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Grand Valley Kennel Club SUMMER 2013 AKC-Sanctioned MATCHES!

Saturday and Sunday July 6th & 7th

Mesa County Fair Grounds
2785 Highway 50 – Indoors under the Grandstand

EVERYONE is welcome

Same classes offered each day

\$8 per class -

Registration from 7:30 to 8:30

Obedience and Rally Begin at 9:00

Conformation Begins immediately following,
approximately 10:30

Best Puppy (4-12mo), Brace. Best Bred-By
Exhibitor, Veteran Best Jr. Showmanship
Best in Match

Please Note: Since these matches are sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, we must adhere to AKC regulations. **Registration will end promptly at 8:30 am each day.** Registrations may be mailed in advance to Ashley Edstrom, 3086 D $\frac{1}{2}$ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504. Advance registrations must be received by July 5, 2013, and must include official entry form with payment. Please see

GVKC website for official entry form.

AKC rules of conduct will be followed.

If you have any questions please contact

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GVKC website: www.grandvalleykennelclub.org

Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date - March 19, 2013
Time - 6:30pm

Present at meeting

Cindy Clark (President)
Wendy Spurr (Vice President)
Joe Giannone (Secretary)
Board Members - Noelle Blair
Non-voting board member - Kim Giannone

Members present - Ruth Coates, Sharon Wobick, Chris Barnes, Edna Schenck, Marian Miller, Marion Miller, Linda Lee, Kelly and Amy Short, Sandra McFarland

Guests - Joanne Weatherly, Teresa Sheffield, Penny Hopkins, Anna Mathers, Geoff & Cindy Teare, Judy Harrington

Apologies for Absence—Jordon Leigh, Johnnie Farmer, Ashley Edstrom

Call to Order—At 6:32 pm on Tuesday, Cindy called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes—January General Board Minutes were read, They were approved with amendments. Kim motioned approval, Wendy Second, motion passed.

Treasure's Report—Ashley was absent. Cindy stated the treasures report would be presented at the next meeting.

First reading for new membership—Penny Hopkins, Teresa Sheffield, Geoff and Cindy Teare, Joanna Weatherly, Larry Maybon, Anna Mathers. Contact Wendy if you want more information.

President's Report—We updated our information with the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. Our Statement of Compliance for the club was sent to the AKC. Training classes and practices will end April 28th and resume Aug 4th. Single punch pass purchases coming soon to the web site. These are for practices only and you must have one to practice. Still working on a liability form for training classes. Discussion on the GVKC becoming a member of the Colorado Federation on Dogs Club, Inc. will take place at the April board meeting.

Old Business—Linda passed out punch passes to current members present and will mail to everyone else.

New Business—Cindy stated the First Aid class will be the 20th of April. The class will cost \$65 per person and be 3 hours long. You will also receive a book and DVD along with instruction. Cindy and Ashley.

Committee Reports—1. Training - Noelle and Jan will be holding rally, manners and obedience classes for April at K-9 Power Sports. There will also be a drop-in conformation practice. See website for details.
2. B/OB Match - Will be held under the grandstands at Mesa County Fair Grounds the 1st weekend in July. Volunteers needed!! Ashley, Noelle and Johnnie
3. Dog Show - AKC Application being sent in this week for the dog shows. It was decided to add beginner novice class to obedience. Also, where the rings are located needs to be review.

Other Announcements—There were numerous Braggs - See news letter.

Adjournment: - There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

The next board meeting will be April 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm



Form must be turned in by the General Meeting, May 21st. Payment by September

2013 TROPHY PLEDGE FORM

4 SHOWS - SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28 and 29

Trophy Sponsors will be printed in the Premium List & Catalog

CONFORMATION CLASSES

Again this year we are focusing trophy sponsorships on prizes for class dogs & bitches. Many participants at the class level are owner handlers and we want to reward their efforts. We are also hoping that this focus will encourage larger classes and build majors. **To that end, our first priority is to gather sponsors for WINNER'S DOG & WINNER'S BITCH in as many breeds as possible.**

Winner's Dog & Winner's Bitch - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows
Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____
Best of Winners - \$20 per show up to \$80 for all 4 shows
Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____
Other class - \$20 per show up to \$80 for all 4 shows
Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEST IN SHOW PUPPY (Saturday) & BEST IN SHOW BRED-BY (Sunday) - \$50 each (circle one or both!)
NON-REGULAR Groups (Puppy &/or BBEx) - \$40 per Group (covers all 4 placings)
Group - _____

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

HIGH IN TRIAL - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows Number of Shows _____
HIGH COMBINED - \$30 per show up to \$120 for all 4 shows Number of Shows _____
OBEDIENCE CLASSES - \$20 per class up to \$480 for all 4 shows
Novice A, B / Open A, B/ Utility A, B (circle class) Number of Shows _____
RALLY CLASSES - \$20 per class up to \$480 for all 4 shows
Novice A, B / Advanced A, B / Excellent A, B (circle class) Number of Shows _____

