

Pioneer Tails

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

December 2018



*Oh
Come,
All Ye
Members*

Annual Holiday Get-Together

PVKC Holiday Get Together, Pot Luck & General Meeting

When: Monday, December 10th, 6:30 pm

Where: Brown Motors Inc (32 Beacon Street) 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 dish

***PVKC MEMBERSHIP DUES –
Pay Them NOW!***

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

President's Message

First I would like to thank Gail Kenny for her time as a member of the board. I appreciate her involvement on the board very much. I would like to welcome our 2 new board members, Trish Libby and Nanette Prideaux. I would also like to thank Cyndi Bussey for graciously agreeing to take over the position of Secretary for the club and Catherine Lee for agreeing to stay on the board for one more year to fill Cyndi's Board position.

Congratulations to everyone on their dogs accomplishments in 2018, PVKC dogs are active in so many different venues!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Party. Mark your calendars for December 10th . Always a fun time getting together to talk about our dogs!

As we enter the Holiday Season, we should take time to reflect on those who have suffered from the catastrophic weather events this year and be thankful for all that we have.

Best Wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season,

Lori

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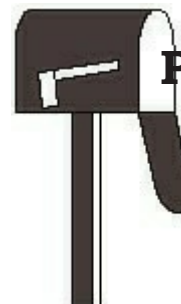
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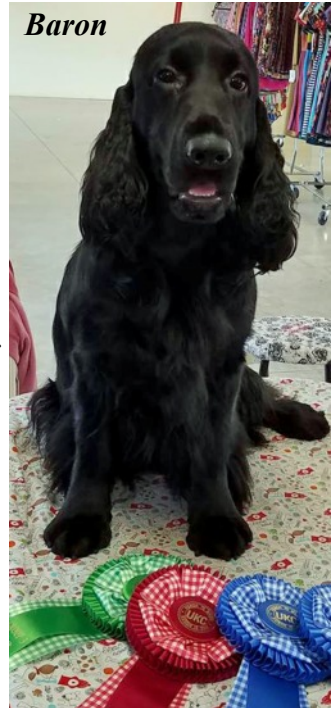
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contact Judith

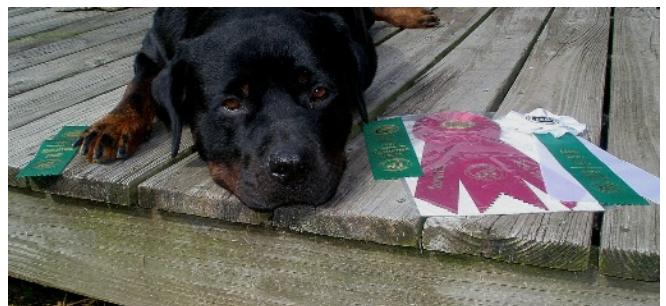
Show & Member NEWS – PEG VOHR



Lori Carver and the Field Spaniels have been playing at the UKC shows this fall. The weekend before we left for our September National Specialty in St Louis, we did a UKC Practice and *Baron* picked up 3 Group ones, a Reserve Best in Show, 2 Best in Shows and to cap it all off – he won Best of the Best! What a way to get some practice in. Had a great time at our National (Purina Farms is a great place to hold a National). Our **Sue Meachem** and *Bob* came home for a visit 2 weeks later and we decided to meet at the UKC show (of course). *Bob* picked up 2 Group placements, *Baron* picked up a group placement (and a leg towards his UKC Grand Championship) and *Spirit* picked up a group placement. In late October I went to 2 weekends of UKC shows outside of Syracuse – Week 1 – *Baron* placed in the group every day and also picked up another Best in Show. They had Veteran competition and *Spirit* picked up a Best Veteran in Show and 3 Reserve Bests. They also had Brace competition and the boys picked up a Best Brace in show and 2 reserve bests. Week 2 – *Baron* Won the group twice and was second twice. On Veterans Day weekend, **Sue** and I hatched a plan to meet at a UKC show in Buffalo (why not it's about equal distance between the 2 of us now). **Sue** brought *Teal* along this time and *Baron* was able to pick up 3 more Grand Championship legs (only 1 more to go). He also won a group and picked up 2 group thirds. *Spirit* decide he wanted to get in on it and won the breed once. They also had Brace competition and the boys won Best Brace in Show 3 times. Back to AKC competition at the Thanksgiving Cluster in Springfield – *Spirit* picks up a Veteran Group 2 and *Baron* is Best of Opposite Sex twice and Select once.



