

## The First Thanksgiving



We learned in grade school about the origin of Thanksgiving Day.

The story began with the Pilgrims who fled England for religious freedom and the promise of opportunities in the New World. Their ship, the *Mayflower*, made her departure from Plymouth, England, in September of 1620 with 102 passengers and a crew of about 30 aboard. After two months at sea, the Pilgrims arrived on the northeastern shore of America.

William Bradford and Edward Winslow, two of the Pilgrims, left written accounts of the *Mayflower* voyage and the Pilgrims' struggles in the New World. Edward Winslow's journal recorded information about two dogs that were among the crew and passengers who traveled to the New World. He tells of a mastiff and a spaniel who accompanied a Pilgrim named John Goodman on the *Mayflower*.

The dogs were reported as having participated in the first explorations of the shore and woodlands that are now named Massachusetts, protected the colonists from Indian and animal intruders, and assisted in provisioning the colony with fresh meat.

During the Pilgrim's first year, sickness and starvation claimed the lives of nearly half the colonists and crew of the *Mayflower*. Unfortunately, John Goodman was among those who died. The remaining colonists readily adopted his two dogs.

In early spring of 1621, the first governor of Plymouth Colony, John Carver, and the Indian Chief, Massasoit, negotiated a peace treaty between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags. During the following months of the spring and summer, the Native Americans and the colonists worked together to till and plant the first successful crops.

The Pilgrims' first feast of Thanksgiving, in October of 1621, was a three-day harvest festival filled with fellowship, good food, and games. The Indians and the colonists shared the fruits of their labor: venison, duck, turkey, corn, and pumpkin.

The picture above, titled "The First Thanksgiving," was painted by J. L. G. Ferris in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It clearly shows that the spaniel (and the mastiff, too, no doubt) were valued members of the Plymouth colony. 🐾

## Message from the President

Noelle Blair

Thanksgiving. A time to give thanks for all the bounty we have in our lives. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. I like it better than Christmas because we get caught up in the act of buying, giving, and receiving gifts at Christmas and forget about the true reason for the season. Thanksgiving is a time to simply spend with the people that mean the most to us, without the distractions of the outside world. I would hope that you would take the time over the next few days to think of one new thing each day that you are thankful for.

I am thankful to live in a country where I have the freedom to worship how I please. I am thankful that I live in country that allows me the freedom to express myself. I am thankful to live in a nation that is in the top 5% of the most prosperous countries of the world. The United States is going through a time of great upheaval and change, but still, in my humble opinion, it is the best place in the world to raise a family. I am thankful that as hard as times might be, I don't have to worry about going to bed hungry or cold.

Take time this month to consider what you have. Take time to tell the people in your life how much they mean to you. So often we think to ourselves how much someone means to us and yet for some reason we seldom verbalize it. Imagine how wonderful you might make someone feel by simply telling them what a difference they have made in your life.



Noelle and Crush, who is definitely one of the blessings in her life.

As I write this I am surrounded by my dogs as they all eat their 'Sunday' bones. I am so grateful that I have them to come home to. It never ceases to amaze me that they are equally excited to see me, whether I have been gone for one minute, one hour, or one day. It doesn't matter to them if I haven't brushed my hair today or if I'm wearing the same pants I had on yesterday. They don't gossip or spread rumors. They love me, 100%, warts and all. Whether I am having a good day, a bad day; it doesn't matter. To simply be with me, doing what I am doing is their best day.

I would hope that we can learn from them. This Thanksgiving make it a point to let the people in your lives know that you love them unconditionally, that being with them is what really matters, and that loving them and being loved by them is what makes it easier to get up each morning and face the day—no matter what the circumstances might bring.

I am so grateful for each and every member of this club. We have found a way to

unite and work together for a common cause despite the fact that we have so many different personality types, experiences, and priorities. I want to thank you all for everything you do, for the experiences you bring, and for your dedication to the animals in all our lives. Without each one of you it wouldn't work.

Happy Thanksgiving! 🐾

### Don't Forget to Pay Your GVKC Membership Dues for 2010!

It's time to send in your membership dues. They are the same amount as last year—\$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership. Please fill out the Membership Renewal Form on the last page and send it with your check to GVKC at P.O. Box 1751, Grand Junction, CO 81502. Membership dues need to be paid before our January meeting when we elect our new officers. Now's a good time to renew, before it slips your mind.

## Winter Training Classes

*All training classes are six sessions each and will start in the first week of January. The class meeting schedules and instructor biographies will be posted on our website, <http://www.grandvalleykennelclub.org>*

**Manners Class:** This is a basic obedience class. By the end of the sessions your dog will be able to sit, down, stay on command, and walk on a loose leash. At the last session your dog will have an opportunity to be tested for Canine Good Citizen certification. This is the first in a series of obedience classes. Instructor: Noelle Blair. Cost: \$80. Minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 15.

**Building the Training Relationship Class:** This is the second in a series of obedience classes. Your dog should understand sit, down, stay, and walking on a leash prior to taking this class. In this class we make training fun. We play a lot of games with our dogs and teach our dogs that we are the most interesting thing around. We work on attention, walking in heeling position, long stays, proper sits, fronts, cookie throws, targeting, and jumping. We teach you how to be unpredictable to keep your dog listening and watching you. You will be amazed at how fast your dogs learn with these techniques. By the end of the sessions, your dog will have the skills needed to go on to a beginning Rally class or a Companion Dog prep class. Instructor: Deb Murray. Cost \$80. Minimum of 5 students and a maximum 12.

**Companion Dog (CD) Prep:** Your dog should be able to sit, down, walk in heel position, and be able to do long stays prior to taking this class. This class is for those who wish to enter obedience competition events. By the end of this class, your dog will be ready to compete for the Companion Dog title. Instructor: Jan Hamner. Cost \$80. Minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 8.

**Beginning Rally Class:** Dogs must know the basics (sit, down, and walk on a loose leash) prior to taking this class. In this class you will learn all of the signs needed to compete for the Rally Novice title. Instructor: Noelle Blair. Cost \$80. Minimum of 6 students and a maximum of 10.

**Advanced/Excellent Rally:** This class is for those who have completed a Beginning Rally class or who have earned the Rally Novice title. This class will teach you the Advanced and Excellent hand signs, such as back up and jump, and show you how to teach them to your dog. Instructor: Christy Armendarez. Cost \$80. Minimum of 5 students and a maximum of 10.

**Pre-Agility Class:** This class is for those who have been through the basic obedience classes. Agility is a great way to build a working relationship with your dog, get exercise, and have a blast doing it. This class will prepare you and your dog for an agility class by teaching you about clicker training, targeting, working at a distance, start line behavior, hand leading, sending around cones, front and rear awareness, and other flat work that will build a foundation of training. We will be working indoors on rubber mats. Instructor: Nancy Schmidt. Cost \$80. Minimum of 5 students and a maximum 10.

**Beginning/Puppy Conformation Handling Class – Drop-In:** This class is for those who are new to conformation handling and for those who want to introduce their puppy to the sport of Conformation events. This class will teach you how to enter a show and what you need to know about proper show attire, equipment, grooming, patterns, stacking (self and hand), how to move your dog with proper speed, and good sportsmanship. Instructor: Nanette Loya. Cost: \$10 per session.

## Winter Training Classes [continued]

**Conformation Handling & Rally Practice – Drop-In:** Here is an opportunity for you and your dog to practice your conformation handling or rally skills. We have set up a time, ring, and instructors in a warm indoor environment for you to get ready for your next show. In the conformation ring each week specific skills will be emphasized. Instructors will be there to help you perfect your techniques. In the rally rings a different course will be set up each week and the instructors will be there for you to ask questions on signs and techniques. Instructors: Advanced Conformation - Kim Giannone and Sandy McFarland; Rally Novice - Kelly Davidson; Advanced & Excellent Rally - Christy Armendarez. Cost \$10 per session.

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## WINTER 2010 FUN MATCHES

**Saturday and Sunday, Jan 16 & 17**

**Mesa County Fair Grounds**

2785 Highway 50 - Community Building (C Building)

### **Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Grand Valley Kennel Club**

**EVERYONE is welcome to participate - including 4-H**

\$8 per class - Registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Judging Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Conformation, Best Puppy (4-12 mo.),

Best in Match, Best Bred-By

Mixed/Non AKC-Registered Dogs

Jr. Showmanship, Obedience, Rally



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Conformation, Best Puppy (4-12 mo.),

