

Pioneer Tails

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

September 2019

**September is a very busy month
Volunteer to Help & Come to the Meeting**

Agility Trial – September 14 & 15

Tracking Test – September 22

**September General Meeting –
North County Veterinary Clinic (1182**

Bernardston Rd, Greenfield, MA) on Monday,

**September 23rd at 7:00pm –
Nomination of Officers**

PVKC Proposed Slate of Officers – 2019/2020

President: *Lori Carver*

Vice President: *Linda Gagnon*

Recording Secretary: *Cyndi Bussey*

Corresponding Secretary: *Cyndi Bussey*

Treasurer: *Darci Brown*

AKC Delegate: *Margaret Vohr*

Board – 3 years:

Marcia Evans

TBD

Board – 2 years:

Trish Libby

Nanette Prideau

Board – 1 year:

Sheila Blanker

Jason Mazzone

President's Message

Thank you to Linda Gagnon, her committee chairs and all of the club members who came out to support our first back to back all breed show.

The weather was perfect (for the most part) and our entry was up substantially. Wonderful comments from the judges on our lovely site and the awesome lunch hospitality.

Plans are already in the works for next year.

Next up – the Agility Trial, September 14 and 15 in Westfield at the fairgrounds. It takes an army of volunteers to put on the trial and you need to know nothing about Agility to put in a few hours of assistance.

So please, let me know if you will be able to make this event a success as well.

Enjoy the cooler days as we head into fall.

Lori

PVKC Contacts

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Cyndi Bussey (978) 277-9224

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Request information with a contact form via

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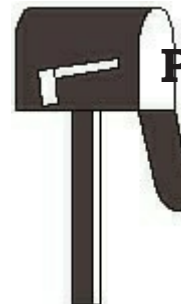
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Deadlines

Sept 25, 2019

**For advertising
contact Judith**

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Peg Vohr (413) 498-2609

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(413) 498-2609

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(802) 722-9848; handart@sover.net

Show & Member NEWS – PEG VOHR

ARCHER'S TDX – Great Tracking News From **Emily McDermott!** What a great day May 5, 2019 was up in South Hero, VT! My four year old English Cocker Spaniel *Archer (Whitfield's Danger Zone CD BN RE TDX TDU CGCA TKN FDC)* passed his Tracking Dog Excellent test May 5, 2019 at Burlington Obedience Training Club's combined TD/TDX test. He was absolutely superb, successfully navigating his 850 yard, three hour old TDX track, complete with cross tracks put in on purpose and obstacles like woods, in 8 minutes! He didn't miss a step, and I am so very proud of this wonderful boy!! The TDX typically has a pass rate of around 20%, but test after test this spring had no passes. Archer was the only one of four to pass that day, this was the last TDX in this area until fall, and he is the only dog of all those entered in the 5 New England area TDX tests to pass this spring! Quite an accomplishment!! Tracking is truly so much fun, and Archer and I love it!!



Here is one more interesting thing about this combined TD/TDX test.

Archer's 8 month old daughter Midge, owned by Mie Kingsley of Danby, VT, passed her TD at that very same combined TD/TDX test! Pretty amazing!! Like father, like daughter as the saying goes! I will always remember May 5, 2019...a very special day!!

Thank you Dorie Viguers and all the wonderful folks in Dorie's great group of Trackers! We couldn't have done this without all the extra tracks and cross tracks you put in for Archer last fall and this spring and for your support and encouragement! I have always said there is nothing like the camaraderie that exists among tracking folks, and the PVKC Trackers under Dorie's leadership are a perfect example of this. Thank you so much again!!

So now it is on to training for the VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test! Tracking for us will now be around college campuses and industrial parks and parking lots. Having only tracked in fields and woods this will be quite a challenge!

