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Pet Portraits With Santa

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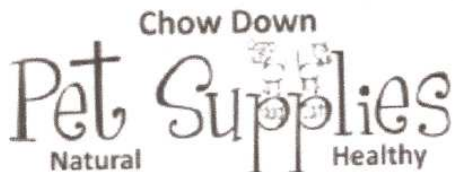
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Saturday December 13th

10AM - 3PM



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Fit Paws Seminar With Bobbie Lyons, Certified CF



Conditioning & Re-hab Classes

Cost for Seminar:

- \$125.00 Working Spot
- \$65.00 Auditor Spot
- \$125.00 Private Lesson

Where

Pawsitive Directions
571 32 Road
986-9629
Email: rottndog@aol.com

When

8:00—3.00 pm
Private Lessons
Follow Workshop

Strength Training for K9 Athletes with a Certified Canine Fitness Instructor

Every canine athlete, weekend hiker, running companion, or couch potato will benefit from a regular strength, endurance, and stretching routine. Exercises taught during my workshops,



online classes, and private lessons are designed to reduce injury, improve weight distribution, and improve overall performance.

My goal is to provide you with the tools needed to design a K9 Conditioning program specific to your dog's activities and one that fits into your schedule.

Strength training is the missing piece of the puzzle for many K9 athletes. More time and money is spent on fixing dogs injuries than preventing them. In my hands-on workshops participants will be introduced to target directed strength training and body awareness exercises with special focus on body positioning.



These exercises and techniques are specifically designed to build **core strength, improve balance, increase flexibility and range of motion, build confidence, increase hind-end awareness, reduce the risk of injury and improve your dog's overall performance.**

The importance and benefits of warm up and cool down exercises will also be discussed and demonstrated.

Incorporating these exercises into your dog's routine is FUN and a great bonding experience. These exercises both physically and mentally stimulate your dog and can easily be done at home. for later use.

Two professional-quality, full color documents (**with photos and explanation of each exercise**) will be available for all participants the week before the workshop to help with taking notes during the workshop and to use as you implement the conditioning program with your own dogs. Look for an email from pawsitiveperformance@yahoo.com for the code to unlock the documents.



This hands-on workshop is limited to **10 working spots in each session** for optimal learning.



Come join us in learning how to utilize these tools and gain excellent results for your dog's physical and mental health.





GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB PRESENTS TWO WORKSHOPS WITH ERIC SALAS

Saturday & Sunday, July 24-25, 2015

Mesa County Fairgrounds 2785 Hwy 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503

DAY ONE: Saturday HANDLING

A full day, hands on, handling workshop. Learn how to select, raise and train any breed of dog. Plus how to solve the most difficult problems dogs' display in and out of the ring.

DAY TWO: Sunday GROOMING

This workshop will show you how to fine tune you and your dog. Hands on grooming with all breeds, learn the secrets of the pros! Guaranteed to take you to the next level. Groom faster, with better results. Your dog will look better than ever, for that winning edge.



Eric Salas Workshops Include:

Problem solving for: pulling on the lead, crabbing, bait surfing, lagging, backing away, lack of confidence & more. Developing good communication & reading K9 behavior. Eliminating dog show burn out. Developing focus & desire, getting the most out of your dog. The art of presentation, making your dog stand out with great stacks & perfect gaiting. How to choose the right equipment.



**COST:**

Participant with dog - \$175 per day
space is limited to 30

Auditor - \$100 per day
unlimited number

Eric Salas Bio

Eric has spent many years grooming, training and handling some of the top ranked dogs in the industry. Eric travels the world conducting seminars on: animal behavior, training, conditioning, grooming, handling and working with aggressive dogs. Eric has developed some of the most successful time saving grooming products like: EZGroomsRuff Out Spray, Greyhounds Stripping Stones, Eric Salas Series Greyhound combs, Texture Crystals, Eric Salas Series Shears by Kenchii and Panagenics, just to name a few! Eric is a featured speaker at many of the top grooming shows in the world. Eric has been featured in Martha Stewart Living and has appeared on Animal Planet. Eric conducts All Breed handling and grooming workshops for many clubs and breed nationals.

You can find YouTube videos on grooming many different breeds on Eric's website, his YouTube channel or national breed websites. When it comes to training, Eric has taught hundreds of seminars across the World. Bring Eric your dog and walk away with the answers to the most difficult problems. You won't want to miss this workshop, your competition won't!

www.EricSalas.net

Logistics:

9AM to 5PM both days

Don't be late, we won't wait

Don't waste your money by talking, pay attention

Be courteous to others

If you or your dog is disruptive you will be asked to leave with no refund

Some workshops may be filmed, all participants will be included, no exceptions

What to bring:

Your Breed Standard

Dog crate, cover, bowl & water

Show lead & collar

6' training lead & link chain collar

Bait - large amount & variety

Running shoes, no open toed

Pen & paper for notes

LUNCH!!

