



Pioneer Tails

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

August/September 2023



Pioneer Valley Kennel Club

Agility Trials

Saturday, Sept 16 & Sunday, Sept 17

Westfield MA

FMI – See

<https://my.pawprinttrials.com/public/locations/34>

Volunteers Needed

Set-Up – Friday, Sept 15

Take-Down – Sunday afternoon, Sept 17

Ring Help – Both Saturday and Sunday

Hospitality – pick up and deliver snacks for volunteers

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President's Message

Well, another Summer show is in the books! We could not have asked for a better weekend, the sun was not too hot, the rain stayed away, we had great judges and great exhibitors.

A special shout out to all of the PVKC members new and old that stepped up this year to help out. It is true that many hands make light work. We had so many folks turn out to help that the rings were set up in record time this year.

I hope that we can continue this turnout of members at our next event - the Agility Trial is September 16 and 17 at the fairgrounds in Westfield. We need help setting up the rings on Friday and taking them down on Sunday afternoon. On the weekend, we need volunteers to set up courses, reset bars, run leashes, etc. You do not need to know anything about Agility to volunteer (trust me- I know!) and you do not need to give up a whole day, a few hours is all you need.

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Thank You's



Marcia Evans –

Now that a few weeks have passed since the Dog Show I have been reflecting on why this year's Hospitality Tent ran so smoothly and with less anxiety and sweat on my part and that would be because of all the members (new and old) who pitched in and worked from start to finish.

I cannot thank you enough! From setup on Friday to breakdown on Sunday and all the time in-between volunteers were doing anything and everything which had to be done. Thanks to the members who generously brought food both Saturday and Sunday, it was all delicious and there were many compliments from the judges and workers who enjoyed it all. Even the beautiful flower bouquets were made and delivered by club members.

Most of all I want to thank EVERYONE for smiling and laughing, it was contagious and really exemplified what a hospitality tent should be. I really enjoyed spending the weekend with all of you and getting to know each of you better and I hope you feel the same way! It was a real PVKC Team Effort. I am happy to report that the Food Truck will be coming again next year and we will be adding a few new lighter menu items. I look forward to working with all of you next year.

Thank you again, Marcia

As some of you know, Linda – our tireless Event Chair for this show – was unable to be at the show this year. Last minute surgery for a badly damaged shoulder will do that to a woman. It also means that she can't type without sending her body in to roiling pain. So I'm trying to get her thanks out to everyone who helped. That's a tall order and it needs to start with thanking Linda herself.

Unless you are at PVKC Board Meetings, I doubt that most of us know this show takes a full year to plan. And that is all Linda. She seeks out judges. She jollies along (and herds, cajoles, and basically drags) all of our supported entries and specialty groups. She shepherds production of the Premium through AKC and Rau. And she bangs her head through the production of the Judging Programs. Every tiny detail from start to finish ends up on her plate – the site, the judges, the program, the set-up and take down – herding, so much herding of people and data and problems.

While it takes a full club to get this event done, it would be a whole different experience (and much more stressful) without Linda. So first and foremost – Thank you Linda. We don't say that nearly loudly or often enough.

Linda Gagnon –

I need to send huge thanks out to everyone and don't even have the words. How about I just say thank you to everyone, particularly all our new members and applicants, who were – along with regular members – stars at set up and take down. We had so many wonderful volunteers, many of whom were working their first show and several of whom just joined the club.

And thanks to Darci and Lori and Jason and Marcia and Sheila and Jackie and Karen and Brielle and Kelly and everyone else I can't remember. Having your hard work and support make all the planning and production possible.

Show & Member NEWS



In addition to being the world's best Chief Steward for Confirmation, **Jason Mazzone** also has this announcement – In between serving as Chief Steward at our August shows, I won Best of Breed on Sunday with my Shetland Sheepdog, *Jasper*, to finish his Grand Championship. He is now *GCH Gracemere Just Me*. *Jasper* was bred by me and I put all of his GCH points on him. He ended the day with OH Group 4.

From **Candace Wright** – Proud of *Timberlost Homer's Odyssey*; Winner's Dog Saturday and Sunday. He earned his first two points toward becoming a Champion Bernese Mountain Dog!



