601 . 07202010. BREEDER: John Caponetto/Debbie Mullusky Caponetto By GCH CH Serranisimo Caliente -Blanco Pinata OWNER: Anne-Maria Barfoot & Debbie & John Caponetto

## Dog Health

There have been some interesting articles posted recently that have to do with the health of our dogs will pass on a couple to you.

This was from one of my raw food listserves

FYI: New blood test detects cancer in dogs

<http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/vet-breaking-news/2010/02/11>

[/biocurex-to-commercialize-oncopet-recap-test-for-cancer-detection-in-dogs.aspx](http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/vet-breaking-news/2010/02/11/biocurex-to-commercialize-oncopet-recap-test-for-cancer-detection-in-dogs.aspx)

Here's the post in the dogerslist.

One of the moderators on Dodgers' Health & Nutrition List posted this. With early detection being the Holy Grail, I imagine this will help a lot of dogs. Michele

"A long awaited blood test to detect cancer in dogs has been developed by Canadian company BioCurex. The test identifies the presence of a universal marker for malignant cell growth, and in trial studies was able to detect 85 percent of a variety of the most common types of cancers in dogs at the standard 95 percent specificity. The test indicates the likelihood that a malignancy is present with a high degree of accuracy, however, it does not specify the type of cancer, what stage it is at, or if it has spread and metastasized. It can be used to detect cancer cells in all breeds of dogs and mixes.

Veterinary offices will be able to send blood samples either to the developer's facility directly or to a regional collection center for processing. Results can be expected in about a week. The cost of the test to pet owners in North America is expected to run \$90 - \$120 plus shipping. Similar tests for other companion animals are under development, and BioCurex hopes to have a test for cancers in cats available by the end of this year."

Heide

## AKC at it again

After getting a resounding "You Have to be Kidding" from both Xolo and Peruvian owners when AKC asked if they could combine both breeds, AKC has decided to put both Xolos and Peruvians into the Non-Sporting group. This is in spite of the two standards which state that the two breeds have very different functions.

Will put Barbara's message later in this newsletter.

## Use of Prenatal X-Rays in Dogs

Theresa Villa found this in the AKC Gazette

Most people I know use sonogram if they need to see the pups before birth for any reason. Fortunately our Xolos don't seem to need X-rays frequently. (KC)

I came across this article and thought I would share. I have heard that some people have radiographs made of pregnant bitches for various reasons but as is well known x-rays can be harmful, especially to rapidly dividing cells, such as growth cells and gonadal cells.

It's the primary reason why lead shields are used over reproductive organs and people under 18 as well as pregnant women should not be allowed in a radiographic suit when radiation is in use. Protection against scatter radiation, not necessarily exposure to the primary beam. X-Ray Debates (as seen in the AKC Gazette – June 2001 issue)

As breeders we have certain things we "know," either gleaned by experience or from our mentors. Today, modern technology makes it possible to use X-rays on a pregnant bitch to determine the number of puppies and their size especially important information for Pugs, as the pups' large heads sometimes make Caesarian sections necessary.

But what does the procedure do to the puppies? The general rule of thumb is that you do not X-ray early in a pregnancy. Wait 54 days, when the pups are fully developed and the fetal bones are calcified. By waiting until this time, it is believed that the radiation will not damage the unborn litter.

Yet over the past 15 years, studies have been performed on dogs X-rayed at different growth stages. One study followed the lives of more than 1,600 dogs exposed only once at different stages of growth. The stages were eight, 28 and 55 days after conception, and two, 70 and 365 days after birth. There were two control groups of pups that were not X-rayed, and genders were represented equally in all groups. The study of those puppies radiated during the perinatal period (just prior to birth at 55 days and just two days after birth) is surprising.

Four perinatally exposed dogs died of cancer prior to age 2. This is significantly higher than the normal canine population. Within the study group, including a non-exposed control group, 71 percent of all cancers and 56 percent of all tumorous growths that were reported during the first four years of life were found in 29 percent of the dogs exposed to radiation. This strongly suggests an increased risk of cancer or tumors in dogs that are X-rayed early in their lives.

