

Pioneer Tails

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

September 2016

The Iconic Photo that captures our 2016 Summer Show.

Linda Gagnon, our Summer Chair, and Ryan Blanker, our special Juniors Judge.



Thank you to all those who made our summer show possible! Given that I was "physically compromised" for the show itself and the days leading up to it, my gratitude to the "doers" knows no bounds.

Special thanks to Darci Brown, Erik and Julie Jernstrom, Lori Carver, Sheila Blanker Dorie Viguers and Judith Suarez. Thanks also go to Catherine Carr Lee, Marcia Evans, Wanda Blake, Kim Reardon, Jason Mazzone, Gail Kenny, Steve LaValley, Kelly Nevin Lovely, Sue Meachem, the Zaikowski's, Rosemary Wortman – who did her final stint as "floral designer and provider" – and all of our conformation and obedience stewards.

This year we lost much less money than has been the trend and we owe our success to the dedicated members of PVKC!

Again, Thanks!

Linda Gagnon, Summer Show Chair

Editor's Note: If you haven't visited our website to see the photos from the summer Show – please give it a try. My personal gratitude goes to Jason Mazzone who was our unofficial, roving photographer. Go look. You know you want to – <http://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com/summer.html>

September is a very busy month for PVKC – Check the Calendar on Page 3

Agility Trial, Rally Trial & Tracking Test

**The September General Meeting will be held at Brown Motors on Monday,
September 19th at 6:30pm – Nomination of Officers**

President's Message

I love the Olympics. To have so many people from so many different and diverse places in one area with but one goal - "Faster, Higher, Stronger." On the court or range, in the gym, on the beach or in the pool they are all the same - athletes with the goal of being the best. Nothing else really matters but the purity of sport.

As breeders we have all been told that we have an obligation to leave our breeds better than we found them and to never leave them worse than we found them. Don't we also have this same obligations to our clubs? Should we not leave them better than we found them? For our sport to survive and for us to continue this wonderful relationship with these special creatures we each have an obligation to leave our clubs better than we found them so the next generation of dog people will have something to stand on when they reach for the stars.

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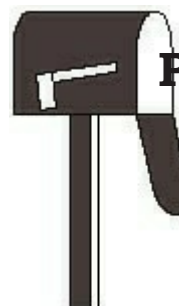
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Deadlines
Sept 26, 2016

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SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

From **Jason Mazzone**: On August 14, at the Adirondack Circuit in Ballston Spa, NY, my Sheltie puppy, *Gracemere All of Me (Milo)*, won his first major.

Peg Vohr's Collie *CJ (Fantasy Mariner All Flags Flying)* scored 99 for his first Rally Novice B leg at the Wachusett KC Trial on August 19th.

Kelly Nevin Lovley finished *Helix (Seneca's Ivy Incident at Prism CGC)* on Friday 8/26/16 at the Northwest Connecticut Show. Thank you to **Lori Carver** for handling help with *Helix* in Winners Bitch over the weekend (I had 2 class girls entered).

And from Stonebull Bullmastiffs **Jackie Smith** reports that *Neala (PACH C-ATCH2 Bull's Stones Throw Away Eh, MXP4, MJP4, MFP)* can now add both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent to her list of accomplishments. Since July she has completed the last leg of her Rally Advanced and over the Labor Day weekend she completed her Rally Excellent with scores of 96 on and second place on Friday, Saturday 92, and Sunday 95 and third place.



Calendar of Events PVKC 2016

Newsletter Deadline September 26, 2016

September

PVKC Agility Trials, Sept 17-18

PVKC Rally Trial, Sept 18

PVKC Tracking Test, Sept 25

October

Board of Directors, Oct 3

Annual Election & General Meeting Banquet –
Thursday, October 20

November

Board of Directors, Nov 7

December

Board of Directors, Dec 5

PVKC Holiday Party, Dec 12



PVKC Agility Trials – September 17 and 18

PVKC Rally Trial - September 18

I'd like to bring the PVKC club members up-to-date on the progress of the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club Agility Trials to be held September 17 and 18, at the Westfield Fairgrounds.

We have a fantastic entry!!! On Saturday, our trial filled with entry of 330!! On Sunday, we came close to filling with an entry of 312!! Wahoo!!!

The Pioneer Valley Kennel Club Rally Trial to be held on the morning of Sunday, September 18 – at the same site – also has a wonderful entry of 34; Holyoke Kennel Club, hosting the afternoon Rally Trial, is not far behind with an entry of 24!

Many club members have responded to make this PVKC event weekend a success. There is still time to help, as we could use food donations for the worker table on Saturday and Sunday. If you can fit it into your schedule, plan on coming down one or both days – you can sign up to help work an agility class or two (some classes last less than one-half hour). No experience is required for leash or score running and you will get wonderful exercise. If you want a front row seat, you can volunteer to set bars in the ring! For each class you work, you will be given a ticket for the worker's raffle. If you just want to enjoy yourself, bring your lawn chair and set-up alongside the ring – it's very entertaining to watch the dogs going through the course. Agility classes start at 8:00 a.m. I have included directions to Westfield Fairgrounds below.