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

BEST JUNIOR - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows Number of Shows _____
JR HANDLER CLASSES - \$20 per class, up to \$480 for all 4 shows
Novice Junior, Intermediate, Senior / Open Junior, Intermediate, Senior Number of Shows _____

YOUR NAME - _____ PHONE - _____

ADDRESS - _____

KENNEL NAME, IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF (Circle Choice) _____

TOTAL # OF TROPHYS PLEDGED - _____ TOTAL AMOUNT OF PLEDGES - _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYALBE TO GVKC & MAIL TO
WENDY SPURR
970-270-8979
256 Nashua Court, Grand Junction, CO 81503
QUESTIONS?? Email spurr@bresnan.net or Call 270-8979

Leptospirosis

By Nancy Kay, DVM

Reprinted from the Roaring Fork Kennel Club Newsletter

Of all the vaccination questions I receive, the most common one is from folks questioning whether or not to vaccinate their dogs for Leptospirosis. And I am so pleased they are asking- I love when people recognize that simply handing their dog over for “the works” in response to a vaccination reminder card (or these days, perhaps an email reminder) simply doesn’t make sense. Unlike canine distemper and parvovirus-infectious bad guys that are ubiquitous in the environment and against which all dogs should receive vaccine protection- not all dogs come into contact with Leptospirosis. Exposure is truly dependent on where you and your dog live and his or her extracurricular activities- in medical jargon this is referred to as “biolifestyle”. Leptospirosis organisms are bacteria that thrive in warmer, wetter climates. Wild animals (particularly deer and rodents) and some domesticated animals (cows, sheep, pigs) can be Leptospirosis carriers. Although infected, they manage to maintain good health while shedding Leptospirosis organisms in their urine. Dogs can develop the disease by coming into contact with the infected urine or urine contaminated soil, water, food, or bedding. So, if your dog’s biolifestyle includes roaming on rural property or drinking from creeks, streams, lakes, or rivers the potential for exposure to Leptospirosis is far greater than if your pup is a couch potato and your yard is devoid of trespassing wildlife.



Not all dogs become sick when exposed to Leptospirosis, but for those that do, the results can be devastating. Symptoms associated with kidney failure (lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite) are most common. The liver and lungs are also targets for this disease. Your veterinarian will suspect Leptospirosis based on the history you provide, abnormal kidney and/or liver enzymes on blood testing, and specific blood and/or urine testing for Leptospirosis.

Successful treatment ideally consists of aggressive round the clock intravenous fluids and antibiotics. If the kidneys become so inflamed that urine production diminishes, temporary dialysis may be recommended. Infected dogs should be housed in an isolation ward to protect other hospitalized patients and personnel are advised to wear protective garb (gloves, gown, goggles) as Leptospirosis is considered a zoonotic disease (humans can become infected via contact with infected urine). Yes, such therapy is expensive- far more costly than the price of a vaccination- and in spite of everyone’s best efforts, some dogs do succumb to Leptospirosis.

The Leptospirosis vaccine provides adequate protection for one year and, in theory, the risk of adverse reactions is no different than reported with other vaccinations. However, some vets feel strongly that the Lepto vaccine is more likely to produce transient “post-vaccine blues” than are other vaccinations. Is the Leptospirosis vaccination appropriate for your dog? Talk to your vet to find out whether or not the disease has been reported in your neck of the woods. Next consider your doggie’s biolifestyle. Does your pup live in a pristinely kept environment or does he go camping and hiking with you? If your pup lives in an environment with no standing water or exposure to wildlife, the risks of vaccinating clearly outweigh the benefits. If you and your best buddy love to hike and camp together, vaccinating may be a no-brainer. As I routinely advise whenever discussing vaccines: Administration of vaccinations is no different than any other medical procedure- they should not be administered without individualized discussion and consideration of the potential risks and benefits.



Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs Honored with AKC Community Achievement Awards

The American Kennel Club announced recently that the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and the Stone City Kennel Club (IL) have been honored with AKC Community Achievement Awards for the first quarter of 2013.

The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs (CFDC) works to provide kennel clubs throughout the state with seminars and materials on legislative action and maintains a grassroots network with members of animal and sporting groups to support positive legislation and defeat bills that would limit the rights of responsible dog owners.

The CFDC hosted a booth with the theme “Working with the Dog Community to Protect Our Rights, Health and Heritage” at the 2012 four-day Rocky Mountain Cluster of Dog Shows. Representatives of the American Kennel Club, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the National Animal Interest Alliance, and Take the Lead discussed how each organization helps dogs and dog owners and attendees learned how to better educate, assist, and promote responsible dog ownership.

