

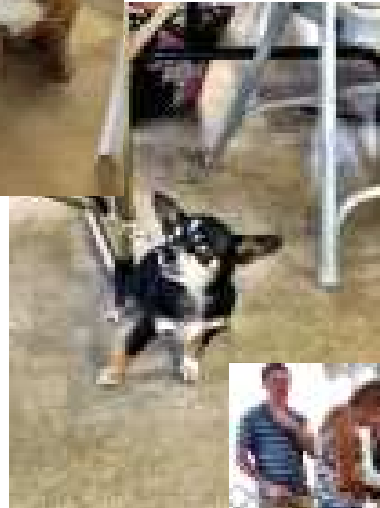
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Photos from the July B Match



GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2013

BARK 'N BUGGLE

BEGINNING TRACKING SEMINAR:

“What you and your dog need to get started in AKC Tracking”

AUGUST 24, 2013 9:00AM (sharp) TO 5:00PM (approx.)

LIONS PARK within MESA CO. FAIRGROUNDS, GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. on U.S. 50

ALL BREEDS OF DOGS ARE WELCOME

9AM to 12 noon: SEMINAR & DISCUSSION

TOPICS COVERED:

- Scenting ability of our dogs
- What is AKC Tracking and how is it different from other tracking venues
- AKC tracking titles
- Equipment needed
- Common problems
- Training resources
- How to train your dog

12 noon to 12:30: we will have a “Bring-Your-Own-Sack Lunch”/ water & soft drinks provided.

12:30 to 5:00-ish: We will start dogs on beginner tracks. By end of day most dogs will be tracking.

COST: WORKING TEAMS: \$90.00

Limited to 8 teams. Bring soft treats cut up small, 6 ft. lead, soft collar, & leather glove.

AUDITORS: \$50.00

INSTRUCTOR: JEAN HILBIG & LYNN KAEMMERER (see attached resumes)

SUNDAY , AUGUST 25, 2013 (optional depending on interest)

FOR DOGS ALREADY STARTED ON TRACKS &/OR ADVANCED TRACKING DOGS (TDX or VST)

WE CAN DO: SHORT TRACKS FOR PROBLEM SOLVING & CERTIFICATIONS FOR TRACKING DOG TESTS.

HOWEVER, WE NEED 5 ACRES PER DOG BEING CERTIFIED!

COST & LOCATION IS YET TO BE DETERMINED!!

REGISTRATION FOR BEGINNER TRACKING SEMINAR,**SAT. AUGUST 24, 2013**

REGISTER BEFORE July 24, 2013 or asap

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

PHONE: CELL:

HOME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

WORKING TEAM: YES? \$90.00

DOG'S CALL NAME:

BREED:

AUDITOR: YES? \$50.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: John S. Williams

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK TO: John S. Williams

(checks will be held until Aug. 16th)

196 Rincon Dr.

Grand Junction , Colo. 81503

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY ADVANCED TRACKING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013:

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR LEVEL OF TRACKING SKILLS & WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH:

SHORT TRACKS & PROBLEM SOLVING: \$45.00 / FOR 45 MIN. PRIVATE: YES?

CERTIFICATION FOR TRACKING DOG TEST: \$50.00 / YES? (LOCATION YET TO BE DETERMINED)

Grand Valley Kennel Club**General Meeting Minutes****Date - June 18, 2013****Time - 6:30pm****Location**

American Red Cross conference room
506 Gunnison Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Present at meeting

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

Members present - Ruth Coates, Chris Barnes, Marilyn Forte, Marion Lewis, Penny Hopkins,

Guests - Tammy Barslund, Lisa Knight

Call to Order

Cindy called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Approval of Minutes

May's General Minutes were read. Chris motioned for approval as amended, Wendy seconded, motion passed.

Treasure's Report

Ashley presented the treasure's report. There is a net of approximately \$27,500, with some money is coming in from new membership dues and trophy donations. Monies went out to pay taxes, Oklahoma Relieve Fund, and puppy books. Motion to approve report made by Wendy, seconded by Kim, motion passed. Report available by request.

New membership applications

The First reading was read for Lisa Knight and Tammy Barslund. Contact Wendy if you want more information.

President's Report

Wendy read the president's report.

1. The club will be using pay pal for reserving grooming spaces at this year's show. If all goes well may use pay pal for more activities next year.
2. Noelle and Wendy did an interview for the Beacon. It will be out in the August issue.
3. Cindy explained the Special Board Meeting that addressed the incident which occurred during the May General Meeting concerning Edna Schneck. Minutes available upon request.

Correspondence

1. Marion stated that there is going to be a Herding Clinic at her place in June 29 &30 and July 27 & 28. Val Manning will be performing the clinic. Working slots \$150 both days (\$100 one day only) Audit \$10 /day, Evaluations only - \$30/dog. For more information contact Marion Lewis.

