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Westminster February 10th & 11th.



WINTER 2014 AKC-Sanctioned MATCHES! Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2

Mesa County Fair Grounds
2785 Highway 50 - Community Building

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 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504. Advance registrations must be received by January 31, 2014, and must include official entry form with payment. Please see GVKC website for official entry form. Advance registrations may also be completed via the website listed below by completing an official AKC entry form, with completed entry being e-mailed to one of the addresses listed below.
AKC rules of conduct will be followed.

If you have any questions please contact
Ashley Edstrom, aaedstrom@bresnan.net
Johnnie Farmer, 210-9005, thepetspagj@gmail.com
GVKC website: www.grandvalleykennelclub.org

See Ashley or Johnnie to volunteer

Braggs for January

Sharon Wobick—Crestvu's Country Diva (Josie) a Rough Coat Collie arrived 2 weeks ago. She has long been kenneled and is very shy, but beautiful.

Jordon Leigh & Linda Lee—Hosdsen BuzaBlu Leo A Wonder (Leo) took 1st place and 2 Q runs with a score of 100 in Novice Jumper and Weaves Standard. at Castel Rock January 4th & 5th.

Amy & Kelly Short—Their new puppy Pie (to arrive home this week) will be on an episode of Criminal Minds sometime in the future. They will let us know when.



Upcoming Workshops and Clinics

Courtesy of Geoff Tear at K-9 Powersports

Canine Musical Freestyle with Bev Blanchard

Wednesday & Thursday, April 23 & 24

K-9 Powersports

Working sport for your dog: \$225

Auditing sport (highly recommended for the curious, seasoned dog trainers, newby dog trainers, folks interested in becoming a dog trainer, interested but very shy dog owners...) \$24/day.

Light breakfast, lunch, beverages, snacks included.

What is "Canine Musical Freestyle"?

Do you have to be musical? NO!

Do you have to "dance" in front of the group? NO!

Is it about training new behaviors, tricks, and moves to stimulate your dog's mind and body? YES!

Does your dog need previous experience or training? NO!

Open to all!

You'll adore Bev. She is an outstanding instructor, a Canine Musical Freestyle judge and competitor, and one of the finest dog trainers I have ever met. If you want to become a better trainer, if you want to have fun training your dog to do more behaviors, this is the workshop for you.

Contact Geoff for questions or go to k9powersports.com for further information.

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

Present at meeting

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

Members present - Amy Short, Kelly Short, Gail Redin, Nancy Langner, Melissa Archer, Tammy Barslund, Sharon Wobick, Ruth Coats, Marion Lewis, Linda Lee

Readings

1st reading was accomplished on Nanette Loya. 2nd readings were accomplished Melissa Archer-Mancaster and Nancy Langner. Both were unanimously accepted into the club.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

October's General Minutes were read. Sharon motioned for approval, Tammy seconded, motion passed.

Treasure's Report

Ashley presented the treasure's report. There is approximately \$31,000. We received \$250 from the eye doctor for the eye clinic which puts us about \$6,000 in the black for the dog show. Motion to approve report made by Wendy, seconded by Gail, motion passed. Report available by request.

President's Report

Cindy read the president's report.

1. The Board decided we will be doing Santa pictures again this year. Still looking for a photographer. Tammy stated she knows a photographer and gave the information to Kim to contact.
2. Nomination committee for the 2014 officers and board members still looking for positions to fill. Wendy stated that the following people have volunteered for the following positions: President - Jordon, Vice-President - Ruth, Treasurer - Ashley, Secretary -

Joe, board members - Tammy, Joann, Chris, Mark, Linda.

3. Ashley received a letter from Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs Inc. about a \$1,000 donation. After much discussion the Board decided, because of our size, to send \$150. Ashley will pay.

Old Business

1. Ashley stated that she received verbal conformation on our B matches that are scheduled for February and June. Ashley
2. Santa Pictures - Jordon volunteer to take over the job of coordinating Santa pictures this year which is scheduled for December 14th. Kim will get him all the information.

New Business

1. The Christmas Party will be December 12 at Redlands Mesa Golf Club. Costs will be \$15 per person the club will pick up the rest. New Title holders receive a free meal, one meal per title two per family max. We will be doing a white elephant dog theme gift exchange. Keep cost between \$15 to \$20. Send photos of dogs to Jordon for display at the Party. Jordon will email all information.

