

Pioneer Tails

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

December 2015



*Oh
Come,
All Ye
Members*

Annual Holiday Get-Together

PVKC Holiday Get Together, Pot Luck & General Meeting

When: Monday, December 14th, 6:30 pm

Where: *Brown Motors Inc* in Greenfield, MA

Club provides beverages . . . You provide a pot-luck dish

A to L PLEASE bring a dessert

M to Z PLEASE bring a savory dish

PVKC MEMBERSHIP DUES – Pay Them NOW!

Avoid the last minute hassle & Late Charges

Please complete, sign and mail the form (pages 5 & 6)

President's Message

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Darci

Let There Be Peace On Earth - written by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller

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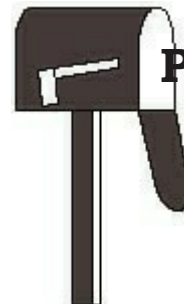
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Deadlines
Dec 28 2015

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SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

Catherine Lee's Welsh Springer *Tinker (Rysan's Requested Just For Destiny)*, was Best of Breed over Specials for a 3-point major at the Windham County Kennel Club show on November 21. *Tinker* has both majors and needs 2 points to finish.

On Saturday November 21st at the Springfield Cluster, the **Blankers' GCH Northern Light's Shimmering Moonglade, (Shimmer)** won Best of Opposite out of an entry of 30 Siberian Huskies, for her 8th GCH major! She is over half way towards her bronze GCH.

Darci Brown's Smooth Collie *Paris* went to the Framingham District KC show and came home with a Group 2! *Portia*, decided not to let her Smooth Fox Terrier sister, *Kinky*, have all the glory and picked up 3 pts and a Puppy Group 1 at the Thanksgiving Cluster!

From **Jason Mazzone** : After just one handling class with Leslie Woodward, my puppy *Gracemere Just Me (Jasper)*, won Group 2 in the 4-6 month Springfield Kennel Club Show on November 22. His grandmother, *Cameo Farms Blues After Hours (Jazz)*, won her second major at the Hernando County Kennel Club Show in Florida on November 8 and needs one point to finish.

Linda Gagnon reports: *Versatile Champion AKC Ch Wet Acres Watch the Birdy (Rush)* earned his second "Grand" major with a special defeated. *Fezziwig's Chia Mhia* earned her first point on the same date, all under Judge Elizabeth Muthard. **Lori Carver** is *Rush's* handler, and **Ted** handled *Pepin*. On Sunday, November 8th, *Rush* earned his third Grand major with another special defeated. He's up to 15 pts, three majors, two ch defeated. Another great handling job by **Lori C**, bruised hand and all. *Pepin* was WB again and then BOS over the bitch special for two points. And *Rush* is on a roll – *Rush* earned the first leg on his Master Hunter title. On the November 14th weekend, *Rush* earned another MH leg at Central New England Brittany Club. Then on the weekend of November 20th, *Rush* earned his third leg on his Master Hunter title. Three legs down and three legs to go! !

Oryn, Judith Suarez and Tracey Vogel's bullmastiff *Stonebull's Remember Night Rainbows*, decided to take a quick trip to Toronto, Canada November 28th and 29th. After a rocky start on Saturday, he managed to take Winner's Dog and Best of Breed (over a very nice Special) on Sunday. He was handled amazingly by our own Leslie Woodward, who let us tag along with her and her gorgeous Barbets. Hello possible new venue – good-bye dollars.



No one sent me any pictures this month so here is a vintage postcard from France

This is from a facebook page called ***Vintage Dog A Day***

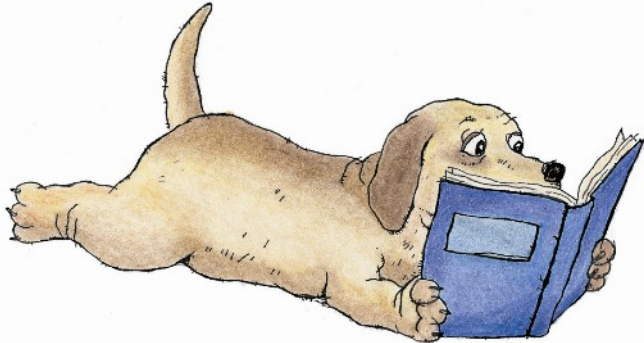
They can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/VintageDogADay>

It's a fun page – check it out. And Thank You **Dori Almann** for sending it to me.

Read And Share with Us

Looking for a few Good Books? Most of us are.

So take a minute and share a good read with us – your choice, any genre. Just write a few dozen words about a book you love and send it to Judith at handart@sover.net.



Calendar of Events PVKC 2015

Newsletter Deadline Dec 28, 2015

December

Board of Directors, Dec 7

PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 14

Provided by Judith Suarez

Come meet KATE SHUGAK. Kate is a private investigator. Kate has a pretty amazing dog named Mutt. And Mutt is a very credible character. Kate's creator, Dana Stabenow, is a multiple award-winning author who writes a very good mystery.