The overall numbers are rather frightening: 40 percent of these dogs died due to neoplasia or cancerous growths. There is an increase in the number of both benign and malignant tumors in dogs under 4 years of age. The majority of tumors reported in these studies were of three types: lymphomas, hemangiosarcomas and mammary carcinomas, which together comprised 51 percent of all the fatal tumors. Dogs radiated as fetuses also showed increases in the lifetime occurrences of early-onset lymphomas.

A side effect of these studies is that puppies which were X-rayed within the uterus showed a significant reduction in immune system antibody responses at 12 to 16 weeks of age, and also had higher numbers of dogs with defects in thymus development.

All of this is presented so that we can learn and grow as breeders. We all start out with certain information that is "known" to us and then make educated decisions within our breeding programs based on what we know at the time. It is only by continuing our own education and keeping up with the new information that breeders can learn more about the risks we take with our dogs and how to minimize them. Very few people could individually produce and study this large of a group of animals and be able to chart and report the results.

So no matter what everyone else does, no matter what all the research tells us, we still have to make our own decisions based on the information we get from all sources. It's up to us as breeders to be as educated as we can, and to know the consequences of what we do to our dogs.

Published sources for this article are available from me or via MedLine. The primary study was performed at Colorado State University Veterinary School

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## Xolo First Aid Kit

Kim Lovewell sent in this great first aid kit for pets, I know we all have some things put aside like benedryl but this is very comprehensive (KC)

Please note: These are intended to be EMERGENCY TREATMENTS ONLY!! ALWAYS consult your veterinarian before treating your pet.

Many of these first aid kit items can be obtained in your local drug store. Those that are harder to find can be obtained from mail order/online suppliers. I have included item numbers for some things--these items can be ordered with these item numbers from Revival at [www.revivalanimal.com](http://www.revivalanimal.com) 1-800-786-4751

**Eyes**--use solutions to flush dust or other foreign matter out of eyes and ointment for minor eye infections

Eye Irrigating Solution (56-212)

Opticlear (76-526)

Terramycin Ointment ((56-218)

Ears--use ear washes to remove dirt and wax, and to control minor ear infections

A homemade ear wash consists of one part white vinegar and one part distilled water OR rubbing alcohol. If you make it with rubbing alcohol be aware that is it very drying to the ear canal.

Malaseb Flush (26-056)

Earoxide (76-013)

### **Allergies, itching**

Benadryl (diphenhydramine hydrochloride) tablets. Dosage is 1-2 mg. per pound of body weight every 6-8 hours. Tablets are 25 mg. each, children's liquid is 12.5 mg. per teaspoon.

Benadryl can also be used in the same dosage to calm an anxious dog. You can also use Rescue Remedy, which comes in liquid (14-320) or spray (14-321) to calm an anxious dog.

### **Pain**

81 mg. aspirin-- 5 mg. per pound of body weight every 8 hours

### **Digestive/diarrhea**

Kaopectate and Pepto Bismol contain bismuth which is not good for dogs. You can get the real old-fashioned kaolin/pectin formula from Revival, which is safe for dogs. It is product number 14-450 and dosage is 1 ml per pound of body weight every two hours.

Immodium-0.05 to 0.1 mg per pound of body weight every 8 hours (tablets are 2 mg. each)

Mineral oil--for constipation--up to 4 tablespoons daily

### **For ingestion of toxic substances**

Hydrogen peroxide 3%--dosage is 10 ml. every 15 minutes until the dog vomits

Emergency poison antidote--2 parts burned toast, 1 part milk of magnesia, 1 part strong tea. Dosage is 1 tablespoon per 20 pounds of body weight.

## **Skin**

For blackheads or pimples, wipe once or twice daily with a mixture of one part Listerine original flavor mouthwash and one part witch hazel.

## **Wounds**

Triple Antibiotic ointment (95-420)

Bactoderm

Animax (panalog)

Styptic powder (Kwik Stop 95-760) or styptic pencil. Be aware that this product MAY cause scarring when used to control bleeding.