Dorianne Almann: At the Great Barrington Kennel Club AKC Scent Work trial on Sept. 22, *Taika* earned her Scent Work Exterior Advanced (SEA) title with a 2nd place. She also Q'd in her Scent Work Interior Advanced search. The trial was held on the wonderful grounds of Stockbridge, MA's Camp Mah-Kee-Nac. *Taika* came home with a title from the Nov. 11 USCSS trial – Detection Dog Endurance (DDE); she earned her third Q in Heap O' Hides. She qualified in her Intermediate Vehicle under Judge Peg Grey and earned a 1st place in her Interior Advanced search under Judge Sally Underwood-Miller. The trial was held at ELMM Community Center (Winchester, NH). Our NW2 title is proving elusive: The best we could do in Ashby, MA on Sept. 23 was place 2nd place in our Vehicle search and at Camp Lincoln (Kingston, NH) on Nov. 18, place 3rd in our Interior Building search.



Fiddler (Calliope's *Fiddler* on *Eden Trail*) – **Dorie Viguers'** lovely golden boy – finished his Novice Barn Hunt title (RATN) on Oct 21.

Emily McDermott's English Cocker Spaniel *Archer* (*Whitfield's Danger Zone CD BN RA TD TDU CGCA TKN*) had a fantastic two days, November 23 and 24, at the Thanksgiving Cluster – two Rally Excellent legs in two shows!! On Friday at Windham County KC's Show he qualified in Excellent B with a 95, and on Saturday at South Windsor KC's show he qualified again in Excellent B with a 85. Super job Archer.....so very proud of my boy!! Rally is a lot of fun, and we had a great time in the ring both days. Quite a weekend!



Jason Mazzone's Shetland Sheepdog, *Raven*, finished her grand championship under Dr. Klaus Anselm in Springfield, MA on October 27. She is now *GCH TR's Deja Blue Bi Walters Way*

And from **Cyndi Bussey** – *Annie* (*CH Mariki Paedeia's Dreamboat Annie At Mystic*) finished her championship at the Ramapo Dog show on October 13, under judge Ed Hall! Since then *Annie* has been on fire, earning 18 of her 25 points for her Grand Champion title, and needs now only 7 single points to complete it. She has also gone Group 4 at the Elm City dog show, under Susan Carr, and OHG1 at the Springfield Dog show (Robert Ennis SB for a 5pt major) !

Shane Peters and **Sharon Domier** are happy to announce that *Sapphire*, their Bearded Collie, earned the last point she needed at the Thanksgiving Cluster to become a champion. Loved, trained, and shown by **Sharon Domier**, *Sapphire* will soon be *CH Larkslane Bliss hollow Sapphire BN RE FDC ACT1 CGCA TKI*



Jackie Smith and Steve Krulish had a great two weekends at the recent West Springfield shows (Oct 19-21 and 25-28) with their Stonebull Bullmastiffs. *GCH Stonebull's We Own The Night of DCP, aka Pearson*, was there for 6 of the 7 shows and took BOB each day with 3 group placements. *CH Bulla's The Mighty Quinn CD, aka Pooge*, got 1 WD, 2 BOW, and a BOS for a total of 12 points to finish his CH. *CH Stonebull's Midnight Rider, aka Silver*, got a WB, BOW, and BOS for a total of 8 points to finish her CH on Thursday, then took BOS in each of the last 3 shows for a total of 7 Grand CH points. And late breaking news– at the December 1st and 2nd Springfield shows – *Silver* got BOS on Saturday and *Pooge*, shown excellently by **Ryan Blanker**, got Select on Saturday and BOB on Sunday.





