

Pioneer Tails

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

November/December 2016

**Annual Holiday
Get-Together**



We are collecting for the dogs at the Franklin Country Sheriff's Department Dog Adoption Shelter

So find some good things for dogs (like toys or grooming tools or canned food or chews or collars or . . . Anything a dog might need or love) and bring it with you to the Get-Together.

Be a Guardian Angel and help support our local shelter.

PVKC Holiday Get Together, Pot Luck & General Meeting

When: Monday, December 12th, 6:30 pm

Where: *Brown Motors Inc (32 Beacon Street)* in Greenfield, MA

Club provides beverages . . . You provide a pot-luck dish

A to L PLEASE bring a Dessert

M to Z PLEASE bring a Savory Dish dish

PVKC MEMBERSHIP DUES – Pay Them NOW!

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

PVKC General Meeting – Monday, January 23rd

Movie Night – "The Secret Lives of Pets"

President's Message

I have to start this President's Message with some VERY EXCITING November news! Huge congratulations to member, Tibby Chase, for receiving the 2017 Lifetime Achievement for Companion Events from the American Kennel Club! I don't think I could count the number of people over the years that have been introduced to the sport of obedience by Tibby. Her love and joy for the sport was infectious. A most deserved honor indeed!

November is also the month we welcome new board members. New to the board this year are Gail Kenny and Cyndi Bussey. I know they are both looking forward to continuing to move this club forward! Thank you, as well, to our departing Board member Kelley Nevin Lovely. Best of luck in your new position as President of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club!

December is the month that marks the onset of Winter. Otherwise known as Winter Solstice. In ancient Roman times it had no special meaning, it was just the 10th month. Over time it has become one of the most important months for a variety of reasons both religious and non-religious.

Regardless of the reason, we can make December a month of caring. For your family, your pets, your neighbors, your friends and for those that you don't know or may never meet. Pledge to your self that you will do at least one thing in the month of December to show that you care. Donate your time to the shelter, both animals and humans. Donate a book on your favorite breed to your local library. Do something nice for someone without expecting anything in return.

Live the true spirit of the season! Happy Holidays
Darci

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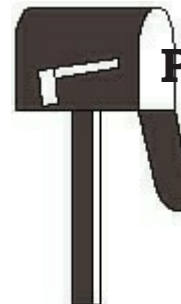
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Dec 28, 2016

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This photo taken at Dog Mountain in St. Johnsbury Vermont, is one the most succinct expressions of my philosophy about canine companion events and competitions.

I was so honored and truly surprised to be nominated for the AKC Life Time achievement in Companion Events. To win is still somewhat unreal to me. But I thank all my friends, students, exhibitors, for having faith in me. It is truly humbling.

Pioneer Valley Kennel Club has a very special place in my heart. It is the epitome of a "true" companion events club. From the beginning PVKC has supported public education, and basic obedience along with tracking, agility and conformation. The club has been a force in the community supporting the humane society, our police department, and other community groups. It has always promoted responsible dog ownership and dog breeding.

Over 30 years ago I got my start in the varied world of Companion events as a member of PVKC. I taught classes, chaired shows, judged, and coordinated various activities. I learned how to make blueberry soup and helped establish PVKC as one of the most hospitable clubs at its shows. So many members have learned from me and in turn taught me so much. I thank all of you for camaraderie and shared love of dogs and dog sports over the years.

This award is as much a salute to PVKC as to me. I will accept it in your honor.

Peace,
Tibby

SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

From **Darci Brown**: October was a great month at Happy Hour! We started off at the Lake Effects Fox Terrier Club of Western New York with *Kinky* going Select and *Elsa* BOS Sweeps. Also at Lake Effects, the second day *Elsa* was Best in Sweeps with brother *Chubby* going Best Opp and both were Reserve at the specialty. After a weekend off it was off to Pennsylvania for Montgomery weekend. At Hatboro, *Elsa* was RWB and *Kinky* BOS under a breeder judge. At Devon, *Kinky* was Select, *Chubby* RWD, and *Elsa* WB. Then on to the American Fox Terrier National held at Montgomery. *Elsa* was BOS in Sweeps, *Chubby* puppy was WD, and *Elsa* was RWB, with *Kinky* going Select! Judge was breeder/handler Amy Rutherford. Couldn't have been more proud of the dogs and their handler Annmarie Ruggieri. Another weekend off to recover and we finished up October at the Albany/Troy shows with *Clara* picking up 2 pts (she is way behind her litter mates and working to catch up!) *Kinky* won three Breeds and a Group 4 and *Ziggy* is now *CH Happy Hour Starman*! These puppies are all from the same litter and half brothers and sisters to *Kinky Boots*! And more recently – Due to their handler's wedding and honeymoon, **Darci Brown's** Happy Hour dogs spent a lot of time at home in the month of November!! But in the two weekends out, SFT puppy *Clara* picked up 2pts (she went winners a lot but never any points on the line!), *Weston*, the Smurf, picked up several selects and a Breed win at the Turkey Cluster. *Kinky Boots* was BOB at every show, Group One at Framingham KC and Group 4 at Holyoke KC with strong terrier competition!

