



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

May 2015

Pioneer Tails

Awards Dinner



Tuesday

May 19th

Ocean Grille

6:30 pm

Buffet

4 Entre's, Salad, Rolls, Desserts & Coffee

Make Reservations by May 15th With Darci Brown

Dbhappyhr@hotmail.com or 413-498-5006

Cost per person: \$32 (includes tax & gratuity)

Come Eat, Socialize & Celebrate !

Ocean Grill & Steak House, Fine Family Seafood Dining in Greenfield, MA
30 Federal Street, Greenfield, MA

Checks made payable to PVKC and mailed to Darci Brown, 111 West Road, Northfield MA 01360

Darci needs to receive your reservation and check by Friday, May 15th.

President's Message

Everyone has heard the old saying "life is a two way street" but often we seem to live in the "one way" lane....

We are all excited when our PVKC newsletter lands in our Inbox or our mailbox but do we ever stop to really think about how it gets there? It is a challenge to find interesting articles or programs for meetings and often people will say I didn't read it or attend because the subject matter didn't interest me.

Each member is a roving reporter of sorts. You come across an article that interests you or receive a flyer for a seminar. Maybe the material isn't relevant to you but it might be informative for someone else. Take a few minutes and contact the magazine or the author for permission to reprint and forward it to the newsletter editor. Send in those copies of health clinics, matches, performance clinics or events that involve dogs. If you attend an interesting seminar let us know who the speaker was.

In this newsletter you will find information on the awards dinner. Even if you haven't qualified for an award come and support the accomplishments of those that did. Step out on a limb - introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Every dog person loves to talk about their dogs!

Life is a highway - make sure you go in both directions!

Darci

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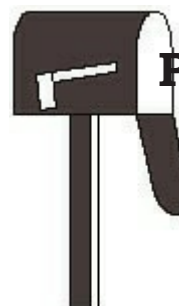
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PioneerTails

Deadlines
May 25, 2015

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SHOW NEWS – PEG VOHR

From Ryan Blanker: This past weekend at the Springfield Shows (our April Cluster), *Shimmer* (CH. Northern Light's Shimmering Moonglade) won Select Bitch on Saturday for a 4 point GCH Major. On Sunday she won Best of Breed for a 3 point GCH Major. After this weekend her tally comes to 21 GCH points with four majors, all in the short time of 6 weeks and 4 four shows!!!! On Friday of that weekend, *Gryff* (Northern Light's Moonlit Gryffon) made his debut in the 4-6 month puppy class, winning Best of Breed Puppy – with a little competition – and then taking Best Puppy in the Working Group!!

Peg Vohr's Rough Collie *Ch. Fantasy Mariner Play It Again* took Select Dog at the Collie Club of Maine on March 1st. On March 20, at the Hartford-Springfield Collie Specialty, *Sam* had BOS to Best of Variety in a strong group of Specials.



Karyn Jones' Australian Shepherd *Rainyday's Love Potion No. Nine CGC (Tristan)* attended the Springfield shows in the beginning of April. Saturday he was awarded a 4 pt. major and BOW and on Sunday he again was awarded a 4pt major and BOW. We are extremely happy with how he has matured into a handsome boy and look forward to getting those last points on him for his Championship.

Calendar of Events PVKC 2015

Newsletter Deadline May 25, 2015

May

Board of Directors, May 4

Awards Banquet; TUESDAY, May 19 (**new date**)

June

Board of Directors, June 1

CGC Test (see page –)

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

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



2015 Tracking Clinic

Local Seminars:

The Tibetan Terrier Club of America

Boxborough MA – Tuesday May 19

Breed Handling “The Winslow Way”

Presented by Rose Chandless – 11am to 12:30pm

Puppy Culture: The Powerful First 12 Weeks that Can Shape Your Puppy's Future

Presented by Jane Killion – 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Each seminar \$30. Reserve space before May 11th. Make checks payable to TTCA and mail to Caryl Crouse, 38 Spring Street, Plainville, MA 02762

<http://www.ttca-online.org/html/2015specialty/2015seminars.html>

AKC Judging Approval Process

In October 2014 the AKC asked for comments and suggestions on a new Judging Approval Process. The new Judging Approval Policy, dated April 2015 and effective 90 days after its adoption, can be found at

<http://emessage.akc.org/p0j00Q0cpF0s0iBLvM0jLW2>

AKC Obedience Regulation Changes

The AKC Board voted to approve 75 changes / additions to the Obedience Regulations, effective December 1, 2015.

