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Grand Valley Kennel Club Has Some Grand Champions



Narsil was one of the first 10 Bernese Mtn Dogs to earn the title of Grand Champion in June of 2010. His registered name is BIS GCH CH Lorien Dell's Sword Of Elendil. He was born on July 13, 2006 and earned his conformation championship at the age of 11 months. Narsil has numerous breed specialty awards of merit, group wins and an all breed Best In Show. He is owned and



GCH R and G's Dash of Class obtained all her Grand Champion Points in September. Callie is co-owned by Kathy Nygren, Deb Rowe, and Gayann Jones. (pic attached) Feb 2011 Callie will be bred to Multiple BISS GCH R and G's Mytical Dancer, Number one Boxer in the country.



GCh. Kallehan's Hot N Spicy of Jorkaite (Spice, a Kerry Blue Terrier) achieved her Grand Championship title in Oct 2010, finishing in the first 20 dogs of the breed since its inception in May 2010. Spice has been mostly owner handled while ranking #3 Kerry Blue Bitch in 2009 thru 2010 still ranking in the top 10 Kerry Blues in the country with numerous breed & group placements including Award of Merits and placements at prestigious national specialty shows. Spice is the owner of Nanette Loya and Keith Kibel

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Message from President Noelle Blair

Whatever happened to 2010? I don't know about you, but it was blur for me. Here it is time to pay your dues and vote for a new group of fanciers to represent you and the club for the upcoming year. Thanks to the many and wonderful volunteers who made out 2010 dog show such a success. Kim truly out-did herself as show chair this year. There are so many of you that are willing to step up to the plate, roll up your sleeves and help where ever help is needed. We may be few, but we are mighty! I am taking a chance here - but I am going to try and name all that stepped up to be in charge of or chair an event for the club....

Cassie Archibeque - Health Fair

Christy Armandarez - Summer Picnic

Chris Barnes - Christmas Party, Mat Clean Up

Alex Browning - Manning the gate at Fair

Lorianne Campbell - Judges transportation

Cindy Clark - Training Coordinator, 1st Aid Co-Chair, Speakers For Meetings, Board Member

Kelly Davidson - Match Chair, Treasurer, Corporate Sponsor for our 2010 Dog Show

Merle & Shauna DeMoss - Stewards

Ashley Edstrom - Head Steward, Chair Pat Trotter Seminar, 1st Aid Co-Chair

Mark Edstrom - Steward and all around help for the annual dog show

Johnnie Farmer - Secretary, Sanctioned Match Chair, Mat Clean Up, Manning the Gate at Fair

Kim Giannone - 2010 Show Chair (a full time job in itself), Santa Pictures, Manning the gate at Fair

Joe Giannone - Grounds/Parking Chair

Liz Hymer - Judge's Hospitality, Steward, Manning the Gate at Fair

Keith Kibel - Website, Parking

Nanette Loya - Board Member, Parking, Vendors, Advertising, Manning the gate at Fair, Santa Pictures

Edna Schenck - Summer Picnic, Board Member, Santa Pictures

Wendy Spurr - Vice President, Newsletter

I did not include the multitudes that help set up, tear down, and are always there willing to help out where ever they are needed. This club is amazing!! I want to thank you all for helping make 2010 the best year yet!

Noelle Blair

Unbaked Yeast Rolls

We have a fox terrier by the name of Jasper. He came to us in the summer of 2001 from the fox terrier rescue program . For those of you, who are unfamiliar with this type of adoption, imagine taking in a 10 year old child about whom you know nothing and committing to doing your best to be a good parent. Like a child, the dog came with his own idiosyncrasies. He will only sleep on the bed, on top of the covers, nuzzled as close to my face as he can get without actually performing a French kiss on me. Lest you think this is a bad case of 'no discipline,' I should tell you that Perry and I tried every means to break him of this habit including locking him in a separate bedroom for several nights. The new door cost over \$200. But I digress.

Five weeks ago we began remodeling our house. Although the cost of the project is downright obnoxious, it was 20 years overdue AND it got me out of cooking Thanksgiving for family, extended family, and a lot of friends that I like more than family most of the time. I was assigned the task of preparing 124 of my famous yeast dinner rolls for the two Thanksgiving feasts we did attend.

I am still cursing the electrician for getting the new oven hooked up so quickly. It was the only appliance in the whole darn house that worked, thus the assignment. I made the decision to cook the rolls on Wed evening to reheat Thurs am. Since the kitchen was freshly painted, you can imagine the odor. Not wanting the rolls to smell like Sherwin Williams #586, I put the rolls on baking sheets and set them in the living room to rise for a few hours. Perry and I decided to go out to eat, returning in about an hour. The rolls were ready to go in the oven.

