

### Memorial Day



Since 1868, Memorial Day has been observed as a day to commemorate those who have died in our nation's service. For many of us, Memorial Day gives us a welcome three-day weekend that is celebrated with a backyard barbeque.

An outdoor barbeque is an appropriate way to welcome summer and the end of the school year, but we should remember to take a little time to honor our fallen heroes. Usually neglected in such remembrances are the dogs that have sacrificed their lives in loyal service to their soldier companions and our country.

There is a long tradition of dogs going off to war with their masters. In 490 B.C. in the Battle of Marathon in Greece (the oldest recorded battle), a soldier's letter tells of a dog fighting and dying beside his master. In 1415 in France, during the Battle of Agincourt, a wounded Sir Piers Legh was guarded by his Mastiff. Many dogs accompanied their masters onto the battlefield during the Civil War.

Dogs have been adopted by military units throughout history as mascots. Commanders recognized the value of dogs as morale boosters: dogs reminded soldiers of home, served as joyful diversions, and provided solace to soldiers during war. Units became so attached to their mascots and took such pride in them that fallen dogs often were given burials with full military honors—a practice that has continued to this day.

In addition their role in helping soldiers cope with the monotony, misery, and horrors of war, dogs have served as message carriers during combat, sentries, locators of wounded on the battlefield, detectors of explosive devices, prisoner guards, and even as early-warning sentinels of gas attacks. Dogs' keen hearing, extraordinary sense of smell, and their ability to detect movement on far hillsides are talents that have protected their units and earned the gratitude of those they served.

Famous military dogs include Rin Tin Tin, a German Shepherd Dog who served in WWI and came home to be a movie star; Willie, General George Patton's Bull Terrier, served alongside Gen. Patton in WWII; Chips, a German Shepherd-Collie-Husky mix, served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany during WWII; Nemo, a German Shepherd Dog, was badly wounded in the line of duty in Vietnam and retired to Lackland AFB.

When you remember our war heroes with gratitude, don't forget the many dogs who also made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

## Message from the President

Noelle Blair

A belated happy Mother's Day! I hope that you all had a wonderful Mother's Day. I spent the day with my fur kids playing, grooming, and cuddling. It made me think of the wonderful gifts that each dog in its own way has brought to my life.

I have the snuggle bug who loves to cuddle, no matter how hot it is. Of course he doesn't realize that he is 125 pounds of warm dog body. He has taught me to slow down and enjoy every minute for what it is.

I have the comic relief; the more I laugh, the more she does to make me laugh. Without her my life would be lonely indeed. She has taught me the value of making time to play regardless of my schedule.

I have the stoic boy. He loves to sit beside me and contemplate things. When you look into his eyes you see an old soul. He is steady, dependable, and never farther than an arm's length away. He has taught me that sometimes the best thing you can do for a friend is just to be there for them.



I have a new puppy, and through him I get to discover old things in a new light. Even the act of facing the wind with your eyes closed is a new and glorious experience. I hope that you all look at your kids, be they human or animal, and experience life for just a moment as they see it. 🐾

## New Canine Legislation Tracking System

The American Kennel Club announced the launch of a new AKC Government Relations Legislation Tracking Service. This new service enables you to check the status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

This service can be accessed by going to the AKC's web page [http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation) and clicking on the large "AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking" icon. This will bring you to a new page with a clickable map of the United States. To view federal legislation, click on the "US Fed" icon to the right of the map. You can also click on any state to view that state's pending canine legislation, the latest

legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and, if applicable, AKC legislative alerts and messages. In addition, you can view the actual text of the bill or read a brief official legislative summary.

The AKC does not have a position on every bill posted; rather, this service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org). 🐾

## Western Slope Animal Expo

The Grand Valley Kennel Club will have two 10' x 10' booths at this year's Animal Expo on October 10 and 11 at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate in this educational and interesting event, please contact Johnnie Farmer at 241-8499. We need some additional volunteers! 🐾

## Responsible Breeders

As members of an AKC-affiliated Kennel Club, we are committed to being responsible dog breeders, educating others about responsible dog breeding, and recommending only responsible dog breeders. This is the second in a series of four articles that describe the differences between responsible breeders and those that do not serve the best interests of their dogs, the people who adopt their dogs, the general public, or the welfare of the breed. It is our position that if you can't meet these standards, you shouldn't be breeding your dogs. There are plenty of rewards in training, showing, working with, and enjoying your dogs without becoming a "backyard breeder."

