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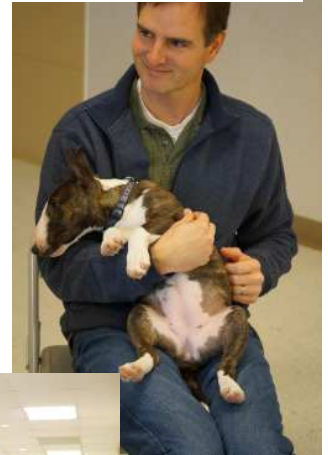
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The B-Match was a success in spite of being opposite the Bronco's
playoff game on Saturday and the weather was snow and cold
on Sunday

Thanks to Jordon for all the great photos.

GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013

BARK 'N BUGLE



DRAFT**Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes****Date - January 15, 2013****Time - 6:30pm****Present at meeting**

Wendy Spurr (Vice President)
Ashley Edstrom (Treasurer)
Joe Giannone (Secretary)
Board Members -, Johnnie Farmer,

Members - Shyron Brown, Marilyn Forte

Apologies for Absence

Cindy Clark, Jordon Leigh

Call to Order

At 6:31 pm on Tuesday, Wendy called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for December. Cindy wrote a summary of the meeting in the news letter (Message from President). This summary will be filed as the minutes for December. Wendy calls for a vote - Ashley motioned approval, unanimously approved.

Treasure's Report

Ashley presented the treasure's report. Reported \$29,000 net funds. She will be sending 1099s to judges for last year's dog show. Still no date for audit, waiting for Donna Scott to review books. The \$350 deposit has been returned from the Fair Grounds. Motion to approved report made by Johnnie, seconded, motion passed.

See Report- Available by request

Correspondence

1. Judy Harrington is an Animal Communicator and therapeutic body worker who will be coming to speak at our March general meeting. She is also the author of the book "The Gift"

Old Business

1. Wendy selected as Volunteer of the Year. Ashley Presented the award and gifts which included a tote bag with the caricature of a PBGV and a gift certificated.
2. Second reading for Shyron Brown for membership - unanimous approval.
3. Second reading for Tiria Griffith for membership - unanimous approval.

New Business

B/OB Match - Noelle Stated that AKC mandates we due two matches per year. Ashley proposed that we set up a match committee to help with consistence. Ashley, Johnnie, and Noelle all volunteered.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned

at 7:10 pm

WHY DO PEOPLE GIVE UP THEIR PETS? From: www.PetPlace.com By: Tona Miller

As strange as it may seem, there has been a decline in pet ownership over the last two decades. Why are some people deciding not to have pets?

The American Humane Association (AHA) recently conducted research that may help answer this question. The goal of this study was to help pets remain in their homes and reduce the number of animals euthanized in shelters. There are varying reasons why people decide that living with a cat or a dog is no longer the right choice for them. I think it's important to learn about it in order to foster more responsible ownership.

Here are the questions asked as well as the findings from the study thus far:

- Why do people that had a dog before not want one now? Of the respondents, 30% said that they do not want a dog because of the expense of veterinary care. A similar reason was given by another 29% who cited the high cost of pet care in general. Finally, 27% said that time constraints were the primary reason for not getting a dog. It was also noted that several former dog owners do not want to get a new dog due to the loss they suffered when their pets passed.
- Why do people that never had a dog not want one? Looking at the responses for this question, 30% of people said that they are not dog owners because a dog does not fit in with their lifestyle. This includes reasons such as living in too small a space or being too busy to properly care for a dog. Another 30% said the amount of clean up associated with dogs was too much for them. An additional 29% said they didn't have a dog because of the general expenses of dog ownership.
- Why do people that had a cat before not want one now? Travel is the main reason for resuming a pet-free life, with approximately 28% of respondents noting that they travel too much to be able to provide for a cat in the way they feel that they should. Similar to dog owners, 25% of former cat owners say that they do not want to deal with the necessary cleaning. Finally, 25% of respondents say that they cannot afford the veterinary expense that comes along with pet parentage.
- Why do people that never had a cat not want one? 35% of those who took the survey simply do not like cats, and never want to have one. 29% of people who will not become cat owners say that they are unwilling to deal with a litter box, and 22% of people say that their lifestyles do not lend to having a cat as a roommate. It was also noted that several respondents decided they no longer liked cats as pets after living with one.

