

# Pioneer Tails

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

April 2016

## SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

**Darci Brown's** Smooth Fox Terrier *GCH Happy Hour Anything Goes* picked up a Group 4 and a Group 2 at Monticello New York Kennel Club shows. She also made her first trip to Kentucky and the specialties and floating National. We didn't win but she made the cut everyday among a large group of more mature specials. Very proud since she was just a few days shy of 14 months!



Spring is the season for the large Collie Specialties. **Peg Vohr** showed *GCH Fantasy Mariner Play It Again (Sam)* to BOS to BOV at the Collie Club of Maine on March 5th. The following weekend, we went to the Western NY Sppecialties and *Sam* took Select Dog at the Friday afternoon show and BOS to BB on Saturday under judge Lori Montero.

**Check out the FREE Seminar on Page 3**

**and**

***This newsletter is loaded with forms – forms that have deadlines. Please check out the following pages:***

**Trophy Donation for August Point Show & Obedience/Rally Trial – pages 5 & 6 – deadline April 12**

**Annual Awards Application – pages 9 & 10– Deadline April 15**

**Health Clinic Information – page 11 – Reservation Deadline April 15**

**Tracking Clinic – page 8 – deadline April 22**

# President's Message

As I look outside my window this morning I wonder if spring is really here! But a glance at the calendar assures me that it is indeed April. For PVKC members that means - THE APRIL SHOW AT THE BIG E!! If you haven't volunteered yet there is still time. Contact Lori Carver and she will get you to the chair person you need (see page 4 for contact info).

April also means that we are coming down to the wire for trophy pledges for the August show. You will find a trophy pledge sheet in this issue (pages 5 & 6). Please contact me and let me know what you will be mailing in for your pledge.

Next month is "AWARD MONTH" so don't hide your light under a bushel! Get those award applications in (pages 9 & 10). I know by facebook that our PVKC members have been doing great things but not all our members are on facebook - so get the word out!!

See you at the shows!  
Darci

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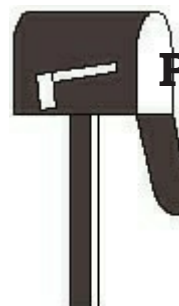
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Deadlines  
April 25, 2016

For advertising  
contact Judith

## Newsletter Contacts:

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# Planning the perfect litter

## *Timing, DNA Testing, and Whelping*

### Details:

Date: Saturday, 14 May, 2016

Place – Yankee Dog, 94 Vernon Street, Brattleboro, VT

Starting time – 10:00 am – Dr. Estle

Noon Lunch break with cold cuts and sandwich making

Q & A – 12:30 pm

Event Conclusion at approximately 1:00 pm

**Reservations needed by May 7:** Martha Phelps (BMDCNV) at [mphelps@svsu.org](mailto:mphelps@svsu.org)  
Or Judith Suarez (PVKC) at [handart@sover.net](mailto:handart@sover.net)



Jennifer Estle, DVM, practices at Broadview Animal Hospital in Rochester, NH. (<http://broadviewvet.com/>). Dr. Estle loves all aspects of veterinary medicine but has a passion for canine reproduction. She is especially focused on studying hormone levels in relation to ovulation timing, which aides in successful conception. Dr. Estle has been a member of the Society for Theriogeneology for several years. This group consists of veterinarians who are dedicated to animal reproduction.

For a full biography, please see <http://broadviewvet.com/our-team/>

# And

## Pioneer Valley Kennel Club



This BMDCNV & PVKC co-sponsored event is open to all breeds and is free

## Calendar of Events PVKC 2016

Newsletter Deadline April 25, 2016

### *April*

Board of Directors, April 4  
PVKC All-Breed Show – April 23; Springfield

### *May*

PVKC Health Clinic, May 1  
Board of Directors, May 2  
BMDCNV & PVKC Seminar, May 14  
PVKC Tracking Clinic, May 14 & 15  
Awards Banquet; May 19

### *June*

Board of Directors, June 5

### *July*

Board of Directors, July 11  
PVKC Picnic; July 21

### *August*

Board of Directors, Aug 1  
PVKC All-Breed Show – Aug 6, Greenfield MA

### *September*

Board of Directors, Sept 5  
General Meeting, Sept 12  
PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 17-18  
PVKC Rally Trial, Sept 18  
PVKC Tracking Test, Sept 24 - 25