Your grooming tools & table - for day two

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NOELLE BLAIR @ rottndog@aol.com

Make checks payable to GVKC

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(This entire section is for the trainers' use only!)

Eric Salas Productions

WORKSHOP DOG TRAINING AND HANDLING QUESTIONNAIRE

The information you share with the trainers via this questionnaire will dictate exactly what you and your dog will be doing during the entire clinic, so please be as accurate and detailed as possible! (If needed, feel free to use the back of this page to complete any answers that are too long for the space provided.)

Name of person handling: _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Your estimated experience level: (Check one) Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Professional _____

Specific handling techniques for which you seek help: _____

Breed of dog you will bring: _____ Dog's Age: _____

Dog's sex: _____ Dog's nickname: _____ Estimated number of times shown(include matches): _____

Estimated training level of this dog: (Check one) Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Finished _____

Describe any training problems you are having with this dog: _____

Dog aggression _____
People aggression _____
Shy Dog _____
Won't stand for exam _____
Pulls on lead _____

Side wind (crabbing) _____
Bait surfing _____
Pacing _____
Lack of animation _____
Head strong _____

Have you attended other trainer's workshops? Yes ___ No ___ If so what was the most helpful in prior workshops? _____

What was the least helpful? _____

How, or from whom, did you find out about this event? _____

Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.

I understand that Eric Salas Productions (Eric J. D. Salas) and Training Facility agree to exercise all due and reasonable care to prevent injury or illness to my dog and I. I further voluntarily agree and warrant to release and hold harmless Eric Salas Productions (Eric J. D. Salas) and Training Facility from any liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to illness, theft, escape, injury or death. I further agree to pay for all veterinary and other necessary services incurred by and for my dog while under the training of Eric Salas Productions (Eric J. D. Salas) staff and Training Facility.

Attorneys' fees. In the event of any controversy, claim or dispute between the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof, the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled, in addition to such other relief as may be granted, to an award of actual attorneys' fees and all other actual costs and expenses which may be incurred by the substantially prevailing party in such action.

Entire Agreement. This agreement expresses the entire agreement of the Parties, regarding the property, and all other subject matter expressed herein, and cannot be amended or changed without the express written agreement of the Parties.

I have read the foregoing and understand its terms and stipulations and agree to all of them:

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(If the person signing is under age 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign below.) I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the person named above and I give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of him or her.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Eric Salas Productions IMAGE RELEASE FORM

The undersigned enters into this Agreement with Eric Salas Productions ("Producer"). I have been informed and understand that Producer is producing a videotape program and that my name, likeness, image, voice, appearance and/or performance is being recorded and made a part of that production ("Product").

1. I grant Producer and its designees the right to use my name, likeness, image, voice, appearance, and performance as embodied in the Product whether recorded on or transferred to videotape, film, slides, photographs, audio tapes, or other media, now known or later developed. This grant includes without limitation the right to edit, mix or duplicate and to use or re-use the Product in whole or part as Producer may elect. Producer or its designee shall have complete ownership of the Product in which I appear, including copyright interests, and I acknowledge that I have no interest or ownership in the Product or its copyright.

2. I also grant Producer and its designees the right to broadcast, exhibit, market, sell and otherwise distribute the Product, either in whole or in parts, and either alone or with other products, for commercial or non-commercial television or theater, closed-circuit exhibition, home video distribution or any other purpose that Producer or its designees in their sole discretion may determine. This grant includes the right to use the Product for promoting or publicizing any of the uses.

3. I confirm that I have the right to enter into this Agreement, that I am not restricted by any commitments to their parties, and that Producer has no financial commitment or obligations to me as a result of this Agreement. I hereby give all clearances, copyright and otherwise, for use of my name likeness, image, voice, appearance and performance embodied in the Product. I expressly release and indemnify Producer and its officers, employees, agents and designees from any and all claims known and unknown arising out of or in any way connected with the above granted uses and representations. The rights granted Producer herein are perpetual and worldwide.

I have read the foregoing and understand its terms and stipulations and agree to all of them:

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(If the person signing is under age 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign below.) I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the person named above and I give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of him or her.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Grand Valley Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present at Meeting: Jordon Leigh (president), Ashley Edstrom (treasurer), Mark Edstrom (board), Linda Lee (board), Tammy Barslund (board), Johnnie Farmer, Jim Casey, Christy Armendarez, Lynne DiGrazia, Kay Fritts, Gail Redin, Noelle Blair, Nanette Loya, Amy & Kelly Short, Kim Giannone, Melissa & Wanda Archer.

Guests: Dottie Loos, Suzanne Rambo, Melonie Southam, Crystal Mead, Shyron Brown, Nerissa Cannon.