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GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB**October 19, 2010****General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Noelle Blair at 6:40PM

Those in attendance were: Kim Giannone, Teresa Sheffield, Kathy Nygren, Debbie Rowe, Sharon Wobick, Ashley Edstrom, Helen Haas, Kelly Davidson, Chris Barnes, Lorianne Campbell, Wendy Spurr, Nanette Loya, Noelle Blair, Cindy Clark and Johnnie Farmer. Guests were: Jeanette Tyson with Border Collies and Marsha Nieman with Corgis and Australian Shepherds

Secretary's Report: Minutes from last month were read and approved. Sharon motioned for approval and Nanette gave the second.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly gave her report. Sharon motioned for approval, Kim gave the second, motion passed.

New Member Application: Kathy Nygren had the second reading. Membership was approved.

Correspondence: Kim read several thank you notes from some of our judges.

Old Business: Show Report - Kim Giannone. We made approximately \$16,500 on the shows. The final numbers are not all in yet. We have 4 days for our 2011 shows. They are Thursday, September 29, Friday, September 30, Saturday, October 1 and Sunday October 2. Judges are allowed to judge 175 dogs per day.

With the space we have available at the fairgrounds it was suggested that we limit our entries to 900 so that we can have room for everything that we need - rings, parking, etc. We had a tremendous amount of positive feedback from club members, exhibitors, judges, volunteers. Negative feedback from the Boxer exhibitors was brought to our attention by Kathy Nygren. These exhibitors did not like the show times that were assigned to them nor the ring that they were to show in. This is something that Onofrio decides, not GVKC although we can point out the complaint to Onofrio. Please email Kim with any suggestions, comments, the job you are willing to volunteer for or anything else that will be helpful to make the 2011 shows as terrific as the 2010 shows were.

New Business: Noelle passed out a survey for everyone to fill out. She will have the results at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee: Nanette is the Chairperson from the Board, Sharon Wobick and Debbie Rowe are the committee members. Please let them know if you would be interested in filling one of the officers or being on the board. Present officers need to let them know also.

First Aid Class: The date for the next one has not be decided.

Christmas Party Committee: Cindy Clark, Chris Barnes. This is a big event for the kennel club. Please call either Cindy or Chris and let them know your ideas and what you would be willing to do. This party takes a lot of people pitching in to get it going.

Christmas Parade: The club decided not to participate this year.

Santa/Pet Pictures: Kim with talk with Chow Down. They held this event last year. They have changed things around in their store and may not have room for us to set up again this year. If they don't have room we can use the Pet Spa as a back up place. Either way we will have Santa pictures.

January BOB match: Need match chairman. Please let Noelle know if you would be willing to take this on.

Training: Cindy has the C Building reserved from January 3 thru Feb 7 The classes will be at 6:30 These are Monday nights.

Donna Scott is still our corresponding secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

GRAND VALLEY KENNEL CLUB
General Meeting
November 16, 2010

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

Those in attendance were: Noelle Blair, Liz Hymer, Lorianne Campbell, Nanette Loya, Marilyn Forte, Sharon Wobick, Helen Haas, Nathy Nygren, Kim Giannone and Johnnie Farmer. There were no guests.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Liz made the motion and Kathy gave the second.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly was absent. Kim explained the report that was received at the board meeting. Marilyn gave \$2.00 that she received from aluminum cans.

New Member's Applications: We had no new member applications and none for a second reading.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Nominating Committee. Nanette reported that the slate for the 2011 officers are:

President: Noelle Blair - seeking re-election

Vice President: Wendy Spurr - seeking re-election

Secretary: Johnnie Farmer - Secretary is a two year position.

Treasurer: Ashley Edstrom

Board Members - Nanette Loya - seeking re-election

Cindy Clark - seeking re-election

Edna Schenck - seeking re-election

Those running for a board positions are:

Helen Haas

Liz Hymer

Kathy Nygren

Christmas Party: December 14 at 6:30PM in the C Building at the Fairgrounds. The dinner will be catered. The cost is \$10 and you need to RSVP to Cindy Clark or Chris Barnes. There will be dog games, so bring a crate and one dog. Also, people games. Nanette is putting together baskets for a silent auction. Please get your donations to her as soon as you can. She needs grooming items. Noelle is making a basket for training and also needs donations. If you don't have anything to donate you can contribute money to them so they can buy the items they need.

Santa Pet Pictures: December 11 from 10AM - 2PM at Chow Down in the Albertsons Center on the Redlands. Marilyn, Nanette, Sharon and Amy Johnson will help. Dr. Amy Johnson with Creature Comforts is one of our sponsors along with Chow Down.

New Business: Dues are coming due. They need to be paid before the elections in January or you will not be able to vote. Kelly will be sending out email reminders.

Christmas Parade: The club voted not to enter this year.

B/OB Match: Chairman is Kelly Davidson. Co-chair is Kathy Nygren. There will be two one day matches on a January weekend. At the fairgrounds. No dates yet.