Joyce Lak, 2016 PVKC Agility Chairperson

Committee Members:

* Deborah Abeles, Emily McDermott, Laurie LaValley, Lynn Mancino, Peg Vohr

Directions to show site:

From Interstate 91 North: Take exit 16. Turn right at bottom of ramp. Go to first set of lights and turn left onto Homestead Ave. Pass Holyoke Community College on your right and at the next light, turn right onto Rt. 202. Go approximately 5 miles. Cross Rt. 10 (at light) and continue straight to cemetery on the left (cemetery is enclosed with wrought iron fence). At stop sign turn left. Show site is on the left about 1 1/2 miles.

From Interstate 91 South: Take exit 15, Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. Turn left at bottom of ramp. Go to second set of lights and turn right onto homestead Ave. At next light turn left onto Rt 202. Go approximately 5 miles. Cross Rt. 10 (at light) and go to cemetery on the left. At stop sign turn left. Show site is on the left, about 1 1/2 miles.

From Massachusetts Turnpike – I 90: Take exit 3. Turn right at the light at the end of the ramp. Go about 100 ft. and make a right onto Arch Rd. (Quality Inn) is on the corner) Go about 1.5 miles. You will pass the Southern States building on your right. Just after that, turn left onto Cabot Rd. Go to the end and take a right onto Russellville Rd. Show site is a short distance up on the right

PVKC Proposed Slate of Officers – 2016-2017

President: *Darci Brown*
Vice President: *Sheila Blanker*
Recording Secretary: *Sue Meachum*
Corresponding Secretary: *Linda Gagnon*
Treasurer: *Open Position*

AKC Delegate: *Margaret Vohr*

Board – 3 years:

Marcia Evans

Cyndi Bussey

Board – 2 years:

Catherine Carr Lee

Gail Kenny

Board – 1 year:

Lori Carver

Karen Duprat



TENTATIVE AGILITY TRIAL SET-UP

Our PVKC Agility trial will be taking place on September 17th and 18th, 2016, at the Westfield Fairgrounds. Two Rally trials will be held on September 18, 2016 at the same site – one trial hosted by PVKC and the second trial hosted by Holyoke Kennel Club. To make this work, we need member support!!! Listed below is a tentative work schedule; as time gets closer to the trials, I will be able to provide times. If you wish to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please email me at jlak@facil.umass.edu or call 413-584-0330 (you may have to leave a message, but I will get back to you). Thanks!

Joyce Lak

2016 PVKC Agility Chair

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Thursday, September 15:

- Meet at PVKC storage units in Bernardston to load agility fencing and supplies into Peg's trailer

Friday, September 16:

- 8:30 a.m. tent personnel will be at Westfield Fairground for tent set-up
- Rings to be set-up; plus practice jump area
- Tables and chairs to be set up under the tent
- Agility equipment ordered from MAX 200 should arrive at approximately 3:00 p.m. and will need to be unloaded and distributed into rings

Saturday, September 17:

- Rally ring to be set up in red barn
- Table and chairs to be set up

Sunday, September 18: (Trial Wrap-up, probably from 2:00 p.m. on)

- Rings to be taken down
- Agility equipment to be gathered together for MAX 200
- Peg's trailer to be reloaded

Monday, September 19:

- Unload trailer at Bernardston storage units



GREATER LOWELL KENNEL CLUB, INC.

Member of the American Kennel Club

COME JOIN US ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2016!!



**4-H Grounds
55 S. Chelmsford Road
Westford, MA 01886**

**We are holding our annual Morning & Afternoon AKC
Sanctioned Matches accompanied with a Puppy
Sweepstakes**

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**AM & PM Juniors, Obedience, CGC Testing, Micro-Chipping,
and Handling Seminar**

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Judging to start at 10:00AM with entries taken at 8:30AM

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**We are happy to announce The Baystate Bullmastiff Club,
Minuteman Elkhound Club, and The Great Dane Club of New
England will be holding their Annual Matches with us!!!**

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JUDGES:

**Stacey Gavin – Kent & Robin MacFarlane – Linda Berberich –
Tracy Powell – Marlene Plante – Cheryl Robicheau –
Ira Kaplan**

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Hot Dog, Chips, & Soda lunch will be available for \$2.00

PVKC Training Schedule

Vermont PVKC Classes:

PUPPY Kindergarten Classes:

New Classes Begin

Saturday, Sept 17, 2016 Brattleboro, VT

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



Come!

Obedience, Rally, &
Breed Handling

Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT
*New set of Classes for 2016
begin Sept 21st*

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
March 9th - Dec 14th

No Classes – Sept 14th & Nov 23rd

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
Jan 16th - Dec 17th

No Classes – Oct 8th & Nov 26th

For information, please contact:

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

PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in Sept thru Nov

Wednesdays: Sept 28 and Oct 19

Thursdays: Sep 8, Oct 6, and Nov 3

Saturdays: Sept 10, Oct 8, Oct 29, Nov 12 & Nov 18 (brunch)

Sundays: Oct 23 & Nov 6

PVKC Tracking Test: September 25, see website for Premium
<http://www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com/tracking.html>

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

NOT winter – but weird things & emergencies happen

***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>