

## News Bulletin: We've Changed Our Meeting Location!



Our new meeting location:  
the training annex building  
of the American Red Cross  
at 5th St. & Gunnison Ave.

Starting this month, in March, we will hold our monthly general meetings in the training annex building of the American Red Cross. It is located on the north-east corner of 5th Street and Gunnison Avenue in Grand Junction. The meetings will continue to be held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (unless a meeting needs to be rescheduled for some reason).

Our new meeting location has a lighted parking lot adjacent to the training annex building, and there is parking along Gunnison Avenue as well.

The board meetings will now be held in the conference room of the Wells Fargo office at 120 W Park Drive, Suite 105, in Grand Junction. The Wells Fargo office is adjacent to the ReMax 4000 office where we have been meeting for the past year. Board meetings are open to all members;

they are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members who wish to attend a board meeting and have a particular issue addressed should contact Noelle Blair, our president, in advance of the meeting to request a spot on the agenda. (Her contact information is listed on page 10 of this newsletter and on the "About Us" page of our Web site at <http://www.grandvalleykennelclub.org>.)

We are indebted to Kim Giannone for finding us a new location for our general meetings and for letting us use the conference room at her workplace for our board meetings. We are also grateful to the American Red Cross and Wells Fargo for succumbing to Kim's persuasive requests to make their facilities available to the Kennel Club for meetings.

Thanks also to Kelly Davidson and ReMax 4000, who hosted our meetings last year. 🐾

# BARK'N BUGLE

## Message from the President

Noelle Blair

I love fun and motivational sayings—anything that speaks the truth, makes me think, or gives me a chuckle. I keep thinking of the prayer "Lord, please make me the person my dog thinks I am." What a different world we would live in if we could all be that person.

I think we humans must appear like the most perfect beings in the world to our dogs. What we do must not make a lot of sense to them. Think of that the next time you go out to train or play with your dog. I'm sure they don't understand why we want them to remain in heel position past that great smell without sniffing it. They probably wonder "Why did we stop here?" I wonder if they think "Do I have to sit, or can I lie down and roll on my back?" Or, "You want me to wait here for how long?" How about "Why are you just standing there staring at me?"

Yet our dogs play along with us hoping that we will notice how hard they tried or how well they did. It makes me think of my own relationship with God. How small and insignificant I am in the scheme of things; yet He always has my best interests at heart. I may not always understand why I can't do something I want to or have something I'm just sure I really need. In the end it

doesn't really matter. All that matters is that I have someone out there that loves me just the way I am. I have a God that loved me enough to create a little piece of heaven on earth: a dog to love me and show me that no matter how I look in the morning or how horrible I feel, they will be there for me. I can be gone all day or for 2 minutes, and I get the same reaction when I walk through the door.



I wish everyone could have that feeling of unconditional love. To love and be loved even more in return. Remember the next time you are out with your dogs to

share with them how much you care. It's not always easy, but try it with the humans in your life as well. We all need a kind word, a sincere smile, and a pat on the back every now and then. 🐾



Noelle Blair will be teaching a "Manners" class, which is the Beginning Obedience class, starting on April 1, 2010. Classes will meet at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Community Building (C Building) at Mesa County Fairgrounds every Thursday from April 1 through May 6. The cost is \$80.

The first five classes will focus on instruction and practice, emphasizing positive reinforcement to make the experience enjoyable for both dogs and owners. At the sixth class, on May 1, participants will have an opportunity take the test for Canine Good Citizen certification.

Class members will be given a "K-9 Kindergarten" manual that describes the basic obedience training commands, techniques for successfully training your dog, at-home exercises to do as homework, and methods for dealing with problem behaviors like barking, housebreaking, not coming when called, and digging. Noelle has been training for over 20 years and has earned many Obedience and Rally titles with her dogs. For more information or to register, contact Noelle at 986-9629 or rottndog@aol.com.



