



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

September 2022

# ***Pioneer Tails***

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



**Agility Trial – September 17 & 18**

(Contact Lori Carver to help – [seabreezedogs13@gmail.com](mailto:seabreezedogs13@gmail.com) )

**Tracking Test – September 25**

(Contact Lori Eliot to help – [ljeliot@yahoo.com](mailto:ljeliot@yahoo.com)



**September General Meeting**

**Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:30 pm**

***Nomination of Officers***



Baby Barnyard Building – Franklin County Fairgrounds  
89 Wisdom Way, Greenfield. MA

***BRING A CHAIR !!***

# President's Message

Fall is right around the corner!

Our Agility Trial is September 17 and 18 in Westfield. We need all the help we can get to put on this event, no experience necessary. Come help for the day or just for an hour.

September also means our Tracking Test will take place once again and be dedicated to Dorie.

A big **THANK YOU** to Linda Gagnon and everyone involved in putting on another successful Summer Show.

And finally, another big **Thank You** to Kim Reardon and Trish Libby for organizing all of the events we have had for club members at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. How nice to be able to get together with other club members to train our dogs. We look forward to continuing this relationship with the Fairgrounds in 2023.

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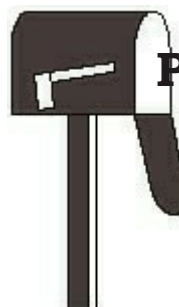
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Request information with a contact form via

[www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com](http://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com)

**Web Page:** [www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com](http://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com)

**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/Pioneer-Valley-Kennel-Club-198067530208377/>



**PioneerTails**

Deadlines  
Sept 25, 2022

# PVKC Awards AKC Medal of Good Sportsmanship

## Kelly Nevin Lovely



Linda Gagnon presented Kelly Nevin Lovely the 2022 AKC Metal of Good Sportsmanship at the Barn Hunt Seminar on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*My little dictionary lists two definitions of Sportsmanship – behavior in sports that is fair and shows respect to the other players and Fair and generous behavior or treatment of others especially in a sports contest. Many think of sportsmanship is being gracious in competition, as in not whining in ear shot of competitors. But, in fact, it is much more and the American Kennel Club has established a program to be administered by respective kennel and all breed clubs to honor one such exemplar of good sportsmanship annually. Tonight, Pioneer Valley honors Kelly Nevin Lovely.*

*Kelly is the definition of sportsmanship. She and her Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs are involved in a variety of venues: Conformation, Rally, Obedience, Herding, Carting and Barn Hunt (and there are probably some we haven't heard of yet). She is devoted to working her dogs, participating in a variety dog sports and promoting having fun with dogs! Once engaged in a dog sport, she increases both her knowledge and her talent in that avenue. For example, she has achieved certification as a Farm Dog Evaluator and is presently a Barn Hunt Judge prospect.*

*Kelly is a true asset to Pioneer Valley Kennel Club and her energy, enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in inspiring. She has served on the Board of PVKC, has appeared on Mass Appeal, and been part of the set up and take down crew on many an event site. And many times, with daughter in hand! She has stewarded several times at the point show when we were missing a "stew" and she and her daughter shared the ring! She was instrumental in establishing the first PVKC Farm Dog Trail, and chaired it first year, and even more importantly, teaching the committee how to coordinate an event such as Farm Dog. She continues to support this even by serving on the committee or by offering her services as a certified Farm Dog evaluator, never charging the club for her services.*



*A particularly valuable quality of Kelly's many valuable qualities, is her willingness to share her knowledge and enthusiasm with others over a spectrum of dog sports. She eagerly volunteers her time to conduct training sessions or work one on one with anyone interested in exploring many areas in which she has expertise. She has helped many of us work with our dogs on a new skill set and provided information on becoming involved in a new activity.*

*She is a go to person both in matters related to pursuing a title and also just learning a new skill with your dog. She has a working relationship with AKC and knows how to get things done. Her efforts on behalf of Pioneer Valley Kennel Club are duly noted and greatly appreciated and the club is honored to be able to present the AKC Medal of Good Sportsmanship to Kelly Nevin Lovely.*



# ***What We Have Done in the past Few Months***

## **July PVKC Extravaganza – Farm Dog Certification, AKC Temperament Testing, CGC Testing, Trick Dog Titles (and Just General Good Time to Party)**

**From Trish Libby –**

The Farm Dog competition got expanded this year to include Temperament Testing.

