

Pioneer Tails

Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc
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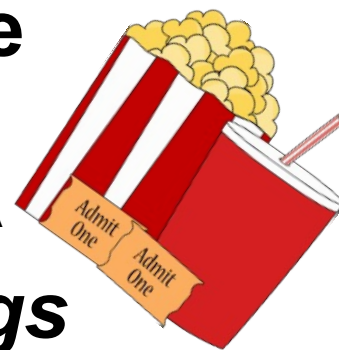
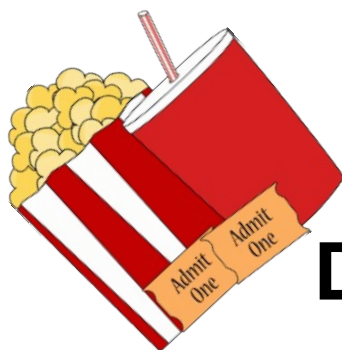
Meeting & a Movie

Brown Motors

39 Beacon St, Greenfield MA

Disney's *Snow Dogs*

Come be with friends



PVKC MEMBERSHIP DUES – NOW PAST DUE!

Please Add a Late Charge of \$7.50 & Pay Now

If you can't find the form contact Judith – we'll send you one!

President's Message

Driving home the other day I heard a song that was written and sung by Whitney Houston for the Olympic Games. Listening to the lyrics I realized that they also apply to our sport - the sport of dogs.

So sing along , enjoy and live your "One Moment In Time".

I lived to be
The very best
I want it all
No time for less
I've laid the plans
Now lay the chance
Here in my hands

Give me one moment in time
When I'm more than I thought I could be
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat away
And the answers are all up to me
Give me one moment in time
When I'm racing with destiny
Then in that one moment in time
I will feel eternity

Darci

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Jan 26, 2016

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***Do you love dogs and want to help out PVKC?
Like working with people?
Are you organized?
Do you enjoy working with numbers?
Do you like puzzles and seeing patterns?***

Then the PVKC Treasurer job may be the right job for you. And you will have support and as much advice as you want.

The job basically consists of taking in any money paid to the club and writing checks to pay the expenses of the club. You also are responsible for summarizing the income and expenses for events and reporting these to the membership.

You can stop there, or you can also have a real influence on the running of the club. You are a member of the Board of Directors, and have the chance help the club with your ideas and thoughts.

Contact Darci at dbhappyhr@hotmail.com

SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR



Jackie Smith's bullmastiff, *Neala*, is now *PACH Bulla's Stones Throw Away, Eh!!!* Aply handled by Steve Krulish, *Neala* got her last agility double Q Sunday, Dec 13th – **just 2 days shy of her 9th birthday**. [Editor's Note: and did I mention that she is also my *Oryn's* mom and we are so proud of her. She and Steve Rock!]

From Dorianne Almann: *Zebi's Some Kind of Wonderful*, aka *Taika*, passed the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Test at the end of a set of classes taught by Roo Grubis and administered by Judith Suarez. *Taika* also earned her PKD-T (Parkour Dog in Training) from the International Dog Parkour Association. I strung the clips of *Taika's* interaction with each obstacle into a YouTube video, *Taika Parkour 11.2015* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYSyVJXCS5w&feature=youtu.be>). *Taika* is 5-1/2 months old. (See page 5 for Parkour)



From **Karen Duprat** and her Meadowview Havenese: We had a very productive, and awesome weekend at the December Cluster. My puppy, *MeadowView's Girls Chase Boys, Chase Girls – Flirt*, swept Winners Bitch for the Cluster!! Add to that, on Thursday a Best Bred By Exhibitor, and BBE Group 2. Friday Best Owner-Handled, Best Puppy In Breed, with a Puppy Group 1!! Saturday she took the Major for 3 points toward her championship. My Dog Special *GCH CH Yup's Life Is A Mystery – Sherlock* was Best Owner-Handled On Saturday and Sunday with an Owner-Handled Group 2 & Group 3.

Peg Vohr showed her Rough Collie *CJ (Fantasy Mariner All Flags Flying)* to BW all four days at the December Springfield Cluster, for his first points.

Lori Carver's new Field Spaniel puppy - *Killara's A Dark And Stormy Nite At Seabreez N Wcksfrd (Baron)* made his debut at the Eastern shows in the Beginner Puppy class. At 4 months and 2 days old he was Best Puppy in Show. Thank you to **Karen Duprat** for handling him to this awesome win. At the Eukanuba show in Florida, *Burke* was best Veteran in Breed and also received an Award of Excellence. He was the oldest dog shown that day at 14 1/2 years old! He had a blast showing that he still had what it takes. Not to be outdone – *Spirit* was awarded best Bred by Exhibitor in Breed.

