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Show Time!

By Sheridan O'leary

As many stories do mine started 6 months earlier when I made the decision to purchase a pure bred English Bulldog puppy for my new husband. We had rescued our dear Petunia a now 3 year old bully 9 months earlier and were absolutely in love with the breed. I tried to be logical when I made the choice telling my husband that we would get a female that way we could have puppies, because I love puppies.

As we entered the kennel where the puppies were I kept my eye on the females. I played with them I looked them over. And then there he was, he kept a distance his face said I am my own man I do what I want and I don't need you, even if he was curious about me. I fell into those deep brown long lashed eyes and in my heart, not my head I knew, we had to have him. My husband also loved him I left the choice to him and an hour later we were on the road with our new little boy. Now had you said to me then that I would be showing this beautiful bundle of fur I would have laughed and said, no we are down home people we don't show!



Yet on a brisk September morning in 2011 I stood in a long skirt, a jacket with a number on the arm and a small leash snaking to the large neck of my now 8 month old English Bulldog "Lunchbox". Don't get me wrong we did not have a magical experience and just transport to this location, we had worked over the past few months to get where we were now, seconds away from walking into our first show ring ever. Now there are a few things that run through your mind as you are standing at this point getting ready to go into what to me seemed the unknown. I would say it like getting dropped into cold water and breaking the surface of the water, gasping, flailing and trying to remain calm. My heart was in my throat and I had a little

shake. I tried my tactical breathing, but sadly I think I am better at it when I am going into an armed situation, I mean its not like the judge is going to come after me?

As Lunchbox and I entered the ring alone, as he was the only puppy in his class and the judge whisked us onto the ramp, off of the ramp and then asked for a triangle.....wait a what? Ok at this point ever shape in the world ran through my head and then I panicked as I wondered what kind of triangle did she want? I did regain my breathing, did a triangle and was gruffly made to hurry. I don't think I realized what was going on until the judge handed me a blue ribbon and shooed me out of the ring.

In the next four days I would learn more about dog's, showing, people, and my love of dog show. As I spoke with bully owners and was invited to bully lunches and dinners, it was like finally becoming part of that secret club as a child that you never knew existed, but always wanted to be a part of. Leaving the ring each morning feeling the joy of not having my dog fall over, run away, bark like a mad person, bite anyone, I felt like I had won American idol. I didn't even mind getting out of bed at the crack of dawn to brush, primp, file, cut, chalk, and annoy my dog. Falling into bed at night thinking of where I screwed up and what to do differently the next day was a good experience.

You see my friends in the four days at the Grand Valley Kennel Club dog show I found myself. It's not about perfection, (even though we all secretly hope the competition will trip and fall), its about the family and friendship that we gain from our love of the breeds.



Message from President

By Noelle Blair

I want to take a minute and thank each and everyone of you for helping to make this years show such a success. From our amazing show chair and all the committee heads to every helping hand out there. It truly does take a village to have a dog show. We are so fortunate that though our village might be small, we are mighty!

Please keep in mind throughout the year that for everything that you want to do; whether it be hosting a picnic, training classes, B/OB matches to our big event of the year - the dog show. WE need you all. We need our 'village'. When you hear us ask for volunteers during the year try to step out of your comfort zone a little bit and do something you haven't tried before. Instead of an attitude of "I can't" or "I've never done that before"... Try saying "I can" or "I will". Remember if you say you WILL, that there are many people counting on you to see it through. Our club has so many amazing people, talents and ideas! I want you to feel like you can step up an volunteer, that we are here to help you succeed. When you succeed, we all do.

I know I don't always say it, but I mean it from the bottom of my heart; you All rock!

Noelle

Brag for this Summer

Sandy McFarland:

Linirgor Macallan (our import from Scotland) earned his CD with great scores and a HIT to finish!

Piper earned a first leg in Utility at our show with 196 1/2 and first place!

Piper also earned her Excellent Jumpers and Standards in Agility

Timberee's Silk Teddy earned her OA and OAJ (Open Agility and Open Jumpers)

Macallan earned his Open Standards and Jumpers in three straight shows with all first placements!

Christy Armendarez: September 23-25th was the DOCNA AGILITY NATIONALS which was held at the veterans park here in Grand Junction. DOCNA stands for dogs on course north America. Elie took second place in the North America Challenge course in the western & eastern region for her jump height. We have teams for the Trigility course with 3 dogs on the team & each dog has its own course to do. One dog does just the jumps the other dog does the contacts and one dog does the gamble where you send your dog to the teeter jumps etc.& you can't cross the line. Our team was called 2 1/2 dogs & placed first place in our jump height. Elie picked up her second leg towards her CDX placing with a first placement on September 30TH at the Grand Valley Kennel club dog show.

Chris Barnes: 2 Reserveses With my red merele (Waylon) Thank You John for handling him. 3 Reserves with my girl (Shania) and 1 WB/ BOS with her and Thank You John for handing her on this one.