While you won't learn a thing about dog shows or competition obedience, you can visit The Park – 20 million acres of Alaskan wilderness, snow and eccentrics. You can witness the conflict between the Aleut traditional way of life and modern America. You can marvel in the sheer difficulties of law enforcement in the remote and dangerous world of out-back Alaska.

Best of all – particularly for you avid readers – there are currently 20 books in this series. If you start at the beginning with *A Cold Day for Murder*, you can also watch the development of a good writer as she gets better and better book-to-book.

The bad news (so spoiler alert) is that the 20th book, *Bad Blood*, was published in 2013 and there doesn't seem to be a new one coming out soon. That's bad on two levels – first because I personally hate it when I love a character and they suddenly disappear; and second, because *Bad Blood* ends as sort of a cliff hanger. It doesn't seem like the end of a series, though, so perhaps Dana Stabenow is just gathering her energy to write the next book.

Check the books out at Fantastic Fiction (<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/s/dana-stabenow/>).

If you think you want to give them a try, I have 19 of the 20 in a bag in my garage looking for a good home. Sorry – number 20 has to stay here, because Tracey hasn't read it yet (she hates cliff hangers). Let me know and I will happily give you the bag for good comfort in your winter hibernation. But first come, first serve.

Come on folks – I know you read books.

Help us out here.

This can't be Darci and I talking about our personal taste in books every month.

Write me at handart@sover.net

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Forms, Forms, Forms

On the next two pages is the Membership Renewal form.

This year you have a choice in how you complete the form. The pages are interactive “Adobe Forms.” That means you *could* just type in the information on your screen, then print the page(s) and mail with your check.

If you did that, we would be eternally grateful. Sometimes, not to cast shame or anything, reading hand written forms can be a real challenge.

Or you can do it the old fashioned way and print off the blank form, hand PRINT it, and mail it. Or if you get a hard copy newsletter, tear out the page, complete it and mail it.

Whatever you chose, do it now!!!!!! Deadlines ! ! ! !

Don't risk a late fee – seriously, do it right now

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2016 PVKC Membership Renewal Form

Our new membership year starts **January 1, 2016** and in order to appear on the membership list and to vote at meetings your dues must be paid by **December 31, 2015**. 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 2015. 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 2015 (check a minimum of two items from the list of events and volunteer opportunities):

Continues on other side

Events:

April AKC/AB Point Show (Springfield MA, run through MB-F):

- Breed Ring Stewarding Obedience/Rally Stewarding
- Set up & Clean-up (2 hour commitment) Help in Club Tent

Spring Health Clinic (Greenfield MA):

- Assist with dog handling Assist with paperwork
- Shepherding participants on the day of the event

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

- Breed Ring Stewarding Obedience/Rally Stewarding Gate (collecting parking fees)
- Set up (Friday before show) Clean-up (late afternoon day of show)
- Help in Club Tent Parking Drivers (for judges from and return to airport)
- Hospitality: providing goodies for show working day 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*

Internet Tid Bits



Health:

Pot and your Pooch –

http://drjeandoddspehealthresource.tumblr.com/post/132817719976/cannabis-pet?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=facebook_page&utm_medium=Dogs%20Naturally%20Magazine#.Vl3cr7_0_Sj

Bloat Study –

<http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/Wanted-4600-Dogs-for-Bloat-Study/>

Brachycephaly –

<http://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/blog/brachycephaly-its-more-than-just-the-pretty-face>

Training:

Praise, Reward and Training –

<http://kathrinemcaleese.com/do-you-deserve-more-credit/>

Stillness & Agression –

<https://wildewmn.wordpress.com/2013/06/04/the-threat-of-stillness/>

Fashion ?? –

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/201511/the-clothes-you-wear-can-affect-dogs-emotional-state>

Retractable Leashes –

<http://vtdigger.org/2015/11/04/vermont-veterinary-medical-association-warns-retractable-leashes-are-convenience-at-the-expense-of-safety/>

Misc:

Humans and Social Interactions –

<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2015/11/how-dogs-make-friends-for-their-humans/417645/>

Rope Toy Instructions –

http://www.handsoccupied.com/2013/12/rope-ball-surprise-dog-toy/?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=facebook_page&utm_medium=Dogs%20Naturally%20Magazine

Dehydrated Dog Treats –

http://www.bdws.co.uk/2014/03/25/dehydrated-dog-treat-recipes/?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=facebook_page&utm_medium=Dogs%20Naturally%20Magazine

Editor's Note: I have tested all links – they should work for you.

AND I have been to each site multiple times from multiple platforms – no virus anywhere



PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY K CLASS

New Classes Begin

January 16, 2016
Brattleboro, VT

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



Come!

It's winter and the weather can be weird & sometimes 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>

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling
Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT
*Last set of Classes for 2015
began Nov 4th*

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Nov 4th - Dec 16th
No Classes Wednesday Nov 25

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
Sept 26th - Dec 19th
No Class - Saturday, Nov 28th

For information, please contact:

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

PVKC Tracking:

Tracking Dates I– all done for 2015

Contact: Dorie Viguers; dviguers@nmhschool.org ; 413-648-9437