4x4 non-stick gauze pads

Vet Wrap

Ace bandage

2 pantyhose legs--use as emergency muzzle or to tie a splint onto a broken leg.

First aid tape

Small sharp pair of blunt-end scissors

## **Splinters, thorns**

Tweezers

## **Emergency local anesthetic**

Oragel

Biocaine (25-003)

## **Antibiotics**

These can be bought through Revival labeled for fish--they work just fine on dogs.

Tetracycline-(74-302) 10 mg. per pound of body weight every 8 hours.

Erythromycin-(74-306) 5 mg. per pound four times a day.

Amoxicillin-(74-319) 5-10 mg. per pound every 12 hours.

Cephalexin-(74-312) 15 mg. per pound every 8-12 hours Metronidazole (Flagyl) (74-318) 11.5 mg. per pound twice a day

Ketoconazole (Nizoral) (74-305) (For fungal infections) 5 mg. per pound once daily or 2.5 mg. per pound twice a day

Clavamox 6.25 mg. per pound twice a day

If you are only going to keep ONE antibiotic on hand, it should be Cephalexin. Works on the largest number of infectious agents.

## First Aid Kit Continued

### **Other equipment:**

Rectal thermometer

Vaseline

Q-tips

Oral syringe or medicine dropper

Nutri-Cal (23-522) or Nutri-Drops (93-574, 93-575)

Unflavored Pedialyte (if you have some left in an opened bottle, freeze it for next time.)

Meat baby food ( the first stages kind that is just smooth paste, chicken or turkey)

Bulb syringe

Fleece blanket or towel

Kim Lovewell

### A Safety Tip

A good reminder from friend Jeanette in Tucson.

Train your dogs in case of fire. Darn it people have fire drills, where are your kids to go if the house is on fire, well darn it. Train the dogs. My neighbor's yard man had 4 minutes in a burning trailer, he chased the terrified puppy under china cabinets, in bedroom underbed, but he and dog got out at last minute. So - crazy me...knowing I would get hurt (bitten my parrots...etc) taped my fire alarm full on and chased my dogs to crates, grab, got them out.of house! Now if the alarm goes off, they really run to crates. I kept a pillow case near parrot cages, grab parrots (4) and tossed in case ...only did this once, they bite the LLLLLL out of me. I knew if true danger, they would be ok

Good idea, if you have a dog door train them to run for it. If not someplace where they can easially be picked up... If crates are not close to a door train them to run for a door and wait there. Crates would be best though  
Kacie

## A new sport for Xolos

As we are all learning Xolos can do just about anything. Barbara who does Conformation, Agility, Rally, and Obedience with her dogs is trying a new sport with her Baalche, Nosework, which I had assumed was mostly for hounds. I know other people who do lure coursing and freestyle (dog dancing)

Any of you who do any of these sports I encourage you to send in a brief article for the newsletter about your sport. (KC)

From Barbara

Tuesday night Baalche and I went to Nosework class. I confess that he has not been worked since class stopped 6 weeks ago. My bad. My classmates have worked their dogs. I watched as their dogs worked to find the "hides." The dogs were searching for a tiny 1/2 inch Q tip with birch scent, hidden in a tiny tin container and a chapstick tube. Two hides were attached by a magnet on the upper part of the leg under 2 tables. The 3rd was in the chapstick container behind one of many trees in this park. Several dogs had problems and several nailed it. We were the last team. With trepidation we took our turn. I told Baalche "Buscar," his command to search. He nailed it and quickly found all 3 hides. It was dark with slight light from some park lights. The tree had worried me as he considers trees pee posts. He was all business though. Round 2 had 3 hides also. Two were hidden under a huge table. It is 85'10", a solid piece and from a tree that grew prior to the discovery of America. Dogs