Kay Fritts: New Champion at Buckhorn Valley show beginning of July. Amico Peloso' Chiclet "Sage" WB and BOB both days.

At Eagle shows Amico Peloso's Here Comes the Sun, RN, BN "Flash" WD and BOB on Sunday. Qualifying he and his girl for the Invitational from the AOH class.

At Topeka Kennel Club August 19. CH Amico Peloso's Diamond World finished her Grand Championship

I have received notice that I have 5 dogs that own that have Qualified for the Invitational in December in Florida

CH Mals-About Echowin Gavi age 11 was in the top 5 of the breed in 2002 and 2003

Ch Hootwire's Carina D'Oro age 9 was in the top 5 of the breed in

GCh Amico Peloso's Diamond World age 6 for finishing her Grand Championship

Ch Amico Peloso's Breen age 4 finishing out of BBE

Ch Amico Peloso's Chiclet age 2 finishing out of BBE

There are 3 other dogs that I have bred who also qualified

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Noelle Blair: "Boo" Misty Ridge Ruff N' Rowdy at Redfox finished his championship at the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of the Rockies. He finished with a 5 point major and Best of Winners.

"Flirt" Redfox & Misty Ridge Nautical But Nice finished her championship at our show and got Best of Opposite Sex all 4 days!

Mitchell Davidson: Finished DJ's RAE title in Durango. This requires a double ! in both Rally Adv and Rally Excellent classes on the same day. Completed the Double ! on 10 different days.

Also took Back to Back BOS with Ryan CH Karosel Victory Way at the Eagle at the Roaring Fork Show. Also took BOB on Sunday at the GVKC dog show with CH Karosel Victory Way and on the other 3 days took Select Dog earning a total of 9 points toward his GR CH Title.

Kelly Davidson: Rainey (TNCs Heavens Tear) completed their Rally Excellent Title at the GVKC dog Show. And Stormy Aspenleaf Thunderstorms and Lightning took WD and BOW at the Eagle Roaring Fork Dog Show on Saturday.

Edna Schenck: 1st CH Hidden Springs Blue Goose MH Won BOB both days with points toward his Grand Ch. Goose earned his Novice Agility Title winning 1st place 2Xs with scores of 100 and a 99 for a 2nd. His daughter won that day with 100.!

2nd. Cashmans Get Your Goose...Goose's 2 yr old daughter earned her Novice Rally title with 2 scores of 100 and a 98. Cash also has passed 3 Senior hunter tests toward her title.

3rd. Hidden Springs Topwater Yuletide MH... Decker....Has earned his Master Hunter title this summer. He won a 4 pt. major and has 4 minor points to date.

Decker went BOW for the points each day. Decker also earned his Novice Rally title with a 98 score, a 2nd and a tie for 3rd.

Good Boy! Decker is well on his way to become the next CH-MH in the AKC Labrador breed history.

He's taking after his 1/2 bro Blue Goose who is CH-MH #45.

Decker has also just become a 1st time Daddy to 7 puppies. Shadow a show bred Senior Hunter titled girl is the Mom. I helped Shadow deliver her pups Sat-Sun. She's an awesome Mom. What's fun is all the litter is blk but 1 Solo ylw boy. Very cute.

4th. Hidden Springs Paris Glitter MH. Passed 9 master tests. This accomplishment gave her the AKC Master Hunter title . With such a good pass record she also qualified for the Master National. A Big deal for a young 3 yr old show bred girl!

Paris is bred to a GCH. Am Can BIS yellow boy in 10 days. This will be an all yellow litter.

5th Hidden Springs Luna Blue SH earned her senior passes. Luna is working toward her Master tests to also a Goose daughter.

6th. Hidden Springs Blue Nova SH earned her Senior She has been to the show ring and has 2 BOW to

Nova also had a super time at a GVKC match show going BIS earlier this year.

I'm having a wonderful time training/playing with my wonderful Labradors. Goosey, Decker and Cash had about 10 practices for Rally and did a wonderful job...plus they had too much fun!

Kim Giannone:

GCH Lorien Dells Sword of Elendil, Narsil, Bernese Mtn Dog, owned by Joe & Kim Giannone
 BMD Club of the Rockies Regional Specialty, Select Dog
 Intermountain West Working Grp Specialty, UT, 2 BOB & a Grp 3
 Bonneville Basin, UT, 1 BOB, Arapahoe, 1 BOB

Summit's Starlight Serenade, Sonnet, BMD, owned by Joe & Kim Giannone GVKC Rally Advanced Title.



named Trouble. Paris is due

hunter title with style in 5 start in Feb. in Feb. Luna is



ior Hunter title this summer. earn points toward her CH.

Summer Brags Continued

Denny & Sheridan O'leary: We have a new Great Dane Puppy we call him Doodle right now, he will come home in 2 weeks.