Committee Reports

1. Nominating committee - Wendy stated that the following people have volunteered for the following positions: President - Jordon, Vice-President - Ruth, Treasurer - Ashley, Secretary - Joe, board members - Tammy, Joann, Chris, Mark, and Linda.

Other Announcements

There were several brags - See news letter.

Adjournment

1. There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 8.00 p.m. The next meeting will be December 12, 2013 at the Christmas Party.

**Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes**

Date - December 12, 2013

Time - 6:30pm

Location

Redland Mesa Club House
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Present at meeting

Cindy Clark (President)
Wendy Spurr (Vice President)
Ashley Edstrom (Treasurer)
Joe Giannone (Secretary)
Board Members - Noelle Blair, Johnnie Farmer, Jordon Leigh

Call to Order

Cindy called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

Approval of Minutes

November's General Minutes were read. Gail motioned for approval, Noelle seconded, motion passed.

Treasure's Report

No report

President's Report

Cindy read the president's report.

1. Santa pictures - Jordon volunteered to head up the Santa photo tasking.
2. The board is deciding to allow the German Sheppard Dog specialty during the same weekend as our dog show. Kim will contact them and request more information so that we can make a logical decision
3. Kim stated that the judging contacts are complete for the 2014 dog shows. Also, 2015 is 3/4 done and 2016 is 1/2 done.

Old Business

1. Ashley stated the we had \$7,200 profit from our dog shows. She gave the Chair and Co-Chair their gifts.
2. Santa Pictures - Jordon stated that he needed volunteers to help with the Santa pictures. Work time will be from 10 am to 2 pm.

New Business

1. Volunteer of the Year - Voting will take place tonight

during the Christmas Party. It will be announced at the next Board meeting.

2. Reading of new title holders - Ashley read the new title holding for 2013. Extremely long list, contact Ashley for more information.

3. Nomination for new Board members - Voting took place to 2014 Board members. The following is the newly elected Board members for 2014:

President - Jordon Leigh
Vice President - Ruth Coates
Treasurer - Ashley Edstrom
Secretary - Joseph Giannone
Board Members - Mark Edstrom, Linda Lee, and Chris Barnes
Non-voting member - Kim Giannone and Wendy Spurr as GVKC dog show Co-Chairs and Cindy Clark as past President.

4. Cindy stated that all members need to update their information on our membership list - contact Wendy.

Committee Reports

1. BOB match - Ashley stated that we finally received approval for our match. It will take place February 1-2 in the C building at the fair grounds. There will be food for sale and Jordon is making his famous chili.
2. Dog Show - Kim stated that we need a new Obedience Chair and Vender Chair. Ashley volunteered to be the Rally Chair and Chris volunteered to be the Trophy Chair.

Adjournment

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at 8.35 p.m. The next meeting will be January 17, 2014 at the Red Cross building.

(See a list of title winners on Page 7)

Canine Mythbusters

We've all heard common dog myths – dog mouths are cleaner than humans, or one human year is equal to seven dog years. Here are some of those myths – BUSTED!

Myth: Dogs' mouths are cleaner than ours

Fact: Sadly, humans have nothing to brag about with regard to dental hygiene. Our mouths are petri dishes for bacteria, and an extraordinarily high percentage of human bites become infected. Most of us practice some form of dental prophylaxis—regular brushing, flossing, antibacterial dentifrices and mouthwashes, and regular dental care with a professional. Unfortunately, most owners do not consistently brush their dog's teeth, provide tooth-friendly foods, or schedule regular dental checkups or cleanings with their veterinarian. As a result, many dogs' mouths house a variety of potentially harmful bacteria. Dogs bitten by other dogs are at risk of not only serious damage from the bite itself but also a potentially life-threatening secondary bacterial infection.

Compared with most people, a dog's mouth is not cleaner than a human's. In addition to less attention paid to oral hygiene, infrequency of regular brushing and dental cleaning, and a variety of unhygienic feeding and grooming practices, a dog's mouth harbors a large population of potentially dangerous organisms, including zoonotic organisms such as *Giardia*. So, any contact with dog mouths should be minimal. Any dog bite, whether to another dog or to a human being, holds the possibility of infection and should be examined by a trained health professional.