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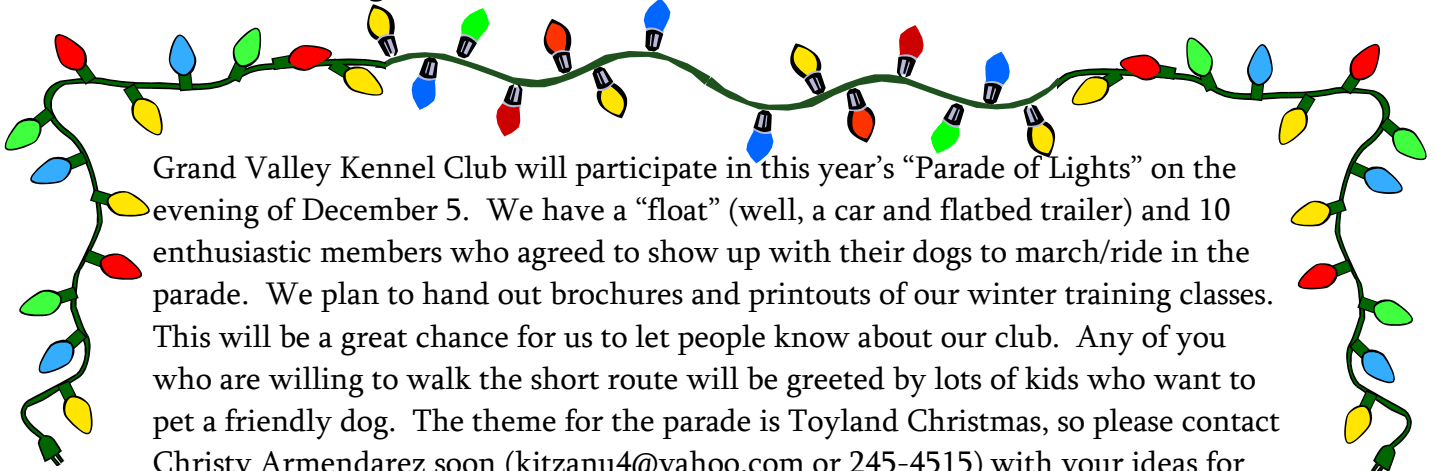
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If you have any questions, please contact  
Kelly Davidson 970-623-0343

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## Parade of Lights in Downtown Grand Junction on December 5



Grand Valley Kennel Club will participate in this year's "Parade of Lights" on the evening of December 5. We have a "float" (well, a car and flatbed trailer) and 10 enthusiastic members who agreed to show up with their dogs to march/ride in the parade. We plan to hand out brochures and printouts of our winter training classes. This will be a great chance for us to let people know about our club. Any of you who are willing to walk the short route will be greeted by lots of kids who want to pet a friendly dog. The theme for the parade is Toyland Christmas, so please contact Christy Armendarez [soon](mailto:kitzanu4@yahoo.com) ([kitzanu4@yahoo.com](mailto:kitzanu4@yahoo.com) or 245-4515) with your ideas for decorating our float, dressing up our dogs, and/or to volunteer to be there. We need as many of the club there as possible!



## Christmas Party on December 15

You'll notice on our calendar of events that our annual Christmas party will be on our regular meeting night, the third Tuesday of the month—which is December 15. We will also meet at our regular time, 6:30 p.m. But we will not be meeting in the conference room of ReMax 4000 as we usually do. Instead, we will be meeting in the Community Building (Building C) at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. We rented that facility so we can bring our dogs to share our Christmas party. It's so much more fun when you can share Christmas with your little ones! (No offense to Kim and her big ones....)

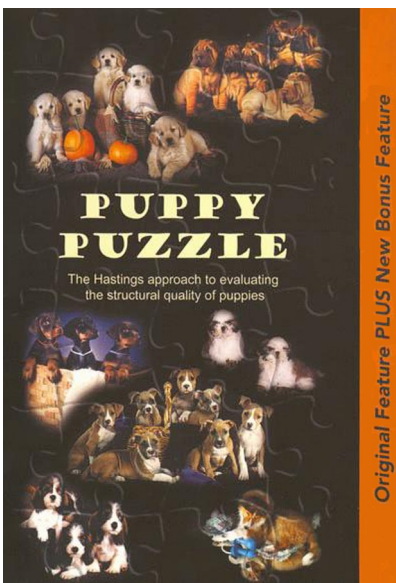
We have a program and an evening of fun activities planned. You'll have a good time if you come!

Here's the plan:

- If you would like to be part of the gift exchange, bring a \$15 to \$20 gift for a dog or a dog-themed gift. Please adhere strictly to the \$15-\$20 value.
- The club will supply cups, plates, napkins, and eating utensils.
- Please bring a snack to feed 12 people. We don't plan to have a meal because we didn't rent the kitchen. Here is a list of what to bring, based on the first letter of your last name.
  - A-G: Bring a salty snack
  - H-R: Bring a sweet snack
  - S-Z: Bring a beverage
- You are welcome to bring your dog (or dogs if you can supervise multiple dogs and still enjoy yourself) and a guest.

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On the next page, we've provided information on an upcoming seminar taught by **Pat Hastings**. If you are not familiar with her, you should know that she is a respected educator, author, and AKC judge. She is well known for her *Puppy Puzzle* video that provides guidelines for evaluating puppies for show potential and field performance. She evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year. The seminar will be in Denver in April, but the seats will fill quickly, so we are running the announcement now. If you have questions, please contact Carole Williams at [cpwilliams@msn.com](mailto:cpwilliams@msn.com).