These results can perplex pet lovers who willingly take on the responsibility of an animal companion. However, there is a positive side to this survey. Millions of pets are given up each year by owners who are no longer able or willing to care for them. By acknowledging that their home is not a good fit for an animal, those like the respondents noted above are showing good judgment. The more honestly that we look at our ability to care for animals, the more responsible we become as pet owners-and the better our pets' lives are overall. The unfortunate result of owners ending their time as pet guardians is that many more animals find themselves homeless (this is very sad). Shelters, rescues, and adoption programs have always had trouble finding homes for the stray or abandoned cats that come through shelters, but now **the numbers without a forever home are staggering.**

Concerned? We understand.

As a loving cat owner you no doubt want to do everything you can to reduce the issue. One easy way to do your part is to prevent feline overpopulation with spaying and neutering. These simple and inexpensive surgeries are one of the best things you can do for your pet. Think about it, and save a life!

Together we can make a difference in the lives of cats. I urge you to do your best today and every day to help them. As difficult as it may seem to animal lovers, some people simply do not want a pet in their lives. Some have had pets previously and others have chosen not to get one in the first place. With as beneficial as living with a pet can be, why would someone not want to share their lives with one?

American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Becomes an Official AKC Title

In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC®'s Canine Good Citizen® test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club® title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an "award." Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record. "We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title," said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. "The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this 'badge of honor' to the end of their dog's official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn."

For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

- CGC as a title: CGC will be listed on the dog's official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Ca-

nine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may use the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

- CGC certificate only: CGC will not appear on the dog's official AKC title record.

Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting this form.

AKC began accepting CGC title applications on Monday, December 17, 2012. The processing of all CGC title application will begin Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Learn more about CGC as a title here.

To compete or earn any AKC titles, including the new CGC title, dogs must have an AKC number: an AKC registration number, a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number or an AKC Canine PartnersSM number. If your dog doesn't already have an AKC number, learn how to obtain one here.

The Canine Good Citizen program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events and also serves to enhance the bond between owner and dog, making dogs a pleasure with which to live. Get started or find a CGC instructor or approved AKC CGC evaluator.

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Message from President

By Cindy Clark

Well, February is a quite month when it comes to meetings. We skip them because so many of you are planing and training before heading over the hill to Denver! Plus, we all have to give our full attention to the Westminster Dog Show.

The board spent January getting everything in place to go forward for this year. One thing you will be noticing in the near future, is a release form that will need to be filled out by everyone attending training classes. This idea has been kicked around for a while, and the board has decided to go forward with the form. This is nothing new for members, but will be helpful for non-members and instructors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda or Jordon.

To everyone traveling to Denver for the shows - Good Luck and travel safely! I for one, can not wait to hear how you all do! Watch the Westminster Shows closely, and pretend you are in the ring in New York, instead of Denver. Hopefully the weather will be better!

AKC and Westminster Kennel Club Donate \$20,000 To Sandy Fund To Help Those Affected By Hurricane And Future Disasters



In support of the people and their pets affected by Hurricane Sandy, the American Kennel Club Humane Fund, Inc. and The Westminster Kennel Club have each donated \$10,000 to the Sandy Fund's newly-created "Sandy Fund." This \$20,000 grant and other donations to the Sandy Fund will assist organizations that provide support and services for dogs and owners faced with the challenges of natural disaster.

"We look forward to helping pets and their owners get back on their feet in the wake of Hurricane Sandy," said Seán McCarthy, Westminster Kennel Club President. "I encourage all dog lovers to donate to the fund to help fellow pet owners in need."

"The AKC is greatly saddened by the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy," said Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO. "The creation of the Sandy Fund will help us do everything we can to assist companion animals and their owners in the region during this trying time and in any future disasters."

The "Sandy Fund" grants money to AKC clubs and affiliated organizations looking to provide assistance for pets and their owners in their hometowns during a time of disaster. The new Fund's first donation was made to the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club to aid their relief efforts in Staten Island, New York. Clubs interested in applying for a grant to assist local disaster relief outreach can send a request in writing to dxs@akc.org.

Anyone interested in donating to the Sandy Fund can donate online. Please mark your donation as for the Sandy



Hotel Inquiry—"Dogs Welcome"

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his Vacation. He wrote: "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed And very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room at night?"



An immediate reply came from the hotel Owner, who wrote: SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your Dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."



Practice at K-9

Left—Tomsic pugs

Right—Smooch, Bliss & Flirt (Noelle's Corgis)



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Braggs from the B Match

Saturday: Best Adult in Match: Whippet Harmony's VanGoghs Dream for Masaru, owned by Lori Gideon.
Best Puppy: English Setter BenMer's Blue my Mind Cheza owned by Tiria Griffith.

Sunday: Best Adult in Match: Labrador "Mesa" owned by Edna Schenck.
Best Puppy: Bernese Mtn Dog Barberry Jigger of Jameson v. Winridge, owned by Kim Giannone.



A Great Lesson on Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. To 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down.
Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