Darci Brown's Smooth Fox Terrier, *Kinky Boots*, went to Eukanuba and came back with an Award of Excellence. Really exciting as she had to fly down and is just a little over 10 months old! She really likes dog shows, so looking forward to a bright future!!

And last month we reported **Catherine Lee's** Welsh Springer *Tinker (Rysan's Requested Just For Destiny)* Best of Breed award. We did not have a picture at the time – but now we do.



Calendar of Events

PVKC 2016

Newsletter Deadline January 26, 2016

January

Board of Directors, Jan 4
General Meeting, Jan 25

February

Board of Directors, Feb 1

March

Board of Directors, March 7
General Meeting – Monday, March 21

April

Board of Directors, April 4
PVKC All-Breed Show – April 23; Springfield

May

PVKC Health Clinic, May 1
Board of Directors, May 2
Awards Banquet; May 19

June

Board of Directors, June 5

July

Board of Directors, July 11
PVKC Picnic; July 21

August

Board of Directors, Aug 1
PVKC All-Breed Show – August 6,
Greenfield MA

September

Board of Directors, Sept 5
General Meeting, Sept 12
PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 17-18
PVKC Tracking Test, Sept 24 - 25

October

Board of Directors, Oct 3
Annual Election & General Meeting Banquet
– Thursday, October 20

November

Board of Directors, Nov 7

December

Board of Directors, Dec 5
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 12

The American Kennel Club Announces 2015 Breeder of The Year by Sport

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC®) wishes to acknowledge those individuals that have excelled at breeding dogs that have proven to be outstanding in AKC sports. The commitment to preserve, protect and improve a breed represents the very essence of the AKC. The AKC Breeder of the Year by Sport award is given to those who have dedicated themselves to improving the health, temperament and performance of dogs in a given sport.

The 2015 Breeder of the Year by Sport award recipients are:

- Pointing Breed Field Events – Mark & Cheryl Brent, GA GSPs

- Retriever Field Events – Dr. Mary Tatum Labradors
- Spaniel Field Events – Rumi & Mike Schroeder, WI English Cockers
- Hound Field Events – Gary Brown, KY Beagles
- Herding – Molly Wisecarver, AZ Border Collies
- Lure Coursing – Laurie Soutar, Canada Greyhounds
- Earthdog – Teri Beverly, FL Border Terriers
- Coonhounds – Cecil Carlee, AL B&T Coonhounds
- Agility – Michelle Weese, OK Border Collies
- Obedience – Jackie Mertens, FL Golden Retrievers
- Rally – Judy & David Guaraldo, FL Shelties
- Tracking – Karla Niessing, WI Rottweiler
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The sports and the American Kennel Club salute these individuals for their dedication and success in breeding purpose-bred dogs.

Dog Parkour – New Fun for your Dogs

If fairly rigidly organized activities and speed (like agility) just aren't your thing, but finding fun and inventive things to keep your dog's brain busy and body strong appeals to you – you may be looking for Dog Parkour.

Dog Parkour derives from human Parkour (from "parcours du combattant", the classic obstacle-course method of military training). Whether the human or the dog variety Parkour is an activity that can be practiced alone or with others, and is usually – but not exclusively – carried out in urban spaces. [I confess to having little or no knowledge of this new "sport," which is why I researched it for the newsletter. It's dead mid-winter; I needed to learn about something new. And one of our members – Dorianne Almann – reported in Show News that her lovely rottie puppy has completed the first level of this training/titling sport.]

Dog Parkour is a semi-organized system of training that provides titling through the International Dog Parkour Association

<https://sites.google.com/site/internationaldogparkour/home>. According to their website:

Dogs get introduced to the world of jumping, climbing, balancing over, crawling under, and going around different obstacles in their everyday world. Parkour can be done anywhere and is limited only by one's imagination. Dog Parkour helps with confidence and overcoming fears, and it is a low impact but challenging activity for any canine athlete.

There are five levels of titling in Dog Parkour – Training Level, Novice Parkour Dog, Intermediate Parkour Dog, Expert Parkour Dog, and Champion Parkour Dog (CH-PKD). Titling is achieved by providing the Association with specific videos and paying a very modest fee. You work at your own pace and using your personal imagination to create the situations and obstacles you need for the titling level you are working.

I've extracted the criteria for Training Level from their website so that you can have an image of what this sport entails.

- 4 feet on: Dog approaches an obstacle and places all four feet in no particular order onto the obstacle in a safe manner and remains on the obstacle for at least 5 seconds. Two different obstacles must be used, and at least one must be at least elbow height. The 4 feet on videos may be edited together to make one video. Be sure that we can see the dog getting on and off each

obstacle.

