

Pioneer Tails

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

June 2023



Monday, JULY 10 – 7 PM

***Franklin County Fairgrounds, 89 Wisdom Way, Greenfield MA
Baby Barnyard***

Directions: From I-91 – Take exit 43 toward RT-2 W/RT-2A E/Greenfield Ctr/North Adams. The exit ends in a roundabout – Take the roundabout exit toward RT-2A E/Greenfield Ctr. (Towards Downtown Greenfield)

- You are now on Mohawk Trail (RT-2A). Continue for about half a mile. At the second light is a Dunkin Donuts. This is River Street
- Turn right onto River St; Go approximately 0.5 mile; and Turn right onto Wisdom Way.
- Franklin County Fair gate is on your right.

***It's a Pot Luck!
bring a side dish or a dessert to share***

*There will be a grill for hot dogs or hamburgers you bring
Condiments, drinks, and paper products provided by PVKC*

President's Message

I want to take this time to thank all of the PVKC volunteers that stepped up when we needed them! We held a number of successful events that could not happen without the assistance from numerous volunteers.

A big thank you once again to Sheila Blanker for the use of her clinic and her services to hold our annual health clinic. This year we were booked to overflowing. Comments heard from participants were all positive about how well the clinic was run.

Not to be outdone - the Farm Dog Committee held another successful test this year, including CGC and ATT testing. It was held at the fairgrounds during another dog event, which allowed us to take many days of trial entries. This committee does an amazing job!

We also held a very successful Tracking Seminar. Thank you to that committee for all of the time put in to make this happen. It was fully booked and had a fabulous instructor. I believe Dorie would have been pleased.

Best of Luck to everyone this Summer and I hope to see you all at the Summer picnic.

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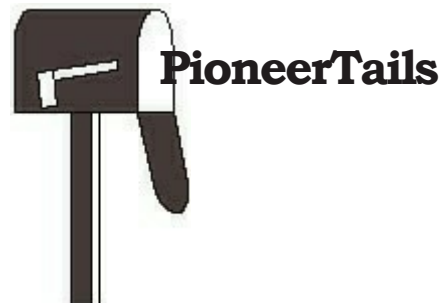
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Show & Member NEWS



From **Leslie Woodward**: *Livi, Ch Anam Chara MagicWood Sun Salutations* winning Barbet Best of Opposite at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show held recently in New York! Bruce and Becky, Livi's humans, report loving their 17 month old puppy! She's keeping them young

From **Nancy Forrest**: *Chrispy Tailormaid Take Two tki* passed both the AKC Temperament test and the Farm Dog certification. I thought that at four pounds she might be the smallest farm dog. *Chrispy Up Up and Away* passed the novice trick dog test at under five months of age. Not bad for my little girl who had never seen some of the obstacles. The club members should be congratulated on the efficiency and pleasant atmosphere at both the health clinic and the farm dog trial. Great job PVKC.

From **Greg Anderson**: My 8 month old beagle bitch, *Lindy*, finished from the 6-9 mo class with 3 majors in April.



Tracking News

PVKC's "Stay On Track" Clinic with AKC tracking judge Ruth Vaughan at Northfield Mountain Recreation Center May 13 & 14 was a resounding success. The clinic filled immediately, the facility was perfect, the weather was gorgeous, and Ruth's presentation and coaching exceeded all expectations.

Not only does Ruth have a tracking judge's perspective, she is also owner/trainer/handler of 3 AKC Tracking Champions, which is no small feat to achieve. Additionally, she trains and competes in multiple dog sports, giving her added perspective on different dogs' learning styles. Ruth is a superb teacher, masterful presenter and insightful dog trainer. She artfully wove the needs of green to advanced teams and made the exercises relevant and informative for all. Her coaching style is exceptionally kind. Every participant was totally engaged throughout and was highly complimentary of the experience - they left knowing they got their money's worth and much more.

Four PVKC members participated: Trish Libby, Gail Kenny, Mary Horne & Carol Bolduc (Gail, Mary & Carol all tracked with Dorie). Four former tracking group folks or took previous PVKC tracking clinic (but not club members) participated: Deb Rodovich (who laid track for PVKC tracking tests for years), Sue Kachinski, Leanne Ksiazek and Heidi Konesko. We had participants from as far away as Cape Cod, Long Island and New Jersey!

Special thanks to Trish Libby for swiftly and efficiently helping our presenter solve a car problem Sunday using her nearby contacts - it really saved the day!

Huge thanks to the PVKC Board for letting us run with this idea.

Respectfully submitted;
Carol Bolduc and Mary Horne

From the AVMA:

Cocker spaniels prone to dental, ear diseases

2023-05-24

Periodontal disease is diagnosed in around 21% of English cocker spaniels in the UK each year, with otitis externa the second-most common affliction at 10%, followed by obesity or overweight at just below 10% and anal sac impaction at 8%. About 4% of English cocker spaniels also display aggressive behaviors, and among those that do, aggression is most common in golden-coated dogs, researchers found.

