



Pioneer Tails

Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc
P.O. Box 407, Greenfield, MA 01302

January 2017



Monday, January 23, 6:30 pm

Meeting & a Movie

Brown Motors 39 Beacon St, Greenfield MA



Secret Life of Pets

The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes.

PVKC MEMBERSHIP DUES – Pay Them NOW!

Please complete, sign and mail the form (pages 5 & 6)

Marcia might give you a break if you are only a week or so late – so don't delay

President's Message

Happy New Year! I don't know about you but I am looking forward to 2017. It's like you get an opportunity to wipe the slate clean and start out fresh.

It is entirely within your power to make it the best year yet! Make a plan of action and execute it!!

I'm looking for a fresh new idea for the summer show. Can you think of a great way to encourage public attendance to our show. It also has to have the ability to educate as well. Send your ideas to either myself or Linda Gagnon. There is a prize in it for the one we use!!!!

Darci

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Feb 22, 2017

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SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

Darci's Fox Terrier wins: Only a couple of weekends of shows this December, but we had a great time! Starting out at both Worcester KC shows *Kinky Boots* went select to her younger half sister *Clara – Happy Hour Makers Mark*. A little sisterly rivalry going on! Eastern weekend saw *Kinky* winning the Breed two days and going BOS at the Fox Terrier club of New England specialty. *Clara's* sister *Elsa – Happy Hour Snow Day* – finished her championship going WB/BOW at the Specialty! *Kinky Boots* flew down to Florida for some fun in the sun. At Central Florida and Space Coast she went Select to the bitch who is number one Smooth in the country, as well as a top ten terrier! At the National Championships she also went Select in a large group of Specials. *Kinky* should finish out the year solidly in the middle of Top Ten Smooth Fox Terriers. Pretty proud of this girl since she hasn't reached her second birthday yet!

Peg Vohr's collie *CJ (Fantasy Mariner All Flags Flying RN)* finished his Beginner Novice Obedience title at Eastern Dog Club in December, with nice scores of 194, 194.5, and 196 respectively.

Exciting news from **Kathy Georgianna** and her Glen of Imaal terriers: “ Susan Blum and I are the co-breeders of *Kilkenny's Across The Universe at Setanta*, the BOB at AKC National Championship in Orlando.”



And from **Dorianne Almann**: *Taika* had a good December. On Dec. 3 she earned her SD-NC (Scent Dogs Novice Containers) title and in so doing, earned her SDN (Scent Dogs Novice) title. She also earned two qualifying scores in Advanced Buildings – with a 3rd place both times. Tova Training (Raymond, NH) sponsored the PSD trial; John Rumson and Jen Belanger were the judges. On Dec. 18 *Taika* earned her first Advanced Distance (under Judge Sue Lohrer) and Advanced Container (Judge Liz Lynch) legs, each with a first place. The Happy Howldays trial was hosted by Lucky Dog Events at Surefire Dogs, Westborough, MA.

AKC Delegate Report – PEG VOHR

Only one item was actually voted on at the December meeting: There was a vote on Chapter 6, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would have extended the closing time for entries to be no later than 11:59 p.m. on the closing day as an option of the club. There was a counted vote with 151 in favor and 94 opposed. As there was not 2/3 in the majority, the amendment was not adopted.

LINK AKC COLLARS WITH GPS (taken from presentation at Delegates' Meeting): We wanted to take a moment to thank you once again for your support as we embark on building this new category of pet technology. As you saw on Friday, this is a growing area that represents a tremendous opportunity for all of

us. Many of you have requested access to the videos we presented and I wanted to let you know they can now be found on our newly enhanced website (www.linkakc.com). You will be able to walk through the various features and benefits we discussed as well as view the app demonstration we presented. Enjoy! Lastly, I wanted to remind you that for every LINK AKC collar purchased by an AKC licensed and member club member during the collar's pre-order period, Link AKC will donate \$10 to the purchaser's respective club. Pre-Order customers also receive \$50 pre-order discount (expires at launch in January). (Price is \$199.00; with Pre-order discount \$149.00) At online checkout, enter code "CLUBMEMBER" in the discount code box then a club name field will appear and you enter your club's name to ensure your club receives its donation.