- 2 Feet On: Dog walks up to obstacle and places two front feet onto the obstacle and remains on the obstacle for at least 5 seconds. The object must be at least elbow height.
- Under: Dog crouches down and passes under an obstacle shorter than head height.
- Through (between two obstacles): Two obstacles must be less than dog's body length apart from each other. The dog must pass through these two obstacles with confidence.
- In: Dog must safely walk into or hop into an obstacle that has four sides. All four feet must remain in the obstacle for 5 seconds.
- Balance: Balance across an obstacle that is twice shoulder width or narrower and 3 times longer than dog. Dog must have all four feet on obstacle and safely walk across it.
- Creativity: Owner chooses and demonstrates two different parkour behaviors that can be done with a single obstacle. For example, a dog may do an under and an on using the same obstacle. The behaviors must be parkour behaviors and not just tricks.

Each level past "training" builds on this first level adding more complexity, more obstacles or more behaviors. So the Novice level has the tasks above (with further refinements) plus things like: going over, going around, waiting, back-up, etc.

Parkour can be done anywhere and you are strongly encouraged to find or make your own obstacles. Dorianne Almann's picture of Taika demonstrates "4 feet In."

By all means – if I have intrigued you even a little – watch the video that Dorianne provided (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYSyVJXCS5w&feature=youtu.be>) and go to the Association website. The International Dog Parkour Association is extremely active on the web with a web page, a facebook page, a training group, and a blog.

Who knows? Maybe there is a Parkour title in your future.



Dori's
Taika –

Resting
while
practicing
"under"

Internet Tid Bits

Training:

What a difference a Breed Makes –

<http://www.themoderndogtrainer.net/training-primitive-dogs/>

Puppy Socialization –

<http://www.companionanimalpsychology.com/2015/02/why-you-need-to-socialize-your-puppy.html>

Temperament (yes I know it says GSD, but it has some good insights) –

<http://www.germanshepherdguide.com/temperament.html>

Technique – While I know that we are always a divisive bunch when it comes to “how to train,” lately things in the training community are quite out of hand. Perhaps we are just reflecting the general population and polarizing is the word of the day. I have about a dozen articles and blog posts from the last four weeks on “who’s right and who’s wrong and devil take the hind-most.” I’ve decided to give you two of the many – hopefully the saner and more balanced of all I had to choose from. Denise Fenzi is a very well known and highly respected national figure in dog training. She wrote a post on the differences between training “want to” versus “have to.” And the training social media exploded. She got so many comments, so aggressively written, that she wrote a second blog. So, they are both here.

<http://denisefenzi.com/2015/12/28/have-to-vs-want-to/>

<http://denisefenzi.com/2015/12/31/controversy/>

Difficult Behaviors:

Aggression –

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/201404/aggression-between-dogs-in-the-same-household>

Littermate Syndrom (something we just dealt with in our last Puppy K and it wasn't/isn't pretty) –

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2015/12/28/littermate-syndrome.aspx>

Health:

Treating Torn ACLs –

<http://hubpages.com/animals/Torn-ACL-Treatment-For-Dogs-PRP-A-Promising-Alternative-to-Surgery>

The wonderful world of Turmeric (seriously, this is great stuff for both you and your dogs) –

http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/healing-with-turmeric-golden-paste-for-dogs/?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=facebook_page&utm_medium=Dogs%20Naturally%20Magazine

Core Strength (nice into exercises) –

http://totofit.com/five-basic-exercises-essential-to-building-core-strength/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=socialnetwork

Misc:

Military Dogs – Yay !! –

http://www.worldanimalnews.com/content.php?content_ID=366

Harnesses (yes sort of an advertisement, but really nicely done and informative) –

<https://k9trailtime.wordpress.com/2015/12/29/how-to-choose-a-harness-for-your-dog/>

Editor's Note: I have tested all links – they should work for you. AND I have been to each site multiple times from multiple platforms – no virus anywhere



PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY K CLASS

New Classes Begin

January 16, 2016
Brattleboro, VT

For information, please contact
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or handart@sover.net



Come!

It's winter and the weather can be weird & sometimes emergencies happen –

Remember to check the PVKC Facebook Page for Cancellations before coming to a Drop-in Class

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pioneer-Valley-Kennel-Club/198067530208377>

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling
Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT
*First set of Classes for 2016
begin Jan 20th*

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Jan 20th - Feb 24th

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
Jan 16th - Feb 20th

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PVKC Tracking:

Tracking Dates I– all done for 2015

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