

Fun Matches

The joint Grand Valley Kennel Club and 4-H Club Fun Matches at the Mesa County Fairgrounds Veterans Park on June 13 and 14 were indeed fun for all involved. Thanks to all who helped make the event a success and a memorable day for the exhibitors.

BARCK'N BUCKLE



Message from the President

Noelle Blair

In honor of Father's Day, I thought I would write a bit about the men in our lives. I had the great fortune of having a wonderful father who loved me unconditionally.

Yesterday after I got home, I was sitting on the front porch watching the dogs play. I was thinking about my own father and watching Jack, my senior boy and head of the household, play with Flirt and Easy. I was thinking that with just a look or deep growl he keeps the pack in control.

My Dad was the same way. When he smiled at me he didn't have to tell me he was proud of me; I knew it. When I stepped out of line he could straighten me back out with his deep voice and confident stare; he rarely had to go any further.

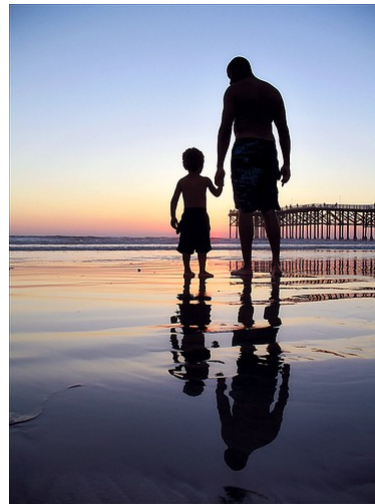
Jack does the same thing with his 'pack' of dogs. He is very tolerant and lets my new Rottweiler baby crawl all over him. Flirt loves to cuddle under his chin and give him kisses. Jack's rules are black and white. There are no shades of gray with him. Retribution is fast, immediate, and sometimes scary—but never out of line or too much to handle.

I know as a teenager I NEVER wanted to hear that 'tone' in my own Father's voice. Gabe and Jack

have an understanding that Jack is the boss and will not be questioned. The few times that Gabe pushed the envelope, Jack firmly and fairly put him back in line. There are no grudges held, no questions about what the rules and boundaries are.

I am constantly asked how I can have three intact males and one intact female run together. It suddenly came to me that having an alpha dog that is gentle, firm, and fair is the key to how my dogs are able to be together every day. If Jack were a bully or a tyrant, I would never be able to allow this.

Having a Father figure in your life who is always



there for you, loves you unconditionally without question, and enforces the rules, is without a doubt the key to growing up balanced and mentally healthy. Take a minute to appreciate the fathers in your life. Both human and canine. I know I will!



July 18 Will be our General Meeting Date and Picnic

Instead of having our General Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, we will combine our annual potluck picnic and our July General Meeting on Saturday, July 18. Edna and Paul Schenck have offered to host our annual picnic this year at their place. They live at 1294 O Road, about 3 miles north of Loma. Edna will put out a sign next to their driveway, so you can't miss it.

Bring a dish to share, your own table service, a chair, your dog or dogs, dog water bowl, and dog crate. If you want to bring some toys for the dogs to play with, they would be welcome, I'm sure. The Schencks have a lake on their property that is shallow at the edges, and they plan to have a kiddie wading pool for the small dogs. **Please let Edna know if you plan to attend—especially if you signed up to bring a dish. Her email address is pdschenck@msn.com and her phone number is 858-1715.**



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 third 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

Pet-quality pups are priced lower than show-quality pups

Puppies are sold with health guarantees

Puppies are sold with contracts

Contract requires that puppies be returned to the breeder if their new home doesn't work out

Dogs on the breeder's property are friendly, socialized, and trained

Does not own more dogs than he has room, time, or money for; dogs are groomed, exercised, healthy, and happy

Will show you the pups' parents if they are available; if not, will have pictures of the parents

Raises puppies indoors

Stays home to care for puppies

Feeds only premium dog food that is free of chemicals

Keeps pups with mom and litter a minimum of 49 days to ensure sibling socialization and important learning from pups' mother

Will honestly evaluate pups' quality

Socializes pups by systematically handling them and exposing them to various noises, children, and other animals before sending them to new homes

Traits of Backyard Breeders

All pups are pet-quality and are relatively cheap in price

Puppies are sold with no guarantees

No contracts; does not care what you do with pups

If the puppies don't work out in their new home, the breeder says, "Find them good homes"