Carol Krygowski reports – I had a great time at our summer show! I think I had the total experience! I helped out on Friday set up the show, it was really fun, and made me feel like a real club member! Saturday & Sunday I showed my puppy bitch in the 9 months-12 months class, *Poppy (Shepherds Of Paradise TSSS Popcorn Please)*. She took Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex for one point, under Judge Amy Gau. On Sunday I showed *Poppy* again and she took Best of Breed and Best Owner Handler for 2 points under Judge James Albrecht. Then we had the fun of experiencing the Herding Group and the Owner Handler

Herding Group! Sunday I was able to observe the work of a Ring Stewart for a few hours, much more complicated and overwhelming than I realized. I now appreciate Stewards so much more! Then I was able to help take down the show rings at the end of the day. Truly a wonderful week-end and I am looking forward to the next summer show!

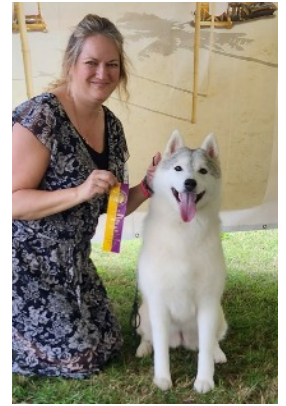


From **Celeste O'Malley** – *Dorie (Sprucepeak's A Little Help From My Friends)*, now 12 months old, went Winner's Bitch AND Owner Handled BOB from Bred By and Working Dog Group 3 Owner Handled.





Ryan Blanker reports – *Northern Light's Born with the Fire (Flame)*, for his first show in 4-6 puppy in June at the Wrentham shows, won Best Beginner Puppy In Show with competition in the group and best! His mother, *GCHB Northern Light's Femme Fatale d'Argent (Sparrow)*, won Best Owner Handled In Show the following week (and two OH Group Firsts). At our summer show she won Best of Breed and Best of Opposite. The following week in Ballston Spa, NY she won the OH Working group with tough competition.



Catherine Lee reports that her Welsh Springer Spaniel, *Farley (CH Cryslen Destiny's Don't Stop Me Now CGC ATT)*, was Best of Breed in specials competition for 5 grand champion points at the Ladies Kennel Club dog show on June 3 in Wrentham, MA. *Farley* was also Best of Breed both days at the Boxborough, MA shows on August 19 and 20 for another 4 grand championship points.



Elizabeth Nichols – *Zoe (Hancock's Tempest)* finally completed her CDX Obedience Title in June with a high score in trial. She just received an invitation to the Obedience Classic in Orlando in December. *Zoe* and I will likely decline – *Zoe* says she's done with Open – but it is an honor just the same.



Summaries of the Results for our 2023 show can be found at:

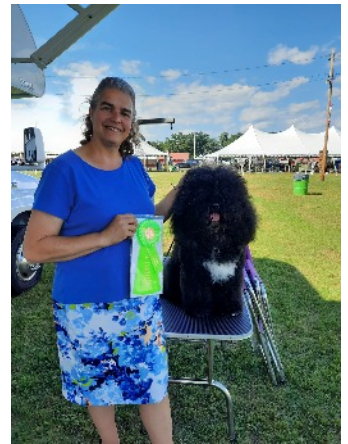
[Canine Chronicle.com](http://CanineChronicle.com)

Saturday

Sunday

Summer Show – faces







New Members as of July 10, 2023 General Meeting

Robin Apanell

Sandy Gauld

Patricia Sheekey

Carole Skibiski

Jessica Skibiski

First Reading as of July 10, 2023 General Meeting

Monica Pulci

Ann Margola

Sharon Davenport

Leslie Pollitt

Marnine Spadoni

Mary Neill

Jennifer Tower

Martha Price

Colleen Lilly

Calendar of Events PVKC 2023

September

Board of Directors Meeting, Sept 11
PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 16 & 17

October

No Board of Directors Meeting
Annual Election & General Meeting, Oct 18

December

General Meeting, Date to be determined



PVKC Training

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New Classes – Fall Sessions Planned

- Pre-Agility
- Nosework
- Therapy Dog
- Basic, Next Level and CGC Prep
- Drop-in Classes – Rally, Handling and Obedience

These are still in the Planning Stage –

When the dates and times have been finalized, you will find all the information on our Website at <https://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com>

**All cleaned up and ready
for next year – See you
again in 2024**

