

Summer's Gone — Welcome, Fall



Whew! The dog days of summer are finally over.

The “dog days” are the hottest, most sultry days of summer. They were known as “dog days” by ancient Romans, who picked up the descriptive term from the ancient Greeks (and the ancient Greeks probably got it from the ancient Persian Babylonians through their contact with the Egyptians).

Interestingly, the term “dog days” was astronomical in inspiration. It referred to the period of time when the Dog Star, Sirius—the brightest star in the Dog constellation—appeared in the form of the Morning Star that blazes low in the sky just before dawn.

For the ancient Romans it was a period of exactly 50 days. But for the ancient Greeks, based at a lower latitude than Rome, the Dog Star shone just above the horizon for 55 days. And for the

Babylonians, based farther south still, it would have been more like 60 days.

Millennia later, in 1552, the *Book of Common Prayer* recorded in its church calendar section that in England the dog days were the 40 days between July 6 and August 17. At our latitude the dog days linger through August.

The term “dog days” is also used to describe a period of stagnation when there is little activity, particularly economic activity. Of late, that has described the fairly lifeless stock market during most of the past year.

It's a little disappointing, actually, that the “dog days of summer” have nothing to do with our canine companions. But our dogs don't know it, so let them continue to think we have about two months each summer named in their honor. 🐾

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Message from the President

Noelle Blair

Since our Annual Dog Show was a few weeks ago, I thought it would be fun to write a bit about the history of dog shows and how they got started. You may not be aware that this year is also the American Kennel Club's 125th Anniversary. It was established in 1884 as a means to keep a reliable and accurate Stud Book of the breeds recognized at the time. Today there are upwards of 167 breeds recognized by AKC and several that are in the Miscellaneous Class waiting for the day they are fully recognized by AKC.

In 1877 at Gilmore's Garden, the Westminster Kennel Club staged its first dog show with an entry of 1201 dogs. The cost to enter the show was \$2 and included the dog's feed and care. Compare that to today's entry fee of \$75, which doesn't include anything other than the honor of being entered in the Super Bowl of dog shows. Each dog must be a Champion of record, and the top 5 dogs of each breed are invited to enter by special invitation prior to the opening of regular entries to ensure that the quality of those competing is the best the country has to offer.

Dog shows started as a way for owners to compare the accomplishments and soundness of their breeding stock. That tradition continues to this day. Today, each dog is judged according to their parent club's Breed Standard. As with any document, each standard is open to interpretation. What may be of importance to one person is not as important to the next. This is what keeps each of us coming back into the ring. Different Day. Different Judge. Different opinion and another opportunity for that win.

To fully understand the place in history that dog shows hold, consider that dog shows predate the light bulb, the zipper, the World Series and the automobile. There have been 12 states that have joined the union and 24 men elected as president

of the United States since that first dog show was held.

It comes to mind that the public probably doesn't have a clue as to why we hold dog shows. Is it for the glory? The wins? The trophies? Is it the incomparable feeling at the end of the day for that one person and that one special dog to stand alone in the ring as the final entry and winner of the day? Is it about having bested the rest of the competition?

I would hope that it would be more than that. For me it is an opportunity to spend time with my beloved dogs, regardless of how they perform or the ribbons they win. It is about the wonderful people and truly amazing friends that I have met and can't wait to see again. Yes, it's also about the awards and ribbons. But in the end it's more about the memories. It's about having something to point to — a title or a ribbon that showed the world I cared enough to do my best. And the validation that someone else was there to witness the result of hours of training, feeding, exercise and love that went into the relationship you see between the human and the dog in the ring.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that have helped bring us yet another dog show. Without you we wouldn't be able to do this. Most of all, I would like to thank Kim Gianonne for stepping up to the plate as this year's Show Chair and making sure that we had the best show yet. 🐾

Rule Change for AKC Events Effective January 1, 2010

All dogs must be individually registered with the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event. *[See the full details and the "Questions and Answers About This Rule Change" below.]*

Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility: Chapter 11, Section 1

No dog shall be exhibited in a licensed or member dog show, except for dogs entered in the Miscellaneous Class unless it is either individually registered in the AKC Stud Book, or individually registered with a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration. A dog with an AKC limited Registration shall be ineligible to be entered in a breed competition in a licensed or member dog show.