Dogs on the breeder's property may be aggressive, shy, and untrained

Puppy mills are overloaded; "warehoused" dogs are not groomed or exercised, don't look healthy or happy

Might have to "lock up" pups' aggressive or shy parents (dogs that never should have been bred)

Raises puppies outdoors

Dam and pups are alone for long periods of time

Feeds cheap dog food containing rendered meat from dead, dying, diseased, and down animals

Doesn't know that pups leaving litter early can have lifelong temperament problems or that pups staying too long may not bond well with humans

Says all pups in the litter are best quality

Does not understand or want to be troubled with any kind of training; just tries to keep puppies quiet and contained until sold

Minutes of the Grand Valley Kennel Club General Meeting on June 16, 2009

Present

12 GVKC members and 4 guests.

President Noelle Blair called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Guests were welcomed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was read by Wendy Spurr. Motion to accept by Marilyn Forte and seconded by John Boughton. Approved.

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve amended minutes from April made by John Boughton, seconded by Kim Giannone. Also to approved May's minutes as written. Motion to approve Kim Giannone, seconded by Johnnie Farmer. Approved.

New Member Applications

1st reading for

Lorianne Campbell
Sarah Brumbaugh
Mary France

Motion to approve Kelly Davidson, seconded by Johnnie Farmer. Approved.

Correspondence

Notice of a training clinic "Secrets of Exceptional Breeders" was received. The date of the clinic was in May.

Roaring Fork Kennel Club said they are sending their newsletter to our P.O. box and asked if this where we want it to be sent. All agreed yes, they should continue to send it there.

Old Business

Job descriptions for club officer and committee chair jobs were e-mailed to Donna Scott for printing in the newsletter.

Welcome packets were finalized with a President's letter and will be handed out to new members as they are voted into the club.

All items for the Club newsletter should be sent to

Donna Scott at dscott@acsol.net no later than the 7th of the month in order to get the newsletter published on a timely basis.

Advertising in the newsletter was discussed.

Pricing for ads is printed in the newsletter.

Contact Donna Scott (243-8905) with any questions. All "In Memory Of" notices will be run in the newsletter at no charge.

Our annual pot-luck picnic will be on Saturday, July 18 at Paul & Edna Schenck's place, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Their address is 1294 O Road, Loma. Directions and a map to the Schencks' will be printed in the newsletter.

Please call contact Christy Armendarez to sign up for a dish to bring to the picnic, if you haven't already. We still need salads, a vegetable tray, and cookies. Bring your own table service and chairs.

The revised Club Bylaws have not been added to the website yet. Also the Superintendent of the September Dog Show should be Onofrio, not Nanette Loya. Kelly was asked to please contact our webmaster about those changes.

Canine First Aid Class: Since no one has contacted Cindy Clark to sign up, do we want to do it? Everyone agreed that this should be done after the Show in September.

New Business

Vote on new Club logo: Tabled as new choices have not been finalized. We will address this at a later time.

Club Mission Statement: Please submit any ideas by next meeting. Noelle suggested we might want to add something about mixed breed dogs.

Results of Fun Match: Kelly Davidson reported that the fun match went very well. We brought in \$819.45. Kelly recommended that in the future we advertise the Saturday session, held by the 4-H club, to include adult handlers. There seemed to

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be confusion as to whether adults could participate with their dogs.

Thank you to our Judges: John Boughton, Sandy McFarland, Nanette Loya, and Hannah Martin. Thank you also to all ring stewards and those that helped with set-up and tear-down of the rings. A special thanks to Donna Scott for handling the food concession on Sunday.

Committee Reports

Dog Show: We now have approval from the AKC. We have two corporate sponsors: Kelly Davidson with RE/MAX 4000 and Howl Natural Dog Food.

Trophy Report: A list of trophies was reported by Wendy Spurr; the list is still being finalized.

Ways and Means: Kim and Sandy reported that they will use the current logo as we need to get items ordered for the upcoming seminar in August and the September Dog Show.

Training: As members express interest for additional training classes, times and places will be scheduled, but not until fall.

Other Items of Business

It was mentioned that we should have a club photographer. Anyone with ideas or interest, please contact Noelle Blair.

Braggs were collected for printing in the newsletter and each member shared their braggs.

John Boughton thanked everyone who volunteered to ring steward at the September Show. We now have enough volunteers; however, if anyone else is interested we can always use more for backups.