Call to Order: At 6:32 p.m. President Jordon called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: June general meeting minutes were presented by Ashley in Joe's absence. Motion for approval was made by Noelle, seconded by Nanette, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley gave a report of current expenditures, income, and current net worth status. Tammy motioned approval, Noelle seconded, motion passed. Reports available upon request.

Correspondence: We circulated a card to sign for the McFarland/Zimmat household for their recent loss. We received a card from the 4H group thanking us for putting on the match.

Readings: The second reading of application for Lynne DiGrazia was read. She was unanimously approved to join the club.

President's Report: Jordon summarized the board's recent discussion about how to bring in new members and the importance of new members. He discussed our motivations for joining the club in the first place, and mentioned that our club is a place for new people to learn. We can provide education, mentoring, and classes. We all need to be thinking about how to bring in new members and helping our club to continue growing.

Old Business:

The B Match was poorly attended and we need to review if this is something we can continue to provide. We talked about the possibility of splitting the duties with the 4H group; maybe they can be in charge one day and us the other day. This would take some coordination with the 4H group. We discussed having just a performance event, such as obedience and rally only. We could maybe use a park or Pawsitive Directions. We need a club member to be in charge of the matches. To satisfy our requirement for AKC to have the show in the fall, we MUST have at least one major event in the year (match or seminar) and two minor activities (which could be educational events). If we do not continue to have two matches in the year we will need to replace one match with another

event.

We discussed bringing Erik Salas for a seminar in 2015. Tammy motioned that we approve this seminar, seconded by Noelle. Tammy & Noelle offered their facility to hold the seminar which would save a lot of money (wouldn't have to rent the C building). We are looking at July 2015. Noelle will contact Mr. Salas to firm up dates and Ashley will send him a check to hold the weekend. This would be a seminar where you could either bring a dog or audit the class. Several club members have had private lessons with him before and highly recommend his seminar.

Melissa has organized our rally signs and reports that several signs are missing. These seem to be the signs that do double duty with the Beginning Novice obedience class. We need to be on the lookout for these signs, which were only purchased about a year ago. If they are not found, we will need to purchase new ones before any matches next year. Onofrio will bring the signage for the fall show.

New Business:

We are looking for a new website manager if anyone has any suggestions. Emily Evans has submitted a "sample" website that seems to be more user friendly than what we currently have. The board is considering other bids as well.

Johnnie has requested that the club shed be painted. This shed is located on her business property. Ashley offered to arrange community service workers to do the labor. Jordon will furnish a power washer. The club will need to purchase paint, brushes, and misc. supplies. Jordon is willing to meet someone at the shed to get them started with instructions, and Johnnie would approve the work when completed. Kim made a motion that we proceed with this, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Dog Show: The fair is this coming weekend and if we do some volunteer work for the fair we can get \$400 off our rental of the facilities for our show. Thursday evening we are covering the grandstand gate for the bullriding event from 5:30 to 7:30. Members signed up to work are Noelle, Jim, Letty, Lorianne, and Sharon. They need to report to Landon. Friday evening we are covering the car show from 2:30 to 5:30. Members signed up are Mark, Ashley, Jordon, Nanette, Cindy. They need to check in with Brody. Also Friday evening is the wine tasting event from 5:30 to 10 pm.

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Members helping are Kim, Wanda, and Melissa. They need to report to the office. The volunteers were all given a t-shirt and water bottle and instructed to wear the shirts while volunteering. The shirts will give us free access to the fair. .

Some AKC rule changes: Rally judges can only judge a maximum of 7 hours, and we had planned on 8 hour days for our show. If we get close to this entry, we will have to hire another judge. After October 1st, 2014, any special attractions at a show will require that we also offer the owner-handler series. We will be fine for our show this year. This would include our puppy and bred-by competitions that have been popular in the past. This could be a challenge for stewards. We would need to have some intense steward training prior to the show.

We still need stewards for the show. Please contact Cindy Clark.

Christy suggested having a herding instinct test at next year's show. She will look into this.

Presentation:

The Coconut Drill Team debuted their act. They will be performing at the Grand Opening of Pawsitive Directions K-9 Academy this Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend the Grand Opening; please bring your friends. We were treated to individual performances by Tammy & Titus, and Suzanne & Sam. They demonstrated Canine Freestyle.

Brags: See Facebook.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



**Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date - August 19, 2014**

Present at meeting

Jordon Leigh (President) (Absent)
Ruth Coates (Vice-President)
Ashley Edstrom (Treasurer)
Joe Giannone (Secretary)
Board Member - Linda Lee(Absent), Mark Edstrom,
Tammy Barslund
Non-voting Board Member - Wendy Spurr, Kim Giannone, Cindy Clark(Absent)

Call to Order

Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Minutes

July's General Minutes were read. Kim motioned approval of minutes, Mark seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report present by Ashley. Motion for approval made by Wanda, seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

Readings

The First reading was read for Suzanne Rambo. Ruth has detailed information.