Grand Valley Kennel Club Invites You to  
Grand Junction, **Colorado's Wine Country!**

# 4 Days of Dog Shows!

**Sept. 30<sup>TH</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

**NEW! HANDLERS' BOX VAN PARKING**

**CLOSE-IN PARKING FOR EVERYONE**

**K-9 HEALTH FAIR**

**BBEX & PUPPY COMPETITIONS**

**OBEDIENCE & RALLY**

**CLIMATE-CONTROLLED RESERVED GROOMING**

**EXTENDED STAY HOTEL & RV PARKING DEALS**

**HOMETOWN POTLUCK DINNER FOR EVERYONE!**

For detailed information on all of our Dog Show activities, visit our website.  
**PLEASE CHECK BACK OFTEN FOR SHOW UPDATES!**

**[www.grandvalleykennelclub.org](http://www.grandvalleykennelclub.org) or [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)**

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## Congratulations



Kim Giannone's Bernese Mountain Dog, Narsil, took **four** Best of Breed awards at the Denver Cluster shows held on February 10 – 15, 2010. Narsil is now the top-ranked Bernese Mountain Dog in the U.S.

We're impressed! You have to admit, he is a gorgeous dog—and has a disposition to match. Our compliments to Kim for her superb job in the ring showing Narsil.



Cheers to Noelle for saving her little Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Reba, after her mom developed mastitis. This is a little country gal who learned early to drink straight from the bottle.

## Condolences

Our hearts go out to Cassie Key Archibeque, who lost a litter of 9 pups. We grieve equally for Deliah, Cassie's beautiful Mastiff, who can't understand why she has no little ones to nurture and love. To all Cassie's family, we send our heartfelt sympathy.

## Practice Sessions in the Park

Now that the weather is *finally* getting warmer, it's time to get in some practice sessions with your dog. Those of you who are interested can meet us at Sherwood Park on Sundays at 3 p.m. We'll be at the south-east end of the park by the large pavilion and bathrooms.

There's no charge, and someone will probably be there even if it's raining. My guess is that most of us need the exercise as much as our dogs, and an afternoon at the park is too good to pass up!

## Braggs and Wags

Who: Dog Name: Paris  
 Breed: Labrador Retriever (female)  
 Owner-Handler: Edna Schenck  
 What: Passed the first Master Hunter field trial (5 successful field trials are required for the MH title)  
 When: February 4, 2010  
 Where: Sporting Dogs Association of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ  
 Other: Paris is a two-year-old bred by Hidden Springs

Who: Dog Name: Caper  
 Breed: Labrador Retriever (female)  
 Owner-Handler: Edna Schenck  
 What: Earned the Master Hunter title, becoming the 47th Labrador Retriever show Ch. in AKC history  
 When: February 4, 2010  
 Where: Sporting Dogs Association of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

Who: Dog Name: Ch. Loriendell's Sword of Elendil, "Narsil"  
 Breed: Bernese Mountain Dog  
 Owner-Handler: Kim Giannone  
 What: 4 Best of Breeds / 2- Group 3 / 1- Group 2  
 When: February 10-15, 2010  
 Where: Denver Cluster, Denver, CO

Who: Dog Name: Explosive My Drama Mama  
 Breed: Shetland Sheepdog  
 Owner: Kelly Davidson  
 Handler: Tyler Jenkins  
 What: Took first place in Novice Intermediate Showmanship  
 When: February 13, 2010  
 Where: Denver Cluster, Denver, CO

Who: Dog Name: TNC's Heaven's Tear, "Rainey"  
 Breed: Shetland Sheepdog  
 Owner: Kelly Davidson  
 Handler: Mitchell Davidson  
 What: Took 1st place in Novice Junior Showmanship  
 When: February 14, 2010  
 Where: Denver Cluster, Denver, CO

Who: Dog Name: Gimli  
 Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
 Owners: Lisa & Hannah Martin  
 Handler: Hannah Martin  
 What: 3rd and 4th place in Open Intermediate Junior Showmanship  
 When: February 12 & 14, 2010  
 Where: Denver Cluster, Denver, CO



## Braggs and Wags

Who: Dog Name: Uno  
 Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
 Owners: Lisa & Hannah Martin  
 Handler: Hannah Martin  
 What: Two 1st place Bred by Exhibitor wins  
 When: February 13 & 14, 2010  
 Where: Denver Cluster, Denver, CO

Who: Dog Name: Misty Ridge Ruff N Rowdy at Redfox, "Crush"  
 Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
 Owner: Noelle Blair  
 Handler: Jim Rihanek  
 What: 4-point major, Reserve Winner's Dog  
 When: February 14, 2010  
 Where: Colorado Kennel Club, Denver, CO

Who: Dog Name: Roxanne's Royalty Elie Guinavire, "Elie"  
 Breed: German Shepherd Dog  
 Owner-Handler: Christy Armendarez  
 What: Two qualifying runs in Standard Novice Agility (1st and 2nd place)  
 When: February 12 & 14, 2010  
 Where: Colorado Kennel Club, Denver, CO



*Elie when she was still a puppy and just starting in Rally and Agility events*

Who: Dog Name: Roxanne's Royalty Elie Guinavire, "Elie"  
 Breed: German Shepherd Dog  
 Owner-Handler: Christy Armendarez  
 What: Double qualifying runs in Rally, 3rd placement  
 When: February 15, 2010  
 Where: Colorado Kennel Club, Denver, CO  
 Other: Elie now has 5 points towards her RAE title

Who: Dog Name: Kita's Ajuaq Drum Dancer, "Dancer"  
 Breed: Finnish Spitz (15-month-old male)  
 Bred By: John Boughton, Holly Horton, and April Bruce  
 Owners: John Boughton, Holly Horton, and Spencer Willis  
 Handler: John Boughton  
 What: Winners Dog and Best of Winners for 1 point  
 When: February 14, 2010  
 Where: Colorado Kennel Club, Denver, CO

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**What:** Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed (he defeated a Dog and Bitch Special)

**When:** February 15, 2010

**Where:** Colorado Kennel Club, Denver, cO

**Other:** Dancer has been shown 6 times and has won each time; his new point total is 13 (including two majors!)

## AKC Titles and Abbreviations

Several months ago—actually about five months ago—we started a series listing some of the titles awarded in AKC competitions and described what the abbreviations mean. To fully appreciate the achievements of our friends and their dogs, a little education or refresher sessions on the subject might be helpful.

We'll continue this series as space is available in the newsletter. In the September-October, 2009 issue of the newsletter (which is available online <http://www.grandvalleykennelclub.org/newsletters.html>) we covered the prefix titles of AFC through NAGDC. We'll continue on from there.

As you may recall, AKC titles are of two types:

Prefix Titles (comparable to our titles such as “Sir,” “Doctor,” or “Professor”)

Suffix Titles (comparable to our titles such as “RN,” “DVM,” or “Ph.D”)

The following are all Prefix Titles.

<p><b>NFC National Field Champion:</b> Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Open Championship stake. [ Field Trial ]</p>	<p>B, one first place Utility and a third first place ribbon in either class First places must be awarded by 3 different judges Must be at all-breed events One of the required first places may have been won at a Specialty Show. Open B must have 6 in competition Utility must have 3 in competition [ Obedience Trial ]</p>
<p><b>NGDC National Gundog Champion:</b> Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Open Gun Dog Championship stake. [ Field Trial ]</p>	<p><b>RGDSC Retrieving Gun Dog Stake Champion:</b> Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a Retrieving Gun Dog Championship stake. [ Field Trial ]</p>
<p><b>NOC National Obedience Champion:</b> The winner of the annual National Obedience Invitational shall be entitled to be designated National Obedience Champion of ____ (year) [ National Obedience Invitational ]</p>	<p><b>TC Triple Champion:</b> Any dog that has been awarded the title of Dual Champion (DC) and the title of Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) or Tracking Champion (CT) or Agility Champion (MACH) may be designated as a Triple Champion.</p>
<p><b>NOGDC National Open Gun Dog Champion:</b> Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Open Gun Dog Championship stake. [ Field Trial ]</p>	
<p><b>OTCH Obedience Trial Champion:</b> Dog must have won 100 points; Dog must receive at least one first place Open</p>	<p>[We'll continue this series in future newsletter issues.]</p>



## Grand Valley Kennel Club General Meeting on February 16, 2010

15 GVKC members and 3 guests were present.

The meeting was called to order by President Noelle Blair at 6:36 p.m.

Our guests Elizabeth Hymer with Corgis, Kelly May with a Boston and a Miniature Schnauzer, and Trish Metzger, Christy's dog handler were introduced.

Treasurer's report: There was no activity to be reported. The report remained the same as last month.

Audit report: Kim Giannone The books have been reconciled and are ready to go for this coming year.

We need to call the Trophy Case and find out about the crate tags that we give for awards.

Lisa Martin reported that the Mesa County Fair board would like our club to work the ticket booth at the fair, which is July 17 - 25. They would also like us to give a free demonstration for the public. We decided not to do either this year.