An unregistered dog with an acceptable foreign registration that is individually registered with a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration may, without special AKC approval, be exhibited in licensed or member dog shows that are held not later than 30 days after the date of the first licensed or member dog show in which the dog was exhibited, but only provided that the individual foreign registration and name of the country of birth, are shown on the entry form; and provided further that the same name (which in the case of a foreign-registered dog must be the name on the foreign registrations) is used for the dog each time.

No dog that has not been individually registered with The American Kennel Club when first exhibited in a licensed or member dog show shall be eligible to be exhibited in any licensed or member dog show that is held more than 30 days after the date of the first licensed or member dog show in which it was exhibited, unless the dog's individual AKC registration number is shown on the entry form, or unless the owner has received from The American Kennel Club an extension notice in writing authorizing further entries of the dog for a specified time with its individual foreign registration number. No such extension will be granted unless the owner can clearly demonstrate, in a letter addressed to the Show Records Department of The American Kennel Club requesting such extension, that the delay in registration is due to circumstances for which he is not responsible.

Such extension notice will be void upon registration of the dog or upon expiration of the period for which the extension has been granted if that occurs earlier, but upon application further extensions may be granted. 🐾

Questions and Answers About This Rule Change

Q: Why change the requirements?

A: The change was made to encourage exhibitors to register all puppies eligible for AKC registration.

Q: Must the dog have individual AKC registration prior to the closing date of the event?

A: Although it is best to register the dog well before the event, the registration must only be processed by AKC prior to the starting date of the event.

Questions and Answers About This Rule Change [continued]

Q: Are Puppy Classes affected?

A: Yes, even dogs in puppy classes must now be individually registered. Dogs may not be exhibited on litter registration at licensed or member events.

Q: Do Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds and Miscellaneous Class breeds have to be individually registered to compete as well?

A: Yes, all dogs, including Foundation Stock Service breeds & Miscellaneous Class breeds must enrolled in the AKC Foundation Stock Service® prior to the day of the event to compete.

Q: Are all AKC sports affected?

A: Yes, all dogs competing in AKC performance events, companion events and conformation shows are required to be individually registered before competing in the event.

Q: May dogs with foreign registration compete?

A: Dogs individually registered with an AKC recognized registry (see: http://www.akc.org/rules/special_registry_services.cfm) may exhibit for up to 30 days after the date of the first AKC event in which it was exhibited. After 30 days time the dog must have received AKC registration or have applied for and been granted an extension from AKC Event Operations in order to continue exhibiting at AKC events.

Q: May dogs with Limited Registration exhibit?

A: Dogs with AKC limited registration are not permitted to exhibit in conformation shows (except in Junior Showmanship Classes) but may exhibit in all Companion and Performance Events. 🐾

New AKC Program for Mixed-Breed Dogs

As of October 1, 2009, owners can begin enrolling their mixed-breed dogs and receive an AKC ID number. Then, beginning April 1, 2010, enrolled dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience, and Rally events.

Soon after, they will have access to benefits such as discounted AKC Companion Animal Recovery Lost and Found service, a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, a free initial veterinary visit, a trial offer of pet health insurance and discounted coupons for dog

supplies.

The third phase of the program will offer a dedicated Web site where dog owners can interact via an online community with discussion forums and access dog care video downloads, advice from experts, and the most up-to-date news on canine health and welfare. The site will be continually enhanced with new features and benefits in order to respond to the changing needs of pet owners.

For more information about the program, go to www.akc.org/mixedbreeds/listing_benefits.cfm. 🐾

Minutes of the Grand Valley Kennel Club General Meeting on September 15, 2009

Present

15 GVKC members.

President Noelle Blair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was read by Wendy Spurr. The motion to accept was by Kim Giannone, seconded by Donna Scott. Approved.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended to correct the date to August 18, 2009. The motion was made by Linda Phipps and seconded by Keith Kibel; motion passed.

New Member Applications

The first reading of a new member application for Debbie and David Rowe was presented.

Correspondence

None.

Old Business

It was reported that the Bylaws are still not up on the club website.

Sandy McFarland was asked to make up a final version of the new club logo. Sandy said she is making up a sandwich board, and it is to be ready by the time of the show. Noelle suggested that we wait until October 1 to adopt the new logo, since all of our dog show publications have the old logo on them.

Noelle reminded members that we are still seeking suggestions for revisions the club's mission statement. Please e-mail any suggestions to Noelle before the next meeting. We will vote on the mission statement at the October general meeting.

New Business

Sandy said the new logo is in teal and navy. After some discussion, the members voted to change the club colors to purple and gold.