Old Business

1. Painting of the shed at Jonnie Farmers business. It was determined that we would spend about \$500.00 in material and \$250.00 in labor for this task. It will be presented at the General meeting to see if anyone wants to or knows of someone to paint the shed.
2. The Grand Valley Kennel Club Web Site. Tammy research the cost of getting a new web site manager. Tammy will get with Emily about a contract to present to the board for the October meeting.

3. Eric Salas Seminar. Noelle still working.

New Business

1. Use of Pawsitive Directions for future B-matches. Tammy stated she would help organize at Pawsitive Directions. Kim suggested that maybe we could hold obedience one day and confirmation the next.
2. Noelle contacted Brooks at Fit Paws about a seminar on canine conditioning. This would include things like exercise, emotional being, and muscle mass. Noelle will get information and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Motion made by Ashley, seconded by Joe.

3. Committee Reports

1. Dog Show - Kim asked Ashley about insurance for the fair grounds. Ashley working.

- Kim Stated that she needs volunteers.

- Noelle and Edna volunteered to help drive judges. Wanda and Melissa volunteered to help with catalog sales. Sharon Brown volunteered to set up picture area. Still need a singer for the National Anthem.
2. Stewards - Johnnie ask for steward training sessions at Pawsitive Direction. Set up for Saturday September 6th and 3 p.m. for two hours Cost will be paid by the club as a show expense.

Other Announcements

1. There were several brags. See news letter/facebook for details.

Adjournment

1. There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be September 16, 2014 at the Pawsitive Directions K-9 Academy.

**Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date - September 19, 2014
Time - 6:30pm**

Present at meeting

Jordon Leigh (President)
Ruth Coates (Vice-President)
Ashley Edstrom (Treasurer)
Joe Giannone (Secretary)
Board Member - Linda Lee(Absent), Mark Edstrom,
Tammy Barslund
Non-voting Board Member - Wendy Spurr, Kim Gian-
none, Cindy Clark

Call to Order

Jordon called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Approval of Minutes

General Minutes were read. Kim motioned approval of minutes, Sharon Wobick seconded, motion passed.

Treasure's Report

Treasurer's Report present by Ashley. Amended report expenses for August was for dog show. Motion for approval made by Joe, seconded by Noelle. Motion passed.

Readings

The Second reading was read for Suzanne Rambo.
Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

The Club received a Thank you card from the fairgrounds for our help with the fair.

President's Report

1. The Board has discussed the Erick Salsa seminar and has decided that with his present contract it is not realistic or cost efficient to bring him to Grand Junction. Noelle is going to get some more detailed information before we totally kill the idea.
2. Denver Dog Sports has only 1/2 inch mats for sale. The Board decided that the weight of these mats would be make them usable.

Old Business

1. Painting of the shed at Jonnie Farmers business. Noelle has taken the responsibility of painting the shed for the board approved amount of \$250.00. Material cost was \$268.00 that Jordon purchased, the club needs to reimburse him for this expense.
2. Use of Pawsitive Directions for future B-matches. Tammy stated she would help organize at Pawsitive Directions K-9 Academy. We would have obedience one day and confirmation the next. Tammy has agreed to help with the AKC paper work and will be looking for help from other members.
3. Fit Paws seminar - Noelle has received some information. It would be \$1,500.00 for the seminar, \$75 per exhibitor and \$35 for auditors. It would be a two day seminar with the second day possible being for private lessons. Noelle is still working before we make a final decision.

Committee Reports

1. Dog Show
 - Kim stated that there are Three big projects for Wednesday. One, building the pathway from the C building to the covered arena. Two, live stock pavilion preparation for obedience and rally. Three, Clean up the dog walking areas. - Kim stated that all volunteers will eat at the vendors for breakfast and lunch during the dog shows. Let's have a great show.

Other Announcements

1. There were several brags. See news letter/face book for details.

Adjournment

1. There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next meeting will be October 21, 2014 at the Pawsitive Directions K-9 Academy.

**Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date: 10/21/2014
Time: 6:30 pm**

Present at Meeting

Jordon Leight, President; Ruth Coates, Vice President; Ashely Edstrom, Treasurer; Wendy Spurr, Non-voting Board Member; Noelle Blair, Jim Casey, Nanette Loya, Suzanne Rambo, Wanda Archer, Melissa Archer-Muncaster, Johnnie Farmer, Linda Lee, Christy Armendaraz, Cindy Clark.

Call to Order

Jordon called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Secretary's Report

September report read by Jordon in Joe's absence. Motion to approve by Linda, seconded by Wendy, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Ashley gave report of current expenditures, income and current status. She said the totals are not complete for the

dog show (both income from eye doctor and some remaining expenses). Should have that total in November. Reports available by request. Motion made to approve by Johnnie, seconded by Ruth, motion passed.