This was completely new for all of us, and it was a challenge to develop the props needed for each section of the test. The club held a practice session at the Greenfield Fairgrounds, and several of the participants at that session said they were happy they had come and tried out similar props to get a better idea of what was expected. The practice session also allowed us to try out the props and tweak them to meet the specs of an ATT test.

The Fair President, Michael Nelson was happy to bring his young son around to visit with Kelly's goats, and Kim's lambs while we were practicing.



Kelly Nevin Lovely and Kim Reardon also brought props for Farm dog, so folks could also get a better idea of what Farm dog testing entailed.

A big thank you to the committee that came the day before and designed the course: Sharon Domier, Shane Peters, Donna Anderson, and Trish Libby.

The day of the test we had plenty of volunteers both club members and non-club members. Shane and Sharon, along with Celeste O'Malley, Wendy Sherman, Lynn Baker, Kathy Berrena, Kim Corey, Adrienne Corey, and staffing the entry table were Linda Gagnon and Paul McLatchy.

Kelly Nevin Lovely and Marianne Dwight did their usual amazing job of run dogs through the Farm Dog Certification Tests backed up by several folks – but most notably, Mary Spaar herding folks to the start line and making everything run like a well oiled machine.

Roo Groobis did an amazing job as the evaluator for the first ATT competition, Donna Anderson tested the evaluator dogs, and Trish Libby was the evaluator for the second test session. And yet more thanks to those doing double duty testing CGC and Trick Dogs in between working the ATT Tests.

We had a great mix of breeds for the competition, and look forward to more of these in future years. A huge thank you to Judith Suarez for doing dual trial secretary for both ATT and Farm Dog.

# **July PVKC Extravaganza – Farm Dog Certification, AKC Temperament Testing, CGC Testing, Trick Dog Titles (and**

**From Kim Reardon –**

This year Farm Dog Certification Testing was expanded to include AKC Temperament Testing and CGC, CGCA and Trick Dog Tests.

It did take a village to pull this off. PVKC has become a club that could put together FDC in its sleep, we have a tremendous number of agricultural assets: Kelly Nevin and Kim Reardon loan stock, the Northampton Auction Assoc. is generous with their Livestock Barn, Fair View Farm has always loaned a tractor or two which has been a great benefit to the success of creating a true Farm environment.



ATT proved to be a little more challenging as it was our first time conducting this test. This incredibly large undertaking was made not only profitable for the club, but very enjoyable because of the dedicated volunteers that stepped up to make it happen. As usual it was an extremely hot day but everyone hung in and got the test done and cleaned up the site.

Kudos to a tremendous group: our trial secretary for both FDC and ATT and handled CGC/ Trick dog paperwork, Judith Suarez. The set-up crew of Trish Libby, Shane Peters, Sharon Domier, Marianne Dwight and Donna Anderson. Our day of volunteers: Alice Newth, Wendy Sherman, Paul McLatchy, Cheryl Cote, Lynn Baker, Kathy Berrena, Linda Gagnon, Betty Nichols, Kim Corey and her daughter Adrienne. Committee members: Shane Peters, Sharon Domier, Celeste O'Malley and Judith Suarez. Our wonderful evaluators/judges: Roo Grubis, Trish Libby, Donna Anderson, Kelly Lovley and Mariannne Dwight.

## **Training – Training – Training**

### **WE ARE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

As a member of the Home Committee, Peg Vohr initiated contact with the Franklin County Fairgrounds. We were given a tour of available spaces the club could potentially utilize and the committee felt that the Baby Barnyard Building and the Show Ring would best suit our needs. The Fair President has been very generous and has given the club use of these two spaces every Monday, with a few exceptions. Monday is a great time for the Fairground's to give us a very low rental rate as it is their transition day, when the weekend event has packed up and the new event is not yet moving in. Our lease started in April and runs to Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

It was an extremely slow start to be in a position to take great advantage of the offer. The first issue was with insurance and it was determined that we would need to offer workshops/seminars to be covered under our policy that covers events vs. training classes. The second issue was the cost of trainers and not knowing what types of "events" would be popular enough to cover the expenses of a trainer and a rental fee. In an effort to identify interest a survey was conducted and several topics came to the forefront. We have had a few trainings that have been of interest to folks and we feel we have introduced the Fairgrounds as a training site, we will be ending our '22 training sessions with a bang something happening every week Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Oct 17<sup>th</sup> and hope to expand our training presence at the Fairgrounds in '23.