### *October*

Board of Directors, Oct 3  
Annual Election & General Meeting Banquet  
– Thursday, October 20

### *November*

Board of Directors, Nov 7

### *December*

Board of Directors, Dec 5  
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 12

## **PVKC All Breed Show**

**April 23, 2016**

**BIG E, W Springfield MA**

**Don't wait to be asked -  
Contact a committee chairs today**

### **Show Chair & Set-up/Clean-up –**

Lori Carver- Show Chair - 413-634-5684 [seabreez13@hotmail.com](mailto:seabreez13@hotmail.com)

### **Hospitality –**

Nanette Prideaux - Hospitality - 508-347-9674 [sarananp@earthlink.net](mailto:sarananp@earthlink.net)

### **Breed Stewards–**

Linda Gagnon - 978-544-8933 [wetacres@net1plus.com](mailto:wetacres@net1plus.com)

# PVKC TROPHY DONOR FORM

## August 2016 – POINT SHOW & OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Arrange now to offer trophies at our annual SUMMER show for your favorite breed in conformation or obedience. We appreciate your support - and so will the lucky winners! Deadline for Trophy Donations is March 30, 2016

### Available with the PVKC logo are

PVKC Medallion .....\$3.00  
Coffee Mug .....\$3.50  
15 oz. Clear Stein .....\$5.00  
Key Chain .....\$5.00

### PVKC Group Chairs

**PVKC will be offering PVKC Chairs for the following: Each Breed Group, Best Junior.** To offer Group First you will need to make a cash donation to PVKC in the amount of \$50.00.

### Available Rosettes are

Rosettes are offered for Best of Breed or Variety in all breeds with 5 or more entries. They may be offered to other breeds or classes within a breed, at the cost of \$5.00 per rosette.

If you want ribbons for Supported entries or Specialties, please contact Darci for availability.

Group trophies will then be offered in your name. Please designate which Chair you would like to sponsor. AND please write the exact wording you wish used for these specific trophies – such as “Donated by”, “In memory of”, etc. in the space provided.

**This year PVKC will be offering a special Rosette and small additional gift for Reserve Best Junior.** The price to offer this award in your name is \$ 20.00

*Deadline  
April 12, 2016*

Mail the form below, along with your check (made out to the PVKC, Inc.), to:  
Darci Brown, 111 West Road, Northfield, MA 01360

If you have questions, call or e-mail Darci at 413-498-5006 [dbhappyhr@hotmail.com](mailto:dbhappyhr@hotmail.com)

*Deadline  
April 12, 2016*

### TROPHY DONATION TO 2016 PVKC POINT SHOW & OBEDIENCE TRIAL

I hereby agree to offer the trophies listed on page 2 of this form

DONATED BY/FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\* AKC rules read: “Donors of trophies must state value of same or define offering as follows: Sterling Silver, Silver-plated, Bronze, Copper, etc.” The Trophy Committee reserves the right to approve trophy contributions before their inclusion in the premium list.

## PVKC TROPHY DONOR FORM – page 2 of 2

**August 2016** – POINT SHOW & OBEDIENCE TRIAL

**Conformation – Best of Breed:** Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conformation – Best of Opposite:** Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conformation – Best of Winners:** Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conformation – Winners Dog:** Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conformation – Winners Bitch:** Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conformation – Other (please specify, example Best Breed by Class; Best Open, etc):** Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Offered for: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**PVKC Chairs for Group or Best Junior (\$50 donation):** Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Wording for Donation (eg, Donated by; in memory of; etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**Reserve Best Junior (\$20 donation):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Wording for Donation (eg, Donated by; in memory of; etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**Obedience High in Trial:** Director's Chair – \$50  
Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Classes: Novice A & B, Beginner Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B, Veterans, Brace (non-regular)

**Obedience Class First:** Class \_\_\_\_\_ Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

**Obedience:** High Scoring \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Classes: Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, Pairs Novice, Team Novice

**Rally Class First:** Class \_\_\_\_\_ Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally:** High Scoring \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience or Rally: Qualifying (breed) \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trophy\*: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tracking News

It must be Spring, regardless of how it might look outside today!

PVKC will hold it's annual Beginner and Advanced Beginner Tracking Clinic on May 14 & 15. The application for the clinic can be found at [www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com](http://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com). Sign up early – it is first come, first serve for the clinic.

And PVKC Tracking is back in full swing. See page 12 for the new schedule.