Correspondence

Only a note from Sue regarding her GSD. Wendy said she has had some notes from judges with positive feedback from the show and our club.

Readings: The first reading of application for club membership was read for Melonie Southham.

President's Report

Discussion was held regarding the Eric Salas seminar. He will be here July 25 and 26 and will do one day of grooming and one day of handling. He is putting together a flyer and will be limiting working participants to 10 per day with unlimited auditors. Costs to attendees to be announced, but we think it is \$175/day for participants and \$50 to \$60 for auditing. This will be held in the C building at the Fairgrounds, and his housing and air fare have been arranged.

Discussion was held regarding the Fit Paws seminar to be held March 21 and 22. Bobbie Lyons is putting together a flyer and will be offering two days, a combination of workshop and private lessons, with approximately 5 hours of seminar and then to be followed by private lessons for 3 hours each day. Linda motioned approval of this format and Jim seconded it, motion passed.

Website issue. Still wanting to have a quote from professionals as to cost and service. No decision has been made on this yet. Tammy and Wendy are working on some options and will let the board know of their findings so we can choose someone and get our seminars advertised.

Election committee for new officers will be headed by Ruth, Sharon Wobick and Wanda Archer will help her make calls to see who will be willing to run for the positions for 2015. Jordon and Ruth both said their positions will be open. Ashley and Joe will be contacted regarding theirs, and there are board position needed.

Old Business

There is just a little left to do on finishing the painting of the shed.

New Business

Santa picture are set up for December 13. Jordon would like 3 or 4 helpers to volunteer by November meeting.

The Christmas party is going to be organized by Cindy Clark, will be pot lunch, and will be held at Pawsitive Directions on the General Meeting date, December 16. We will need to bring tables and chairs, and a new \$15 or \$20-dog related gift to share. At the Christmas party we will honor those who earned titles by giving a gift card; Chow Down was mentioned as a possibility. We will also be nominating the officers for 2015. Those who have paid memberships will be eligible to vote. We will also vote on the volunteer of the year. Motion for approval was made by Noelle and seconded by Cindy, motion passed.

Discussion was held about membership dues and it was voted that we keep them the same and not increase them. Motion for approval made by Nanette, seconded by Linda, motion passed.

It was discussed that we will probably not have a winter B-match in 2015 unless someone steps up and wants to do all the paperwork for AKC and the organization of it because the seminar will fulfill our club's obligation for AKC requirements, we do not have to have one. It was mentioned that we could have a "Show and Go" at Noelle's to prepare us for the cluster in February.

Committee Reports

Dog Show. Kim was absent so we will hear more on this at the next meeting.

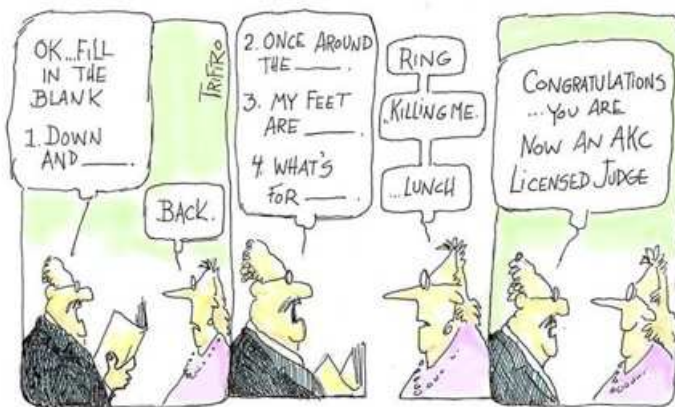
Braggs

See Newsletter

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Just for Fun



**Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date - September 19, 2014
Time - 6:30pm**

Present at meeting

Jordon Leigh (President)
Ruth Coates (Vice-President)
Ashley Edstrom (Treasurer)
Joe Giannone (Secretary)
Board Member - Linda Lee, Mark Edstrom, Tammy Barslund
Non-voting Board Member - Wendy Spurr, Kim Giannone, Cindy Clark

Call to Order

Jordon called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Approval of Minutes

General Minutes were read. Sharon Wobick motioned approval with amendments, Nanette seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report present by Ashley. Final bill paid to the Fairgrounds for the dog show. Net worth down. There are a lot of expenses out for the Eric Salas seminar. Kim motioned for approval, seconded by Ruth, motion passed. Report available upon request.

Readings

The Second reading was read for Melonie Southam. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence

The Club received a Thank you card from Noelle for all the contribution she received.