### Traits of Responsible Breeders

Willing to give you his references (veterinarian's name, owners of other dogs from his bloodlines)

Has a record of his puppies' ancestry

Breeds to improve his own dogs, the bloodlines of his dogs, and the breed

Breeds infrequently, striving for quality, not quantity

Arranges pairings that will add desirable qualities to the offspring bloodlines; seldom repeats a breeding

Breeds only dogs that meet the breed standard

Breeds only dogs with stable temperaments

Breeds only dogs over 2 years old, and breeds them a limited number of times

Mate choice could be from far away; almost never breeds his own males to his own females

Does all genetic testing and will provide proof; does not breed animals with genetic defects or which are carriers of defects

Puppies are sold from waiting list created before breeding even takes place

### Traits of Backyard Breeders

Has no references or unwilling to provide them to prospective homes for his puppies

Knows nothing about the other dogs on the puppies' pedigrees

Breeds just to make money or to see his "great dog" procreate

Breeds regularly for money or for ego; may breed "just once" before neutering or spaying

Selects pairings based on what is cheap and convenient; often breeds the same pair again and again

Dogs used for breeding rarely meet breed standard

Breeds shy/aggressive dogs with poor temperaments

Breeds dogs at almost any age, and breeds them any number of times

Mate choice is usually local; very often he owns both the sire and the dam

Does no genetic testing; ignorantly breeds defective animals or those which are carriers, thus perpetuates disease in the breed

Puppies are sold after birth in the local newspaper on a first-come, first-served basis

# In Memory Of



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*Those who know her loved her almost as much as we did!*

*She lived a wonderful life Nov 1997 to April 2009*

*and we miss her dearly!*

*Loved by Nanette Loya, Keith Kibel, Kaitlyn and Jordan Loya  
of Grand Junction, Colorado*

## Minutes of the Grand Valley Kennel Club General Meeting on April 21, 2009

### **Present**

15 GVKC members and 9 guests.

President Noelle Blair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Guests were welcomed.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Motion to approve minutes from last month, motion by Noelle Blair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Giannone.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Wendy Spurr, reported an increase of \$107.50 in the bank balance in her full report.

Motion to approve report by Sandy McFarland, John Boughton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

### **Correspondence:**

First Aid class for canines to be held by Shannon Young was discussed. If you would be interested please contact a Board member; the cost is estimated to be around \$20 for a 4-hour class. Certifications will be given to all attendees.

Our local Agility club is hosting their Annual AKC Trial on May 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping contact Betty Richardson at 242-8717.

Volunteers for breed presentations at upcoming meetings were asked to contact Cindy Clark. Sharon Wobick volunteered for the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Newsletter: Did everyone receive a copy of the newsletter via email? Printed copies of the newsletter were given to those who did not receive them by email.

Logo: We have several logos submitted for the new Logo of the GVKC—these will be emailed out so members can vote on the one they would like to have as our new logo.

Thank you card sent to RE/MAX: Toni Milyard received and said "Thank you" to the Club.

Thank you to Nanette Loya, past Show Chair, will be tabled until she is present so she can be recognized in front of all members

### **New Business:**

Job descriptions for Club officers were drawn up at our last Board Meeting, those will be posted in the next newsletter. Those who would like to serve on the Board will have access to the descriptions so they will know what is expected of that position.

Tammy Rosencrans' husband passed away. The Board voted to give \$50 to Tammy in lieu of sending flowers. We also passed around a collection jar for those who wished to send something to her on behalf of the GVKC.

Website: Printouts were handed out to members for review. Please submit any corrections or changes to Kelly Davidson prior to our next meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter:** If you want a newsletter mailed to you instead of sent by email, a subscription for one full year will be \$10 to cover postage and printing.

### **Annual Picnic**

Our summer potluck picnic will be held at Edna & Paul Schenk's place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.-ish. The event will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Directions and further plans will be announced at our next general board meeting. Anyone with ideas for dog games, please see Christy Armendarez.

### **Dog Show Planning Committee**

Kim Giannone announced that the Show Committee is seeking Sponsors for this year's dog show. Corporate sponsorship is \$1000. Kelly Davidson with RE/MAX 4000, Inc. has accepted Corporate sponsorship. Katie Johnson also mentioned that she is interested in a Corporate sponsorship.

### 4/2109 General Meeting Minutes (continued)

Breed and other sponsorships are also available: Trophies, Tables, Awards for different classes, or Best in Show for a Breed.

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|------------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| Groups.....      | \$50 | Breeds ..... | \$20         |
| Conformation.... | \$20 | Junior ..... | \$50 or \$20 |
| Obedience .....  | \$20 | HIT.....     | \$75         |
| Rally.....       | \$20 |              |              |

Please contact Kim Giannone for all the details and availability of sponsorships.

