



Pioneer Tails

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

November 2015

SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

Kelly Nevin went Herding and on October 10th and 11th in Portland, CT, *Fender (Ch Frecajo's Ace of Base RN, CGC, WWD, WPD, JHD, DD, BDD, PT)* got 2 legs toward his Herding Started A course on geese and was High in Trial both days. Fitting as the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America hosted and *Fender* was the only Swissy entered.



Catherine Carr Lee's Welsh Springer Spaniel, *Rysan's Requested Just For Destiny (Tinker)* took Winners Bitch for a 3-point major at the Palisades Kennel Club show on October 10th under Judge David Kittredge. She followed that the next day at the Ramapo Kennel Club show with Winners Bitch for 2 points (and took Best of Winners) under Judge Norman Kenny. *Tinker* now has 10 points from the puppy classes.

Darci Brown is very excited that her Smooth Fox Terrier puppy bitch, *Kinky Boots*, finished at the Albany Kennel Club show with her 3rd major from the 6-9 class! She was moved up the next day and won the Breed and went on to a Group 3!! She is now officially known as *CH Happy Hour Anything Goes*.

Save the Date

PVKC Holiday Party

Pot Luck and Socializing

Monday, December 14th

Brown Motors

Save the Date

President's Message

November is best known as the month that includes Thanksgiving. A day when we are to give thanks for the bounties we have been blessed with.

Instead of one day why don't we try an entire month.

I bet each of us can think of one thing everyday that we are blessed with. Let's try a month of positive thoughts and actions and see how it affects our lives!

Darci

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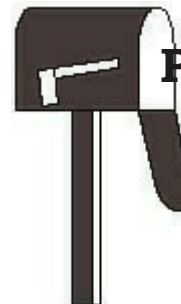
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Deadlines

Nov 23 2015

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Patricia L. Proctor
Field Director, Conformation

Dear Members of the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club,

October 28, 2015

On behalf of the AKC Registered Handler Coordinators, I want to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of the Junior Clinics that we hold in this area. Your generosity overwhelms me and please believe me, that I don't take it for granted for one single minute. Ask Darci about my reaction, every time she hands me your check!

I do hope that many of you will be at the next Junior Clinic in W. Springfield on Nov. 21st. As soon as I print out our flyers, I will be forwarding one to you along with an accounting of the monies spent.

Many, many thanks. You are an amazing group of people who continuously show everyone that you care about the future of the sport.

Sincerely,

Pattie Proctor

Read And Share with Us

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

Provided by Darci Brown

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.

Final Entry by Karen Harbert.

This is the first book in a series that now encompasses 10 books. Jennifer Brooks is a Mental Health Administrator and a breeder/exhibitor of Cardigan Welsh Corgis. Death and mayhem come to the dog shows on a fairly regular basis and for me part of the enjoyment is figuring out who the fictional characters are based on! In real life Karen Harbert is a breeder/exhibitor of Cardigan's and has served on the board of the Caridgan Welsh Corgi Club of America.

Fashion Goes To The Dogs by Peggy Gaffney

Kate Killoy is a breeder/exhibitor of Samoyeds and a dog and human fashion designer. Her first fashion show ends in murder and intrigue! Peggy Gaffney designs Knit Crafts specializing in dogs as well as writing for a living. She is a long time breeder, breed and performance exhibitor.



AKC News

The American Kennel Club Announces Decision To Maintain Operations in North Carolina and NY Metropolitan Area

New York, NY- Ronald H. Menaker, Chairman of The American Kennel Club (AKC®), announced that the Board of Directors concluded, at their October 19th and 20th meeting, to narrow the search for future AKC offices to two locations. The operational facility will be in the Research Triangle area of Raleigh, North Carolina and the headquarters to reside in the metropolitan New York area. The decision is a result of extensive due diligence performed on behalf of The AKC in addressing real estate planning by the following agencies: Aequitas, CBRE and Gensler.

Dennis B. Sprung, President and C.E.O stated the next step in this process is for the aforementioned real estate companies to provide quantitative and qualitative analysis for both targeted locations to determine the best physical locations for each office.

The Board, Real Estate Committee, Staff and Consultants have spent extensive time and resources determining opportunities nationwide and the Board concluded that this decision is in the best long-term interest of the organization.