## General Meeting

**Thursday April 14, 2016**

**Dinner & Program starting at  
6:30pm**

**Littleton MA**

**Topic to include:**

**SD2459 – Breeder Licensing  
Legislation**

**HB – Pet Grooming Legislation**

For a downloadable meeting flyer Go To:

<http://www.massfeddogs.org/Membership.html>

## AKC NEWS – PEG VOHR

### *Delegates Meeting*

At the AKC Delegates meeting, held on March 7 and 8, we voted to fill three vacancies on the AKC Board of Directors. Patricia M. Cruz and William J. Feeney were reelected to the Board. Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America, was elected to fill the third vacancy. We voted on a proposal to allow Delegates Judges to charge up to \$150.00 per day over and above their expenses. The proposal required a two-thirds affirmative vote and it was defeated with a roughly 50-50 vote. A second vote was held on an addition to the Beagle Field Trial Rules. This addition would create a National Championship event for the Beagle Two-Couple Pack Sport. The amendment was adopted.

President Dennis Sprung announced that, for the first time since 1996, both the total of individual registered dogs and of litters exceeded the prior year's total. He again emphasized the importance of individual clubs ensuring that both long-term and new exhibitors always receive a positive and welcoming experience from club officials, superintendents, and judges.

### *AKC Political Action Committee (PAC)*

Board of Directors member Carl Ashby brought the Delegates up to date on the AKC PAC at the Tuesday general meeting. AKC Government Relations Dept. is already tracking 1400 bills this year. AKC does hire lobbyists in these situations in addition to supporting local federations. We are always behind the financial eight ball; HSUS invests about \$66 million to influence public opinion, while the AKC invests about \$1 million, coupled with our PAC money. The AKC PAC is the only way we have to influence legislation; the AKC as a non-profit organization is unable to contribute directly to a candidate.

I was startled to learn that despite the fact that there are 625 member clubs, only 292 contributed to PAC last year. Donating to PAC is really an investment to protect our right to own dogs. The goal this year is to increase the participation of both clubs and individual club members. PAC is happy to accept even small donations (\$5 a month for example). Carl Ashby finished by remarking that if every club member would contribute the amount of his last show/trial entry fee, it would make a very significant difference in what PAC could accomplish.

**Editor's Note:** *There is a form for direct donations to the AKC Political Action Committee non the next page. Use it! Help today. Tomorrow may be too late*



**KENNEL CLUB  
PAC**

The **AKC PAC** collects voluntary contributions from individuals and uses these donations to support candidates who defend dog owners' rights and can effectively influence legislation impacting animal owners. Your donation will be bundled with contributions from **AKC club members** across the country to strengthen our support for reasonable, enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

Contributions to this committee are not deductible on federal tax returns. Federal and state laws require us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals who donate to the PAC. The maximum annual contribution is \$5,000 to AKC PAC. All contributions are voluntary.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a United States Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.

Contributor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pioneer Valley Kennel Club

## 2015 ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION

DEADLINE: April 15, 2016

PVKC offers plaques and/or certificates to commemorate the titles earned by our club members' dogs. The awards are presented at our meeting in May. Please complete this form and return to **Lori Carver, 18 Plainfield Rd, Cummington, MA 01026**. Titles and awards must have been completed between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. The member must have been an owner of the dog at the time the title or award was earned. We are not responsible for awards that are not reported in WRITING on this form. Please include a copy of title certificate, for verification.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

PVKC activities participated in during 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive a certificate and have a donation made to Franklin County Sheriff's Dog Shelter & Adoption Center  
in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAMPIONSHIP ATTAINED (Please Circle) BREED FIELD OBEDIENCE AGILITY TRACKING

LIST KENNEL CLUB (AKC, CKC, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

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PERFORMANCE TITLE OBTAINED (Please Circle Type)

OBEDIENCE AGILITY FIELD HERDING LURE COURSING EARTHDOG TRACKING RALLY

LIST TITLE (Companion Dog, Novice Agility, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

LIST KENNEL CLUB (AKC, CKC, All-American, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

PERFORMANCE TITLE OBTAINED FROM A PARENT BREED CLUB:

LIST TITLE (Draft Dog, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

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AWARD FOR HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE DOG - (please circle type) - AKC CKC