Noelle asked if anyone would be interested in having a presentation on invisible fencing. The response was a unanimous NO. Also mentioned was a presentation on acupuncture, which received a unanimous YES response.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion by Marilyn, seconded by Kim Giannone.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Davidson, Secretary

With Sorrow, We Say Goodbye to Bob Hamner

Bob was only 68 when he died on June 23, following surgery for a brain tumor. He is survived by Jan, his wife of 45 years, their two children, and four grandchildren. Bob will be greatly missed by many friends, including those of us in the Grand Valley Kennel Club. Our sympathy goes to Jan and their family.

Bob served on the Kennel Club Board and was an active, contributing member of the Club for many years. The sporting dogs that he and Jan trained were living testaments to his patience, loving care, and dedication to the breed.



Christy Armandarez recalled, "I had the privilege of doing Rally training with Bob. We both were working on getting our Rally Excellent title on our dogs, which Bob got on his girl Jessie. Bob was always positive and very supportive. When I had a bad dog day, he would tell me my dogs did good, making me feel better.

Bob helped with the 4-H Fun Matches and was the Rally chairman at our last show. Bob did numerous tasks for

the Club and served on the Board with so much knowledge. His presence will be missed. He was my buddy and a good man."

Braggs and Wags

Who: Dog Name: Elie
 Breed: German Shepherd Dog
 Owner-Handler: Christy Armendarez
 What: Rally Advanced Title and 2 legs in Rally Excellent
 When: March 20–21, 2009
 Where: Farmington, UT, Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club
 Other: Competed with the best dogs that have numerous titles; very challenging. The Judges were great!

Who: Dog Name: DC AFC Rubyridge's Meg Will Do, "Meg," CDX MH MX MX5
 Breed: Brittany
 Owner-Handler: Jan Hamner
 What: UD (Utility Dog)
 When: April 11, 2009
 Where: Terry-All Kennel Club Obedience Trial, Brighton, CO
 Other: Three 1st Place wins. Only dog to qualify that weekend.

Who: Dog Name: Redfox & Misty Ridge Nautica But Nice, "Flirt"
 Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi
 Owner-Handler: Noelle Blair
 What: 3-point Major
 When: April 12, 2009
 Where: Terry-All Kennel Club, Brighton, CO
 Other: First points! 15 months old.

Who: Dog Name: TnC's Heaven's Tear, "Rainey"
 Breed: Sheltie
 Owner-Handler: Kelly Davidson
 What: Best Shetland Sheep Dog Puppy, 2nd in Puppy Group
 When: May 15, 2009
 Where: Durango Kennel Club shows, Cortez, CO

Who: Dog Name: "Beau"
 Breed: PBGV
 Owner-Handler: Wendy Spurr
 Wins: Group 1 on Friday and Group 4 on Saturday
 When: May 15–17, 2009
 Where: Durango Kennel Club shows, Cortez, CO

Who: Dog Name: Misty Ridge Lord Gimli
 Breed: Pembroke Welsh Corgi
 Owner: Lisa & Hannah Martin
 Handler: Hannah Martin
 What: Winner Dog all three days, Best Winner
 When: May 15–17, 2009
 Where: Durango Kennel Club shows, Cortez, CO

GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB
TROPHY PLEDGE FORM
Two Shows – One Location / Mesa County Fairgrounds
September 26 & 27, 2009

Help us make this year's shows the best ever. Consider sponsoring one, some, or all of the following awards. Trophy sponsors will be listed in our catalog and recognized at the shows.

*****Sponsoring more than one class & need more room? Write the info on the back of this form.*****

In addition to Regular conformation classes, there will be Puppy competition on Saturday.
 Sponsorship is available for both events.

CONFORMATION GROUPS – Sponsorship level for Regular groups is \$50 per group

Group _____
 Regular (circle) SAT 9/26/09 SUN 9/27/09 Puppy

CONFORMATION CLASSES – Sponsorship level is \$20 per class
 (Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch)

Breed _____ Class _____
 Regular (circle) SAT 9/20 SUN 9/21 Puppy

HIGHEST SCORE IN TRIAL - Sponsorship is \$75.00 (circle) SAT 9/26 SUN 9/27

HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE -- Sponsorship level is \$50 (circle) SAT 9/26 SUN 9/27

OBEDIENCE CLASSES – Sponsorship level is \$20 per class (Novice A, B / Open A, B/ Utility A, B)

Class _____ (circle) SAT 9/26 SUN 9/27

RALLY CLASSES – Sponsorship level is \$20 per class (Novice A, B / Advanced A, B / Excellent A, B)