Myth: Dogs eat grass because they are deficient in a nutrient in their diet or to make themselves vomit.

Fact: Dogs on well-balanced rations and in remarkably good condition regularly eat grass, and many dogs can be observed to routinely eat grass and not vomit. Research has revealed most grass to be a relatively poor emetic, and other studies have documented several wild canid species who also commonly eat grass. So the idea that dogs eat grass because they are missing something in their diet does not stand up under scrutiny for a variety of reasons. Likewise, the notion that grass is used by dogs needing to vomit cannot be supported experimentally. Some dogs might just like the taste. Be careful, particularly in teething puppies—excessive ingestion of leaves, sticks, grass, and other plant material can lead to gastrointestinal obstruction.

Myth: One human year is like seven to a dog.

Fact: For all living species, life expectancy is the result of several factors. Nutrition, exercise, availability of medical care, and genetics all play a major role in how long a dog lives. Generally speaking, a dog's size will influence how long he lives. Giant breeds and larger dogs appear to age faster, and many of the smaller dogs are incredibly long-lived. Research your breed of interest. Your breeder, people who own that breed, and your veterinarian can give you some idea about your dog's life expectancy.



Happy New Year Everyone

Let's make 2013 our most productive year yet

This was in last January's newsletter,
I think we accomplished that goal!!

Let's try again for 2014

A Reminder to AKC Club Members —

Support the 2014 Club Presidents Challenge Thank you to the clubs and individuals who have contributed to the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSF) through their participation in the 2013 Club Presidents Challenge. Your donations go toward supporting positive legislation, fighting anti-dog/anti-breeder measures, securing formal representation for the interests of responsible dog owners and breeders in Congress and statehouses, educating legislators about responsible and fair policy for dog breeding, and underwriting AKC legislative conferences.

If your club has not yet accepted the challenge, please join the fight against repressive canine legislation by sending your donation today. For more information, contact doglaw@akc.org or call 919-816-3720.

Announcing the AKC Dog-Friendly Community Award

Rosette The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce a new program to honor dog-friendly communities. The AKC Dog-Friendly Community Award recognizes communities—or community officials—for specific actions that promote responsible dog ownership within the community. Examples include establishing a responsible dog ownership committee in conjunction with a local AKC dog club or federation, programs that protect responsible dog ownership and/or breeding, and initiatives that promote the wellbeing of dogs.

Communities may be nominated by an AKC club or AKC-affiliated federation. Nominations will be reviewed by AKC Government Relations, and selected recipients will receive a handsome award that can be presented by the club or federation at a local dog show or public event. The AKC will provide media outreach for the winner.

Establishing positive communication with community leaders is essential when working to craft good laws that protect dogs and dog owners. And owners who provide informed, reliable information on responsible dog care and breeding are better positioned to offer input and advice should controversial measures be discussed in their communities. The AKC Dog-Friendly Community Award offers AKC clubs and federations another way to maintain positive dialogue and reward community actions that benefit dogs and dog owners.

For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact AKC Government Relations at 919-816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.

Tools and Tactics for Promoting Clubs Video for

Has your club ventured into video production? It can be a great way to drum up interest in your activities and events. The videos don't have to be long or involved... even short clips taken on your smart phone will work!

Add quick snippets of your club's activities to your website or YouTube page. Work with a local producer or college student to put together a video preview of your upcoming show or trial to email to media. You could even share the cute things your members' dogs do on Instagram or Vine.

AKC recently visited Miniature Wirehaired Dachshund breeders Travis Wright and Johnny Hagerman to film

them talking about their experiences as breeders and their love of dogs. They shared with us why education and mentors are so important, their advice for people interested in getting started with their first litter, and their thoughts on why we need good breeders breeding dogs. We hope you'll share it with your dog family and friends.

And, of course, there are plenty of adorable shots of the five cute pups in their litter: Peggy, Norma Rae, Miss Priss, Olivia, and Luther.