The changes can be found at

<http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/news-updates/>

The second document is a side by side comparison of old and new and a lot easier to understand than the simple summary document.

Internet Tid Bits

Too Much of a Good Thing: Overexcitement in Exercise from Paws Abilities

How much of your dog's “enthusiasm” for your sport is too much. Very interesting article on arousal levels and natural body stress responses.

<https://paws4udogs.wordpress.com/2012/01/06/too-much-of-a-good-thing/>

Canine Structure and Compensations

by E. Katie Gammill, AKC Judge, from The Dog Place

A quick and easy to read review of balance and structure.

http://www.thedogplace.org/ShowPlace/canine-structure_Gammill-125.asp





We are e pleased to announce a new member of the Canine Good Citizen family – AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen.

AKC Urban CGC is beginning in April 2015. The first AKC Urban CGC test in the country was recently administered by the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County.

Organized by CGC Evaluator Marti Hohmann, dogs and their owners went through AKC Urban CGC testing at CityPlace, a premier dog friendly shopping destination. Hohmann and her Border Collie, Lark, walked by teenagers on skateboards, a trolley and Lark waited patiently while Hohmann had lunch in an outdoor cafe.

Vera, a retired racing Greyhound owned by Mary Macchia, was also among the first to earn her AKC Urban CGC title. "It's so important for our dogs to be well-trained so they are welcome in public places," said Macchia.

Small dogs were present at the Palm Beach AKC Urban CGC test and they showed that with proper training and exposure, they too can be unflappable in the presence of city noises and distractions. Catherine Anne Cassidy's Miniature Longhaired Dachshund, Sophie, performed all of the Urban CGC test items with ease, including hopping into a dog friendly cab. Cassidy said, "As long as your dog appears calm and under control, people welcome you and your pooch-- and even appear glad to see dogs around."

Giving responsible owners a whole new level of achievement for their dogs, the American Kennel Club (AKC) announced today the launch of "AKC Urban CGC" to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training program. The new title focuses on city-dwelling dogs and the special skills they require.

Since 1989, more than 700,000 dogs and their owners have been recognized by the CGC program, which rewards the dogs' good manners at home and in the community. As with CGC, AKC Urban CGC requires a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. AKC Urban CGC skills dogs must possess include:

- Exits/enters doorways (of dog friendly buildings) with no pulling
- Walks through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk
- Reacts appropriately to city distractions (horns, sirens, etc.)
- Waits on leash, crosses street under control
- Ignores food and food containers on sidewalk
- Person approaches on sidewalk and pets dog
- 3-minute down-stay in lobby of dog friendly building
- Safely negotiates stairs and elevators
- Housetrained
- Enters, exits, rides dog-friendly transportation (car, subway in a carry bag, cab)

"City dogs require a very special set of skills, including waiting to cross a street, ignoring food tossed on a sidewalk, behaving in building lobbies and riding elevators," said Mary Burch, Ph.D., Director of the Canine Good Citizen program. "Urban CGC reinforces practical, everyday skills for the millions of dogs living in urban areas today, creating safer, more responsible communities."

To be eligible for the AKC Urban CGC title, dogs must have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). Dogs passing the AKC Urban Dog test will earn the "CGCU" title.

With the introduction of AKC Urban CGC, the AKC's CGC program now provides a variety of training options for dog owners and their dogs. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine and now AKC Urban CGC, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life and in all settings to be well-behaved in society.

AKC Urban CGC testing will be administered by approved AKC CGC evaluators nationwide beginning this month.



PVKC Training Schedule

PUPPY K CLASS

New Classes Begin

SATURDAY, June 6th

Brattleboro, VT

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



Come!

Vermont PVKC Classes:

Obedience, Rally, &

Breed Handling

Wednesday nights – Brattleboro, VT

Wed Drop-in Classes running weekly
April 15th - July 15th

Saturday Drop-in Novice Obedience
March 7th – May 23rd

NO Class - Saturday, May 30th , June 6th

For information, please contact
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PVKC Tracking: Tracking Dates in April & May & June

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

Wednesdays: Apr 22, May 20 & June 17

Thursdays: May 7

Saturdays: May 9 & May 23

Sundays: May 3, May 31 & June 7

Contact: Dorie Viguers; 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>