#### Fun Match:

Everything is on schedule. Anyone would like to help out please contact Kelly Davidson. Marilyn

Forte would like to help out with ring stewarding. Ring Stewarding class will be held by John Boughton on April 26, at the fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. Contact Kelly Davidson or John Boughton.

**Braggs:** .Given to Donna Scott for publication.

#### Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Boughton and seconded by Kelly Davidson. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Davidson, Secretary

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## Braggs and Wags

### Who:

Dog Name: Spice  
 Breed: Kerry Blue Terrier  
 Owner-Handler: Nanette Loya

What: Spice is still ranked in the top 10!

Wins: Group 2 at Albuquerque, NM, shows in April 2009  
 Group 4 at Durango Kennel Club show, Cortez, CO, May 15, 2009  
 Group 1 at Durango Kennel Club show, Cortez, CO, May 17, 2009

### Who:

Dog Name: Rimrock's Helen of Joy, "Kiana"  
 Breed: Collie  
 Handler: Hannah Martin  
 Owner: Sharon Wobick

What: Received 2 points as "best opposite"

When: May 15-17, 2009

Where: Durango Kennel Club shows, Cortez, CO

### Who:

Dog Name: "Flirt" aka Redfox & Misty Ridge Nautica But Nice  
 Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
 Owner-Handler: Noelle Blair

Wins: 2 points for WB/Bow at Utah Valley Kennel Club shows, South Jordan, UT, May 1-2, 2009  
 2 points for WB/Bow at Durango Kennel Club shows, Cortez, CO, May 15-17, 2009

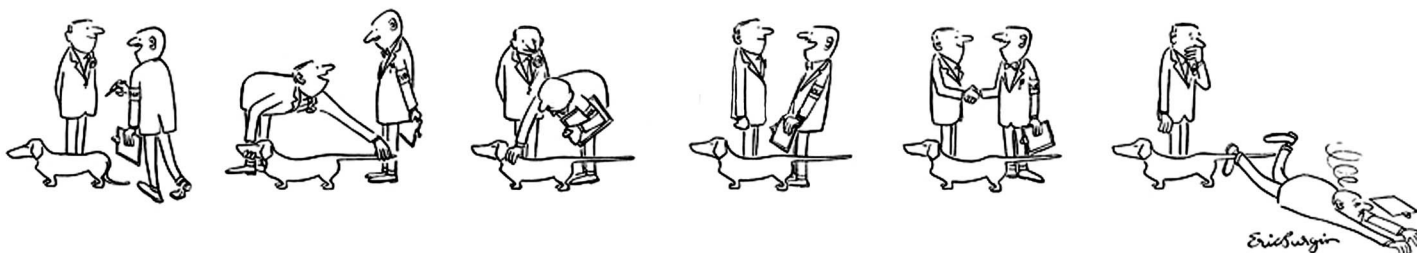
### Who:

Dog Names: Roxie and Elie  
 Breed: German Shepherd Dog  
 Owner-Handler: Christy Armendarez

What: Roxie received 3 points toward her RAE title  
 Elie received her RE title and 1 point toward her RAE title

When: May 15-17, 2009

Where: Durango Kennel Club shows, Cortez, CO



## Calendar of Events

### GVKC Meetings and Events

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| June 13       | 4-H Dog Program Fun Match<br>Registration 7:30 PM,<br>Judging at 9:00 PM<br>Mesa County Fairgrounds |
| June 14       | GVKC Fun Match<br>Registration 7:30 PM,<br>Judging at 9:00 PM<br>Mesa County Fairgrounds            |
| June 15       | GVKC monthly meeting, 6:30 PM<br>ReMax 4000 offices, 1st & Patterson                                |
| July 18       | Potluck picnic at Edna & Paul<br>Schenck's home   |
| Sept. 26 & 27 | GVKC All-Breed Dog Show   |
| Oct. 10 & 11  | Western Slope Animal Expo<br>Mesa County Fairgrounds  |

### Upcoming Dog Shows

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| June 27-28  | Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club<br>Loveland, CO    |
| July 10-12  | Nebraska Cluster<br>Omaha, NE                  |
| July 11-12  | Roaring Fork Kennel Club<br>Eagle, CO          |
| Aug. 14     | Scottish Terrier of Gr. Denver<br>Greeley, CO  |
| Aug. 15-16  | Greeley Kennel Club<br>Greeley, CO             |
| Sept. 10-11 | Utah Cluster<br>Farmington , UT                |
| Sept. 26-27 | Grand Valley Kennel Club<br>Grand Junction, CO |

## GVKC Mentors

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

|                    |                          |                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Conformation ..... | John Boughton .....      | 260-9150 (cell)      |
|                    | Noelle Blair.....        | 210-6854 (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)      |
| Grooming.....      | Johnnie Farmer .....     | 241-8499             |
| Juniors.....       | Hannah Martin .....      | 523-5422 or 260-9790 |
| Nutrition.....     | Cindy Clark .....        | 858-0666             |

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Advertising and contributed materials are due by the 10th of each month for them to be included in that month's issue.