Forms, Forms, Forms

On the next two pages are two important end-of-year forms – the trophy donation form for the Spring All Breed Show and the Membership Renewal form.

This year you have a choice in how you complete them. 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, particularly with the Membership Renewal Form, 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 ! ! ! !

And Yay for me – that was harder than it looked.

Internet Tid Bits

Well this hurts my feelings – I have way more than can possibly fit here. Here are my top choices (all clean and tested) – and all health related:



Paper highlighting the increasing concern about the physiological problems associated with canine brachycephaly:

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

Tis the Season – what not to feed you dogs, even though you are tempted because it is a “Holiday:”

[http://www.akc.org/learn/dog-health/certain-foods-and-household-products-can-be-dangerous-to-dogs/?utm_source=FBAKC&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=royal canin&utm_content=household-dangers](http://www.akc.org/learn/dog-health/certain-foods-and-household-products-can-be-dangerous-to-dogs/?utm_source=FBAKC&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=royal%20canin&utm_content=household-dangers)

Gene Research – Epilepsy:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/03/120323205337.htm>

Update on the Rabies Challenge:

http://drjeandodds.pethealthresource.tumblr.com/post/130488531986/rabies-vaccine-laws-scientific-research#_VkJI3L_0_Si

Canine Health Foundation Study on Early Neutering/Spaying – Progress Report:

<https://pwwdfoundation.org/update-end-year-1-health-implication-of-early-spay-neuter/>

Dewclaws – interesting article on a current hot topic among those working in the fields of canine conditioning and performance dogs:

<http://iheartdogs.com/the-dewclaws-debate-keep-them-or-lose-them/>

Calendar of Events PVKC 2015

Newsletter Deadline Nov 23, 2015

December

Board of Directors, Dec 7

PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 14

PVKC TROPHY DONOR FORM

APRIL 2016 – POINT SHOW

Arrange now to offer trophies at our annual SPRING show for your favorite breed in conformation. We appreciate your support - and so will the lucky winners! Deadline for Trophy Donations is December 5, 2015

Available with the PVKC logo are

PVKC Medallion\$3.00
Coffee Mug\$3.00
15 oz. Clear Stein\$5.00
Key Chain\$5.00

PVKC Group Chairs

**PVKC will be offering PVKC Chairs for the following:
Each Breed Group, Best Junior, and Best Puppy (4 to 6 month puppies)**

To offer Group First you will need to make a cash donation to PVKC in the amount of \$50.00

Available Rosettes are

Rosettes are offered for Best of Breed or Variety in all breeds with 5 or more entries. They may be offered to other breeds or classes within a breed, at the cost of \$3.00 per rosette.

If you want ribbons for Supported entries or Specialties, please contact Sam for availability.

Group trophies will then be offered in your name. Please designate which Chair you would like to sponsor. AND please write the exact wording you wish used for these specific trophies – such as “Donated by”, “In memory of”, etc. in the space provided.

*Deadline
Dec 5, 2015*

Mail the form below, along with your check (made out to the PVKC, Inc.), to:

Darci Brown, 111 West Road, Northfield, MA 01360

If you have questions, call or e-mail Darci at 413-498-5006 dbhappyhr@hotmail.com

*Deadline
Dec 5, 2015*

TROPHY DONATION TO 2015 PVKC POINT SHOWS

I hereby agree to offer the following trophies (Use separate sheet of paper for more space):

Conformation – Best of Breed: Breed _____
Description of Trophy*: _____

Conformation – Best of Opposite: Breed _____
Description of Trophy*: _____

Conformation – Best of Winners: Breed _____
Description of Trophy*: _____

Conformation – Winners Dog: Breed _____
Description of Trophy*: _____

Conformation – Winners Bitch: Breed _____
Description of Trophy*: _____

Conformation – Other (please specify, eg Best Breed by Class; Best Open, etc): Breed _____
Offered for: _____ Description of Trophy*: _____

PVKC Chairs for Group, Junior or Best Puppy: Group _____
Wording for Donation (eg, Donated by; in memory of; etc) _____

DONATED BY: _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Telephone Number: _____

* AKC rules read: “Donors of trophies must state value of same or define offering as follows: Sterling Silver, Silver-plated, Bronze, Copper, etc.” The Trophy Committee reserves the right to approve trophy contributions before their inclusion in the premium list.



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*

PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY K CLASS

New Classes Begin

January 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
begins 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