Name	Dog's official name	Dog's call name	Title earned
Armendarez, Christy	Sena Vom Gieske RN NA BN	Zena	RallyNovice, Novice Agilty, BeginnerNovice
Armendarez, Christy	Roxannes Royalty Eli Guenavire CDX RAE AXP AJP MXP OFP HT	Elie	MXP (Master Agility Excellent)
Barnes, Chris	ASCA CH CopperRidge's Ima Gonna Get Ya	Shania	ASCA (Aust. Shep. Club of america)
Barnes, Chris	ASCA CH. Stormy Lee's O Waylon	Waylon	
Barnes, Chris	ASCA CH. Rocky Mountain Lonesome Dove of Mill Iron R	Dove	
Barslund, Tammy	Titus RN	Titus	Rally Novice
Blair, Noelle	GCH Redfox's Shut Up & Kiss Me	Smooch	GCH AKC, and inter. Champion
Campbell, Lorianne	Lily Bug RN	Lily Bug	Rally Novice
Coates, Ruth	Signature Kassie the Princess CGC	Kassie	Therapy Dog, CGC
Coates, Ruth	Signature Silver Starlight	Star	international champion
Edstrom, Ashley & Mark	Jester RN CGC	Jester	Rally Novice
Farmer, Johnnie	Michael William RN BN	Michael	Rally Novice, Beg. Novice
Giannone, Joe & Kim	GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil CD MDD ANDD BNDD	Narsil	CD, Master Draft Dog, Brace Novice Draft Dog, BMD Club of America Versatility Dog
Giannone, Joe & Kim	CH Barberry Jigger of Jameson v. Winridge	JJ	Champion
Langner, Nancy	Sweet Nancy Jayne RA CD?	Jayney	Rally Advanced, Novice Obedience
Leigh & Lee	Ratitatt Buzablu Daisy Jamboree RN CGC	Daisy	NBOB (UKC)
Leigh & Lee	CH. Sands' Black Diamond Wilson BN RN CGC	Wilson	Ch, Beginner Novice
Leigh & Lee	GRCH. Hogssden Leo A Wonder BN RN CGC	Leo	BN, RN, GRCH, AGIB
Lewis, Marion	Pinafore Charming Sabrina TD RE CDX	Sabrina	Companion Dog Excellent
McFarland, Sandy	Mccallan	Mccallan	Junior Hunter, working certificate
McFarland, Sandy	Scooter	Scooter	working certificate
Schenck, Edna	Hidden Springs Blue Goose	Goose	GRCH, Master Hunter
Schenck, Edna	Luna Blue	Luna	Master Hunter
Schenck, Edna	Sunny	Sunny	Senior Hunter
Short, Amy & Kelly	Ravenswoods Song of Albion	Brigita	international champion
Short, Amy & Kelly	CH. VIP's I Know You Know at Albion	Mira	AKC Champion & international champion
Spurr, Wendy	CH Sonora Guilarmo Sonata Guillermo	Gui	Champion
Weatherly, Joanne	CH. Grousemoor's Mountain Climb	Denali	Champion
Weatherly, Joanne	CH. Aristocracy's Spiritual Journey of ChichicJourney		Champion
Wobick, Sharon	Rimrock's Wakala Lovesong RN	Kali	Rally Novice

**ATTEND A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON
"EVALUATING CANINE STRUCTURE,
MOVEMENT AND SOUNDNESS"**

By Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, DACVP, DACVSMR

Saturday, February 22nd, 2014 from 9 am—5 pm

At the Museum of Western Colorado

Whitman Building East Wing, 462 Ute Avenue

Grand Junction, Colorado

Cost: \$45 (*discounts for parties of three or more*)

Interested in participating with your own dog? Cost: \$100

Come learn how to evaluate a dog's physical structure and movement. Learn to observe and truly see a dog's form and function as well as look for signs of lameness. The skill of evaluating a dog's structure and movement is not just important for veterinary staff and dog professionals—it is relevant for every dog owner who wants the very best for his or her own companion!

For More Information or to register:

Call/text (845)-332-3365 or Email: DogParkApp@gmail.com

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Who Is Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, DACVP, DACVSMR?

Chris Zink is a consultant on canine sports medicine who designs individualized rehabilitation and conditioning programs for canine athletes. She is the award-winning author of the books *Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete*, *Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies* and *The Agility Advantage* and co-author of the book *Jumping From A to Z: Teach Your Dog to Soar* and the DVD *Building the Canine Athlete*. She co-edited the first ever book on **Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation**, which has just been published (Wiley-Blackwell). She has put over 75 titles in Agility, Obedience, Conformation, Tracking, Hunt Tests, and Rally on dogs from the Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier and Herding groups. Dr. Zink was instrumental in establishing the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation as the newest specialty in veterinary medicine. She presents seminars worldwide.