President's Report

1. Web Site. Kim contacted Sharon Keefer about doing your web site. She develops web sites for the Several dog clubs and is extremely knowledgeable in the dog world and site preparation and management.
2. The Christmas Party will be a pot luck at Pawsitive Directions. Dogs are allowed. Cindy will organize and Kim offered to help. Email Cindy for food items you want to bring. Also needs tables and Chairs.
3. The Board decided the club would not offer any training in 2015. Contact Pawsitive Directions K-9 Academy for all training needs
4. The Board approved medallions for new titles at next year's dog show. Jordon is working.

Old Business

1. Eric Salas Seminar. Registration forms being sent out. Half down with full payment made 60 days prior of

seminar. Contact Ashley or Noelle.

2. Fit Paws. Costs will be \$125 working and \$65 for Audit. Kim suggested paying Pawsitive Directions \$400 for use of the facility. All board members agreed. Dates will be March 21 and 22. Deposit will be taking with 50% down and full payment 60 days prior to seminar. Contact Noelle.

3. Santa Photos. Date will be December 13th, 10 am until 3 pm at Chow Down. Tammy, Ashley, and Chris Barnes.

4. Show and Go. No date set yet, looking at sometime in January. It will be at Pawsitive Directions. Contact Noelle

5. Volunteer of the Year. Jordon will announce at the Christmas Party.

New Business

1. Wendy will start publishing the newsletter again.

Committee Reports

1. Web Site. Sharon, the new web site manager, will have a demo in a couple of weeks - she needs inputs from us i.e., upcoming shows, brags, events, etc. She suggests a public business face book page. Kim motions for the facebook page, seconded by Linda, all approved.

2. Nomination committee. Ruth stated that the vote will be at the Christmas party. The following is a list of volunteer thus far:

President: Noelle Blair

Vice President: Nanette Loya

Secretary: Joe Giannone

Treasurer: Ashley Edstrom

Board Members: Wanda Archer, Tammy Barslund, Suzanne Rambo, Mark Edstrom, Jordon Leigh, Linda Lee, Johnnie Farmer.

3. Dog Show. Kim stated that there would be a \$250 credit from the fairground for the poor footing preparations at last years show.

Other Announcements

1. There were several brags. See news letter/face book for details.

Adjournment

1. There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next meeting will be December 16, 2014 at the Pawsitive Directions K-9 Academy.

Braggs for June through November

Kim & Joe Giannone—Loriendells Sword of Elendil (Narsil) In September at the BMDCR Regional in Greeley, Narsil took 1st AOM People Choice Award & Best Owner Handled.

Kelly & Amy Short—Ch VIPs I Know You Know at Albion (Mira) took a Group 1 at the Utah Show and a Group 3 in Greeley.

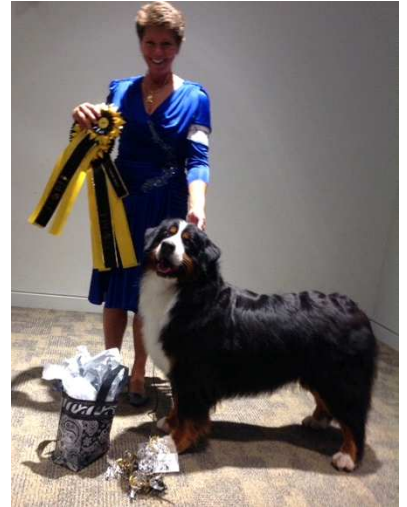
Grand Valley Kennel Club Show

Suzanne Rambo—Sam's Patriot Games (Sam) earned his RAE Title, took High Combined for Rally Twice and a perfect score of 100 on Sunday.

Christy Armendarez—Sena Vom Gieske, RN, BN, NA (Zena) got her Rally Advanced Title (with NO barking).

Melissa Archer-Muncaster—Oak Ridge Queen of Hearts (Riley) got her Beginner Novice title.

Wanda Archer—St. Louis Cross Roads (Louis) got his Rally Novice title.



Noelle Blair & Aubrie Evans—CH Redfox's Double Toil N Trouble (Chants) finished his Championship.

Noelle Blair—GCH Redfox's Shut Up & Kiss Me (Smooch) took BOS 3 out of 4 days and BOB & a Group 2.



AKC News

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Wednesday, June 25, 2014

At the June 2014 meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, the Board made changes to the Match Regulations and modified the Clusters & Back-to-Back Policy.

The Board made changes to the Match Regulations Chapter 2, Section 1:

Made FSS breeds eligible for breed and group competition.

Removed the requirement that the FSS breeds be listed on the Match Application and in the advertising for the Match. Allows the breed standards to be available at the Match in either digital or paper format.

The Board modified the Clusters & Back-to-Back policy:

The limit on the number of days of consecutive competition now excludes National Specialties and associated events. Clarified that this policy only applies to conformation shows.

Keeping Bath Time Safe for Your Dog

By Rita Hogan in **Holistic Care, Skin Care**



We all have the best intentions when it comes to grooming our dogs. Bathing, brushing, trimming...just so they can look their best and most importantly, smell their best.