Committee Reports

Dog Show Chairman Kim Giannone gave her report and assured members that there was still time to volunteer to help with the dog show.

The number of dogs registered this year is down from last year's registration. These are the current registration numbers: Saturday - 506, Sunday - 516, Rally - 43, Obedience - 30.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. helpers are to meet at the storage shed and load up Kim's trailer. We will be setting up out at the Fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 25, starting at 8 a.m.

The show starts at 9 a.m. each morning on Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 27th of Sept. Marilyn, Jan, Johnnie, and Kim volunteered to meet at Wendy's house on Sunday the 20th to label the trophies and stuff the packets for the volunteer workers. An e-mail will be sent out with directions to Wendy's house.

Ring steward training will be on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in Grand Junction City Hall. Contact John Boughton for more information.


Lorianne and Johnnie will have the O/C match ready to go on Friday, Sept. 25 from 3 to 6 p.m. If there is enough interest, they will do it again on Saturday night. There will be a charge of \$5 for 15 minutes in either the rally or the obedience ring.

Training: Debbie Murray gave her report. She commented that we need a class for dogs that are more advanced than the manners class, but not ready for the CD prep class. Manners, Beginning Rally, and Advanced Rally classes will start in January. Rental costs for the fairground's facilities are high; we need further discussion on a good site.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Davidson, Secretary 

Braggs and Wags

Who: 9 kids from the 4-H Club
 Where: Went to the State Fair
 What: They won 13 awards in Showmanship, Obedience, and Rally
 2 Overall Reserve Grand Champions
 1 Overall Grand Champion

Who: Dog Name: Samlur
 Breed: Greyhound
 Owner: Linda Phipps
 What: Has been approved to be a "Universal Blood Donor"
 When: As of September 15, 2009
 Where: At Banfield Pet Hospital

Who: Dog Name: Narsil
 Breed: Bernese Mountain Dog
 Owner: Kim Giannone
 What: His two daughters have finished

AKC Titles and Abbreviations

A number of the dogs we have featured in our "Braggs and Wags" column in the past have been listed with abbreviations before and/or after their names. Many of our members who show their dogs and compete in conformation, agility, and rally events are familiar with what the abbreviations mean. I confess I am unsure as to what all the abbreviations mean, and I can't really appreciate what it took to achieve that title. So I went to the AKC Web site and looked them up. I wanted to share that information with our readers.

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")

These are the Prefix Titles.

AFC Amateur Field Trial Champion:

See <http://www.akc.org/events/AFCtitle.cfm> for the specific requirements.
 [Field Trial]

CCH Bench Show Champion:

Dogs must have a total of a 100 pts under two different judges and 1 Best In Show win with competition.
 [Coonhound Bench Show]

Ch. Champion:

Dogs must acquire 15 points, including 2 majors won under different judges and at least one point under a third different judge.
 [Conformation]

CT Champion Tracker:

Dog must hold all 3 tracking titles (TD, TDX and VST)
 [Tracking Test]

AKC Titles and Abbreviations [continued]

- DC Dual Champion:**
Any dog that has been awarded the title of Champion of Record (Ch.) may be designated as a "Dual Champion" after it has also been awarded the title of Field Champion (FC) or Herding Champion (HC)
[Conformation/Field Trial/Herding Trial]
- FC Field Champion:**
See <http://www.akc.org/events/FCtitle.cfm> for the specific requirements.
[Field Trial]
- GDSC Gun Dog Stake Champion:**
Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated an Open Gun Dog Championship stake.
[Field Trial]
- CFC Coonhound Field Champion:**
A dog must win one First Line and one First Tree in Finals at least once on the same date and in the same trial with competition, and have a total of 200 Championship points.
[Coonhound Field Trial]
- CGCH Grand Champion:**
A Bench Show Champion must win 3 Champion Classes (against all Champions).
[Coonhound Bench Show]
- CGF Grand Field Champion:**
Field Champion must win three First Lines and/or three First Trees in three Lines Final or Trees Finals. At least one of the three wins must include both Line Final and Tree Final. If a hound wins both First Line and First Tree in the Final Line or Final at the same trial on the same day with competition. If a hound wins both First Line and First Tree in the Final Line or Final Tree in the same trial, this only counts as one win towards a Grand Field Champion.
[Coonhound Field Trial]
- CGN Grand Nite Champion:**
Nite Champion dogs must win five casts with plus points.
[Coonhound Nite Hunt]
- CGW Grand Water Race Champion:**
A Water Race Champion must win three First Lines and/or First Trees in three Line Finals or Tree Finals at three different Water Races. At least one of the three wins must include both Line Final and Tree Finals. If a hound wins both First Line and First Tree in the Final Line or Final Tree in the same race, this only counts as one win towards a Grand Water Race Champion title.
[Coonhound Water Race]
- CNC Nite Champion:**
A dog must win five casts with plus points.
[Coonhound Nite Hunt]
- CSG Supreme Grand Champion:**
A Grand Champion must win 3 Champion Classes. (against all Champions).
[Coonhound Bench Show]
- CSGF Supreme Grand Field Champion:**
A Grand Field Champion must win three First Lines and/or three First Trees in three Finals or Tree Finals at three different trials. At least one of the three wins must include both Final Line and Final Tree in the same trial on the same date with competition. If a hound wins both First Line and First Tree in the Final Line or Final Tree in the same trial, this

