



# Pioneer Tails

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June 2015

## SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

Lots of exciting news from **Joyce Lak**: At the Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club Specialty held on April 4, 2015, *GCh. Salishan You're the One of Bhaledart CGC ("Skeeter")* won 'Select Dog' under Judge Tuula Plathan, Helsinki, Finland. It was nice to be recognized by this judge, as Mrs. Plathan is a breeder of TT's and has judged in Europe, Australia, Africa & America. Also, at the Windham County Kennel Club show in Woodstock, CT, *Skeeter* was Best of Breed. Then, at the Tibetan Terrier Club of America's National Specialty, *Skeeter* earned his first Rally Novice B leg with a 98. This was his first time ever in the performance ring! Although we have never taken a Beginner Novice class, and barely knew the rules, *Skeeter* came through and earned his first Beginner Novice B leg by getting a 196. Against competition, he placed First in each of these classes. Our Judge was James Ashton. There's more! In the Breeders Class, with Judge Kathleen Kolbert, his group received Second out of six entrants. Congratulations!

**Peg Vohr** and *Ch. Fantasy Mariner Play It Again* took Select Dog at a large Collie Specialty held in conjunction with Bucks County KC, on May 2nd. Then, on May 30th, at Ladies KC, *Sam* took BOV to finish his Grand Championship title.

From **Lori Carver**: At the Field Spaniel National, Seabreeze Fields did very well. *Charm* was second in Veteran Sweeps and fourth in regular classes for the 9 - 12 year olds. *Burke* was first in Veteran Sweeps and regular classes for the over 13 year olds. He then went on to receive an Award of Merit! The old man had a grand time! *Charm* and *Spirit* teamed up to place third in the Brace class.

More news from **Sue Meachem**: It's been a busy time for my Field Spaniel girls. *Teal*, *Nautica's Rules The Roost At Cabot* went to the first Mid Atlantic Field Spaniel Club Specialty in Maryland and was Best in Sweepstakes. *Jada*, *AKC/UKC CAN CH Seabreeze The Secret Storm RN CGC* also went along to Maryland and was Best Opposite in Veteran Sweepstakes. We then traveled to Iowa for our Field Spaniel Society Of America National Specialty. *Teal* was expertly handled by **Lori Carver** and won her class. *Jada* had a lovely time dancing around the ring as she won her Veteran Bitch Aged 9-11 class. Switching venues to UKC, this past weekend at the American Pit Bull Terrier Club of New England shows, *Teal* was Best of Breed 3 out of 4 shows and completed her Championship!



**Hold the Date**

**PVKC Picnic – Thursday, July 16th**

## President's Message

How often on the daily news do you hear the words "threat assessment" used? Both the military and law enforcement use it to determine likely threats and their severity on troops or civilians.

What has this to do with dogs you ask? Well, I will tell you! Not a day goes by that we don't receive emails, facebook alerts, or articles via dog publications that are addressing the latest virus, tick or parasite that our dogs could be faced with. Some of it's true and some of it is urban legend. Regardless, it can strike terror in the hearts and minds of any dog person concerned about the welfare of their beloved companions. But how often do we schedule an appointment with our vet to go over concerns and procedures? The one person who usually knows our dogs almost as well as we do?

My guess - not nearly often enough. Protect your dogs and yourself with facts and science - I am pretty sure they will thank you for it!

Good luck to everyone at the shows this summer and I hope you will spare some time to join us at our August show and lend a hand. We are celebrating "Paradise In The Valley"! So did out your Hawaiian shirt and flip flops and join us for a really great time . . . and a dog show!!

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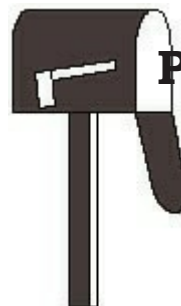
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**Deadlines**  
**June 25, 2015**

**For advertising**  
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## Nationals – Just Go

By Sue Meachem

It happens once a year, in every breed. The National. It is an event packed few days where breeders and fanciers gather to showcase their best dogs. People sit ringside and evaluate dogs, look for potential breeding stock, and just admire the lovely dogs that are being shown.

This year I had the pleasure of attending three different Nationals. I went with three different purposes, and enjoyed each in very different ways. I started at the Welsh Springer Spaniel National in Maryland. I went as a spectator. I watched Sweepstakes and the Classes and of course, Best Of Breed. Sitting ringside you get to eavesdrop on the conversations around you. Many very knowledgeable people from the breed watch the classes and mark their catalogs. They talk amongst themselves about the lineage, the conformation and that elusive thing, breed type. You can learn a lot just being quiet and watching. What struck me was when the Best of Breed dogs were all in the ring. There were more red and white Welshies in that ring than I had ever seen in one place at one time. An Awesome sight!