I recently visited a friend that bathes her dogs every week. I can't imagine! To make matters worse, I made the mistake of looking at the ingredient list of her designer doggie shampoo and almost fainted. It looked like a bottle of toxic soup. How can she be my friend and use a toxic dog shampoo? Her answer was, "I use their products for myself, how can their dog shampoo be bad? It's so expensive!" I told her to switch shampoos ASAP.

She asked why. Here's what I told her.

Commercial and some natural shampoos are nothing but chemicals and toxins with a few natural extracts in them to make consumers think that by using their product you are somehow connecting with nature.

Many people don't realize that the scalp is part of the body's integumentary system, which includes the three layers of the skin – epidermis, dermis and hypodermis. The scalp is part of the skin and skin is the body's largest and most absorbent organ. The integumentary system is the gateway to the bloodstream. This is also true for your beloved pup. Just think of their skin and hair follicles as one large scalp.

So what makes a shampoo toxic? Here is a short list of many ingredients in human and canine grooming products.

Artificial Colors

Often dog shampoos that claim to be herbal come with a lovely green tint. Puree of leaf? Um, no. Try artificial colors. Artificial colors have been associated with many forms of cancer and should be at the top of your yuck list of ingredients to be avoided. A few examples of these colors are D&C, FD&C, or Yellow 5.

Cocomide DEA or MEA

Notice this foam producing ingredient has the trendy "Coco" prefix that some people would assume is coconut derived. That assumption would be right. But what the same people might not realize is that this substance is chemically altered to the point of being a moderate cancer causing ingredient, hormone and thyroid disruptor, and an organ toxin.

Cocamidopropyl Betaine

This ingredient sounds like a coconut married a chemist. It is an environmental toxin that affects the immune system. It's derived from coconut oil but the end product is anything but natural.

Formaldehyde

Everyone's favorite embalming elixir for the dead is now available in your shampoo. Do you feel lucky? Formaldehyde attacks the central nervous system. Look out for these formaldehyde-releasing ingredients in your grooming products: doazolidinyl urea, imidazolidinyl urea or quarternium-15.

Fragrances

"Gee your hair smells terrific" was a slogan for a shampoo when I was a child. A good aroma can bring our senses alive and cause us to purchase a product based on smell alone. Unfortunately, if the aroma of a shampoo does not come from essential oils or plants, the smell is a derivative of an unhealthy substance. When picking a dog shampoo, we need

to pay extra attention to scent because our canine friend's sense of smell is thousands of times more sensitive than ours. The word "fragrance" can be covering up chemicals that companies do not want you to know about. Artificial fragrances can lead to compromised immune function, allergic reactions and neurotoxicity.

Isopropyl alcohol

Sneaky is the word for this gem. If you pay attention, isopropyl alcohol is showing up in all kinds of self and animal care products. DO NOT USE THEM. Known as rubbing alcohol, this chemical turns into acetone when it enters the body. It is a known depressant, nerve toxin, lung and heart irritant, and liver toxin. Other names: isopropanol, 2-propanol, and propyl.

Isopropyl (SD-40)

Isopropyl (SD-40) is made from the petroleum derived substance propylene that destroys your skin's moisture balance and causes irritation. The nasty chemical can make your dog more susceptible to bacterial and viral infections.

Methylchloroisothiazolinone

This hard to pronounce chemical is added to shampoos as a preservative and anti-fungal. It has been associated with organ poisoning and is a known carcinogen. The crazy thing is that countries like Japan and Canada have already banned it.

Methylparaben and Parabens

Members of the paraben family are usually found at the end of an ingredient label. Don't be fooled. A little goes a long way. Both parabens are used as preservatives. What companies don't tell you is that they are known endocrine disruptors. Methylparaben might help protect your shampoo's longevity, but Methyl's dark side could be a stand in for Mr. Hyde. It also serves as an endocrine disruptor and may even adversely affect your central nervous system. Why is this significant? Because the two main parts of the central nervous system are the brain and spinal cord! What matters as far as your dog is concerned is that they can't tell you when something is wrong. High levels of estrogens have also been linked to the paraben family. Elevated estrogens can cause cancers of the uterus, bladder and breast. Just say no.

Mineral Oil

I just cringe at this ingredient because it's sold as something wonderful for babies by a certain well known baby products company. Mineral oil should be labeled "oil of crude" since it is a by-product of distilled gasoline made from crude oil. Its sole purpose is to coat anything it comes in contact with and keep the skin from releasing its own natural oils or eliminating toxins.

Phthalates

Many shampoos are chosen for their scent. Phthalates help with the scenting of many soaps in that they bond the scent to the soap base. Like their friends the parabens, they are known male and female hormone disruptors.