Class _____ (circle) SAT 9/26 SUN 9/27

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Sponsorship level is %50 (Circle) SAT 9/26 SUN 9/27

JR HANDLER CLASSES – Sponsorship level is \$20 (Novice – jr, int, sr / Open – jr, int, sr)

Class _____ (circle) SAT 9/26 SUN 9/27

YOUR NAME - _____ PHONE - _____

ADDRESS - _____

KENNEL NAME or IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF - _____

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB & MAIL TO

WENDY SPURR

970-270-8979

256 Nashua Court

Grand Junction, CO 81503

QUESTIONS?? Email spurr@bresnan.net

PLEASE CALL WENDY SPURR TO CONFIRM WHICH TROPHIES STILL NEED SPONSORS.

Grand Valley Kennel Club Job Descriptions for Officers and Committees

Are you willing to pitch in and help keep the Kennel Club running? There are lots of jobs to be done, and we will be looking for people to fill offices next year. Even if you don't have a lot of time, you can serve on a committee. Don't let others have all the fun—take an active role in the Club!

President:

- Run Monthly Board and General Meetings
- Monthly President's report to Newsletter
- Delegate & follow up on committee progress
- Club Spokesman

Vice-President:

- Back-up to President – few set duties to ensure availability if the situation requires it
- Application Readings and Upkeep
- Archive Club Materials
- Membership Head

Secretary:

- Take minutes for Board and General Meetings
- Correspondence – Thank you notes
- Back up to check post office – has 2nd key to the P.O. Box

Treasurer:

- Collect/Distribute club funds
- Keep monthly accounting, prepare Treasurer's report for Board and General Meetings
- Prepare for yearly audit
- Check P.O. Box for correspondence

General Committee Heads

Training:

Deb Murray
Kelly Davidson
Cindy Clark

Website:

Kelly Davidson

2009 Dog Show:

Kim Giannone

Ways & Means:

Kim Giannone
Sandy McFarland

Summer Party:

Christy Armanderez

Mentors:

Sandy McFarland

Fun Match:

Kelly Davidson
Sharon Wobick

Special Care:

Johnnie Farmer
Christy Armanderez

Programs for Meetings:

Cathy Clark

Committee positions that need to be filled:

Rescue

Christmas Party

New Member Welcome Packets

Learn to Be a Ring Steward

Would you like to assist with our Dog Show this September? Would you like to be trained to be a Ring Steward? John Broughton, our Chief Ring Steward for the Show, is seeking individuals who would be willing to serve as Ring Stewards, and he is willing to train you how to do the job.

If you are interested, please contact John at j_broughton@hotmail.com or 970-260-9150 (his cell #). He'll need the following information: your name; phone number and email address; whether you have previous experience as a Ring Steward; whether you want to work Saturday, Sept. 26 or Sunday, Sept. 27 (or both days); whether you are willing to work inside, outside, or either; and whether you want to attend a Stewarding class before the Show.



Calendar of Events

GVKC Meetings and Events

July 18	10:30 AM – 1:30 PM; potluck picnic at Edna & Paul Schenck's home, 1294 O Road, Loma
Aug. 1 & 2	Clinic on "Building the Training Relationship" by Kay Bedeau (Preregistration required; call Debbie Murphy at 970 589-6356)
Aug. 18	GVKC monthly meeting, 6:30 PM ReMax 4000 offices, 1st & Patterson Guest speaker: Serena De Castro of Dog Dreams will do a presentation on acupressure and massage
Sept. 26 & 27	GVKC All-Breed Dog Show Mesa County Fairgrounds

Upcoming Dog Shows

Aug. 13–17	Kansas Cluster Topeka, KS
Aug. 15–16	Greeley Kennel Club Greeley, CO
Aug. 29–30	Cheyenne Kennel Club Cheyenne, WY
Aug. 29–30	West Central Okla. Kennel Club Elk City, OK
Sept. 4–6	Metro /Evergreen Kennel Clubs Greeley, CO
Sept. 12–13	Bonneville Basin Kennel Association Farmington , UT
Sept. 26–27	Grand Valley Kennel Club 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.....	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

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We welcome submissions for the newsletter. Please do not send copyrighted materials unless permission has been granted for us to print it. Send submissions to Donna Scott at dscott@acsol.net. Submitted materials may be edited for content and length, as needed to fit the available space in the newsletter.

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 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.

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 to sponsor 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.

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