Next it was on to our own Field Spaniel National. Because of where the National was held this year (Iowa), the entry was made up of dogs from kennels that I don't see very often. It offered a good chance to see what breeders in other parts of the country are doing. Like the WSS, the entry was good, and there were quite a few people there for the Judges Education program offered by the parent club. These potential judges were mentored ringside, and also took the opportunity to visit in the grooming area to get hands on education about the breed. One man had been to 11 Nationals this year. He talked for quite a while about his reasoning for attending so many Nationals, and it boiled down to – it's the one place where he would see a lot of Field Spaniels (or other rare breed) in one place. He felt it was important as a future judge to see as many dogs as he could so when he was the one pointing to dogs in the ring, he had a good idea of what he was pointing at.

Last on my National list was the Tibetan Terriers. I was asked to be a vendor at their shows, and I was happy to accept. I knew nothing about the breed. I went with all my things to sell, and a copy of the Standard. I watched from my table, as Sweepstakes, Classes, and BOB judging took place. I talked with a lot of exhibitors and breeders and learned a lot about TTs. It was interesting to watch and see if my idea of what a Tibetan Terrier should look like agreed with the judges' interpretation of the Standard. I also got to meet lots of dogs as the owners visited and shopped. It was an education which I greatly enjoyed.

Face it most of us are not going to win BOB at our National Specialty. I was happy with Class wins for my girls, but going and watching all the dogs and talking with other breeders is important. Not only do you see the past, present, and future of your breed, but you have the opportunity to forge partnerships that might just burst that safety bubble we put up around ourselves. The future of not just our breeds, but of the sport of purebred dogs, needs us to open up our minds and see the broader picture. If all of us took advantage of the opportunities our National Specialties offer, our breeds and our sport would benefit.

So...GO!





## Calendar of Events PVKC 2015

Newsletter Deadline June 25, 2015

### June

Board of Directors, June 1  
CGC Test – June 13 (see page 7)

### July

Board of Directors, July 6  
PVKC Picnic; July 16

### August

PVKC All-Breed Show – August 1,  
Greenfield MA  
Board of Directors, Aug 3

### September

Board of Directors, Sept 14  
PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 12-13  
PVKC Obedienc & Rally Trial, Sept 13  
PVKC Tracking Test, Sept 20  
General Meeting, Sept 21

### October

Board of Directors, Oct 5  
Annual Election & General Meeting  
Banquet – Thursday, October 15

### November

Board of Directors, Nov 2

### December

Board of Directors, Dec 7  
PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 14

## AKC Introduces New Online Legislative Action Center

New York, NY – AKC is pleased to announce the launch of a new online Legislative Action Center (<http://cqrcengage.com/akc/lac>) (LAC).

The microsite, designed by the AKC Government Relations Team, is designed to make it easier for dog lovers to learn more about key political issues that impact dogs and dog ownership. The site is accessible from the AKC.org homepage and from the GR webpage, [www.akc.org/government-relations](http://www.akc.org/government-relations).

New features on the site include tabs for the Government Relations blogs, educational and advocacy resources, a listing of legislative alerts, a tool to identify your representative, the GR twitter feed and a tab for supporting the efforts of the Canine Legislative Support Fund or Political Action Committee.

Alerts posted on the LAC homepage provide a helpful tool that allows constituents to contact their representative using key talking points, without having to leave the site. In the coming months, this feature will also be made available through a mobile app.

The LAC is also integrated with the Government Relations page on AKC.org to provide easy access to the familiar resources such as the GR toolbox, tools for monitoring the state and federal bills that AKC is tracking, newsletters, economic information, educational tools, position statements and general information about AKC Government Relations.

We urge you to view a video introduction (<http://cqrcengage.com/akc/lac>) to the new Legislative Action Center. Questions may be directed to the GR team at [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org) or 919-816-3720.



## Deadly Dog Flu Has Now Reached 15 States

From *The Dogington Post*, by Brandy Arnold,  
June 4, 2015 (<http://www.dogingtonpost.com>)

The sometimes deadly dog flu, canine influenza A H3N2, a type of bird flu that adapted with the ability to infect dogs first appeared in parts of Asia in 2007.

In April of 2015, the first case of Canine H3N2 was found in the United States. Although it's unknown how the virus made its way here, the outbreak first began in Illinois where an estimated 1,000 dogs have been infected.