Debbie Murray: Connor became a champion at the Irish Setter Club of Texas Shows in mid July going Best of Winners for a 3 point major. Actually it is Connor "Rosette Come Fly With Me" owned by Debbie Murray and co-owned by Shea Jonsrud. He was shown by Rebecca Gear.



REDTALE "TRUE/TRUTH" LITTER IS MAKING THEIR DEBUT IN THE SHOW WORLD

Arnie "Redtale True Lies" received a 5 point specialty major at the Irish Setter Club of Seattle Shows at 6 months. The week before Arnie went reserve at a 4 point Irish Setter Club of Colorado Show in Greeley. Arnie is owned by Kathy Erikson and co-owned by Debbie Murray. Arnie was bred by John & Debbie Murray. Arnie was shown by Paul Holmes.



Arnie's Brother, Jamie "Redtale True Gentleman" took 2 3 point majors at some New York shows from the 6 to 9 month class. Jamie is owned by Geri Payne and was shown by Anne Marie Kubucz.

Their sister Buttercup "Redtale True Love" took a Puppy Group 1 at the Grand Junction Shows. Buttercup is owned by Debbie Murray

Their brother Flynn "Redtale True Love's Kiss" at barely 6 months went reserve at a 4 point major Irish Setter Club of Colorado show in August.

Wendy Spurr:

At the September Prescott, AZ show with a group of 9 PBGVs (7 males 2 females) Beau took BOS both day giving him 2 Majors by 2 judges towards his Grand Championship and Gui got Reserve both days. At our show Beau took BOB all four days giving him a few more points.

Johnnie Farmer and Cindy Clark:

GVKC has a super group of people that put on 4 days of dog shows. We are the best!!!!

This has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed. It is reported to have been listed in the Atlanta Journal. There was no photo with the ad.



SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me... Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Annie, I'll be waiting....

Over 150 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society.

Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
 October 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Noelle Blair at 7:53 pm.

Those in attendance were: Cindy Clark, Ashley Edstrom, Noelle Blair, Sandra McFarland, Denny O'Leary, Sheridan O'Leary, Lorianne Campbell, Kim Giannone, John Boughton, Liz Hymer, Wendy Spurr, and Johnnie Farmer. Our guests were: Jordon Leigh and Linda Lee.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley reported that we still have money coming in from the dog shows and that she will have a final figure by the November meeting. She passed around a report for all to read. John Boughton made a motion to accept the report. Sandy McFarland gave the second. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The August and September meetings were devoted to show business. There are no minutes.

Correspondence: Kim read thank you notes from two judges: John Cole and Mary Lou Kniola and also a thank you from an exhibitor.

Old Business: Wrap up of dog shows.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Chair Nanette, with Sheridan and Kim.

Christmas Party: Chair Sandy McFarland 314-9247. The party will be on December 13. There will be a gift exchange with the cost of the gifts being between \$15 and \$20.

Santa/Pet Pictures: Kim will check with Chow Down and arrange for the Santa.

B/OB Match: Chair Noelle with Johnnie. The match will be February 4 & 5.

Bills to members for Dues: Ashley will have them out in November.

Audit Committee: Chair Wendy with Donna and Liz

Winter Training: Cindy will check with fairgrounds for Sundays in January and also firm up the dates for the B/OB match in February. We will offer Beginning and Advanced Conformation that Kim will teach. Kim will ask Nanette if she would like to do one of the conformation classes. Noelle will offer her Manners class. Liz volunteered to teach Rally. Johnnie will teach a CGC.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Wendy reported that people are not sending their articles to her.

Advertising: Nanette was absent.

Web: Sheridan volunteered to be our new webmaster.

Adjourn Meeting: 8:05 pm

The sign says it all!



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Promote AKC's ALL Dogs Programs

We salute those clubs that are creating special attractions to promote AKC to the public and ALL dogs. This includes the Louisville Kennel Club that featured a Shelter Olympics at its March dog show and the Houston Kennel Club that invited the public to its show to try some basic Agility and AKC Rally® with their dogs.

These events got pet owners excited about training their dogs – and that is a great way to encourage them to register or list their dogs with AKC and get involved in the fun and tradition that AKC offers for ALL dogs. We would love to hear about how other clubs are educating the public about responsible dog ownership and AKC events; please submit stories and photos to akccaninepartners@akc.org.

AND - Don't forget to take advantage of the ALL Dogs Win special offer. Help all dogs when you list your dogs – or a friend's or family member's dog – with the AKC Canine PartnersSM [program](#).

AKC now donates \$5 of every AKC Canine Partners listing fee to the AKC Humane Fund. Improving the health and well-being of all dogs is the goal of the AKC Humane Fund.

Not only do you help the AKC Humane Fund when you list a dog, you support many other AKC programs and AKC affiliates' programs that help our canine friends, including:

- AKC Canine Health Foundation
- AKC Companion Animal Recovery
- AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund