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**Below is the 2014 Trophy Sponsorship Form.
Be the first to fill one out and send to Chris**



**2014 TROPHY PLEDGE FORM
4 SHOWS
SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27 and 28**

Trophy Sponsors will be printed in the Premium List & Catalog

CONFORMATION CLASSES

Our first priority is to gather sponsors for **WINNER'S DOG & WINNER'S BITCH** in as many breeds as possible. Many participants at the class level are owner handlers and we want to reward their efforts. We are also hoping that this focus will encourage larger classes and build majors

Winner's Dog & Winner's Bitch - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows
 Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____
 Best of Winners - \$20 per show up to \$80 for all 4 shows
 Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____
 Other class - \$20 per show up to \$80 for all 4 shows
 Breed - _____ Number of Shows _____

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEST IN SHOW PUPPY (Saturday) & BEST IN SHOW BRED-BY (Sunday) - \$50 each (circle one or both!)
 NON-REGULAR Groups (Puppy &/or BBEx) - \$40 per Group (covers all 4 placings)
 Group - _____

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

HIGH IN TRIAL - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows
 HIGH COMBINED - \$30 per show up to \$120 for all 4 shows
 OBEDIENCE CLASSES - \$20 per class up to \$480 for all 4 shows
 Novice A, B / Open A, B / Utility A, B (circle class) Number of Shows _____
 RALLY CLASSES - \$20 per class up to \$480 for all 4 shows
 Novice A, B / Advanced A, B / Excellent A, B (circle class) Number of Shows _____

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

BEST JUNIOR - \$40 per show up to \$160 for all 4 shows
 JR HANDLER CLASSES - \$20 per class, up to \$560 for all 4 shows
 Novice Jr, Int, Sr / Open Jr, Int, Sr / Master Number of Shows _____

YOUR NAME - _____ PHONE - _____

ADDRESS - _____

KENNEL NAME / IN MEMORY OF - _____

TOTAL # OF TROPHYS PLEDGED - _____ TOTAL AMOUNT OF PLEDGES - _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYALBE TO GVKC & MAIL TO
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Braggs for February & March

Jordon Leigh & Linda Lee—Hossden BuzaBlu Leo A Wonder, RN, ABN, CGC, NAJ (Leo) received his NAJ and BOB in February's Denver Show.

CH Sand's Black Diamond Wilson, RN, RA, CGC (Wilson) Received his RA title at the Denver Show.

CH Ratitatt Buzable Daisy Jamboree, RA CGC (Daisy) received her Championship and her RA title at the Denver Show. Daisy finished #5 in the UKC and will be in the top 10 competition at Premier in Kalamazoo, MI in June.

Jan Hamner—DC AFC Rubyridges Meg Will Do, UDX, OM, MH, MX, MSJ, 1/3 way to Mach, 4Obedience, HIT, RE. Meg was published in the Westminster Dog News as the most titled Britney in the US.

Ruth Coates—Signature Silver Starlight (Star) took 1st place with a score of 196 in Beginners Obedience at Galkenhoff Canines in February.

Kim & Joe Giannone—GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) took Best Veteran and AOM March 3rd at Grand Canyon BMD Regional.

Noelle Blair—GCH Redfox's Shut Up & Kiss Me (Smooch) is the #1 Corgi Bitch in Colorado She took Select Birch 4 days at the Denver Show. Noelle took Best Owner Handler Also.

Sandy McFarland—Timberree's Silk Teddy UD, OA, OAJ (Teddy) got his new Utility Dog title with 3 1st placements at the Denver Show.

Christy Armendarez—Roxanne's Royalty Elie Guenavire, CDX RAE, OFP, MSP, HT, EXJP (Elie) received her Intern Standard Title in March at the Utah DOCNA Agility Trial.



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 - January 20, 2013
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
Non-voting Board Member - Wendy Spurr

Call to Order

Jordon called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Approval of Minutes

December's General Minutes were read. Wendy stated that the date for the next meeting was wrong. Wendy motioned for approval with amendment to the date, Tammy seconded, motion passed with amendment.