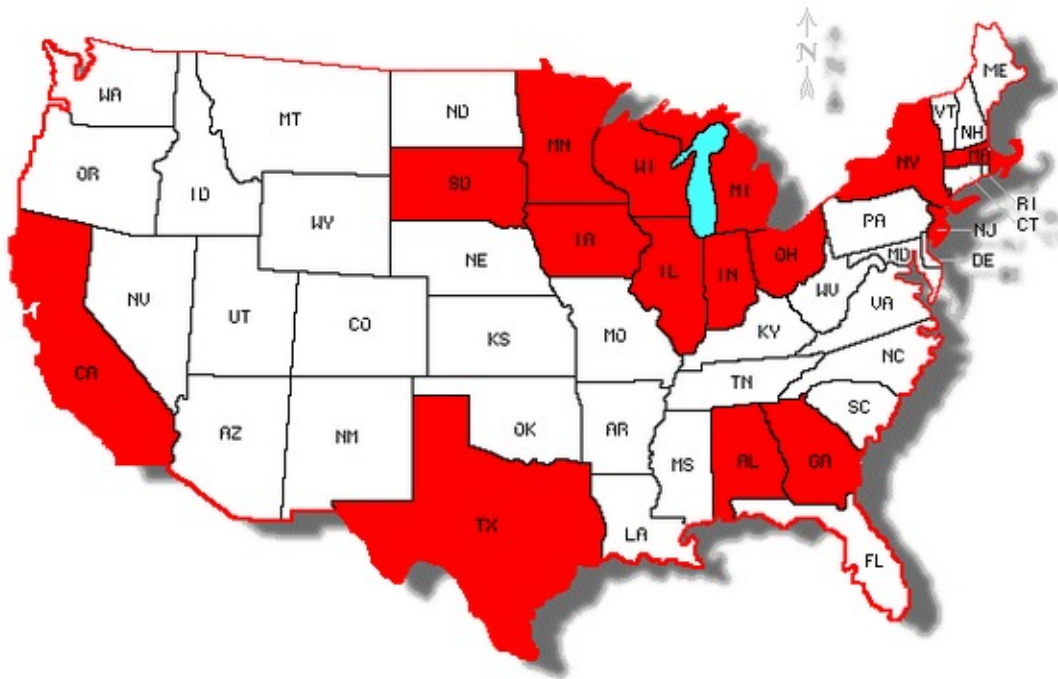
Over the next several weeks, the flu spread to surrounding states in the Midwest and has since made its way as far south as Alabama, Georgia, and Texas and

contact with contaminated objects and surfaces, etc. The flu is not contagious to humans.

The most common symptoms of H3N2 virus in dogs are runny nose, cough, and fever, but not all dogs will show symptoms.

In other words, your dog could appear to be perfectly healthy while carrying and infecting other dogs with the virus. Likewise, your dog could be infected by a dog that appears healthy.

If you're living in an area where the dog flu has been confirmed, keep your dogs on leash and away from other dogs. Avoid dog parks, kennels, and doggie day care centers where dogs are in close proximity to one another or sharing toys and play surfaces.



as far west as California.

The deadly flu has now been confirmed in 15 different states: Illinois, Alabama, California, Texas, Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, New Jersey, Iowa, Indiana, Georgia, Ohio, Minnesota, and now South Dakota.

The flu is spread from dog to dog (and now, to cats) much in the same way the human flu is spread – through direct contact, through coughing and sneezing, through

Currently, a canine flu vaccine does exist, but it's effectiveness against the H3N2 virus is not yet proven.

A test for the H3N2 virus has been developed and is available from a veterinarian. If your dog shows any signs of the flu or if you suspect he's been exposed, talk to your veterinarian.

For more information, check for dog flu updates from the Centers for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/news/canine-influenza-update.htm>).

## Local Events:

*Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.* will hold an AKC Sanctioned B-OB Match, Saturday, July 11, 2015, at 1 Jillison Square Park, Willimantic, CT., at the intersection of Main Street and Jackson Street.

Entries will be taken from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM and judging will begin at 12 Noon. Entry Fee: \$10.00

**\*\*Free Handling Class with Ed Algarin from 10-11am for exhibitors of all levels!!!**

Match Chairperson : Kim Holmes (860) 617-3871

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*The Swissie Club of New England*

GSMDCA All-Breed Draft Tests; Oct 24 & 25

Contact Kelly Nevin; [kelly@prismgsmd.com](mailto:kelly@prismgsmd.com)

*The Swissie Club of New England*

All Breed AKC Herding Tests & Trials

Oct 10 & 11 and Nov 14 & 15.

Contact Kelly Nevin; [kelly@prismgsmd.com](mailto:kelly@prismgsmd.com)



*"After you've wished once for food, you can stop using your other wishes on food."*

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## Internet Tid Bits

### *5 things NOT to do when you first adopt your dog*

Excellent blog post on rescue mistakes by new owners. As kennel club members, most of us probably do little rescue, per se. But these same rules apply when placing one of your older dogs. This is a handy reference.