Have a great fall everybody! Emily and Archer

PVKC Calendar of Events 2019

Newsletter Deadline – Sept 25, 2019

September

No Board of Directors Meeting
PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 14 -15
PVKC Tracking Test, Sept 22
General Meeting, Sept 23

October

Board of Directors, Oct 7
Annual Election & General Meeting
Banquet – Monday, October 21

November

No Board of Directors Meeting
Canine Good Citizen Test, Nov 16
Trick Dog Title Test, Nov 16

December

Board of Directors, Dec 2
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 9



Canine Good Citizen

2019 Class & Test

Classes: Oct 19 & 26 and Nov 2, & 9
9:15 am; \$60 (includes testing fee)

Test: November 16

Spaced thru afternoon
Reservations Required
Test only \$25

Class Instructor: Judith Suarez
CGC Tester: Roo Grubis

**Available for any dog,
no age or breed
requirement**

You have a Special Dog –

Show off your skills & earn a CGC Title *

* CGC is an official AKC title that can appear on the title records of dogs registered or listed with AKC. Dog owners who complete the CGC as a Title process may list the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

Go to <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/title/>

Presented by *Pioneer Valley Kennel Club*

Contact: Judith at 802-722-9848; handart@sover.net

AKC Trick Dog Title Tests

2pm to 3pm

Single Test – \$15; Second Test – \$10

Pre-registration strongly recommended

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/about-trick-dog/>

Out There



When dogs have ambition

Saturday, Nov 16, 2019

Held at Yankee Dog (94 Vernon St, Brattleboro VT)

A TOTAL OF **10 TRICKS** ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.

There are 101 tricks to choose from, so you should be able to easily find tricks that suit your dog's size and style. Your toy-size dog probably won't be climbing a ladder any time soon, but he may be great at wiping his paws on his mat and walking backward. In addition, tricks can be adapted for senior dogs, disabled dogs, and service dogs, so every dog should be able to participate.

For more information on the Trick Title go to

<http://www.akc.org/trick-Dog/trick-dog-applications/>

If you have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, you may count the CGC as 5 of the required tricks for the NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.

CGC Skills Foundation Behaviors for Trick Training

1. Accepts friendly stranger
2. Sits politely for petting
3. Appearance and Grooming
4. Out for a Walk
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit, Down, Stay in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised Separation

Check one box:

- CGC is on record (counts as 5 tricks). 5 additional tricks have been observed by evaluator and are checked below.
- No CGC, 10 tricks have been observed by Evaluator and are checked below.

- Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor)
- Bark on cue ("Speak")
- Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
- Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
- Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
- Get your _____. (Leash, brush, name of toy)
- Get in (gets in box)
- Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
- Hand signals (down, sit, or come) _____
- High five
- Hold (3 seconds)
- Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
- Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)
- Kiss (point to cheek)
- Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step)
- Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
- Shake hands
- Spin in circle
- Touch it (hand or target stick)
- Tunnel (agility tunnel or child's tunnel)
- Other: Handler's choice: _____
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Contact Judith at handart@sover.net to sign your dog up.



2020 PVKC Membership Renewal Form

Our new membership year starts **January 1, 2020** and in order to appear on The membership list and to vote at meetings your dues must be paid by **December 31, 2019**. 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 2020. 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:

Farm Dog Certification Test – Spring

___ Planning Committee

___ Work Set-up and/or Day of test

Spring Health Clinic (Greenfield MA):

___ Assist with dog handling

___ Shepherding participants on the day of the event

___ Assist with paperwork

August AKC/AB Point Show – 2 DAYS (Greenfield MA, run completely with PVKC members):

___ Breed Ring Stewarding ___ Obedience/Rally Stewarding ___ Gate (collecting parking fees)

___ Set up (Friday before show)

___ Clean-up

___ Help in Club Tent

___ Parking

___ Drivers (for judges from and return to airport)

Hospitality: ___ providing goodies for show ___ working days 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

PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin -
Saturday, Nov 7, 2019
Brattleboro, VT

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

Please check our website for exact scheduling of
2019 classes.

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Come!

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling
Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Jan thru Dec 2019

Novice Obedience – Saturday Drop-in
Jan 19, 2019 thru Dec 2019

Beginner & Adv Beginner Obedience
New Classes starting Wed, Sept 18, 2019

For information, please contact:

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

PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in Early 2019

Wednesdays: Sept 11, Oct 9

Thursdays: Sept 26, Oct 24

Saturdays: Sept 7, Sept 14, Oct 5, Oct 19

Sundays: Sept 1, Sept 29, Oct 13, Oct 27

PVKC Tracking Test – Sept 21 & 22

Or Contact:

Dorie Viguers; dorieviguers@yahoo.com ; 413-648-9437

Weather & Other Emergencies/Changes

***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>