AKC Titles and Abbreviations [continued]

- only counts as one (1) win towards a Supreme Grand Field Champion title.
[Coonhound Field Trial]
- CSGN Supreme Grand Nite Champion:**
Grand Nite Champion dogs must win five casts with plus points.
[Coonhound Nite Hunt]
- CSGW Supreme Grand Water Race Champion:**
A Water Race Grand Champion must win three First Lines and/or First Trees in three Line Finals or Tree Finals at three different Water Races. At least one of the three wins must include both Final Line and Final Tree Line Final and Tree Final in the same event on the same date with competition. If a hound wins both First Line and First Tree in the Final Line or Final Tree in the same race, this only counts as one win towards a Supreme Grand Water Race Champion title.
[Coonhound Water Race]
- CWC Water Race Champion:**
A dog must win one First Line and one First Tree in Finals at least once on the same date and in the same Water Race with competition and have a total of 200 Championship points.
[Coonhound Water Race]
- CWSG World Show Champion**
Dog must win first place at the annual World Championship Show.
[Coonhound Bench Show]
- HC Herding Champion:**
For a title, dog must receive 15 points with at least two 1sts carrying championship points, 1 of which must be for 3 pts. or better.
[Herding Trial]
- MACH Master Agility Champion:**
In order to acquire the title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Excellent B Standard Agility class and the Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves class.
[Agility Trial]
- NAC National Agility Champion:**
The winner of the annual National Agility Championship shall be entitled to be designated National Agility Champion of ____ (year).
[National Agility Championship]
- NAFC National Amateur Field Champion:**
Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Amateur Championship stake.
[Field Trial]
- NAGDC National Amateur Gundog Champion:**
National Amateur Gundog Champion title is for the dog that wins 1st place in a national amateur gun dog stake at a national championship field trial event for pointing breeds.
[Field Trial]
- NFC National Field Champion:**
Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Open Championship stake.
[Field Trial]
- NGDC National Gundog Champion:**
Win 1st place in a stake that has been designated a National Open Gun Dog Championship stake.
[Field Trial]

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Calendar of Events

GVKC Meetings and Events

Oct. 20	GVKC monthly meeting, 6:30 PM ReMax 4000 offices, 1st & Patterson
Nov. 24	GVKC monthly meeting, 6:30 PM ReMax 4000 offices, 1st & Patterson
Dec. 15	GVKC monthly meeting, 6:30 PM ReMax 4000 offices, 1st & Patterson Annual Christmas party
Jan. 16 & 17	Fun Match Mesa County Fairgrounds

Upcoming Dog Shows

Nov. 8	Southern Colo. Kennel Club Pueblo, CO (AB / O / JSHW)
Nov. 13-15	Council Bluffs Kennel Club Lincoln, NE (AB / O / JSHW)
Nov. 13-14	Tucson Kennel Club Tucson, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)
Nov. 15-16	Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club Tucson, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)
Nov. 27-28	Yuma Kennel Club Yuma, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)
Nov. 29-30	Imperial Valley Kennel Club Yuma, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)

Avoid the Rush — Volunteer Now!

The Chair of our Nominating Committee, Kim Giannone, is looking for a couple of volunteers who will help her put together a slate of candidates for the Board and for our officers next year. The days of glory for our current Board members and club officers will be over soon, and we need some charismatic, persuasive folks who are willing to recruit replacements for our term-limited and tired Board members. Volunteer now! You could help shape the future of our club!

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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- Full page: \$40
- Business card advertisement: \$ 5
- Announcements of litters: \$10

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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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