<https://nodogaboutit.wordpress.com/2015/06/01/5-things-not-to-do-when-you-first-adopt-your-dog/>

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### *Does Linebreeding (and Inbreeding) Really Flush Out Faults and Concentrate Virtues?*

Very readable article with food for thought on what linebreeding actually can and can not do.

<http://www.bestinshowdaily.com/blog/does-linebreeding-and-inbreeding-really-flush-out-faults-and-concentrate-virtues/>

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### *How to Embrace "Incompetence"*

Okay – I know this is from a horse website (dressage at that). But seriously, the thoughts presented are so applicable to dog training (or any other complex learning situation animal or human).

<http://dressagetoday.com/article/embrace-incompetence-26425>

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### *Iliopsoas Myopathy*

One of the most common sports injury in four-legged athletes or just super active dogs. My experience suggests any limb injury, particularly in the rear, can result in a significant compromised iliopsoas. When a dog has to limp or compensate with a rear leg you can bet he will end up with a shortened iliopsoas. Just a nice introductory look at the overall pattern so you will have background when talking to care providers.

<http://www.twohandsfourpaws.com/about-dog-rehabilitationdr-barskys-canine-sports-medicine-blogiliopsoas-myopathy/>



## Training Page



### CGC Test

**Saturday, June 13**

Beginning at 12:30 pm

Spaced thru afternoon

Reservations Required

Test only \$25

**CGC Tester: Roo Grubis**

**Available for any dog, no  
age or breed requirement**

*Limited Spaces Available.  
Contact PVKC Today to  
schedule*



You have a Special Dog –

Show off your skills & earn a CGC Title \*

\* CGC is an official AKC title that can appear on the title records of dogs registered or listed with AKC. Dog owners who complete the CGC as a Title process may list the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.  
Go to <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/title/>

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

I could sure use some more help on the day of this CGC Test.

Come and be part of a crowd – you'll have a good time and I promise to provide great food.

You are particularly welcome if you happen to be MALE. Seriously, we do need a few guys to be part of the crowd.

So, contact me – Judith  
[handart@sover.net](mailto:handart@sover.net)

Or just show up.

This is Blue. Blue attends our Advanced Beginner Class. In an effort to learn a perfectly tidy sit, Blue has learned to sit on this bucket.

Come try our Advanced Beginner class – you might be surprised how much fun you and your dog can have.

Blue certainly has had a great time! !





# **The Swissy Club of New England (SCONE)**

## **GSMDCA All-Breed Draft Tests**

**Sat & Sun October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

9 Round Hills Rd., Amherst, MA (Kelly's house)

contact: Kelly Nevin ([kelly@prismgsmd.com](mailto:kelly@prismgsmd.com))

Judges: Jim and Mary Jo Rasmussen

Entry Fee \$35    Bitches in Season Allowed    Max 15 entries/day

Ring and Qualifier Prizes and Lunch Provided

Come and join us at the first GMDCA draft tests this fall in  
New England.

More info and premium at [http://swissyclubofne.org/upcoming\\_events](http://swissyclubofne.org/upcoming_events)





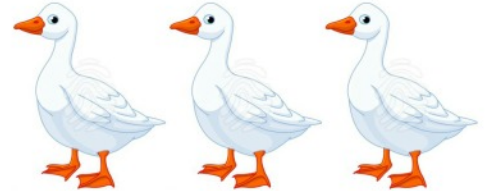


# **The Swissy Club of New England (SCONE)**

## **All Breed AKC Herding Tests & Trials**

**Sat & Sun October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Sat & Sun November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



Nutmeg Farm, Portland, CT (<http://nutmegfarm.net>)

October Judges: Cynthia Knowlton (Sat) and Anne-Marie Ely (Sun)

November Judges: Katherine Spence (Sat) and Gerard Baudet (Sun)

All days, Sheep & Geese: Pre-Trial Tested and A Course

contact: Kelly Nevin ([kelly@prismgsmd.com](mailto:kelly@prismgsmd.com))

More info and premium at [http://swissyclubofne.org/upcoming\\_events](http://swissyclubofne.org/upcoming_events)



# PVKC Training Schedule

## PUPPY K CLASS

New Classes Begin

SATURDAY, Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

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

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly  
April 15<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience

June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18

NO Class -

Saturday, June 13, July 4, July 25, Aug 1

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

## PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in April & May & June

PVKC Tracking Clinic – Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26

Wednesdays: June 17 & July 8

Thursdays: June 25 & July 23

Saturdays: June 20, July 11, & July 25

Sundays: June 7 & July 5

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

***It's Spring, but the weather is still 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>