The American Kennel Club Announces Breeder of the Year by Sport Winners

The American Kennel Club, the leading advocate for dogs, 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 2016 Breeder of the Year by Sport award recipients are:

- Pointing Breed Field Events – Albert and Cynthia Crokek – Brittanys
- Retriever Field Events – Mitchel and Margot Brown – Labradors
- Spaniel Field Events – Kevin Battistoni – Springers
- Hound Field Events – Wayne and Marty Parker – Beagles
- Herding – Kathy Greenwood – Belgian Malinois
- Lure Coursing – Mary Childs – Borzoi/Whippets
- Earthdog – Dawn Martin – Westies
- Coonhounds – Mike Crockett – B&T Coonhounds
- Agility – Nina Plail – Shelties
- Obedience – David and Judy Guaraldo – Shelties
- Rally – Gayle Watkins – Golden Retrievers
- Tracking – Cynthia Nauer – Labradors



Scent Work Options

If you would like to explore the world of dog scent work without the sometimes complex trialing with The National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) – you might want to check out Performance Scent Dogs (<https://www.performancescentdogs.com/>). This is the route that our member **Dorianne Almann** and *Taika* have taken and that we report on with some regularity in the Show News column.

Performance Scent Dogs Inc is a registry and a certifying organization for the amazing dog sport of scent detection. Any dog, at any age can learn to follow their nose to a target odor. It's the same thing military and police dogs do when they hunt for explosives or drugs. All dogs, from Dachshunds to St. Bernards have an innate desire to hunt. Shaping the hunt drive into looking for a target odor is easy and lots of fun.

Trials are open to any breed or mix of dog and suitable for dogs over 10 months old to senior canines.

PSD uses the same scents as NACSW – birch, clove and anis – so any work you have already done on scent work will translate easily. PSD offers five search classes: Buildings, Exteriors, Containers, Distance, and Speed. There are three levels of competition: Novice, Advanced, and Excellent.

You can do the titles in “bite size” parts, rather than trialing for an entire title in one go, the way you do with NACSW. This makes the task of obtaining a title much less stressful for both you and your dog.

And as a bonus there seem to be quite a few trial options in the general NH and MA area. Download and check it out their rule book at https://www.performancescentdogs.com/rulebook_and_score_sheet

If you've never done scent work and you can't find a local class (classes can be hard to locate in our area), the Fenzi Dog Sport Academy has a terrific class you can do on-line. It's a great place to start. Check it at <http://fenzidogsportsacademy.com/>

Dorianne Almann's Taika



2017 PVKC Membership Renewal Form

Our new membership year starts **January 1, 2017** and in order to appear on The membership list and to vote at meetings your dues must be paid by **December 31, 2016**. After that date a **\$7.50 late charge must be added**. Please complete the form below and send with your check made payable to **PVKC** to:

Marcia Evans
P.O. Box 208
Deerfield, MA 01342

Please Print Clearly!! And please complete both sides of this renewal form.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Breed(s) _____

Check one: If you have been an Associate member for one year or more, you may choose to become a PVKC Regular Member. Regular Members are expected to attend two general club meetings a year.

Regular Member (voting) - \$15.00 Associate Member (non-voting) - \$ 15.00 Junior Member - \$5.00

Check one: All newsletters will be delivered electronically in 2017. If you have special circumstances please check here: I must receive my PVKC Newsletter (*Pioneer Tails*) via USPS

Please check the dog activities you are involved in or would like to learn:

____ Conformation ____ Obedience ____ Rally ____ Agility ____ Tracking ____ Therapy Dog ____ Flyball ____ Herding
____ Earthdog ____ Service Dog ____ Couch Potato ____ Search&Rescue ____ Field Trials ____ Hunt Test ____ Carting
____ Lure Coursing ____ Nosework ____ Other _____

Check one: ____ Currently a Breeder ____ Not Currently a Breeder

PVKC is an active Club with many annual events. To support our continued level of events and activities, PVKC members are expected to help each year. In which of the following would you like to volunteer for 2017 (check a minimum of two items from the list of events and volunteer opportunities):

