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## Join the Grand Valley Kennel Club for some Spring training classes!

**Where:** Mesa County Fairgrounds, in front of the Community Building, in the grass.

**When:** Monday evenings, starting April 25<sup>th</sup>, and running through Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Time:** 6:30 – 7:30

**What:** Manners and Canine Good Citizen

**Cost:** Manners - \$85      Canine Good Citizen - \$105

Please visit our website at [grandvalleykennelclub.org](http://grandvalleykennelclub.org) for more information. Or contact Cindy Clark at 303-917-0147 for any questions you may have and, to register for classes.

**\*\* Drop-in handling classes will also be taking place on these Monday's from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. They are free for members, and \$5 per class for non-members. Non-members may use their punch cards, or**

## Message from President Noelle Blair

Spring is beginning to sprung all over the valley. One of the things that I look forward to in the Spring is the warm air, open windows, and cleaning out all the dust and cobwebs from the corners. One of the things I don't look forward to is the dogs taking off their winter coats and leaving them all over the furniture, floors, my work clothes, the car.....

We had the rare opportunity to attend a grooming seminar by Nanette Loya our local Master Groomer extraordinaire! For those of you that missed it, I would HIGHLY recommend that you call her right now and schedule a private lesson. Go ahead..... we'll wait.....

She touched on everything from ears to toes. How to dry your dog. What shampoo and conditioners to use. Coat care..... You name it we worked on it. I have been showing for many years, and was even a groomer for a time and I still learned several new tricks!

Did you know that thinning shears can be used for more than just thinning?

Did you know that you can strip coat on all breeds of dogs - not just terriers?

Did you know that Corn Starch is also a fantastic grooming aid and used for more than just coagulating gravy??

Don't think that you can't use terrier tricks on your double coated breed!

I was amazed at how I was able to chisel out a dog much closer to the standard than the one I walked into the building with. Corgi's are supposed to be shown 'natural'. I don't know the last time I stepped into a ring with any dog that was in a 'natural state'. But at the end of the clinic I had a very natural looking dog that I had sculpted from scratch. She didn't look like I had pulled, plucked, scissored, stripped and otherwise groomed her using every tool known to man. Nanette has a rare eye for a dog and how to make those little idiosyncrasies that nature throws into our gene pools just disappear.

One brag that can't wait until the next meeting is that my grand-puppy sired by Crush attended the seminar with his mom Liz Heskett from Denver. That next weekend at Terry-All, after being groomed using the products and techniques Nanette recommended; he went Winners Dog. Then he went Best of Winners! Then he went Best of Breed!! Did I mention this was a major win? Did I mention that this was his first time in a ring? Did I mention that he is only 7 months old? Did I mention that he did this over 2 specials - one of them the #4 Pembroke in the Country?

Nanette is talking about doing this again for our club, and regardless of whether you are an old pro or a novice exhibitor I guarantee you that she has a trick or two in her bag that will work for you the next time you need to take your dog in the ring. If you can't wait until the next one and you still haven't called her for that private lesson I suggest you get up right now and make that phone call!

Thank you Nanette!

# Serious Training and a Good Time



**Grand Valley Kennel Club**  
**General Meeting**  
March 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Noelle Blair at 6:32 PM

Those in attendance were: Noelle Blair, John Boughton, Edna Schenck, Chris Barnes, Helen Haas, Marilyn Forte, Nanette Loya, Wendy Spurr, Ashley Edstrom, Cindy Clark, Lorianne Campbell, Elizabeth Hymer and Johnnie Farmer.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no general meeting in February. It was moved, by Marilyn and seconded by Liz, that the January minutes be approved as read. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Barnes made a motion to accept the report as given as well as the year-end audit. Liz seconded and the motion passed. Our taxes have been taken to the accountant. Quickin software has been purchased. This software can be passed on to the next treasurer.

**Correspondence:** We received a thank you from John Boughton for the flowers for Helen. Two checks were sent to GVKC in memory of Helen. Johnnie will send thank you notes. CASA will have a dog show April 30 in Sherwood Park. WASAG-Western Slope Animal Networking Group sent us information about their upcoming expo and invited us to buy space for our club. It is the weekend after our shows.

**Old Business:** Dues - one last reminder will be sent to the members that haven't paid. April 15 is the deadline for getting them paid. If not paid they will have to reapply for membership.

**New Business:** Volunteer of the Year Award went to Nanette Loya.

**Committee Reports: Newsletter-**Wendy Get your articles in. It is very hard for Wendy to get the newsletter out on time when articles are not turned in to her on time.

**Dog Show-**The judges panel is confirmed. We will have Rally and Obedience under the covered arena and there will be one judge for both each day. Trophy donations are due by May 1 in order to get them into the catalog.

**April Match-**there will be no match as there was no volunteer for match chairman.

**Grooming fund raiser-**Nanette. March 25 is the deadline to register for the grooming seminar that Nanette will be giving.

**Website-**will be updated with seminar and training information.

**Training Coordinator-**Cindy The new classes will run for 5 weeks and will begin on April 25 and run until May 23. There will be a Manners class for \$85 and a CGC class for \$105. Please send your registration fees to the post office box. These will be held on the grassy area in front of the C Bldg at the fairgrounds. There will also be drop-in handling classes. These classes are \$5/class. Punch cards for 5 classes will be available and if you have some leftover on your punch card from last year you will be able to use them.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM

**Program:** A thank you to Maryann Elder for bringing in her two dogs and teaching us about Police dogs, Schutzhund and tracking dogs.