Announcing the return of  
**Pat Hastings**  
 to the Rocky Mountain Area to present her  
 acclaimed seminar  
**STRUCTURE IN ACTION WORKSHOP!**  
 Saturday, April 17, 2010

Red Lion Hotel - Stapleton  
 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado  
 (I-70 & Quebec area)  
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them.

But do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without breaking down? Is that what we really want to do to our most steadfast companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

**STRUCTURE IN ACTION** is a new one-day workshop presented by Pat Hastings. It combines Pat's *Puppy Puzzle* presentation, as well as her discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs.

Topics include:

- \* How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies
- \* The basics of canine structure
  - \* The weakest links
  - \* How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog
  - \* What your dog can do and should not be doing
  - \* A veterinarian's idea on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury
- \* Your questions and answers

The seminar also includes a hands-on structural evaluation of dogs.

**If you have a dog with performance/structural issues that you would like to have considered for evaluation at the workshop, please include that information in your registration form.** The selection of dogs will be based on those that have had injuries or other performance/structural issues (such as change in behavior possibly related to an unknown structural issue). **Selection will be limited to 10 dogs.**

**COST: \$125 - Early bird registration received by February 21, 2010**  
**\$150 - Registration after February 22, 2010**  
 (Completed registration form and funds received by above dates)

**\*\* This includes Continental Breakfast – Lunch – morning & afternoon breaks \*\***

**This seminar has limited seating ... Early Reservations are suggested.**  
**Please fill in and mail the reservation form on the following page.**

This seminar is brought to you as a fund raiser  
 for the  
 2010 Field Spaniel Society of America's National  
 July 2010 - Loveland, Colorado



# **STRUCTURE IN ACTION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHECK/MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **EARLY BIRD: \$125.00 (MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2/20/2010)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **AFTER 2/21/2010: \$150.00**

**\*\* LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION WILL BE APRIL 11, 2010 \*\***

[  ] Yes, I have a dog with structural/performance issues that I'd like to bring!

Please describe the problem(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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We will provide this information to Pat, and it will be at her discretion if you are asked to bring your dog. We will call or email you with this decision by 4/14/2010.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO CAROLE WILLIAMS**

**MAIL TO: CAROLE WILLIAMS  
6806 W. RAINBOW CREEK RD  
SEDALIA, CO 80135**

**QUESTIONS? CAROLE: 303 688-0601 OR CPWILLIAMS@MSN.COM  
SALLY: 303 367-5832 OR SALLYMAXWELL2@MSN.COM**

## Calendar of Events

### GVKC Meetings and Events

Wed., Dec. 9	GVKC board meeting, 6:30 PM ReMax 4000 office, 1st & Patterson
Tues., Dec. 15	GVKC monthly meeting and annual Christmas party, 6:30 p.m., Mesa County Fairgrounds, Building C
Jan. 16 & 17	GVKC Fun Matches Mesa County Fairgrounds
April 24 & 25	GVKC & 4-H Fun Matches Veterans Park, Grand Junction
June 19 & 20	GVKC & 4-H Fun 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>
Nov. 27-28	Yuma Kennel Club Yuma, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)
Nov. 29-30	Imperial Valley Kennel Club Yuma, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)
Feb. 1	Hobbs New Mexico Kennel Club Hobbs, NM (AB / O / JSHW)
Feb. 5-6	Lost Dutchman Kennel Club Phoenix, AZ (AB / JSHW)
Feb. 7-8	Sahuaro State Kennel Club Phoenix, AZ (AB / O / JSHW)
Feb. 14-16	Plum Creek & Colorado Kennel Clubs Denver, CO (AB / O / JSHW)

## Thanks, Kim!

Our 2009 Show Chairman, Kim Giannone, recently donated \$50 to the club in honor of all the members who helped make the September show a great success. This was Kim's first time as Show Chair, but she did an unbelievable job of organizing the event and making it a pleasure for everyone who participated.

## 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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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 sportsman-like 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 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**

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Membership Renewal Form
Grand Valley Kennel Club
P.O. Box 1751, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name, if you have one \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have one or more dogs that earned a title this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list each dog's name and titles that you would like to have printed on a crate tag:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been a member of GVKC? \_\_\_\_\_

What officer positions or volunteer jobs have you taken on during that time?

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Do you plan to breed your dog or dogs in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

How many litters do you have planned for the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in learning, training, and/or competing in

Conformation? \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience/Rally? \_\_\_\_\_ Agility? \_\_\_\_\_ Flyball? \_\_\_\_\_ Therapy Dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$20 for an individual membership, \$25 for a family membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The newsletter can be mailed to you (instead of e-mailed) each month for \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_