Treasure's Report

Ashley presented the report. There is approximately \$31,000 net. We made \$7,200 profit from the dog show. Motion for approval of minutes made by Joe, seconded by Mark, motion passed. Report available by request.

Readings

The Second reading was read for Nanette Loya. She was unanimously voted as a new member.

President's Report

Jordon read the president's report.

1. Noelle and Johnnie will do CGC test at B match.
2. Board approved a new committee to instruct members on how to file a complaint at a dog show including bench hearings.
3. The Board approved to increase our donation to the Red Cross to \$250.00.
4. Wendy agreed to continue to be the clubs newsletter contact.
5. Linda agreed to be the clubs new Mentor Coordinator.
6. The Board agreed to give outgoing board members a gift of \$100.00.
7. There will be no training classes in the month of February.

Old Business

1. Noelle has cones for rally and will be adding clips to the signs with Velcro.

2. The club is looking for an enclosed trailer to stow and haul dog show items. Joe motioned the club spend up to \$3,000 for the purchased of a trailer. Johnnie seconded, motion passed.

New Business

1. Ashley stated that the committee to review the club books needs one more person from the membership. Sharon Wobick volunteered.
2. Jordon stated that the Board decided there would be no club meetings in February.
3. Training will start back up in March. Jordon stated it would be great to see member use their punch cards.
4. Noelle is working on a Therapy Dog Certification.

Committee Reports

1. BOB match - Ashley stated it will take place February 1-2 in the C building at the fair grounds. There will be food for sale. She also stated who was assigned to each task for the match.
2. Dog Show - Joe stated that construction at the Fair Grounds is taking place during our dog shows in September. This will impact some aspects of our show and we will know more as we get closer to the shows.
3. Training - Tammy Barslund has volunteered to be the new training coordinator. She will attend the March Board meeting to present her ideas. Linda will still assist in training.
4. Bench committee - Cindy volunteered to be the chair for the committee, Johnnie will be co-chair and Noelle volunteered to help.

Adjournment

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

at 7.35 p.m. The next meeting will be March 17, 2014 at the Red Cross building.

10 SIGNS YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH YOUR DOG



10. You maxed out your credit card on sweaters, tutus, booties, tiaras, leg warmers, and an eco-friendly rain jacket for your dog—and your kids show up to school in hand-me-downs.

9. You go away for the summer, and the owner of the local pet boutique becomes a vagabond.

8. Purchasing any new dog product involves a lengthy research project including Facebook polling, reading of online reviews, consulting staff members at six different pet stores, and purchasing the same product by three different brands with the intention to return two (which you never do).

7. Your veterinarian's kids sent you a thank-you letter for their college tuition.



6. You think this is totally normal.

5. And this.



4. You have major inner turmoil over whether you've worn your Dachshund sweater more often than your Dalmatian sweater this month because you'd hate to play favorites and hurt one dog's feelings.

3. When you see a road divider with poles, you have to resist the urge to jump out on the highway and practice weaving.

2. You need three months to plan for your dogs' birthday parties to get the necessary town permits, bakery orders, and custom invitations.

1. After reading this article you're wondering if the writers from WOOFipedia are following you.



“Neither of my dogs killed a shelter dog” – Our favorite Facebook status update in awhile

A Facebook Status update by Michelle Gonsalves – Reprinted by permission.

A big thanks to dog lover (and Facebook friend) Michelle Gonsalves, for this well worded commentary on “purebred dogs creating shelter dogs”. We couldn’t have said it better ourselves. Over the years there’s been a growing number of uninformed voices rallying against the wonderful LOVING world of dog shows and ANY form of dog breeding. We thank Michelle, and any other people brave enough to speak up on the subject!

“Neither of my dogs killed a shelter dog”

I am NOT ashamed to be the owner of two responsibly bred dogs. Neither of my dogs killed a shelter dog. Neither of my dogs took a shelter dog’s home. Neither of them added to pet overpopulation. If I didn’t have them, I just would not have a dog.

Do you know what kills shelter dogs? Irresponsible owners kill shelter dogs. They kill them when they don’t do their research and add the wrong dog to the wrong household, then ditch it to die at a shelter when they can’t or don’t care to properly care for it.

Let’s not forget that in many breeds, it was responsible breeders who started their breed’s national rescue club. Not to save their own dogs (which don’t need saving), but to save the dogs that they never bred. To save the ones that don’t have safety nets. Responsible breeders did that. They did that in IGs.

I was interviewed more intensely to buy my two responsibly bred dogs than I ever interviewed a rescue candidate. I had supervised visitation... Multiple times. I don’t even own them outright, they are on co-ownership, so that if anything ever happens to me they will go back to their breeder (yes, even the neutered one).

How do I know this will come to pass? I’ve seen her do it with another of her dogs when the owner died unexpectedly. And I saw her do it with my own dog when I nearly died myself. No questions asked, she opened her home to him for as long as I needed her to... Potentially forever, if it came to that. Because that’s what responsible breeders do. And trust me, I researched until I found a responsible breeder.

Added to that, I am PROUD of the responsible breeders in this country who work SO hard to preserve our wonderful breed. Without them, the IG would be an unsound, neurotic, unhealthy creature. Not the elegant, sweet, healthy blessing that I love so much. Without responsible

breeders, we’d never have gotten the amazing genetic health tests for enamel hypoplasia, the vonWildebrand’s test, the cda test or the pra test that are on their way. Without breeders, the domestic dog would CEASE TO BE! I do not ever want to live in a world without dogs. What a terrible place that would be, yet so many professed animal lovers are campaigning through shaming to create just such a world. Because that’s what it means when you say things like “adopt don’t shop,” “don’t breed while shelter dogs die,” and “people who buy dogs from breeders should be ashamed of themselves.”

What do you think will happen if we sterilize all dogs? What do you think will happen if all breeders stop breeding? You’d very quickly lose the rare breeds and the giant breeds FOREVER. Wait a bit more and you’d lose important genetic diversity, causing untold suffering for dogs that have to come from increasingly small gene pools. And then, the dog- man’s best friend- would become extinct. Gone the way of the Dodo. Gone forever. So shame on YOU! Shame on you for hating dogs!

I am not ashamed of my dogs. I am not ashamed of their breeder, who is an amazing person who has given so much of herself for this and other breeds. I am not ashamed of my extended family all around the world in the sport of dogs. And I am not ashamed of myself for daring to want a responsibly bred dog that fits my lifestyle.

Blaming me for the death of shelter dogs is like blaming a parent for the death of orphans in Uganda because she chose to have a baby through pregnancy, rather than adopt one. I have never surrendered an animal in my life. I have never caused the death of a dog in all my life. So why don’t you focus your ire on the people who did– the people who dumped those dogs at the shelter. They are the ones who left those dogs to die. Not me. Stop bashing your allies. Stop the shaming. We ALL need to work together for the good of dogs. Because there are scary people out there who want your dog gone. Who want your cat gone. Who want the horse out of your paddock, the guide dog out of his harness, the chicken out of the coop and the cow out of the dairy. Keep shilling their slick propaganda and shaming your fellow animal lovers and you help Animal Rights militants erase your dog from your very own home.

If anyone has a problem with that, feel free to unfriend me.

Do & Don't for Effective Training

You can teach your dog to do many different things, but there are a few general guidelines that will help make sure your training goes well. The American Kennel Club's (AKC®) Canine Good Citizen® Director Mary Burch offers the top tips for effectively training your four-legged friend.

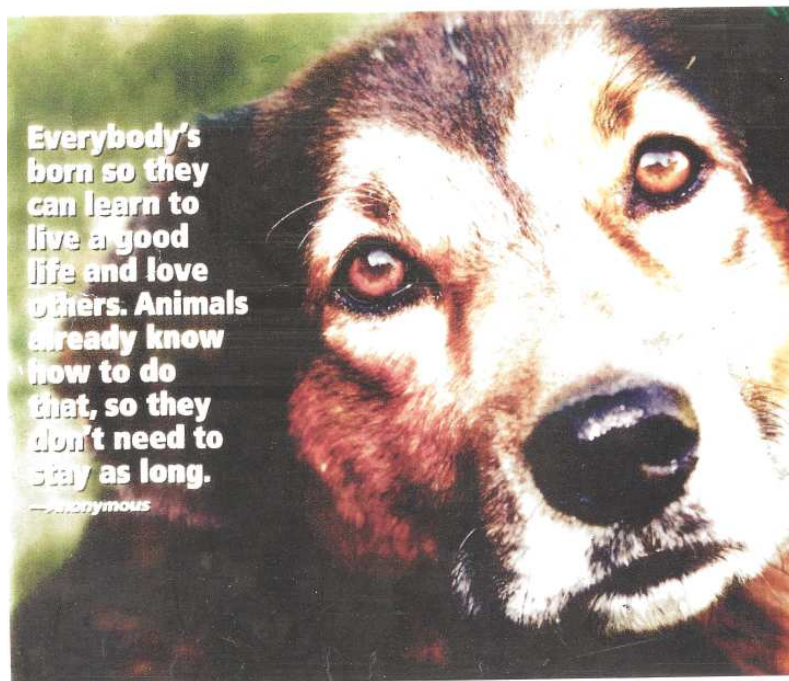
Do reward behaviors you like. Observe carefully when training your dog and reward the behaviors that you'd like him to continue. Treats, toys, and your attention are great rewards and can eventually be phased out and replaced with praise.

Do manage the environment. When training your dog, managing his environment will help him succeed and not do something that you don't like. If you keep your shoes in the closet, your dog can't make a snack out of them.

Don't reinforce behaviors you don't like. Reinforcing behaviors you don't like is very common, and you might not even realize you're doing it. Petting and playing with a puppy that jumps on you when you enter the room will more likely than not ensure that he'll continue jumping on people because you're giving him the attention he wants. Instead, wait until he's not jumping on you to pet him.

Don't forget about exercise. Exercise plays a critical role in preventing many behavior problems. Exercise also helps to relax your dog so he can pay more attention to you during training.

Read more Training Tips from the Top on WOOFipedia.



Colloidal Silver: Is It Safe?

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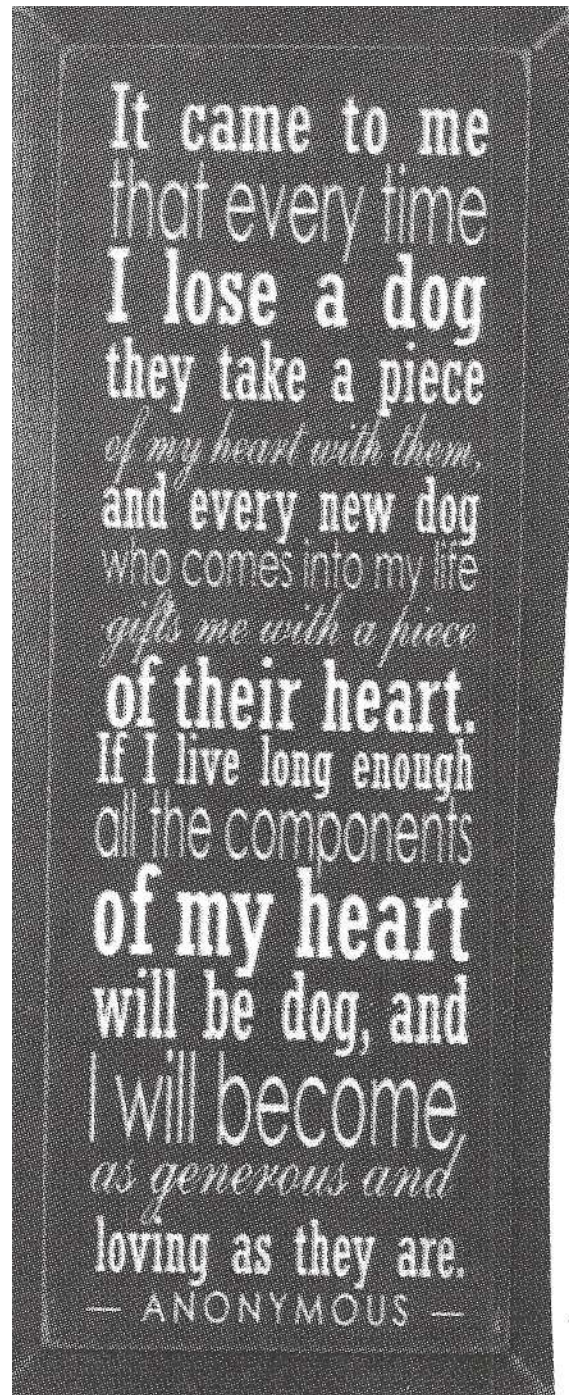
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Widely promoted as a cure for everything from ear infections to shingles to AIDS, colloidal silver is a solution of silver particles suspended in liquid. Promoters claim that colloidal silver is an alternative to antibiotics and can extend life and remedy mineral deficiencies that lead to a weakened immune system. Is any of this true?