Full story: <https://www.vetsurgeon.org/news/b/veterinary-news/posts/rvc-research-reveals-most-common-conditions-in-english-cocker-spaniels>



THANK YOU
WITHOUT YOUR EFFORT AND
COMMITMENT WE COULD NOT HAVE
PULLED THIS OFF. WELL DONE

My sincerest appreciation for all the hard work you put forth to assist with the 2023 PVKC Extrazaganza. We had a great entry in both Farm Dog Certification Test and Temperament Test and conducted a good number of CGC's and Trick Dog Test as well.

Our competitors had a lot of positive feedback for us. Comments like ; everyone is friendly and supportive, it's very well organized, I had a great time, look forward to next year, thank you so much this was great. These are a reflection of you and your efforts.

Special Thanks To our Evaluators, Trish Libby, Donna Anderson, Kelly Nevins Lovley and Candy Wright all offering their services at no charge to the club.

If you have suggestions to improve the event,("when you know better, you do better") we are always open to making the event not only better for the competitors but for you as volunteers. Please share your thoughts or comments you heard.

Again my praise and appreciation for your contribution in creating an event we can all be proud of.

Hope you are willing to consider helping in 2024, when we do it again!

KIM Reardon



Editor's Note: Very Special Thanks to Lynda Brogden for sending me the these pictures and the lovely note on the next page.

Dear PVKC –

What a wonderful event you and the PVKC put on yesterday. The information you sent out in advance was awesome and helpful. Thank you so much for everything.

I put a post on my Facebook with a lot of photos and tagged Pioneer Valley KC so I hope you see it but incase you can't I put the post words below. I'll attach a few pictures of O'Connor and Ryder with their ribbons.

In 2017 Aiden, and in 2019 O'Connor, took their Farm Dog Certification Tests at Pioneer Valley Kennel Club events. The PVKC has a great group of people who are so friendly and welcoming and they host a super event.

As is our tradition we wanted Ryder to take the FDC test with PVKC and signed him up right away when the date was released! This year the PVKC went above and beyond and, along with the Farm Dog Certification, they offered the AKC Temperament Test. Ryder is a month too young to take the test but, even though O'Connor has already passed the GSDCA Temperament Test, we entered O'Connor so he would have something to do! The club was also offering Canine Good Citizen and Advanced Canine Good Citizen testing. Both boys have their CGC so we entered them in the CGCA testing.

The event was held on Sunday April 30, 2023 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, MA this year. We lucked out with the weather and the rain held off. It was damp and gray and the dogs loved the cooler temperatures. We had a fun and successful day.

As I mentioned in my previous post, Ryder did very well on both his Farm Dog tests, under two different judges, and earned his FDC. The PVKC had little bags for the dogs who passed the certification with a dog toy. Ryder loved his "slice of pizza" soft toy! Ryder also passed the CGCA test.

O'Connor was outstanding in both his Temperament Tests, scoring a perfect 4 (calm, confident/no startle or refusal) on all the elements in each test under two different judges and earned his AKC Temperament Title. He also passed the CGCA test.

It was great to spend time with Heather , who had a successful day with Eilidh. It was good see Jaime (Pieka) and to meet her 6 month old GSD Keelie and to see other friends who were competing in USDAA agility on the grounds.

Many thanks to the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club (PVKC) members and volunteers. Thanks also to the 4 judges and the 2 evaluators, who were very welcoming, kind and supportive.

We are so proud of how both O'Connor and Ryder handled the busy day with so many different things going on at the fairgrounds at the same time.

PAM-B PACH5 Alta-Tollhaus O'Connor BH CDX BN RA PAX5 MXP12 MXPC PADP MJP12 MJPB2 MFPS TQXP T2BP3 SWN THDN TKI FDC IT TC ATT TDI CGCA

Breckin's Midnight Ryder BN TKI FDC CGCA

Many thanks again. Take care,
Lynda Brogden



Calendar of Events PVKC 2023

June

Board of Directors Meeting, June 12

July

No Board of Directors Meeting
General Meeting, July 10 – Fairgrounds

August

PVKC All-Breed Show – August 5 & 6,
Greenfield MA
No Board of Directors Meeting

September

Board of Directors Meeting, Sept 11
PVKC Agility Trials, ???

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

- Pre-Agility
- Rat Hunt
- Next Level Basics Obedience

See our Website at <https://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com/training1.html> for more information on these classes and schedules for Rally Drop-in, Breed Handling, Therapy Dog, Puppy Kindergarten, and Basic Commands.

Plus CGC Test Date and Time!!



"My plans for the Fourth aren't finalized yet, but I'm either covering under the bed or digging a hole through the tub ... And you?"