2019 PVKC Membership Renewal Form

Our new membership year starts **January 1, 2019** and in order to appear on The membership list and to vote at meetings your dues must be paid by **December 31, 2018**. 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 2017. 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 2017 (check a minimum of two items from the list of events and volunteer opportunities):

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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
___ Shepherd 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

Sure, you think your dog is fast. But have you ever wondered how fast? Can your dog outrun Usain Bolt, who has been called the fastest runner in the world? He just might: Usain's fastest time has been clocked at almost 28 mph – yet dogs have been known to reach speeds of 35-45 mph. Well, you no longer have to wonder how fast your dog can run. FAST CAT® – which stands for Coursing Ability Test – is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. It's over before you know it — and it's nothing short of awe-inspiring to watch your dog run at top speed, ears back, eyes focused, legs strong. And if your dog is really fast, you might earn bragging rights if his name makes onto our list of top 20 fastest dogs by breed! Although it is a relatively new sport, its popularity has spread like wildfire. No wonder. According to one AKC official, "The FAST CAT® provides a terrific opportunity to introduce new participants to the world of AKC sports as one of the few events where all that is needed to compete is a dog's natural instincts." <https://www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/>

Lambchop – The Fast Cat Bullmastiff – Steve Krulish

AKC's Fast Cat, for those not familiar, is nothing more than a 100 yd dash. One person holds the dog at the starting line and another is at the finish to "catch" the dog. A line pulls a plastic bag lure for the dog to chase along the enclosed course, the run is timed, and the time is converted to mph. The mph is multiplied by a handicap determined by the dog's size, 2 for those <12", 1 for dogs >=18", and 1.5 for those in between, to determine points earned. Your dog needs 150 points for the BCAT title, 500 for DCAT and 1000 for FCAT. All the trials we have attended have been 2-day events with 2 runs per day.

It was toward the end of 2017 that **Jackie Smith** had taken *Awen* (aka *Lambchop*) to a show down in W. Springfield. She happened to run into Chris Klein who we know from agility. The Saluki club was running a Fast Cat trial, and Chris told her that she just had to try it. It didn't take much arm twisting. *Awen* did her one run in 9.18 seconds which translates to 22.28 mph. Chris said she thought that was pretty good for a Bullmastiff. In fact, it made her #5 out of 8 bullmastiffs listed for 2017, and **Jackie** was hooked... and so was *Awen*.

We wanted to enter her in another trial, but there were none coming up locally. We did find one down in NJ in early June. We entered but got in for only one day; the trials fill quickly. When it came time for her run, I was there at the start to release her and **Jackie** was at the finish to catch. **Jackie** asked me to quickly come down to the finish to help manage *Awen* as she would be all hyped by the chase. The line that runs down the course with the lure runs in a rectangle with half of the line outside of the course. Unfortunately, they were running that line outside on the same side that the dogs were exiting the course, and when they ran the line to get the lure back to the start, that line was running very close to where we were standing. The sound of the line running caused *Awen* to alert, which wasn't too bad, but when a small white fuzzy frayed knot in the line caught *Awen*'s eye, it was all I could do to hold her and move further out away from the line. She desperately wanted to catch that knot. *Awen* now knows what that whirring sound means and when she hears it, she wants to find and go after that lure.

Some weeks later, **Jackie** was down at the Big E for an Obedience trial with *Awen*. She was doing Novice, and the ring for Novice was set between two other rings. While **Jackie** and *Awen* were doing an off-lead heel, a couple of people were setting up the next-door ring for the next class. As **Jackie** and *Awen* came to the designated halt, the people in the next ring needed to measure something and started running out a large tape measure. That tape measure unwinding made the same high-pitched whir as the Fast Cat lure line. *Awen* heard it, knew what it meant and came to attention. **Jackie** gave *Awen* the heel command and *Awen* took off at a run, leaped over the gating, and went straight to the person holding the end of the tape, who may have felt she was under attack, and started looking for the lure. Fortunately, **Jackie** happened to mention *Awen*'s Fast Cat experience to the judge the prior day, and he understood what had happened, so it was nothing worse than an excusal for leaving the ring.

On Sept 22-23rd, we attended a 2-day Fast Cat trial in South Windsor CT. I was holding again, with **Jackie** catching. When *Awen* heard the line running to return the lure to the start, she was ready to go. She did 2 runs each day, between 23-24 mph, and with her final run on Sunday, earned more than enough points for her BCat title.



PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin -
Saturday, Jan 19, 2019
Brattleboro, VT

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

Please check our website for exact scheduling of
2018 classes.
www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com



Come!

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling
Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
Jan thru December 19, 2018

Novice Obedience – Saturday Drop-in
Jan thru December 15, 2018

Beginner & Adv Beginner Obedience
New Classes starting Wed, Jan 16, 2019
(hopefully)

For information, please contact:

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PVKC Tracking: See you in Early Spring 2019

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Weather & Other Emergencies/Changes

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

It's a Public Page – anyone can access it!!

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