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GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

**BARK 'N BUGLE**

# Pawsitive Performance Seminar

With Canine Fitness Instructor

Bobbie Lyons demonstrating

FitPAWS equipment



## 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

**When**

March 21—22, 2015  
8:00—12:30 pm  
Private Lessons: 1:30, 2:30,  
3:30 Follow Workshop

Email: [rottndog@aol.com](mailto:rottndog@aol.com)

### Strength Training for K9 Athletes with a 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 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 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



[grandvalleykennelclub.org](http://grandvalleykennelclub.org)

Fill out the registration form and send to Noelle Blair at P.O. Box 1571, Grand Junction, CO



# Pawsitive Performance Seminar Registration Form

### *Are you registering for a Working Spot or an Auditor Spot?*

It is recommended that if you are requesting a private lesson, that you either audit or work one of the workshops. This will make your 1 hr private lesson more efficient and directed toward your dog.

\_\_\_\_ Working, include \$125.00 \_\_\_\_ Auditor, include \$65.00 \_\_\_\_ Private Lesson \$125.00

Name of person participating \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **The following needs to be filled out only if you are requesting a working spot or a private lesson.**

Breed of dog \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female Age \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Has the dog had prior training \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have any past injuries that need strengthening? If so, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any of the exercise equipment that will demonstrated at this seminar? If so which ones.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**For those requesting Private Lessons.** Is there anything specific you would like to focus on? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out form and return to Noelle Blair, P.O. Box 1571, Grand Junction, CO**

## **President's Report:**

### **Noelle Blair**

Hope you have all enjoyed your time off in February? It was wonderful seeing you all at the Denver Cluster and I know that we have some serious Brags coming at the next meeting! Can't wait to hear all your accomplishments!

We are going to be hitting it hard the first of March as we have only 4 more weeks until our Pawsitive Performance Seminar and we are going to need some worker bees. Please take a minute and see which jobs you are interested in doing. I don't want to have to call you and volunteer you, I am hoping that you will step forward and volunteer yourself for a couple of hours to help with the following:

Friday 5:30 Set up - at least 3 people

Saturday 7:30 to 1:00 - Registration/selling products - 2 to 3 people

Saturday evening - 4:30 clean up

Sunday 7:30 to 1:00 - registration/selling products - 2 to 3 people

Sunday evening - Tear down/clean up - at least 3 people

If you volunteer for one of these positions and also want to Audit you will get 10% off your registration fee. Please come out and support your club! We need you all!!

If anyone has any FitPaws Equipment or old phone books that we can use for the seminar, please contact Noelle ASAP and let me know what you have available.

Let's all come together and make this a great fund raiser for the club!



## **ATTENTION MEMBERS:**

**If you are going to any shows in the next month, please contact me for a combination flyer of the Pawsitive Performance Seminar and the Eric Salas Seminar. I'll send it to you or print it out for you, if needed, so that it can be distributed at upcoming shows. You can also send it to groups or individuals you think might be interested via email or FaceBook.**



# 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](http://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](mailto:rottndog@aol.com)**

**Make checks payable to GVKC**

**Mail to GVKC, PO Box 1751 Grand Junction, CO 81502**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Dog aggression</b> _____<br><b>People aggression</b> _____<br><b>Shy Dog</b> _____<br><b>Won't stand for exam</b> _____<br><b>Pulls on lead</b> _____ | <b>Side wind (crabbing)</b> _____<br><b>Bait surfing</b> _____<br><b>Pacing</b> _____<br><b>Lack of animation</b> _____<br><b>Head strong</b> _____ |
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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:

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## Just the Facts

### Bobby Christiansen

#### President, MB-F., Inc.

As a kid growing up in the early 60's I enjoyed watching the famous TV Police show, Dragnet on the one black & white TV with 3 channels my family shared. I'll always remember Los Angeles police detective Sgt. Joe Friday's words during many episodes when he arrived at the scene of a crime and started asking questions, "All we want are the facts, ma'am" and "All we know are the facts, ma'am". Fast forward to 2015 and those same words have real meaning to the Sport of Pure-Bred Dogs.

I believe there are some facts that need to be told and the purpose of this article is to increase awareness. Over the years the "sanitized" AKC Delegate and Board Meeting Minutes continue to report increases in events and entries. I'm sure those numbers are accurate numbers and include every type of event AKC recognizes. However, those numbers do not report what is really happening to the core and life blood of the Sport, Conformation.

The table and graphs below were compiled from data taken from the AKC Annual Reports and tells a different and compelling story. There is an alarming and continuous downward trend in conformation competition over the past 18 years. As you can clearly see, the pie is shrinking and there are a growing number of shows chasing smaller and smaller pieces of that pie. The average All-Breed show has decreased from 1,389 dogs in 1996 down to 860 dogs in 2014. Specialty shows have decreased from an average of 85 dogs in 1996 down to 55 in 2014. Registrations are now an unpublished number and closely guarded secret.

Year	Registrations	All Breed Shows	All Breed Entries	Avg/show	Specialty Shows	Specialty Entries	Avg/show
1996	1,332,557	1,266	1,757,856	1,389	1,950	165,333	85
1997	1,307,352	1,295	1,792,134	1,384	1,994	168,474	84
1998	1,220,951	1,332	1,710,420	1,284	1,975	157,121	80
1999	1,119,620	1,367	1,799,526	1,316	2,001	164,752	82
2000	1,175,473	1,419	1,716,928	1,210	2,054	157,130	76
2001	1,081,335	1,444	1,716,221	1,189	2,067	154,418	75
2002	958,503	1,455	1,724,378	1,185	2,118	157,530	74
2003	915,668	1,477	1,745,841	1,182	2,150	157,588	73
2004	958,400	1,475	1,729,729	1,173	2,141	158,651	74
2005	920,804	1,490	1,784,443	1,198	2,194	168,044	77
2006	870,192	1,519	1,710,625	1,126	2,225	157,724	71
2007	812,452	1,548	1,698,840	1,097	2,254	152,625	68
2008	716,195	1,534	1,641,004	1,070	2,258	156,770	69
2009	649,677	1,548	1,516,098	979	2,288	144,900	63
2010	563,611	1,586	1,473,751	929	2,282	140,508	62
2011	Unpublished	1,589	1,455,97	1916	2,344	141,589	60
2012	Unpublished	1,604	1,435,266	895	2,432	137,964	57
2013	Unpublished	1,614	1,386,727	859	2,434	139,690	57
*2014	Unpublished	1,625	1,396,702	860	2,553	140,645	55
%change	-57.70%	28.36%	-20.55%	38.10%	30.92%	-14.93%	-35.02%

- 2014 data compiled from the AKC website because the Annual Report was not yet out.
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The fact is clubs are suffering from producing longtime events once hosting 1500-2000 dogs to now holding shows with 700 dogs or less. Some clubs have cancelled shows out of economic necessity while others have ceased to exist. Point scales have dramatically changed as well.



A few examples from around the country with the requirements for a 5-point major:

Breed	State	1996 Dogs	2014 Dogs	1996 Bitches	2014 Bitches
Labradors	California	82	43	117	51
Dobermans	New York	40	12	55	18
Golden Ret.	Ohio	49	26	55	34

I'm sure internally AKC is well aware of the issue and has tried to address the problem. Numerous initiatives such as 4-6 Month Puppy Events, Open Shows, Owner-Handled Competition, recognition of Grand Champions, Breeders of Merit, etc. have been put forth to retain exhibitors and encourage newcomers to the sport. These initiatives have all had various degrees of success and been well intended. However, instead of enticing NEW people/families into the sport, for the most part, we are "recycling" what is already there or adding new dogs belonging to existing exhibitors. Based on the facts, we are not growing. If something positive doesn't happen soon we ALL are going to be in BIG trouble.