Old Business

1. Kim stated the club will be volunteering at the Mesa County Fair this year in exchange for the big tent for our dog show. We need people for the ticket gate at the grand stands Thursday and Saturday, 5:00 - 7:30 pm. We also need people to drive golf carts Wednesday thru Saturday 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Kim

2. Ashley stated she has the *How To Raise A Puppy You Can Live With* books. Please pick up and pay for your reserved copies. Ashley

New Business

1. Tammy stated that she knows of eight English Setters that have been rescued and need a home. Contact her for information.
2. Ashley brought forward that the Western Colorado Sheltie Rescue has 26 Dog that need homes.
3. Penny stated that the *Out and About* has the wrong meeting place for the Grand Valley Kennel Club. Cindy will contact the Daily Sentinel to fix.
4. Wendy brought forward the idea of an advertisement for the dog show in the Nickel. She will get the information for the club.

Committee Reports

1. B/OB Match. It was decided to use Marge for our food vender. Ashley is still working on filling the judging requirements - needs judges and Stuarts for obedience for Saturday and Sunday and rally for Saturday. Ashley, Noelle, and Johnnie.
2. Dog Show
 - a. Kim stated that she still needs judges for non-regular puppy & bred-by groups (terriers and toys).
 - b. The premium list is at Onofrio for approval.
 - c. Dr. Aimee Johnson will be holding a health fair for the show. She will perform procedures at her Office on Friday and will be helping Dr. Roberts with CERFs on Saturday at the show grounds.
 - d. Wendy stated that trophies were done.

Other Announcements

Jordon had Brags - See news letter.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

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

**July Brags**

Kelly Davidson— Aspenleaf's Rocky Mountain Rain (Roxy) took Best of Winners at the Plum Creek show back in February.

Aspenleaf's Olympic Dreams (Maya) took RWB two days back in February at the Plum Creek Show.

In Durango,

Aspenleaf's Thunderstorms & Lightning (Stormy) takes RWD at a 4 points show 2 days. He also received his 1st major wining WD on June 16th. Also three additional points on June 21, 22, 23. Winning BOW all three days. Then he finished his Champion Title with 3- 3 point majors and 15 points at the San Antonio TX. He finished in 5 weeks from start to finish. Stormy is owned by Kelly Davidson & Mitchell Davidson

PaRay Nature's Poetry (Sonnet) takes RWB 1 day in San Antonio. She also won BOB on Saturday at the Roaring Fork Dog Show in Eagle Colorado. ON Sunday she took RWB.

Mitchell Davidson won Best Junior Handler at the San Antonio TX dog show.

Lorianne Campbell—Lilly Bug got 2 legs toward her Rally Novice Title, 4th place first day, 2nd on second day, at the Roaring Fork Dog Show.

The Mentor

By Love Banghart

Webster's defines mentor as "a trusted counselor or guide, a coach or tutor."

Having a mentor is very much like having a good friend in a foreign country: They speak the language of the country. They know where to find the good things to buy. They know which items and what areas of the country to avoid and can educate you about the problems of the area. All of this knowledge is based upon firsthand experience. This friend's experience and knowledge will save you unlimited time, money, and heartache. And it's free to you—all you have to do is ask.

All too often, we are unaware of the great value that such an individual can offer as we become involved with a new breed. As you grow and become more knowledgeable and experienced, you will add additional mentors to your list of trusted resources, and you may disassociate early mentors if you find they...



Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without alcohol,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
 Then You Are Probably

The Family Dog!

Continued July Brags

Noelle & Aubrie Blair—CH Redfox's Shut Up & Kiss Me (Smooch) took BOB on Sunday at the Roaring Fork Show.

Redfox's Double Your Pleasure (Bliss) has 4 puppies and is now receiving company.



Bonnie



Carter



Charlie



Chesney

Johnnie Farmer—Michael William (Michael) got 2 legs toward his Rally Novice Title, 4th place both days at Roaring Fork Show.

Sharon Wobick—Rimrock's Wakala Love Song (Kali) finished her Rally Novice Title and won BOS and 3 pts in South Fork Utah Show. There are puppies coming also.

Amy & Kelly Short—VIP's I Know You Know at Albion (Mira) won WB in her 1st show and BOS for a major in her 2nd show at Flatirons and took BOB and a Group 4 from the puppy class at her 3rd show in Eagle at the Roaring Fork Show.



Mark & Ashley Edstrom—Jester earned the 1st two legs of Rally Novice Title in his first ever show at the Roaring Fork Show.



Shyron Brown—Jackson (Jackie-B) took Winner's Dog and Reserve Winner in his 3rd show at the Roaring Fork Show.

On the Rise: The Pursuit of Pet Care Services

One of the most rapidly growing trends amongst dog and cat owners today is the utilization of pet care services. Whether for boarding, daycare, grooming, or walking, many modern-day pet owners need constant and dependable access to these amenities. With the rise in two-income families and working singles acquiring four-legged roommates, people increasingly desire the companionship and health benefits offered by pets, yet are constrained by the demands of their busy schedules.