Advertising rates per issue are as follows:

- Half-page, inside front cover: \$25
- Half-page, inside back cover: \$15
- Business card advertisement: \$ 5
- Announcements of litters due: \$10  
(Include due date, names & titles of Sire and Dam, price of puppies, sexes of puppies if already born, health clearances on both parents, and a two- or three-generation pedigree)

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 is was formed by a diverse group of dog lovers who share a common interest in raising, training, breeding, and competing with their purebred 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.

Our purpose as a club is to promote an appreciation of purebred dogs, educate our members and the public about responsible dog ownership and responsible breeding of dogs, provide opportunities for dog owners to become acquainted with others who have similar interests, and sponsoring events for our dogs and members to enjoy. We also provide 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.

### Officers and Committee Chairs

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| President:      | Noelle Blair, rottndog@aol.com          |
| Vice President: | Johnnie Farmer, texi@acsol.net          |
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| Treasurer:      | Wendy Spurr, spurr@bresnan.net          |
| Board Member:   | Bob Hamner, jnbhamner@aol.com           |
| Board Member:   | Christy Armendarez, kitzanu4@yahoo.com  |
| Board Member:   | Sandy McFarland, sandy@timberree.com    |
| Board Member:   | John Boughton, j_boughton@hotmail.com   |

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dog Show Chair:    | Kim Giannone, winridge@gvii.net |
| Program Chair:     | Cathy Clark, cathyack@aol.com   |
| Newsletter Editor: | Donna Scott, dscott@acsol.net   |
| Webmaster:         | David Green                     |

### Canine Good Citizen Evaluators

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Connie Brownson: | (970) 245-8306, congustila@aol.com |
| Johnnie Farmer:  | (970) 241-8499, texi@acsol.net     |
| Kathi Wisdom:    | (970) 858-4678, wisdobes@yahoo.com |
| Cathy Clark:     | (970) 245-9078, cathyack@aol.com   |
| Linda Phipps:    | (970) 256-9117, hadiyah@gmail.com  |

### Therapy Dog Evaluators

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Cathy Clark: | (970) 245-9078, cathyack@aol.com |
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# FUN MATCHES



MESA COUNTY 4-H OBEDIENCE - GRAND VALLEY  
KENNEL CLUB

PRESENTS: B / OB / RALLY MATCH

SATURDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Mesa County Fairgrounds, Veterans Park

2775 Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO

Registration: 7:30am - 8:30am

4-H/SATURDAY Entry Fee \$5.00 ----  
JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. FOR:  
RING ONE: CONFORMATION

GVKC/SUNDAY Entry fee \$7.00  
JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. FOR:  
RING TWO: CONFORMATION

## RING ONE

WORKING:  
SPORTING:  
HERDING:  
Junior Classes  
(Junior, Intermediate, Senior)  
Best Junior Handler in Match  
Best Champion in Match  
Best Adult Handler in Match  
Best in Match

JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. FOR:  
RING THREE: OBEDIENCE

## RING TWO

HOUND:  
TERRIER:  
NON-SPORTING:  
TOYS:  
MIXED BREEDS  
Puppy 4 - 12mo  
Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in Match  
Best Puppy in Match  
Best Veteran in Match

JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. FOR:  
RING FOUR: RALLY

## RING THREE

OBEDIENCE:  
UTILITY  
OPEN  
OPEN GRAD  
NOVICE  
NOVICE GRAD  
SUB-NOVICE  
1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR IN 4-H

## RING FOUR

RALLY:  
EXCELLENT  
ADVANCED  
NOVICE



Canine Good Citizen Testing & Therapy Dog Testing  
Offered on Sunday only  
Johnnie Farmer, Cathy Clark, Connie Brownson



For More Information Contact:

Kelly Davidson - Match Chair, 970-623-0343 or email: [kellydavidson@remax.net](mailto:kellydavidson@remax.net)

Concessions will be provided by 4-H program and Grand Valley Kennel Club