Training has been coordinated and presented by our talented membership. A special thanks goes to Kelly Nevins, Trish Libby, Peg Vohr, Ryan Blanker, Karen Shockro (not a member but we are working on her), all of them have given of their time and talent and we are so appreciative.

## **Training – Training – Training**

### **FARM DOG AND TEMPERAMENT TEST TRAINING**

Trish Libby, Farm Dog Certified Evaluator and Certified ATT Evaluator conducted a training that focused on the elements of each of these tests being offer by PVKC June 26<sup>th</sup>. Farm Dog Certification is a test that evaluates the dog's behavior around the farm environment. The AKC Temperament Test (ATT) is a newer test which assesses the reaction of any breed to stimuli in the surrounding world. ATT requires lots of equipment and this training session allowed us to test the equipment while helping handlers and their dogs mastered their reaction to the stimuli. It was a very small group of attendees but each of them successful titled in their testing.

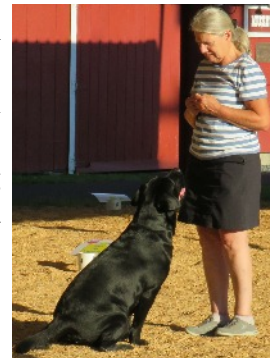
### **RALLY RUN THRU's**



A small group (6 to 8 dogs) of Rally enthusiast have been participating in Rally Run Thru.

Master Rally Competitors, Peg Vohr (left) and Karen Shockro (right) have led the group, designing courses, providing guidance on sign interpretation and skill development. It has been extremely helpful for novice dogs to work the courses with a group of dogs awaiting

their turn on the course. Peg and Karen are both extremely versed in the footwork and intricacies of rally and have made learning rally fun.



### **BARN HUNT**

Kelly Nevins Lovley and Rosie the Rat introduces us to Barn Hunt. Each team worked thru an instinct level and a few novice runs. It proved to be a fun and interesting evening for those that had always wanted to give Barn Hunt a try. There were several dogs that were naturals and their handlers want to pursue this sport.

*See the next Page for a full write up with pictures written by Catherine Carr Lee.*

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

These training sessions were made possible by the willingness of volunteers to share their skills and talents with others. **THANK YOU – Trish, Peg, Karen, and Kelly**

**\*\* MORE \*\* Rally & Breed Handling Training  
and a Seminar with Mary Horne – See pages 10 & 11**



# Barn Hunt Brings in the Dogs!

Thanks to the efforts of Kim Reardon and Kelly Lovley, 10 owners and 11 dogs were introduced to the fun of Barn Hunt. We came together for two hours in the Baby Barnyard at the Franklin County Fairgrounds on August 22. Kim organized the details and provided the hay bales, while Kelly, who is working toward obtaining her Barn Hunt judging credential, provided the rat and took us step-by-step in letting our dogs meet and find Rosie.



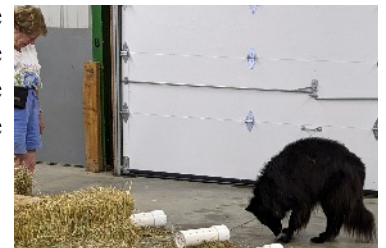
Barn Hunt is perhaps the most inclusive dog sport there is, with all breeds of dogs and mixes allowed to participate, and every size of dog, as long as it can fit through an 18-inch wide tunnel the height of a hay bale. Dogs are required to go through the tunnel and jump on

or climb a bale, but ramps are provided for the little dogs. Our group included breeds from all the AKC groups but two. We had every size from a Toy Poodle to a Bullmastiff, along with a Belgian Sheepdog, Boston Terrier, English Shepherd, three Old English Sheepdogs, two Siberian Huskies, and a Welsh Springer Spaniel.



Barn Hunt offers titles, varying levels of difficulty, and even championships. Three legs are required for a title. Titles are recognized by the AKC, UKC and Canadian Kennel Club. Training is always done with positive reinforcement. For those unfamiliar with the sport, rest assured that the rats used are domestic rats, and they are lovingly cared for by their owners. Kelly's three rats even sleep on the bed with her daughter. Keeping the rats safe is the top priority. Rats are carefully placed inside a solid ventilated tube, and the rules do not allow dogs to harass the rat after finding it. Every trial has Rat Wranglers both in and out of the ring, there to pass the tube over the fence and into a quiet spot. Rats are rotated in a trial so that they don't become tired or overstressed.

For our seminar, each dog, led by its handler, got to approach Rosie while she was in her cage. The dogs' interest in sniffing varied, but all of the dogs got a good whiff. Next we practiced the Instinct Test, with three tubes for the dog to investigate. One tube held Rosie, one held rat litter, and one was empty, just as in a trial. The handler knew which tube held the rat so that we could praise our dogs when they scented correctly. In this case, Rosie was in the center of the three tubes. The third step involved Kelly hiding the rat tube on a hay bale, covered with loose hay, and the dogs were allowed to search for the rat on their own.



A few dogs were rather tentative, while others were all about getting to the rat. Some of them needed a little more directing than others, but they all showed the range of normal reactions in their first encounter with a rat. When they found the tube, the dogs were rewarded lavishly with praise and treats.

For more information about Barn Hunt, go to [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com). The site has a comprehensive, nation-wide list of upcoming trials, with links to all the relevant information. All you need to do is register your dog online with the Barn Hunt Association. Here in the Pioneer Valley, we are fortunate to be close to a facility that offers Barn Hunt trials, as well as group and private lessons. Kim Lewis at Lucky Dog Events in New Salem, right off US 202, holds regular trials and training. Central K9 in Storrs, CT also offers classes and trials.

A big thank you goes to Kelly and Kim for offering a very fun and educational opportunity!

*Submitted by Catherine Carr Lee*

## August Summer Show – dedicated to Dorie Viguers

Linda Gagnon wrangled so many people to put on another successful Summer Show – one would swear that she bred Herding (not Sporting) dogs. We are all grateful and thankful to have finished another of our beloved shows. This show was dedicated to Dorie Viguers.

Dedicated to Dorie Viguers (1943 - 2021)  
A Force of Nature and a True PVKC Lynch-pin

I found no members of Pioneer Valley Kennel Club who can remember a “time before Dorie.” She was always – simply and thoroughly – the person who helped everyone make things happen. Except for her tracking passion, Dorie was rarely the public face of PVKC. Rather, she was the body and spirit that makes a volunteer club successful. Saskia Whallon summarized this perfectly with a post this on my facebook page:

*I don't even know where to start... Dorie was all over PVKC – the board, all events and classes. My favorite memory was not PVKC related. It was when she came out, with her tracking dog, to help me find my missing dog in swampy, buggy and tick laden fields. Couldn't have done it without her!*

If you chaired a PVKC event – any event from something the size of the shows and trials to the summer member picnic – Dorie was right there, backing you up. You never needed to ask. She simply showed up with the tools you needed, the refreshment staples (like water, soda, and cookies), and her time, physical strength, and limitless energy. When the event was over, she helped take it all down, re-store it, and clean up.

If it could be or needed to be counted, cataloged, quantified, organized, stored, found, or measured, Dorie was the person to do it. At least half of the items you needed to hold any event – whether it was a general meeting or our Summer Show – were at Dorie's house (ribbons, drinks, tools, . . .). You did not need to fret about them – Dorie would bring them just when you needed them. The rest of what you needed was found by asking Dorie “where is the . . . ?”

Dorie was also the go-to for information – how and why we ended up having which policies for what situations, or *Why* we did things the way we did – you just asked Dorie. Dorie had every historical fact about the club categorized, organized, and (most important of all) retrievable. If it was important to know, Dorie knew it (usually off the top of her head and if not she knew



exactly where to find it). Is this thing a by-law or a policy? Can we just vote as the Board to change that practice? How much water did we use three years ago at the summer show? When and from whom did we last purchase ring gates? I can not think of a question in my 25 plus years that Dorie could not answer. And I asked her a

ton of questions as a general member, as a program chair for training, and as the newsletter editor. I literally have thousands of emails from and to Dorie from my years with PVKC.

The majority of the hundreds and hundreds of people who knew Dorie, though, were dog people she mentored, taught, and helped. Dorie was the consummate teacher. The world would be a better place if Dorie had taught all of us math. I envy her students from her 30 years at Northfield Mt. Herman School.

Like many of us, Dorie did competitive dog sports with her dogs. Unlike most of us, Dorie's primary passion was not the competition – it was helping other people and their dogs. She was the most generous person with help and advice I have ever met. She would spend hours and hours with you if you asked for help. She taught with kindness and a genuine fondness for and tolerance of you and your dog's struggles.

The origin story of how Dorie became interested in tracking is a bit unclear. But – in her pursuit of teaching her Golden Retrievers to track – she established and ran (out of her home) possibly the best AKC Tracking Program in the country. Dorie *WAS* the PVKC Tracking Program. She invented it, organized it, did all the administrative work for it, set up and taught the annual clinics, hosted the clinics in her home, and arranged for all the tracking field with local farmers. She ran, hosted, and taught weekly tracking classes from March/April to November that introduced literally hundreds of folks to AKC



tracking. Many of those folks went on to put tracking titles on their dogs. All of us came away with a new understanding of how to trust and partner our dogs. And in the midst of all this work for others, Dorie managed to train her own dogs, earn titles, and become an AKC Tracking Judge.

Dorie's teaching, mentoring, and just pure hand holding touched so many people. Lori Eliot posted this on the PVKC Facebook page. It is a perfect example of what knowing Dorie meant to so many people:

*I may have met Dorie back in the days of doing obedience with my Novice A dog (Duncan) many moons ago, but what means the most is having had the privilege of being introduced to the sport of tracking by Dorie. I thought it might be interesting to try with my GSD Asher (we'd done one clinic when he was a puppy but nothing else by the time he was 3 or 4). A friend told me about Dorie's PVKC group - the friend bailed but I went up anyway and in her very special way, Dorie welcomed us. She gave us not just a solid foundation in tracking but a love of the sport. She became a mentor, teacher, and cheerleader. It took nearly 6 years for Asher to certify and I'm not sure who was happier, me or Dorie! She helped me deal with the pain of losing Asher to cancer and to start my youngster Nate. Not the easiest of dogs, but Dorie saw the promise and talked me off the ledge when I was so frustrated I almost quit. I'm so glad Dorie was the one to certify Nate (that took a lot of tries too!) - I only wish she could've been there when we finally got our TD, but I do believe she was watching from somewhere and cheering us on. I've spent many happy hours on the tracking fields thanks to Dorie - she will always be in my heart.*

In the fall of 2008, Dorie set up PVKC's first AKC Tracking Test. On September 26, 2021, Dorie set up and hosted her last AKC Tracking Test. PVKC's fall 2022 Tracking Test will also be dedicated to Dorie's memory.

Dorie was the consummate club volunteer AND like any other person, she was not perfect. Nor did she lead a charmed life. If you think about it - Dorie was older than a babyboomer. She was born *during* not after WWII. She must have watched in complete bemusement as the boomers declared changing values and insisted on a freer lifestyle. And Dorie found a life in those changing values with her dogs and her life partner, Pat McGinnis

- Pat, who was also all over PVKC 30 years ago, training and showing her Gordon Setters. When Dorie died unexpectedly and quietly on December 21, 2021, she was in her favorite chair with her beloved dog Fiddler by her side. Certainly, Pat was there too, so Dorie could lay down the sadness she carried daily after Pat's death. And as we stand at this PVKC Summer Show dedicated to Dorie's memory - I sincerely hope we pulled it off smoothly enough that you don't think it is our first show. But in many ways it *IS* our first show. It is our first show without Dorie. I am sure we got the rings set up. And I guarantee it took us four times longer than usual and some of them may not have perfectly square corners; a few may be off by an inch or two. I hope we found all the tools we needed - all the sledge hammers and tape measures. I hope the hospitality tent has enough water and soda. I hope every tiny logistics detail in the obedience and rally tent was executed flawlessly. I hope whoever ended up being the last person to leave the site the evening before the show acknowledges the fact that Dorie was almost always that person in the past. I hope we all say quiet thank you's over the course of the shows for all the times Dorie was in the background, quietly (and usually unacknowledged) helping make the PVKC Summer Show a success.

Dorie left a huge hole in the lives of many and a serious vacuum in PVKC. May we fill that space as Dorie would have done - by showing up when needed without being begged to do so, with strength and a willingness to work and with the time and supportive teaching that builds bridges and comfort. We don't have to be perfect - Dorie wasn't - we just have to step up and be there when we can.

In her life that was not PVKC-centered, Dorie was a graduate of Carleton College, with an M.S. from Smith College. She taught at Northfield Mt. Herman School for 30 years. When she retired, she was honored by the school as "a wonder and a legend among us." She was "a force of nature" to her colleagues, friends, family, and to all the dogs who shared her life through the years. Her sisters and her brother-in-law, niece and nephews and partners, great-nieces, and many friends and students (human and dog) miss her intensely. As one of her tracking friends wrote, "Her loss is heartbreaking."



# Get Ring Ready!

**Beginner Novice and Novice Obedience**

**Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 6-8 pm**

## Seminar with Mary Horne



**Polish the skills you need for success in the Beginner Novice and Novice rings.**

- Working teams will hone core skills including sit and stand for exam, stays/waits, ring entrances and transitions between exercises, proofing, and dealing with pressure in the ring.
- Motivational tips for engaged heeling will be covered if time allows.
- People- and dog-friendly dogs preparing to show or needing to problem solve are welcome.
- Please bring whatever training equipment, props and motivators (toys/treats your dog loves) you use in training.

**Limit 10 teams.**

Mary is a passionate teacher and trainer whose dogs have earned multiple advanced titles, High in Trial and High Combined awards and perfect 200 scores in AKC and CDSP obedience. Mary also trains in retriever field work, agility, tracking and Rally. She endeavors to train with clarity, consistency and mutual enjoyment in all dog sports.

**\$30 per team for PVKC members; \$40 for nonmembers**

**Pre-registration and prepayment required**

contact Judith at [handart@sover.net](mailto:handart@sover.net)

**A PayPal invoice will be generated when you register. Prepayment for the class is required and due no later than Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Any registration not paid by Sept 30 will be offered to those on our waiting list.**

**We will open the registration to nonmembers on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

# PVKC UPCOMING TRAINING

**Rally Run Thrus**  
**Monday – September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**5 to 7pm**

Master Rally Competitors, Peg Vohr and Karen Shockro will design challenging courses and assist participants in interpreting the signs and share tips they have learned to be successful in the Rally Ring.

\$5 per dog pre- registration helpful so appropriate courses can be set, contact Kim email [xrd3311@yahoo.com](mailto:xrd3311@yahoo.com) or call/text 413 530 2853 **indicate your rally level**



**Baby Barnyard Building**

**Franklin County Fairgrounds**  
**89 Wisdom Way, Greenfield. MA**

**Handling Workshop with Ryan Blanker**  
**Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 -7:30pm**

Presented by the showman himself, our very own Ryan Blanker will work teams through the show ring paces, teaching tricks of the trade that will enable you to highlight your dog's best qualities in the breed ring.

\$10 per dog – pre registration required. To register contact Ryan, **please indicate your breed**

email at: [ryanblanker1210@gmail.com](mailto:ryanblanker1210@gmail.com)  
call or text: 413-372-3399.

## **TRAIN INDEPENDENTLY**

The Baby Barnyard will be made available to members looking for a space to work their dogs on Monday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8am - 4pm. Rental fee is \$20 per hour. For more details and/or to reserve a training time contact





## 2023 PVKC Membership Renewal Form

Our new membership year starts **January 1, 2023** and in order to appear on The membership list and to vote at meetings your dues must be paid by **December 31, 2022**. 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

**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:***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.**

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*Signature*

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*Date*