As we progress into the summer months, many will also be looking to these services as they go away on vacation. In either case it is important to know the hallmarks of quality boarding and grooming facilities, and traits to look for among experienced employees.

One of the primary factors to consider when exploring pet service facilities is the level of cleanliness and practice of good hygiene. Accidents, shedding of fur, and tracking of dirt are to be expected, but the pace at which these messes are kept up with is the bigger question. Waste should not be permitted to rise to a level that requires a forklift for removal. Ideally, when an employee notices an accident take place or has completed a grooming session, he or she should clean it up within the same moment. The best way to gauge this, in addition to the use of clean supplies and tools, is by taking a tour of the facility, which the owner or manager should openly invite people to do. One should bear in mind, however, that such environments can be fast-paced and yield unexpected situations. The safety of a pet or a customer on the phone can always take precedence to cleaning up.

Another component to be mindful of is comfort level. When observing kennels, play areas, or grooming stations, one should place himself in his pet's paws: are cages large enough for the dog or cat to stretch out and turn around in? Are blankets provided? Is there a system to oversee the interaction of different pet personalities in the same space? Are the employees soft or hard-handed? At the end of the day, these are not five star hotels or spas, but do realize the pet is staying in an unfamiliar place with people and other animals he does not know for an extended period of time. His stay should be made as comfortable and reminiscent of home as possible so one can avoid behavioral or physical issues upon return. This is all within reason, but the option to provide the pet's normal diet, blankets/toys (if none are provided), and monitoring of roughhousing are all reasonable expectations of any boarding facility. (It should also be noted that

the same conveniences will likely not be afforded for a half day in daycare or grooming).

Perhaps the most essential component to bear in mind, however, remains the level of care and dependability of employees. Apart from taking a tour or a family or friend's recommendation, it will be difficult to determine this until leaving a pet for the first time. An individual dog walker or an at-home pet caretaker grants the opportunity to feel the person out, but a large walking service or daycare facility will have several staff members, most of whom cannot be interacted with individually. There are still ways, however, to get an understanding of how a pet's day went. The first and most obvious sign will be his demeanor at pick up: is he tired, yet happy? That's normal. Does he look the way he does when he is feeling sad or sick? This is not normal. Asking if any issues arose or for a general overview of how things went during the pet's stay are customary and should be welcomed by the caretaker. It is better that they are honest about any issues than try to hide them and have them revealed later. Problems will arise, but how they are being handled is the central question. Furthermore, taking note of the ratio of employees to pets will help assess the amount of attention a dog or cat receives. Experience of staffers and activity level of pets will vary, but a good rule of thumb (and a required minimum in some states), is one person to every fifteen dogs.

The trend in utilizing pet care services is more noticeably on the rise in cities and urbanized areas, where individuals have increasingly limited time and space. New York City alone is home to an estimated 1.1 million dog and cats, according to the New York City Economic Development Corporation. Hundreds of businesses cater to the needs of owners in the Greater NYC area, who increasingly see their pets as "furry children," or members of their family. It is only natural that people might feel apprehension about leaving them under the watch of those whom they do not know, so the American Kennel Club and The International Cat Association invite anyone who is in or will be traveling to New York City September 28th and 29th an invitation to meet some of these caretakers first hand at the Javits Convention Center for the fifth annual *AKC Meet the Breeds!* Tickets are now on sale for what is officially the largest showcase of dogs and cats worldwide. With over two hundred breed booths and nearly one hundred pet product and service vendor booths, there is something for every pet lover and owner.

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Keep Safe in the Sun

When the sun comes out, we all want to make the most of it and our pets are always eager to join in the fun. Yet just like us, dogs can suffer in the heat. When going for a long walk in the sunshine, it is important to remember that no matter how much they may run around, dogs are not inexhaustible. Be sure to stop regularly to let your dog have a drink, and walking near streams that they can paddle in will make sure that they can keep cool. The best time to walk your dog is in the early morning or late evening before the weather gets too hot. If your dog slows down and seems to want a rest, then let them lie in a shaded area for a while and cool them by pouring water on their neck, the pads of their feet, and their belly before continuing.

Summer is the perfect time to get the BBQ going, but this can hold all sorts of dangers for our pets. Dogs just love the smell of cooking meat but make sure that they can never snatch anything as sizzling sausages can burn their

stomach when swallowed. Also dangerous are kebab skewers and cooked bones, which can splinter when chewed. Keep everything out of reach of your pet and make sure rubbish goes straight into the bin.

While everyone is having fun, it is easy to forget that your dog could be overheating in the sun. Signs of heat stroke include (but are not limited to): excessive panting, dark or bright red tongue and gums, sticky or dry tongue and gums, staggering, seizures, bloody diarrhea or vomiting, and rapid heartbeat.

Ensuring that they always have somewhere cool to sit and cool water (not ice water) to drink greatly reduces the risk of heat related illnesses such as sunstroke. You can help your pet by placing cool wet cloths on his paws and around his head. Also, offering ice cubes for your pet to lick is also a great cool-down treat!



**More
B Match
Photos**