walked on top, wound under, and had trouble locating the tiny targets. Baalche found the first 2 immediately. Most dogs missed the chapstick tube off in the dirt as there was no breeze to send the scent toward them. Baalch found it immediately. He had trouble with the last hide, hidden under the table top, secured to the top of the leg. He's the only small dog in the class so it was way above his head. For the others, it was at nose level. He's caught the scent and started walking on his hind legs but still kept missing the exact spot. Since he hasn't been worked this was his first attempt at finding something elevated above his head. Our trainer sat on the bench to help and he immediately zeroed in on her bait bag "hidden" (not) under her jacket. Little Xolo hands had her jacket up and quickly opened her bait bag. She tried to help and refocus him on finding the hide but he stressed as he was frustrated at not being able to find the Q Tip. He puked, which he does when he stresses. She added food to the tin and pointed to help him and he happily alerted on it and ended with success. He LOVES the Nosework game and boy is he amazing.

## Jean Quinn

Long time Xolo friend Jean Quinn passed in November. Her Daughter wrote

Yehudit Zeidler

In loving memory of our mother, Jean Quinn,

November 6, 1937 - November 6, 2011

Jean Marie Zeidler Quinn, also know as Yehudit Zeidler, recently of Jacksonville, Ill,

passed away peacefully on November 6th at home with her daughters and granddaughter by her

side. She was 74 years young. Jean was born in St. Louis, MO on November 6th 1937 and raised in San Francisco, CA by her parents Bill and ...Marge (Weck) Zeidler. She graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco in 1955. She continued her studies at Skyline College in San Bruno studying Education and Hebrew. In 1974, she moved to Ensenada, BC Mexico where she served as a missionary and later as a volunteer with the local hospital and other charitable venues. She returned to California and received a certificate in Floral Arranging and certification from the Firearms Training Institute in defensive handgun/semi automatic rifles. She worked at Long's Drugs in Novato, California where she was department head of crafts and received the Employee of the Year award. One of her proudest achievements was making aliyah to Israel in 2004. She was fluent in English, Spanish, and Hebrew, had a passion for music, and was proficient in piano. The words that would sum up her life would be: adventurous, inquisitive, and independent.

Ms. Quinn is survived by her 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. She was recently predeceased by Angel, her beloved Xoloitzcuintle.

## Koenig Dog Pack News

A lot has been going on with the Koenig dog pack the past few months -

### TOFI

We are saddened by the loss of the dowager Queen Tofi just recently. Tofi came from Besito Xoloitzcuintle. She was 10 years old and, having raised her puppies, she was looking for a nice retirement home so she moved in with Dirk and me, to be Dirk's gentle companion.

Tofi was a stately and regal lady but wasn't above entertaining her subjects. I'll never forget the morning I let her outside and it had snowed. She trotted down the stairs and continued walking across the backyard on her front feet, expertly balancing her hind-end up in the air. I roared with laughter - I'd never seen such a thing!

Tofi loved dog walks and car rides of any duration. She would make a peculiar whirring noise, something like a trumpet sound, when she suspected either was about to take place. If her suspicions proved to be correct, she would launch into her Tofi Tap Dance - occasionally rearing up to give me a swat on the butt with her front feet!

Tofi was one of the dearest, sweetest dogs I have every known. Her collar and leash are still on the table, her coat hanging on the usual hook. Her favorite blanket is still spread on my bed where she has slept for the last 5 years. Though they won't be needed by Tofi anymore I like them there. You know - for the brief moments that I forget that she is gone.

### MANCHITA

Now to cheer you up I'm happy to announce that there is a new addition to the pack - Besitos Manchita came home the first part of September. A mini Xolo, again from Besito Xoloitzcuintle, Manchita has livened up the household by any number of puppy antics. Currently her favorite activities include carrying fall leaves around the backyard and keeping the deer away from the fence line.

Being a good puppy Manchita has refrained from chewing the furniture (well not very much anyway), or electrical cords (that may be due to a slight mishap of getting all tangled up in the phone cord. Boy, was that scary! Best to avoid that area from now on).

A recent graduate of puppy class, Manchita is now in advanced beginners class and hopes to show in obedience, rally, and conformation after the first of the year. Manchita can be seen trotting about town, charming the residents and extorting treats from them.