Polyethylene glycol

Usually listed as PEG, polyethylene glycol is a known cancer-causing chemical used as a solvent in shampoos and conditioners. Here are a few of this chemical's side effects: malabsorption of nutrients in the intestine, stomach disorders, iron deficiency, loss of memory, and immune dysfunction.

Polysorbates

Most people know the polysorbates for the number that follows: Polysorbate-20 and Polysorbate-80. These emulsifiers help bind oil with water and dissolve fragrances into a solution. Polysorbate 20 is a simple sugar alcohol that goes

bad when it is mixed with the chemical ethylene oxide which can cause it to be contaminated with the cancer causing 1,4-dioxane. Polysorbates also mess with the pH of the skin, hair or fur. Companies use Polysorbates because they are cheap emulsifiers.

Propylene Glycol

Derived from natural gas and used in the automotive industry, propylene glycol is used as a humectant causing moisture retention by coating the hair shaft and preventing water from escaping. Propylene Glycol is a strong skin irritant as well as a liver and kidney toxin.

Sodium Laureth Sulfate, Sodium Lauryl Sulfate, and Ammonium Laureth Sulfate

These chemicals capture oil and dirt so that they can be washed out of the hair shaft. Great, right? Well, no. The sulfates also strip the hair of its natural oils and can cause skin irritations. With dogs, these irritations are not always noticed until they are infected because of their furry bodies. To make matters worse, sulfates are often put through a softening process that produces a toxic by-product discussed above: 1,4-dioxane, which the FDA does not require to be listed on the label. Both sodium and ammonium laureth sulfates are known cancer causing agents.

Natural or not?

Beware of the natural fakes as well. Just because they sound natural doesn't mean that they're safe. Some shampoos and conditioners promoted as natural list "coconut base" as their first ingredient. Beware. Here are three best-selling coconut shampoo bases. See if you can find the ingredients that don't belong.

- Ingredients: Sodium Cocoate, Propylene Glycol, Sodium Stearate, Glycerin, Cocos Nucifera (Coconut) Fruit Juice, Water, Sorbitol, Titanium Dioxide
- Ingredients: Purified Water, Propylene Glycol, Sodium Stearate, Glycerin, Sucrose, Sodium Laureth, Sodium Laureth Sulfate, Sorbitol, Sodium Lauryl Sulfate, Silica, Sodium Chloride, Stearic Acid, Lauric Acid, Methylchloroisothiazoline, Methylisothiazoline, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Nitrate

This base is advertised as sulfate free. Who cares when you see the other ingredients.

- Ingredients: Glycerin, Propylene Glycol, Cocos Nucifera (Coconut) Oil, Sodium Cocoate, Sodium Myristate, Sodium Laurate, Sodium Stearate, Sorbitol, Purified Water

Conditioners

Let me say a few things about conditioners. They are not needed especially where dogs are concerned. I can't believe the number of fur products that are marketed to our canine friends. A conditioner's main purpose is to cover up the damage being done by the shampoo, by replacing natural hair oils with artificial oils. Conditioners

What to Use

So how do you pick out a good shampoo for your dogs? Look for simple shampoos that are made specifically for dogs. Remember, a dog's pH is different than ours so avoid shampoos for people. To be sure you're using a good shampoo, ask companies for a complete listing of their ingredients. Don't be satisfied with the general "coconut soap base". Ask them what is in the base. Here are a couple of examples of all natural, safe shampoo bases:

- Ingredients: Certified Organic Coconut Oil, Rosemary Extract, Vitamin E *Saponified.
- Ingredients: Saponified* Oils of Coconut, Olive and Jojoba, Tea Tree Oil, Rosemary Oil, Sage Oil, Cedarwood Oil, Peppermint Oil, Sweet Orange Oil, Eucalyptus Oil, Pine Needle Oil, Aloe Vera, Rosemary Extract (as a preservative)



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*Saponified means that the soap was made with lye which does not survive the soap making process and it safe). When washing my dogs I like to make my own dog shampoo out of castile soap, vinegar, olive oil, water and essential oils. It does not lather up like chemically laden commercial shampoos but it makes my dog's fur squeaky clean and shiny. Dr. Bronner's makes an excellent castile soap.

Dogs are meant to be self cleaning. Dogs in the wild don't bathe but they are not living in our homes either. I have a dog named Seamus. Some people would call him a Schnoodle – half Schnauzer, half Poodle. He stinks. He has the kind of fur that soaks up every bad smell he comes in contact with. Seamus hates being bathed but in order to sleep in my bed, the stink must turn to stunk.

I encourage you to take control of your dog's health and your own by reading the labels of your grooming products and demanding safer ingredients from manufacturers. Grooming products are not considered drugs, making them benign under FDA rules. The term "all natural" is free for the taking. Want to protect yourself and your pup? Understand what's in your grooming products before you use them. Knowledge is power.