Dorianne Almann brings us up to date on *Taika* – September and October were good months for *Taika*. In October, she earned her Trail Dog Excellent title (hiked 100 miles, including one 5 mile and one 10 mile hikes); her Utility Trail Dog title (hiked 200 miles, including two 5 mile hikes); and her Utility Trail Dog 500 title (hiked 500 miles) from Dog Scouts of America. On September



17, *Taika* passed her Clove TOT, earned 2nd place in Novice Containers #1, 3rd place in Novice Speed and earned her first leg in Novice Distance at Performance Scent Dogs Sniff-tember to Remember hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire in Bow. My ineptness prevented her from earning a second leg in Containers. At Lucky Dogs' PSD trial (SureFire Dogs Training Center, Westborough, MA) on October 2, *Taika* Q'd in two out of three searches – she earned her second Novice Distance leg and her second Novice Speed leg with a 2nd place. Handler ineptness caused her to NQ in Novice Distance. And in November, At Tova Training's Performance Scent Dogs Trial on Nov. 5, *Taika* earned her Novice Speed title with a 1st place and a 1st place in her first try at Speed Metallic Division. She is *Zebi's Some Kind of Wonderful SD-NB, SD-NE, SD-ND, SD-NS, PKD-T, RATI, UT750, HT, LC, NTD*

Jason Mazzone writes, “At the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern New Jersey Specialty Show on October 15, 2016, my puppy, *Gracemere All of Me (Milo)* was Best of Winners under breeder judge Nancy Bodine for his second major.

Peg Vohr's Collie *CJ* completed his Rally Novice title with a perfect score of 100 at the Souhegan KC Rally Trial on Oct. 15th.



Deborah Abeles had a very successful trip to the American Bouvier des Flandres National Specialty in Pennsylvania with her dog *Kallie*. She competed in two days of agility in Lewisberry, PA, on October 17 and 18. On the first day *Kallie* got her first legs in Agility Excellent Preferred – one in Standard and one in Jumpers – earning her High in Trial Bouvier. After agility the two competed in Beginner Novice Obedience in Lancaster, PA, and *Kallie* earned her BN title and a first place ribbon. They both enjoyed themselves immensely! *Kallie* is now known as *War Bouviator Kallisto, RE, OAP, OJP, BN, CGCA*.

From **Dorie Viguers**: My Golden Retriever, *Calliope's Fiddler on Eden Trail (Fiddler)*, was in his first Rally Trial. At just 8 months and in spite of a handler (me) who messed up a couple of stations, he Qualified with a score of 82. He had a blast greeting everyone and enjoying all the new smells and the excitement of a show.

Another happy exhibitor, **Gail Kenny**, tells us, “My Belgian Sheepdog, *Te'a, (Witch Hollow Blackthorn I S Te'a for Two)* was very attentive all four days of the Thanksgiving Cluster, and took home three new titles – Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, (after being bumped up), two of those legs with first prize, and Beginner Novice Obedience, one leg with a second place. It was fun being in the ring with Sheila Blanker and Peg Vohr in Beginner Novice. PVKC was well represented!

Emily McDermott reports: the new boy in my life, *Whitfield's Danger Zone (Archer)*, a two year old English Cocker Spaniel, passed his CGC test sponsored by Holyoke KC November 25 at the Thanksgiving cluster. I have had *Archer* a month, he worked beautifully in the CGC test, and I couldn't be happier. Now that ol' *Twisby* is tracking high up in the clouds with Louise Shattuck and all the rest of the Carry-On dogs, *Archer* has big shoes to fill. He is such fun to work with, and *Archer* and I will carry on!





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):

Continues on other side

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 Shepherd participants on the day of the event
- Assist with paperwork

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 2016/2017

Newsletter Deadline Dec 28, 2016

December 2016

Board of Directors, Dec 5

PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 12

January 2017

Board of Directors, undetermined

PVKC General Meeting, Jan 23
Movie Night – "The Secret Lives of Pets"



And just for laughs – **Linda Gagnon** sent the following photo with caption: my son sent me a photo of his mixed breed, Zeppy with the caption "Listening to NPR". It made me laugh and Robbie and Zep are tangentially related

PVKC Agility 2017

The 2017 PVKC Agility Committee consists of Deborah Abeles, Laurie LaValley, Emily McDermott, Terry Miller, Kim Reardon, and Peg Vohr. For those of you who don't know Terry, she has been a member of PVKC's tracking group for several years and has put a TD on her Nova Scotia Duck Tolling dog, Colin. They are currently working toward their TDX. Terry's paperwork has been submitted for PVKC membership. Thanks to all for serving on the committee!!!

To all PVKC club members, please mark your calendars – the 2017 PVKC agility trial will be held on September 16 & 17 at the Westfield Fairgrounds. As time gets closer, I will be sending out an email requesting your help with set-up, etc.!

Joyce Lak
2017 PVKC Agility Chair

2017 Membership Dues

Another year about to go

Membership Renewal
deadline is Jan 1, 2017

Form on pages 5 & 6

Membership Renewal

There is a 2017 Membership Renewal form in this newsletter on pages 5 & 6. There is also one on the "home" page of the website. With all the other potentially urgent things you will need to do in the next month, renewing your membership now would be highly beneficial. You have some choices in how you do it:

- You can print the form, complete it, and mail it to Marcia (whose address is on the form)
- You can complete it on the screen (which is lovely since then we can easily read it and not make errors of interpretation). Once you have done that you can either
 - print it and mail it to Marcia **OR**
 - save it as a file and email it to Marcia Evans lexisgracewss@comcast.net

Paying your Dues:

- If you are mailing the form to Marcia – just include your check for \$15 made payable to PVKC.
- If you are emailing your form to Marcia – you have two choices:
 - mail Marcia a check for \$15 made payable to PVKC **OR**
 - contact Judith (handart@sover.net) and you will be invoiced via PayPal for the \$15 (then when you get the invoice you can pay via credit or debit card)

PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin - Tentative Date
Saturday, Jan 28, 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 Date - Jan 25

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Classes – Dec 7 & Dec 14
Tentative 2017 Date - Jan 25

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
Classes – Dec 3, 10 & Dec 17
Tentative 2017 Date - Jan 28

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>