Prior to the event, CFDC sent invitations and information packets to Colorado’s 100 state legislators, and provided legislators and their families with dog show tours. Two lawmakers presented the Best In Show trophies at the Saturday and Sunday shows.

In March 2013, a Colorado House Resolution was introduced to “recognize that the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and its members provide Colorado dog owners and fanciers the expertise and resources to help them best care for, train, and enjoy their dogs and provide their dogs with the fullest, longest, and most meaningful life.” [Click here to view the full resolution.](#)

The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership.

Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Award are accepted year-round. Honorees receive a certificate of appreciation and a \$1,000 check payable to their AKC club or AKC-recognized federation to further public education and government relations efforts. [Click here to nominate an individual, club or federation.](#)



Attention, please comment!

Tomorrow morning, May 1, in the 7:30–8 a.m. EDT half-hour timeframe, NBC's Today Show will be airing a segment by NBC reporter Jeff Rossen — @Jeffrossen #RossenReports — which we expect will be a biased, critical, and misleading portrayal of the AKC.

Please watch the segment live or on the Today Show website and then go to Rossen Reports and Today.com and NBCNews.com to post your comments in support of AKC and all the responsible dog owners and breeders in this country.

We will be watching the segment too, since we are curious to see if picking on animal lovers really helps their ratings! Also, watch for AKC's immediate response to the segment on akcdoglovers.com.

You'll get this too late to watch, but please go to the websites and comment.



AKC Good Dog!SM

The American Kennel Club is launching a new initiative designed to promote dog training and encourage more dog owners to pursue dog sports with their canine companions.

The AKC® GoodDog!SM Helpline will offer telephone support to new dog owners. Trainers will staff the phone line and offer advice on teaching good manners and basic obedience. They also will relay the importance of taking their dog to a training club for a group class so their new puppy or dog gets the benefit of socialization and working with a dog training professional.

Callers will be directed to the AKC Training Club directory on the AKC website so please make sure all contact information for your club is up to date!

The GoodDog! Helpline is launching in April and will operate from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. ET Saturday. Owners subscribe to the service, which is good for the life of the dog, at a cost of \$79.99. There will be special promotional pricing for owners at the time of on-line AKC registration.

The AKC GoodDog! Helpline is another way that the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership and contributes to helping dogs be good citizens in their homes and communities.

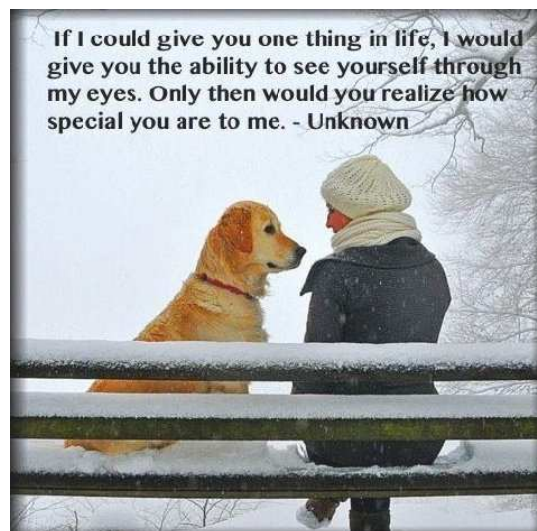
For more information about the new service, visit the AKC GoodDog! Helpline web page.

Please direct any questions to: akcgooddoghelpline@akc.org.

AKC Dog Lovers

Calling all dog lovers! The American Kennel Club (AKC®) has launched AKC Dog Lovers, the official blog of the AKC. Join us at www.akcdoglovers.com for helpful tips like how to socialize your puppy, Facebook fan photos, and so much more. Enjoy news about everyone's favorite friend, their dog, and interact with AKC and other readers by commenting.

Don't forget to follow AKC on Twitter, Facebook, and Pinterest for more fun!



Dog Bites

By Dr. Jon of www.petplace.com Bite wounds are an emergency that vets see quite often. Recently we treated Barney, an affectionate mixed-breed dog, for some serious bite wounds.

Bite wounds can be deceiving. On the surface, it can look like the damage is superficial - and often, it is. But below the surface, it's what you can't see that can be serious and even life threatening.

What may look like only a small puncture wound in the skin can often be much more. Once the tooth penetrates the skin, severe damage can occur to the underlying tissues and vessels without major skin damage.

In Barney's case, he and his owner, Arlene, were enjoying a nice stroll through the park when another dog owner approached from the opposite direction with his German shepherd. Suddenly, the Shepherd took off after Barney, pulling the leash right out of his owner's hand. The dog attacked Barney, and before the Shepherd's owner could get him under control, Barney had several bite wounds on his neck.