Show \_\_\_\_\_ Show \_\_\_\_\_ Show \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD FOR BEST IN SHOW (please circle type): AKC CKC Specialty  
Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD FOR HIGH IN TRIAL (please circle type): AKC CKC Specialty  
Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD FOR MOST GROUP FIRSTS (please circle type): AKC CKC

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR MOST GROUP PLACEMENTS (please circle type): AKC CKC

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR MOST BEST OF BREED OR VARIETY PLACEMENTS (please circle type): AKC CKC

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR MOST PLACEMENTS IN ONE OR MORE PERFORMANCE AREAS (please circle type):  
AKC CKC

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (attach list of shows and dates)

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AWARD FOR HIGHEST SCORING JUNIOR IN OBEDIENCE

Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AWARD FOR HIGHEST PLACING JUNIOR IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Placement \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ BREEDER'S AWARD – for breeders who produce 3 or more titled dogs in one year. (Please attach list of dogs and titles.) NOTE: for this award, a dog may be counted only once in its lifetime, i.e., if a dog's AKC Championship has already been counted in any year, any future titles for that dog cannot be counted.

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A certificate will be awarded to dogs who complete a Canine Good Citizen Test, Herding Instinct Certificate, Temperament Test, Therapy Dog Test, Carting Certificate, Working Aptitude Certificate, Certificate of Conformation Assessment or other certificate of achievement.

Award \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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WAS THE AWARD OBTAINED BY A BREEDER-OWNER-HANDLER YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE SURROUNDING THIS AWARD. (First dog, Finished title from Bred by Exhibitor Class, Veteran Dog completing an Agility Title, etc.



## ***PVKC All Breed Health Clinic***

Sunday, May 1, 2016; 9 AM to 3 PM

North County Veterinary Clinic, Inc., 1182 Bernardston Rd, Greenfield, MA

### **CAER**

Cost: \$40.00

Dr. Alexandra van der Woerd, DVM, DAACVO, Animal Medical Center, NY, NY

### **CARDIAC**

Cost: \$42.00 auscultation ONLY; \$220.00 echocardiogram (includes auscultation)

For OFA submission a separate fee (via check or credit card) to OFA for \$7.50 per dog

Dr. Agnieszka Kent, DVM, MS, DACVIM, Upstate Specialties, PLLC, Latham, NY

### **MICROCHIP**

Cost: \$35.00 Cost **INCLUDES** registration fee and Microchip **IS** accepted by foreign registries.

Dr. Sheila Morrissey – North County Veterinary Clinic, Greenfield, MA

### **THYROID**

Cost: \$72.00 via Michigan State Lab

For OFA submission a separate fee (via check or credit card) to OFA for \$7.50 per dog

Dr. Sheila E. Morrissey – North County Veterinary Clinic, Greenfield, MA

### **CHIC DNA BANKING**

DNA banking through CHIC for research purposes (NOT DNA parentage)

Cost: \$20.00 blood sample

Dr. Sheila E. Morrissey – North County Veterinary Clinic, Greenfield, MA

## **Pre-registration required by April 15, 2016**

**This is a summary of information ONLY.** To register for the clinic and obtain a copy of the actual brochure with details about age of dog and what paperwork you will need to bring with you –

Please Contact Judith Suarez [handart@sover.net](mailto:handart@sover.net)

Or go to <http://www.pioneervalkennelclub.com/health-clinic.html>

# PVKC Training Schedule

## PUPPY K CLASS

New Classes Begin

April 9, 2016  
Brattleboro, VT

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



**Come!**

## Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &  
Breed Handling  
Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT  
*New set of Classes for 2016  
begin April 27<sup>th</sup>*

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly  
March 9<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>  
**No Classes – April 20<sup>th</sup> & June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - July 9<sup>th</sup>  
**No Classes – May 14<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup>**

For information, please contact:

Judith Suarez at (802) 722-9848  
[handart@sover.net](mailto:handart@sover.net)

## PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in April & May

Wednesdays: May 4 & June 1  
Thursdays: April 28, May 19, June 23  
Saturdays: April 9, May 2, May 7, May 28 & June 25  
Sundays: April 3, April 17, May 22 June 5, & June 12

PVKC Tracking Clinic – May 14 & 15

*Early dates are tentative and weather dependent*

Contact: Dorie Viguers; [dviguers@nmhschool.org](mailto:dviguers@nmhschool.org) ; 413-648-9437

***NOT winter –  
but weird things & occasional emergencies happen***

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

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