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Events:

April AKC/AB Point Show (Springfield MA, run through MB-F):

- Breed Ring Stewarding Obedience/Rally Stewarding
- Set up & Clean-up (2 hour commitment) Help in Club Tent

Spring Health Clinic (Greenfield MA):

- Assist with dog handling Assist with paperwork
- Shepherding participants on the day of the event

August AKC/AB Point Show (Greenfield MA, run completely with PVKC members):

- Breed Ring Stewarding Obedience/Rally Stewarding Gate (collecting parking fees)
- Set up (Friday before show) Clean-up (late afternoon day of show)
- Help in Club Tent Parking Drivers (for judges from and return to airport)
- Hospitality: providing goodies for show working day of show

September Agility Trial (Westfield MA) Two and a half day event:

- Set-up (Friday before show) Help in Club Tent (days of show)
- Take-down/Clean-up (Sunday late afternoon)
- Hospitality: providing goodies for show working day(s) of show

September Tracking Test (Greenfield MA) Two day event:

- Lay Track Drivers (for judges – day before test and/or day of test)
- Hospitality: providing goodies for test working day(s) of test

Volunteer Opportunities:

Training Committee:

- Assist at scheduled training classes (being present as the PVKC representative: opening, collecting money for drop-in classes, supervising participants, closing – Brattleboro VT on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings – commitment of one evening or morning 3 or 4 times a year)
- Act as a class assistant for a beginner or advanced beginner class (Brattleboro VT on Wednesday nights or Saturday mornings – commitment of one evening/morning for a 6 week session)
- Assist at a special event like a CGC Test or a rally/obedience show ‘n go
- Plan or co-ordinate a special event like a CGC Test or a rally/obedience show ‘n go

Administration:

- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Serve on a committees such as Programs or Membership or event committees
- Act as legislative liaison, tracking and reporting on various bills in VT, NH and MA
- Assist in planning and administrative details necessary for AKC All Breed Point Shows

Other (please specify): _____

I agree to abide by the American Kennel Club Care and Condition Policy.

_____ *Signature*

_____ *Date*

Calendar of Events PVKC 2017

Newsletter Deadline February 22, 2017

January

Board of Directors, Jan 9
General Meeting, Jan 23

February

Board of Directors, TBD

March

Board of Directors, TBD
General Meeting – Monday, March 27

April

Board of Directors, TBD
PVKC All-Breed Show – April 22; Springfield
PVKC Health Clinic, April 30

May

Board of Directors, TBD
Awards Banquet; May 15

June

Board of Directors, TBD

July

Board of Directors, TBD
PVKC Picnic; July 23

August

Board of Directors, TBD
PVKC All-Breed Show – August 5,
Greenfield MA

September

Board of Directors, TBD
General Meeting, Sept 18
PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 16-17
PVKC Tracking Test, TBD

October

Board of Directors, TBD
Annual Election & General Meeting Banquet
– Monday, October 16

November

Board of Directors, TBD

December

Board of Directors, TBD
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 11

Pioneer Tails – our PVKC Newsletter New Schedule for Publication

Pioneer Tails will now be published 7 times per year
January, March, May, July, September, October & December
Important notices in off months will be forwarded by email
and available on our website.

*If you are unable to receive email or access our website, please
contact Judith (802-722-9848) for an alternate contact plan.*

PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin - Tentative Dates
Saturday, Jan 21 and March 11, 2017
– Brattleboro, VT

For information, please contact
Judith (802) 722-9848 or handart@sover.net

Please check our website for exact scheduling of
2017 classes. Update should be available in late
December.

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Come!

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling
Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT
New set of Classes for 2017
Tentative Dates - Jan 18 & March 8

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Tentative 2017 Date - Jan 18

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
Tentative 2017 Date - Jan 21

For information, please contact:

Judith Suarez at (802) 722-9848
handart@sover.net

PVKC Tracking:

Tracking will resume in the Spring of 2017

Check our website for updates in March 2017

Or Contact:

Dorie Viguers; dviguers@nmhschool.org ; 413-648-9437

It's winter – weird weather & emergencies happen

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

It's a Public Page – anyone can access it!!

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