Honors and Awards:

Woman Veterinarian of the Year - 2009

Dog Writers Association of America - Best Publication of the Year – 2008 (for *The Agility Advantage*)

I first met Chris in 1994 and I consider her to be one of the top 15 dog people (icons) in the world, living or dead. Chris is like a human X-ray machine, a human MRI. Her eyes can see more about a dog—its form, function, physical advantages and disadvantages—than anyone else I know.

In this workshop we will have actual dogs there to handle, examine and observe. This is such an opportunity. We have a limited number of 'working' slots—meaning you can sign up to bring your own (friendly and quiet) dog for the day and have him or her evaluated, or you can sign up as an observer and still put your hands on dogs, they will just be other people's dogs!

OUTLINE FOR THE DAY:

The Importance of Structure to Performance

- Introduction to the musculoskeletal system
- Conformation myths
- Understanding your dog's physical advantages and disadvantages for performance
- How to evaluate your own (or any) dog's structure
- Body size and shape (gigantism vs. dwarfism)
- How to evaluate front and rear angulation
- Dewclaws and tails—their use in performance
- How you can use your dog's structure to maximize performance

Locomotion

- Gaits: Walk, Trot Canter—what they look like and how they are used in performance
- How dog gaits differ from horse gaits

Keeping Your Dog in Peak Condition

- The five components of a fitness program for canine athletes
- Appropriate ages to begin strength and conditioning exercises
- Strength exercises that target specific areas of the body
- How to modify intensity, frequency, duration of training during the week and season
- Conditioning for specific muscle groups

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The Santa Photos at Chow Down were a great success. This is an adorable photo of Chris Barnes's 9 puppies with Santa

CHRIS ZINK WORKSHOP

Your Name:

If Participating With a Dog--Name of Dog You Are Working at Seminar:

Breed/mix:

Age:

Spayed/Neutered? If so, at what age?

Where did you get your dog?

At what age?

Is this dog a breeding prospect?

THIS NEXT SECTION TO BE ANSWERED BY AUDITORS AS WELL AS WORKING PARTICIPANTS:

Athletic activities this dog is engaged in currently or you hope to engage in with this dog:

What athletic activities do you and your dogs engage in and for how many years?

If you compete with this dog in a sport, what titles/levels have you achieved?

What do you believe are your dog's physical strengths:

What do you believe are your dog's physical weaknesses:

Your dog's activity level—would you say it's normal for his/her breed type?

Please describe what you believe to be your dog's current level of fitness:

Poor/needs improvement [] Adequate [] Excellent []

Your dog's known physical issues and length of time it has been an issue:

What would you like to improve upon?

What are your goals for yourself and your dog?

Are there any specific questions or concerns you would like Chris Zink to address?

What would you most like to get out of this day?

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DO MORE WITH YOUR DOG IN 2014 — NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR DOG OWNERS

Has your dog forgotten his manners or gained some holiday weight? If your New Year's resolution includes making healthier choices, chances are your dog could benefit from the lifestyle change as well. Here are a few tips on how to start the year off right by resolving to do more with your dog in 2014.

Young and old dogs can learn new tricks. Start your puppy off on the right foot with a training class. Training classes teach basic manners and socialization needed to help both dog and owner to be a responsible member of society, not to mention that training is a great way for dogs to bond with their owners.

Train for competitive events. Agility, Obedience and Rally competitions are a fun and rewarding experience for all dogs. You'll meet new people with a similar love for dogs and watch your pup grow into a well-behaved, even tempered, physically fit companion.

Get Fit with Fido. Obesity is a major problem not only for humans, but for canines too. Daily walks are a great way for both dogs and owners to drop those extra holiday pounds.

Dogs love helping others. Dogs are invaluable in providing service to humans - visiting the sick, helping the disabled, locating missing persons, and much more. There are many ways dog owners can put their special skills to use in service to their community. Contact the volunteer director at your local hospital to find out how you can volunteer or visit a home-bound neighbor.