Johnnie Farmer  
Secretary

## Rally

By Elizabeth Hymer

Some dog sports are very active and then there are others that are less active. Rally is one of those that are just a little less active but still fun and competitive. It has just enough components to keep it fun for the dogs, but is much mellower for those owners that maybe don't want all the hype of more active activities. What is Rally? The official answer is that it is a sport where the dog and handler compete as a team to complete a course designed by the judge. There is so much more to Rally than that simple statement.

The AKC recognized the fact that not all dogs and owners were at the level of the obedience ring or had the desire to be in the obedience ring. Thus they created Rally as the next step after getting your CGC and the possibility of the obedience ring. Courses are designed with 10 to 20 stations depending on your level. At each station there is the possibility of losing points depending on how well each team performs the activity. Everyone starts out with the same score of 100 and points get deducted depending on the offense. There is no time limit to complete the course; however time will be used to break a tie should one occur.

There are four levels of competition in Rally; novice, advanced, excellent, and advanced excellent. For the novice, advance, and excellent levels it takes three qualifying score of 70 or better to get your title. In order to get the advanced excellent title you must qualify in both the advanced class and excellent class at the same trial 10 times. In the novice class you can have a course of between 10-15 stations with no more than 5 stationary stations. The advanced class consists of 12-17 stations with no more than 7 being stationary, plus at least one jump. For the excellent class you can expect 15-20 stations no more than 7 being stationary, and there will be an honor dog in the ring to provide extra distraction.

The novice level is on leash, where as the advanced and excellent levels are both off leash. The biggest no no in Rally is a tight leash at the novice level. There needs to be a sense of teamwork between dog and handler, and that cannot be accomplished if the dog is constantly on a tight lead. Talking to the dogs is allowed, as well as encouraging them with your hands. On the flip side there is no touching or use forceful correction in Rally, to do so would result in elimination. Rally is forgiving enough that sits do not have to be exactly perfect, and if the dog or handler is not having a good day teams still have a chance of at least qualifying.

Not only is Rally a great team sport it also gives the dogs that do not have the mentality/maturity for obedience a chance to have fun in an obedience setting. There is so much more information for Rally on the AKC website. If it is something that interests you please go to [www.ack.org/rally](http://www.ack.org/rally) to look at the rule book along with the exercises that you may see in a course. Because Rally was designed for pet owners in mind they take everyday commands and create a fun challenging sport that really takes no extra equipment. All that is really needed are the signs and you can create endless challenge and fun for you and your dog.

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## Programs scheduled for:

**April** - JoAnne Weatherly will be speaking on Red light/Infra-red therapy.

**First Aid Class Info:** Dates are May 15th and August 14th, both Sundays. Times of the classes are 1 pm to 4 pm at the Montrose Recreational District (don't have a physical address).

## Braggs for February

These seem a little late, however they were given in March and therefore reported in the April issue of the Newsletter. There is no March issue as I am trying to make this publication relevant to the current month.

### Rocky Mountain Cluster Brags:

Lizabeth Hymer's Redfox's French Kiss (Babette) won 3 seconds, 1 first and a reserve winner at 6 month and her first show.

Cindy Clar's Samkita's The Dealin's Done (River) took Winner's Dog and 2 points.

Edna Schenck's Hidden Springs Topwater Yuletide (Decker) on his way to Master Hunter show champ got 2nd Master Pass, then at the cluster got 2 points on Sunday and a BOW for a 4 point major. On Friday of that show another of Edn's dogs, Daisy, had a litter of 9 puppies.

Noelle Blair's CH Redfox's Above It All, RN (Gabe) took a Select Major on Friday, then on Sunday took Select Major, Group 3 and Noelle took Best Owner Handler.

Noelle Blair's Redfox's & Misty Ridge Nautical But Nice, CGC (Flirt) took Winner's Bitch, a 4 point major.

Noelle Bliar's Misty ridge Ruff N Rowdy at Redfox (Crush) took Winner's Dog for a 3 point major.

Noelle Blair's Redfox's Shut Up and Kiss Me (Smooch) took Reserve Winner's Bitch Friday & Saturday, Best Puppy and Group2 Friday and Winner's Bitch for a 3 point major on Monday.

### Other Events:

Edna Schenck's Goose — Nova won 1st Novice Owner at the Labrador Nationals, 2nd at the Regional Show at Nationals.

Luna — Nova too 2 Senior Hunter passes her first time out.

Nova won Best in Match and Covey or Mesa won Best Puppy at our B-Match.

Nanette Loya & Keith Kibel will have Dragon, a 7 month old male Sealyham imported from Poland living with them in June.

Chris Barnes's JayDees Holster yer 6 Shooter (Shooter) and Rocky Mountain Ponderosa Pine (Sage) were the proud parents of 6 puppies on March 6th.

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*GVKC Members*

*March 15, 2011*

*We would like to convey our thanks for all of your support in our time of need. We appreciate the flowers and your presents at our mother's memorial. It was great to hear about the impression mother made on each of you. Thank you for your kind and humorous comments to help us on this day. It eased our sorrow and left us with great memories.*

*You will all be in our prayers*

*John Boughton & Family*

*The Boughton family*