We are in this together - the AKC, Clubs, Breeders, Exhibitors, Handlers, Judges, and Superintendents. Ben Franklin said it best when the Declaration of Independence was signed, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." If we are going to "hang together" what do we have that might help the situation?

The AKC with 130 years of knowledge, history, experience, stud book, and infrastructure. The greatest pure-bred dog registry in the world.

The AKC Licensed Superintendents with 400 years of collective experience and knowledge of the sport and exhibitors.

4,725 Licensed Judges who have actively judged in the past year.

600 Member and 5000 Licensed clubs holding events with countless knowledgeable volunteer members working for free on behalf of pure-bred dogs.

More than 70,000 Exhibitors who show dogs annually.

Hundreds of Professional Handlers helping breeders and owners.

The tens of thousands of responsible breeders with the integrity to produce quality offspring and the true key to the future of the Sport.

A growing population of dogs in the U.S.

According to the American Pet Products Manufacturing Association the number of dogs in the U.S. has grown from 68 million in the year 2000 to 83.3 million in 2014.

What do we do? Face the facts. Recognition of the problem with facts is the first, easiest, and most obvious step. This problem didn't start overnight and the solution will take time as well. A solution is possible if we all can work together to generate the ideas that will get us there. That's a fact. Please stay tuned. In the meantime, feel free to leave your thoughts and comments - what one thing do you think could help increase entries?

## Wichita Kennel Club donates boots for dogs in Afghanistan

The Wichita Kennel Club received a big thank you from the United States Marine Corps for donating boots to dogs who sniff out IEDs.

"Dogs are part of the team. They're a soldier. They're actually part of the unit when they paratroop out. They do a lot," said Wichita Kennel Club Corresponding Secretary Mike Williams.

Last year, the club heard from a Marine close to a member about a need for boots to protect dogs' paws. So members decided to act.

"Those dogs that train were having their paws burned by the desert heat and there was a need for boots," Williams said. "So we checked around for suppliers here in town and we found one that supplied boots for dogs."

The dogs are trained to sniff out IEDs in Afghanistan to protect the American soldiers they are partnered with. The boots keep the dogs from burning their paws during training.

"The boots are primarily used for training purposes to protect the dogs' paws so they're in good shape when they go out and do their work," Williams said.

After hearing of the need, Williams said the club's board of directors met and decided this was a task they wanted to take on.

"We decided that would be a good project for us to do to help the soldiers over there. We consider the dogs part of the teams. Since we're a kennel club, that would be a good project for us to take on and purchase those boots and

ship them to Afghanistan."

He said the Marine close to the club helped coordinate the shipping of several pairs costing somewhere between \$500 and \$1,000. Then the deed was done until the unit decided to thank the club.

"We had heard back that they had received the boots and they had worked fine and everything was great. Then we didn't hear anything for a while and then we got this flag in the mail and this certificate from the United States Marine Corps thanking us for the boots," Williams said. "The flag was flown at the headquarters where this unit was at in Afghanistan and they of course lowered the flag, folded it up and sent it to us."



Williams said the club members were extremely appreciative of the thank you gift and it means a lot that the unit took the time to send it.

"It's kind of a big deal," Williams said. "I served in the military for 32 years and I'm a retired Lieutenant Colonel and I can tell you for a unit to take time to do that, show that kind of appreciation, have that certificate made, that's a big deal."

Williams said this isn't the last of the donations. He said the club plans on continuing to look out for other things needed overseas to possibly help in other ways too.



**This is what the dogs get to do while you drive home in the snow from the Denver Shows.**

**They had such a good time!**





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### Rumor Has It:

Debunking Pet-Related Urban Legends The Internet has made it easy for people to share large amounts of information, quickly and across multiple platforms. Unfortunately, the speed and reach of digital material allows for

unverified and incorrect advice to go viral (the recent ice-water scare on Facebook is a perfect example of this). Like anything you read online, especially on social media sites, it's important to ensure the information is correct.