### DIRK

Though life has thrown him some curves recently Dirk still carries on with enthusiasm. He continues to be home schooled by mom and is currently perfecting voice commands for a turn to the right or a turn to the left, both of which have come in handy for a blind Xolo when navigating strange places.



Dirk enjoys one-on-one time with mom; going out to visit friends or running errands. He particularly enjoys trips to the UPS store, or the local pet food store where the staff treats him like a rock star and treats abound. He remains baffled by the drive through mail drop at the post office even though mom tells him it is un-manned he still feels he should get a treat.

Meanwhile both Dirk and mom are thinking about going on the cat-kins diet after the first of the year. For a little while anyway.

Tofi and Manchita

## General information from the writings of Norman Wright

Norman Wright was one of the people who went down into the villages in the 1950's and helped to bring back some of the Xolo's when the Mexican Kennel Club became concerned that the breed was going to go extinct.

When someone mentions "dogs" and "Mexico" in the same sentence, most people think immediately of the cute Chihuahua, small in proportions and large in personality but commonly dismissed by lovers of larger dogs as a small and unimportant "toy" breed.

But dogs have been important in Mexico since long before the U.S. or Canada were first settled by Europeans, and Mexico has many more breeds of dog than the Chihuahua. Perhaps the most unusual of the breeds associated with Mexico is the hairless Xoloitzcuintli (pronounced Shollo-itiz-quintli), or "*shollo*" for short. They are thought to have given rise to the superb, highly artistic, clay figures of dogs found in many burial offerings in Western Mexico. So many have been found in the state of Colima that these exquisitely modeled ceramic dogs are often referred to simply as Colima Dogs.

The clay figures, prized by collectors, who call them *izcuintlis*, have a highly polished rich warm red color. They are believed to represent the deity Xolotl, in his role as guider of souls in the underworld and also provide some symbolic food for the departed on his or her journey. Dogs played an important part in the diet of Indian tribes in much of Mexico, and the *izcuintlis* invariably have appropriately corpulent bodies. The hairless Xoloitzcuintli was common in pre-Columbian times, and is now recognized as the oldest indigenous American domesticated dog. Its nearest relative is the Crested Dog of Manchuria; long ago, the two breeds are thought to have shared a common ancestor.

Xoloitzcuintlis were in imminent danger of extinction in the 1940's, but an energetic campaign by the Mexican Kennel Club succeeded in reestablishing the breed as a domestic pet, this time not for eating but for sound medical reasons. Parents of asthmatic children discovered that the dogs, since they are hairless and consequently flealess, made ideal pets for their offspring. Research in those parts of Mexico where the breed still existed showed that villagers often slept with their dogs at night, as prevention against, or cure for, such ailments as malaria, rheumatism and the common cold. The dogs have body temperatures several degrees hotter than most breeds and snuggling up to one in bed is like having a hot water bottle beside you.

Apart from having no hair, what do Xoloitzcuintli look like? They are normally slim with graceful, uniform grey or brown bodies, somewhat like a large Manchester Terrier. They have erect ears, similar to dogs portrayed in pre-Columbian frescoes at Tula and Cholula, stand about half a meter (20 inches) tall at the shoulder, and weigh up to 16 kilos (35 pounds).

And, before you ask, the "Mexican hairless" (as known in the U.S.) is much smaller than a true "*shollo*", being a cross between a Xoloitzcuintli and a Chihuahua or similar breed.

### *Reference:*

This account is based on the chatty and informative writings of Norman Wright, a former British Military Attache in Mexico, who was one of the prime movers of the Kennel Club campaign, particularly the chapter "Xoloitzcuintli Quest" in "A Mexican Medley for the Curious" (Ediciones Tolteca, Mexico, 1961).

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## News from Australia

Very pleased to announce the arrival of aew import Xoloitzcuintle for Australia. Thanks to Victor ALVAREZ (MEXICO) and Patty HOOVER (USA) for allowing me to acquire the beautiful bitch Pitaya (ALVAREZ) a much awaited and anticipated arrival by many here in Australia for the breed.