Jan Leonard, treasurer with ( ) asked if we would like to share advertising with her club. Kim reported that our advertising is all finished and that her offer is non-applicable.

Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs - wants us to join. Discussion was tabled until we have more information.

Our B/OB match is scheduled for April 24 and April 25. Please call Johnnie if you would be willing to help. There are lots of jobs available. Any and all help with be greatly appreciated.

Our training seminar has not been scheduled as yet. It will be a handling clinic with Bill Lauderdale. Sandy will contact him to find out when he will be available. Hopefully, he will have some time in July.

Kim gave a Show report. Things are shaping up nicely. She is ready to accept trophy donations and would appreciate everyone getting theirs in as soon as possible. The trophies are \$50 for groups, \$75 for BIS, and \$25 for a class. Contact her for sign up sheets. She would like to have two corporate sponsors again this year that would be \$1000 each.

Braggs were given. Our club did really well at the cluster in Denver.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Johnnie Farmer, Secretary



## Calendar of Events

### GVKC Meetings and Events

Tues., Mar. 16	GVKC monthly meeting 6:30 p.m., American Red Cross training annex building, 5th St. & Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction
Tues., Apr. 20	GVKC monthly meeting 6:30 p.m., American Red Cross training annex building, 5th St. & Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction
April 24 & 25	GVKC Sanctioned B/Ob Matches Veterans Park, Grand Junction
Sept. 30, Oct. 1-3	GVKC Annual Dog Show Mesa County Fairgrounds

### Upcoming Dog Shows

	<i>[AB=All Breed, O=Obedience, JSHW=Junior Showmanship]</i>
Apr. 3-4	Scottsbluff Kennel Club Mitchell, NE (AB / O / JSHW)
Apr. 3-4	Silver State Kennel Club Las Vegas, NV (AB / JSHW)
Apr. 9-11	Kansas Cluster Valley Center, KS (AB / O / JSHW)
Apr. 10-11	Terry-All Kennel Club Brighton, CO (AB / O / JSHW)
Apr. 11-12	Arrowhead Kennel Club Glendale, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)

## GVKC Mentors

The following Grand Valley Kennel Club members have volunteered to serve as mentors.

Conformation .....	John Boughton .....	260-9150 (cell)
	Noelle Blair.....	986-9629 (home & cell)
	Wendy Spurr.....	270-8979 (cell)
Obedience.....	Jan Hamner .....	245-7694 (home)
	Sandy McFarland .....	314-9247 (home)
	Christy Armendarez .....	245-4515 (home)
Rally.....	Kelly Davidson .....	623-0343
	Christy Armendarez .....	245-4515 (home)
	Noelle Blair.....	210-6854 (cell)
Field Training.....	Edna Schenck .....	858-1715 (home)
Grooming.....	Johnnie Farmer .....	241-8499
	Nanette Loya .....	778-7016 (cell)
Juniors.....	Hannah Martin .....	523-5422 or 260-9790
Nutrition.....	Cindy Clark .....	858-0666

Our club is fortunate to have great depth of talent and experience among our members in showing, training, breeding, and getting dogs to perform at their best. And the really great thing is that they are willing to share their knowledge with other members of the club. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn from our mentors!

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Advertising and contributed materials are due by the 7th of each month for them to be included in that month's issue.

Advertising rates per issue are as follows:

- Half page.....\$25
- Full page.....\$40
- Business card advertisement... \$ 5
- Announcements of litters .....\$10

The Grand Valley Kennel Club is affiliated with the American Kennel Club and is licensed to hold AKC-sanctioned all-breed conformation, agility, obedience, and rally events.

The Grand Valley Kennel Club was formed in 1970 by a diverse group of dog lovers who share a common interest in raising, training, breeding, and competing with their dogs. We welcome all dog lovers who are 18 years or older in our club, regardless of whether they own a purebred dog. Both family and individual memberships are available.

The mission statement of our club is to further the advancement of all dogs, particularly purebred dogs; to promote the sport of dog shows and encourage sportsmanlike competition at such events; to educate our members and the public about responsible ownership and breeding of dogs; to advocate for the protection and well-being of all dogs; and to adhere to the guidelines of the American Kennel Club in our activities.

We offer educational programs, training classes, and health clinics to promote the well-being of dogs and to help dog owners develop a rewarding relationship with their dogs.

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