

Pioneer Tails

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

January 2025



2025

Here We Go !

PVKC Meetings for 2025

Board Meetings – Wednesdays

Jan 8th / Mar 12th / May 14th / Aug 20th / Nov 12th

General Meetings

April 28th Fairgrounds

July 14th Fairgrounds

Sept 15th Fairgrounds

Oct TBD Election Dinner at Terrazza

Dec TBD Holiday Dinner at Terrazza

PVKC Events for 2025

April 7th & 8th – PVKC Training starts at Franklin County Fairgrounds

April 26th – PVKC Extravaganza at Franklin County Fairgrounds
3 AKC Trials (Farm Dog, Temperament, & Fetch)

Testing – Canine Good Citizen, Community Canine, & Trick Dog Tests

April 27th – PVKC Health Clinic at North County Vet Clinic

July 31st & Aug 1st – Summer Show Set-up

Aug 2nd & Aug 3rd – PVKC All Breed Shows / Rally & Obedience Trials

President's Message

It's a New Year and PVKC has a full calendar of events and activities planned. There are a lot of opportunities for you and your dog(s) to participate in.

I encourage everyone to find an event that you feel your talent, skills and passion align with and offer your service. Our club survives on the dedication and devotion of our volunteer base. Our success is dependent on every member stepping up to help. You do not need to be an expert, just having an interest and willingness to learn is all that is required.

There is a listing of events on the front page of this newsletter. Page 3 tells you how to Reach out and offer your help. You will be most welcomed at any and all of our events.

Enjoy and have fun with your dog and make a point of getting involved in the club.

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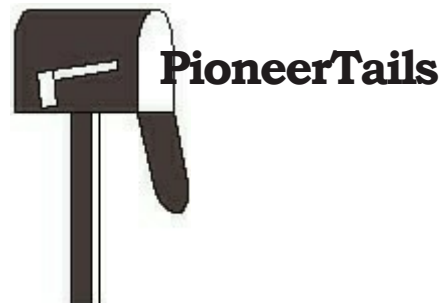
Breeder Referral:

Request information with a contact form via

www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com

Web Page: www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com

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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

So, you want to get involved – but how do you get started?

Reach out to the coordinator(s) listed below. They will be thrilled to have you join their event(s).

Training – Kim Reardon [xrd3311@yahoo.com/](mailto:xrd3311@yahoo.com) 413 530 2853

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Kathy Berrena berrenak@msn.com

Health Clinic - Sheila Blanker StarNewf@aol.com

Darci Brown dbhappyhr@hotmail.com

Lori Carver seabrezedogs13@gmail.com

Extravaganza – Farm Dog/ Temperament Test/ Fetch/ CGC (A) & Trick

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Trish Libby ashfield1231@yahoo.com

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Hospitality – Marcia Evans lexisgracewss@comcast.net

Rally/Obedience Sheila Blanker StarNewf@aol.com

Jackie Smith stonebull@ne.rr.com

Breed Stewarding – Jason Mazzone jasonmazzon@gmail.com



Scent Work Trial – committee members needed to explore the potential of holding a scent work trial

Carol Krygowski kvk518@icloud.com

Membership NEWS

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

12/31 DEADLINE DATE ANNUALLY PAYMENT DUE

Those who have not paid your 2025 PVKC Membership Renewal will receive a \$15.00 PayPal bill. If you do not wish to utilize PayPal, mail a check made out to PVKC in the amount of \$15.00 to:

**Kathy Berrena
20 Corner Road
Williamsburg, MA 01096**

If you have questions or are having difficulties please contact me and we will work with you.

Wishing you all a Happy Healthy New Year,

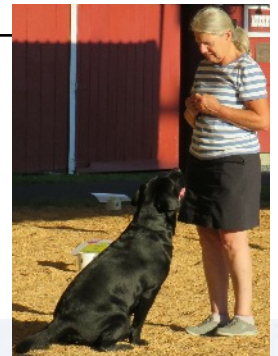
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Rally Drop In Winter Version



PVKC Rally run throughs take place every Monday at Heroes' located at 203 Long Plain Road, in Whately, MA. The run throughs are from 10:00 am to 12 noon. All levels of rally competition are set up for you to practice your rally skills. There are some knowledgeable folks (Karen Shockro, Peg Vohr) that will assist you if you want help but this is primarily for you and your dog (dogs) to practice what you know.

A small area is set up for obedience practice as well.

Cost is \$10.00 per person for members and \$15.00 for non-members. You must bring a copy of current rabies ad a health certificate as Heroes requires all attending to sign an initial waiver form and provide proof of vaccinations.

Contact Trish (Ashfield1231@yahoo.com or 413-628-4784) or Karen Shockro (413-522-3703) and please leave a message. We will respond to your questions.

We do cancel if there is severe cold and those attending should dress warm, as it takes time for the building to warm up!

Show & Member NEWS



New Puppies! **Tammy Erickson** was delighted to welcome a lovely litter of Cairn Terrier puppies on Boxing Day! The five are healthy and happy.

Tammy also had a wonderful time in Orlando at the AKC/Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy & Junior Stakes, highlighted by showing her Lancashire Heeler, *Dewey (Aberdeen's Do 'E Love Me at Black Brook)* in the Group Ring during the Puppy & Junior Stakes.



At Champlain Valley KC, **Joyce Lak's** pup, *Monk*, has been living a busy life. *Monk* is a 10 ½ month Tibetan Terrier puppy co-bred and co-owned with Susan Carr, Salishan Tibetan Terriers. His registered name is *Salishan Monk-Kee Business at Bhaledart TKN FITB*. At the Champlain Valley KC, *Monk* was BW for 1 point and at Merrimack Valley KC, he was WD for 1 point. This past October, at the Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club's Jamboree, *Monk* earned his AKC Trick Dog title by offering ten tricks. In November, he earned the AKC Fitness Bronze title. *Monk* took PVKC's Fitness Class taught by Kim which gave him 3 points toward the 5 required for the Fitness Bronze title. He finished the qualifications for his title by going on an AKC Turkey Trot held in Keene, NH. Because he is still a puppy, he was not eligible for the 5K course, but they had a one mile course which he qualified on. We are looking forward to taking more training classes with PVKC this Spring.

From **Monica Pulci** and *Matilda*, the Australian Shepherd: *Matilda* and I have been busy this past year. Besides having obtained her Farm Dog and Novice Fetch certification, we have obtained the Intermediate Rally title at the Thanksgiving Cluster this past November. We are now working off leash and looking forward to competing in Advance Rally in the Spring. We are also improving in running as a team and have completed a 5K Turkey Trot to have enough points for the Silver Fit Dog Certificate. We continue to work in agility and hope to compete in the Spring.



Peg Voehr reports in Collie news – *CJ (CH RACH Fantasy Mariner All Flags Flying CD BN RM5 RE3)* was honored at the Collie Club of America National last spring for being one of the Top Ten Rally Collies for 2024. *CJ's* half-brother *Caleb (CH Fantasy Mariner Celebration CD BN RA)* earned his Companion Dog title in October with lots of practice help (long sit, down, etc) from his friends at the summer Rally Classes.

Sally Morgan says her corgi, *Kestrel*, has just completed titles in Barn Hunt including Crazy 8 Silver and Crazy 8 Gold and also his RATCHX which is master champion excellent. He's a great rat sniffer! And both of her dogs (**Trystan** at age 15 and **Kestrel**) earned a CGC Urban in the fall with a trial she organized in Northampton, which is a very good location, if our club would like to offer one as well this year.



Sharon Domier and **Shane Peters** would like to thank Cynthia Brown for introducing them to Fast CAT and getting *Dougal* started on the joy of running like a bat out of h@ll. *Dougal* had a good year and is now CH Larkslane Blisshollow Mcdougal BCAT FITB in the AKC world and also earned his WCRL RL2 title in rally and his CDSP CD-C title in obedience. **Sharon's** goal for *Dougal* is to earn his CGC. *Dougal's* goals include licking the face of every person he meets and to run fast and bounce high. We'll see if they can find a middle ground in 2025.

In further news – their bitch *CH Larkslane Blisshollow Sapphire BN RE FDC ACT1 CGCA TKI* is the highest achieving bearded collie in the World Cynosport Rally Limited (WCRL) having earned championship titles in each level from puppy through veterans and awards of excellence in each title. In the WCRL world *Sapphire* is known as *ARCHMX2 Larkslane Blisshollow Sapphire RLPX RL1X4 RL2X4 RL3X3 RLVX*. While *Sapphire* is happy to see her friends at rally events, as a Canadian bearded collie she doesn't want to make anyone feel unaccomplished and says that she is now done more than enough. Proudly partnered by **Sharon Domier**.



PVKC 2024 Member Awards & Holiday Dinner

2024 Volunteer of the Year



It is my pleasure to recognize the Board of Directors selection for the PVKC 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award. Karen Shockro.

It is hard to remember when we met Karen, she has such an engaging personality you feel she has been your friend forever. I believe we have Peg Vohr to thank for introduced her to us at a Rally Drop in and since than she has become what we refer to as ALL THING RALLY in PVKC. For two years Karen has organized the Rally Drop In at the Fairgrounds, (and all other venues the Rally group finds to operate out of – Peg’s yard, Karens home, or Heroes in Whately. She designs courses, brings signs/holders/jumps and arrives early to set up and stays late to take it all down. This year she recruited Tibby Chase to teach a formal rally class, a huge draw for the training offerings.

Karen’s love for the sport of rally is contagious and she is an extremely knowledgeable handler, she is generous with her time and talent. She is welcoming of newbies and her energy level is hard to keep up with. It is because of her efforts that PVKC has been able to offer so many training opportunities for those interested in Rally.

Karen is willing to do whatever it takes to help out an event whether it be the Extravaganza, summer show setting up of Rally and Obedience rings in the new venue at the Fairgrounds or our PVKC Training Program. Karen is a person you can call on to give you a hand and she is eager to help, with a smile, energy and enthusiasm that makes everything doable.

She does however draw a line and she is extremely clear that there is one thing she will not do, no way, no how, never ever . . . she will not be on a committee . . . she will attend committee meetings, take on committee tasks, recruit trainers, conduct classes, haul equipment, set up/take down but she is not on the committee. So, emails are addressed, Dear Committee and Karen.

In a short period of time Karen has become a key player in the success of PVKC’s training and a tremendously valuable asset to PVKC. It is with great appreciation and heartfelt gratitude that the PVKC Board of Directors honors Karen Shockro as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year.



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In our lives, we are fortunate to encounter like minded individuals with whom we may form friendships and alliances. We, at Pioneer Valley, represent such a group and, as frequently happens, someone emerges who demonstrates those rare and special qualities that make them a MVM's – most valuable members. Lori Carver is definitely our MVM.

Lori is a woman of great versatility and talent. Enumerating everything Lori has done for our club is a daunting task. She has served as President, has been on the Board, has some part in almost every event and process – frequently behind the scenes – has run handling classes, accepted entries, has taken registrations for our health clinic, and has been our show secretary for many years,



allowing us to actually stay solvent. Not to mention all the other things, such as packing and unpacking our show ephemera with other members, lending us her nephew and his truck to grab and returning equipment from the storage unit, and helping us stay sane during our various crises. Other clubs seek her out as she is knowledgeable in all aspects of the sport of dogs, being in high demand from many clubs to “secretary” for them and equally high demand from many individuals who want to avail themselves of her handling skills. She is patient with novices, supportive to all, and generous with her gifts. She is smart, organized and always willing to help.

We take this opportunity, then, to say thank you. Thank you for all you do – thank you for being a friend and a worker and a resource. Thank you for being “that” member, the MVM.



AKC NEWS



AKC Reunite and California Fires *(January 15, 2025)*

There are large evacuation areas effective in Los Angeles and Ventura counties due to the deadly wildfires. The Palisades and Eaton fires have destroyed 17,000 structures and displaced hundreds of thousands of people. The weather forecast is expecting the Santa Ana winds to lessen and winds to shift, coming from offshore and bringing much-needed moisture to the area.

Four AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers have been deployed to help with pet sheltering: a San Diego County trailer in Pasadena, two Los Angeles County trailers in Woodland Hills, and a Kern County trailer in Lancaster. We've been in touch with Ventura County who has two trailers. They are ready to deploy but have not needed to do so yet. Thanks to the AKC clubs who made these trailer donations possible, the agencies in the area have equipment in hand to help save the lives of pets and their owners!

AKC Reunite has made significant emergency cash grants to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, Pasadena Humane, and Santa Barbara Humane.

We will continue to post updates to our web site at www.akcreunite.org/storms/ and supporters may donate securely to AKC Reunite's efforts at www.akcreunite.org/donate/

Our hearts go out to all those affected by these deadly fires. We'll continue to reach out and help where we can.

Tom Sharp, President & CEO, tws@akcreunite.org | 919-816-3839, AKC Reunite | 800-252-7894

**Now is the time to create an
Emergency Plan that includes your
pets.**

**Review and practice your plan with
everyone in your household twice a
year.**



<https://www.akcreunite.org/disasterpreparedness/>

AKC EMERGENCY PLANNING GUIDE