Arlene was frantic. She examined Barney and was relieved that his bite wounds didn't look that bad. She took him home and carefully cleaned his wounds. "It's probably fine," she thought, "but I'm going to take him to the clinic anyway, just to make sure." Good thing she did.

What Arlene couldn't see was that the Shepherd's bite had actually punctured a blood vessel in Barney's neck. If she hadn't brought Barney in for treatment, she would have lost him.

Barney had emergency surgery to repair the damage and he was just fine.

He was lucky that Arlene brought him in when she did. Like many dog owners, she thought the wound was OK.

She questioned whether or not he needed emergency care, and then she decided to play it safe and seek treatment. Arlene told the vet tech that she had been "on the fence" about bringing Barney in for an examination. When he asked her what had changed her mind, she told him, "I have pet insurance. Even if he wasn't badly injured, I knew that the visit would be covered. And if it was worse than I thought, it was better to be safe than sorry. I know that, either way, Barney's treatment would be covered - so why take chances? I wanted to be sure he was alright."

That was a very smart decision. For successful resolution of bite wounds, the dog has only a 12-hour window for treatment. After that, the chance of complications greatly increases and the dog's chance for survival decreases.

Here's the bottom line. All bite wounds should receive veterinary attention. Bite wounds must be carefully cleaned to kill bacteria. They are also very painful and the injured dog will require pain medications. Some wounds may appear deceptively minor but under the skin, there can be life-threatening damage. Bite wounds to the neck can cause excessive bleeding when a major blood vessel is torn. There can be nerve damage, airway trauma and trauma to the dog's esophagus. Signs of underlying damage include: Bleeding • Swelling • Drainage • Breathing difficulty • Limping • Weakness • Collapse.

Attacks like this can happen in a split second - and often, with no apparent provocation or cause. If your dog is ever attacked, please seek treatment immediately.



April Brags

Chris Barnes: Copper Ridge's Ima Gonna Get Ya (Shania), New Champion in Farmington, UT

Joe & Kim Giannone—We are now being loved by 4 Bernese Mountain Dogs. Our newest addition is Shepherd's Patch Otheolo (Otto).

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3 Special Days

If you ever love an animal, there are three days in your life together you will always remember...

The first is a day, blessed with happiness, when you bring home your young new friend. You may have spent weeks deciding on a breed. You may have asked numerous opinions of many vets, or done long research in finding a breeder. Or, perhaps in a fleeting moment, you may have just chosen that silly looking animal in a shelter, simply because something in its eyes reached your heart. It may have just shown up at your door and chosen you, but when you bring that pet into your home, and watch it explore, and claim its special place in your hall or front room - and when you feel it brush against you for the first time, it instills a feeling of pure love you will carry with you through the many years to come.

The second day will occur eight or nine or ten years later. It will be a day like any other, routine and unexceptional. But, for a surprising instant, you will look at your long-time friend and see age where you once saw youth. You will see slow deliberate steps where you once saw energy, and you will see sleep where you once saw activity. So you will begin to adjust your friend's diet, and you may add a pill or two to its food. And you may feel a growing fear deep within yourself, which bodes of a coming emptiness. And you will feel this uneasy feeling, on and off, until the third day finally arrives.

And on this day, if your friend and nature have not decided for you, you will be faced with making a decision of your own - on behalf of your lifelong friend, and with the guidance of your own deepest Spirit. But whichever way your friend eventually leaves you, you will feel as alone as a single star in the dark night.

If you are wise, you will let the tears flow as freely and as often as they must. And if you are typical, you will find that not many in your circle of family or friends will be able to understand your grief, or comfort you. But if you are true to the love of the pet you cherished through the many joy-filled years, you may find that a soul, a bit smaller in size than your own, seems to walk with you, at times, during the lonely days to come. And at moments when you least expect anything out of the ordinary to happen, you may feel something brush against your leg - very, very lightly. And looking down at the place where your dear, perhaps dearest, friend used to lay - you will remember those three significant days.

The memory will most likely be painful, and leave an ache in your heart. As time passes the ache will come and go as it has a life of its own. You will both reject it and embrace it, and it may confuse you. If you reject it, it will depress you. If you embrace it, it will deepen you. Either way, it will still be an ache. But there will be a fourth day when - along with the memory of your pet, and piercing through the heaviness in your heart - there will come a realization that belongs only to you. It will be as unique and strong as our relationship with each animal we have loved, and lost. This realization takes the form of a living love - like the heavenly scent of a rose that remains after the petals have wilted, this love will remain and grow - and be there for us to remember.

It is a love we have earned. It is the legacy our pets leave us when they go. And it is a gift we may keep with us as long as we live. It is a love which is ours alone, and until we ourselves leave, perhaps to join our beloved pets it is a love that we will always possess.