I don't think so - the claims are unproven, and colloidal silver is not a substitute for antibiotics, or any other medications. Not only does the human body have absolutely no need for silver, it can be harmful:

1. Silver can accumulate in the body and lead to a skin condition called argyria, which causes bluish-gray skin pigmentation, especially around the nose and mouth, a color change that cannot be reversed.
2. Long-term use of oral silver products has led to neurological problems including seizures, as well as kidney damage, stomach distress, headaches, fatigue and skin irritation.
3. It can also interfere with the absorption of some drugs including tetracycline antibiotics and thyroid hormone supplements.

While it is true that silver is an effective germicide, it has limited usefulness in medicine. In 1999, the FDA banned the sale of all over-the-counter drugs containing colloidal silver and silver salts as these compounds haven't been recognized as safe. However the ban doesn't apply to dietary supplements containing colloidal silver because the FDA has no jurisdiction over such products, unless there are established safety issues. I would avoid all products containing colloidal silver.



Upcoming Club Presentations

May meeting: There will be a presentation by the members of the newly formed Bench Committee

June meeting: Nanette Loya, as our new club historian, will have a display of the historical items she has put together for the club. Should be fun to see the old photos and such.

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We're on the Web
[Http://www.grandvalleykennelclub.org](http://www.grandvalleykennelclub.org)

B Match
June 28th & 29th

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BREED SNAPSHOT

RAT TERRIER: AN ALL-AMERICAN BREED

Alert and energetic, the Rat Terrier is a small, sturdy dog originally bred for ratting, as his name suggests, as well as hunting other varmints. The American Kennel Club's newest recognized breed, the Rat Terrier became the 178th breed in June 2013.

One of few breeds to originate in the United States, the Rat Terrier was commonly found on early American farms. Immigrants crossed a mixture of terrier breeds, including Fox Terriers, Old English White Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Bull Terriers and other feist-type dogs, to produce the breed.

When Kansas jackrabbits threatened Midwest crops in the early 1900s, some farmers bred the Rat Terrier to Whippets and Italian Greyhounds to create a dog with more speed and versatility. Meanwhile, breeders in the central and southern United States bred Rat Terriers to Beagles to give them a stronger prey drive and desire for pack hunting. These crosses resulted in a Rat Terrier with a good nose and the speed to pursue his prey.

The breed's short, smooth parti-colored coat has pied patterning. Large patches of color, combined with white, may be black, chocolate, red, apricot, blue, fawn, tan, or lemon. Rat Terriers also may be bicolor or tricolor with tan points ranging from cream to rust.

Intelligent and athletic, the Rat Terrier has the speed, power and balance to excel at sports. They are known for doing well in agility and obedience. Loyal and eager to please, the Rat Terrier loves to be around people. He makes a wonderful family companion but may be reserved with strangers.

The Rat Terrier is bred and shown in two sizes: miniature and standard. Miniature Rat Terriers are from 10 to 13 inches tall at the shoulder, and standards are from 13 to 18 inches tall. Rat Terriers generally weigh from 10 to 25 pounds.

Sources: The websites of the American Kennel Club (akc.org) and the Rat Terrier Club of America (ratterrierclub.com).