I have photos on my facebook and will post some more once she is out and about, again thank you to Patty and Victor and thank you for letting me post!

Jacqi

Wazzat Xoloitzcuintle

West Australia

# *Flea Terminator Dog Treats*

By: MOMDAUGHTERCOOKS from allrecipes.com

"If you have a dog and hate fleas then this is the dog treat for you! The brewers yeast and garlic in these treats will please your pet, and repel fleas."

*Prep Time: 30 Min*

*Cook Time: 3 Hrs*

*Ready In: 3 Hrs 30 Min*

Recipe Yield 2 pounds

### *Ingredients*

- ñ 3 cubes beef bouillon
- ñ 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- ñ 2 cups whole wheat flour
- ñ 1 cup cornmeal
- ñ 2/3 cup brewers' yeast
- ñ 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- ñ 2 egg yolks

### *Directions*

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Dissolve beef bouillon cubes in boiling water, and set aside. Grease cookie sheets.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the whole wheat flour, corn meal, brewers yeast, and garlic powder. Add the yolks, then gradually pour in the bouillon water while stirring. Mix thoroughly to form a firm dough. On a floured surface, roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes using cookie cutters. Place cookies one inch apart onto cookie sheets.
3. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, then turn the oven off, and leave the cookies inside for at least 3 hours or overnight to harden. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

From Barbara about the realignment of Groups in AKC  
Potential Problem with AKC Group Alignment for PIO & Xolo

I got word from Barb Harris (breeds PIOs and working toward AKC recognition with the PIO parent club) that the AKC is doing Group realignment in 2015. The PIO folks have been told that AKC is talking about putting the breed into Non Sporting. PIO people are very upset as they are classified as a Sighthound. In fact, this is stated in their Standard. I worry about the effect for Xolos, if both breeds are in the same Group. Christie Smith (their club president, (I think) has or is contacting Dr. Davies, the committee chair.

Also, Barb Harris told me at the Rose City Cluster here last January, it was suggested to her that combining Xolos and PIOs into one breed would help PIOs get the numbers they need to get into AKC. I was told that this could be a good move as it would help the Peruvians and "the breeds are so much alike." She said that Mari-Beth had made this suggestion to her. Patty Hoover and I had a talk with Mari-Beth O'Neill there and told her this was not an option as far as Xolo people are concerned. We emphasized that the breeds are 2 separate breeds and we explained some of the many differences. We need to watch AKC in regard to Xolos.

I contacted XCA president, John Caponetto, today and he is aware of this and is working on it.

Here is a link to voice your opinion:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDJjMG9pQ3MyZEpGay11dWp1QzQ0OFE6MQ>

### Hypothesis on Xolo Teeth

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As you all know most hairless Xolos have only partial dentition. This has been attributed to the same gene (foxi3) that causes the lack of hair in the dogs carrying the dominant gene. Many genes including this one act as switches turning certain chemicals on and off that trigger development of certain traits.

I have seen a number and own one Xolo that has a partial scattered coat similar to the hairy hairless in the Chinese Crested dogs. All of those I have been able to examine have a more complete dentition than the true hairless I have known. If the gene is supposed to switch on late in the gestation of the puppy and does not allow the completion of the development of the coat and dentition then the timing of the switch is very important.



My hypothesis is that the earlier the switch activates the more truly hairless the puppy will be. The later the more hair and more adult teeth will be present. This is just an observation right now but someone might (probably using hairless rats or mice) be able to develop an experiment that would show this.

Ozomatle showing his side teeth.

Big grin

## In Conclusion a Dog of a different sort

This is a sundog. A rainbow without rain. It is caused by the sun reflecting off of clouds that are made of droplets or ice crystals that are the right size to reflect the light.

If you know where to look they are fairly common. Depending on the size of the droplets you can see them either 22 or about 30 degrees away from the sun. Occasionally you will see a complete halo which is known as a glory. This was taken outside Tucson in November as I was coming back from my second to last Chemotherapy treatment.

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