Audit Committee: Wendy, Kim and Donna

Eric Salas Fundraiser: Nanette is working on it. He will be scheduled to do a handling seminar. No date yet.

Committee Reports: Training: There will be a meeting November 17 at 6:30 at Kim's office. Please plan to attend if you are interested in teaching a class or would be willing to help in any way.

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Braggs for October

A Tri mole puppy I bred, Rimrock Brynne of Grand Mesa went Winners Dog and got his TST point

Sharon Wobick: My 3 year old, Tri-color collie RIMROCK'S TEHANI'S NASHIELA finished her Rally Novice title at our show.

Debbie Rowe & Kathy Nygren: CH. R&G's Dash of Class, achieved her Grand Championship with two Best of Breed and 2 Select. She is to be bred to the Best of Show winner on Sunday. They also have puppies due October 24th from CH "Nip" owned by Debbie Rowe and CH "Bic" owned by Kathy Nytren.

Teresa Sheffield: Rebel Rose DiMaggio's Grand Slam (Reno" got his 1st point as Best of Winners.

Ashley & Mark Edstrom: CH Redfox's Above It All, RN got Best of Breed on Sunday and Select two days. Misty Ridge Ruff N' Rowdy at Redfox took Best of Winners two days (4 points total) and Reserve 1 day. Redfox's Song of the South took Best Puppy and a Group 3. Breeder is Noelle Blair.

Chris Banes: Copperidge's Ima Gonna Getch Ya took Winners Bitch and Best of Winners on . Stormy Lee's O Waylon took Reserve.

Nanette Loya and Keith Libel: Kerry Blue "Spice" finished her Grand Championship with an Award of Merit and Select Bitch at the US Kerry National Specialties October 7-10th. Spice is also in the top 10 rankings and will be competing in December at Eukanuba Invitational.

Christy Armendarez: Roxannes Royalty Eli Guenavire CD RAE NAP NJP had a great time at the German Shepherd National October 13-16th. She competed in novice preferred standard and jumpers taking 3 first place placements and 1 second place placement earning her NAP& NJP TITLES and I second place in open as A move up. Elie also passed her herding instinct test. Duchess Roxanne Guenavire received her RAE Rally title at the Cortez show last may

GVKC Christmas Party



These two thought getting dressed up for the Christmas party was the right thing to do (or at least their owners thought so). There was lots of good food, good dog games and good times all around.

Training Started in January

Monday- Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb 7th

6:15 to 7:00 Canine Good Citizen, Min. 5, Max 8. Johnnie Farmer. Cost \$105

Includes your final CGC exam, and your certificate

6:15 to 7:00 Advanced Conformation, Min. 5 & Max. 12. Kim Giannone & TBA. Cost \$85

7:15 to 8:00 Beginning Rally, Min. 5 & Max. 10. Elizabeth Hymer. Cost \$85

7:15 to 8:00 Beginning Conformation, Min. 5, Max. 12, Debra Murray and Nanette Loya. Cost \$85

Thursday Jan 6th, 13, 20, 27, & Feb 3, 10

6:15 to 7:00 Advanced Rally, Min. 5 & Max. 10. Christy Amendarez. Cost \$85

6:15 to 7:00 Beginning Conformation \$85

7:15 to 8:00 Manners, Min. 5 & Max. 15. Noelle Blair \$85

7:15 to 8:00 Advanced Conformation \$85

A dog's last will

When human beings die
 They write their testament
 To leave their home
 ...And all they have
 To those they love
 I'd do such
 If I could write
 To a poor, desperate, lonely stray
 I'd give my happy home
 My bowl and cozy bed
 My soft pillow and toys
 The so loved lap
 The tenderly stroking hand
 The lovely voice
 The place I had in someone's heart
 The love, that at last
 Helped me to find a peaceful end
 Held firmly in a sheltering embrace
 When I die, please don't say
 "I will never have a pet again
 the loss is far too much to stand!"
 Chose a lonely, unloved dog
 And give him MY place
 This is my inheritance
 The love I leave behind
 Is all I am able to give

~ Author unknown

Another Beautiful Litter



CH Bluemoon's Because I Can At Homeplace "Bic" Finished June 15, 2010 Handled by Christa Cook (Pic attached.) Bic completed her health testing and was bred to CH Rusty's Lil Nip of Sun owned by Deb Rowe. Litter of 10 whelped October 30, 2010

It was 8:30 PM. When I went to the living room to retrieve the pans, much to my shock one whole pan of 12 rolls was empty. I called out to Jasper and my worst nightmare became a reality. He literally wobbled over to me. He looked like a combination of the Pillsbury dough boy and the Michelin Tire man wrapped up in fur. He groaned when he walked. I swear even his cheeks were bloated. I ran to the phone and called our vet. After a few seconds of uproarious laughter, he told me the dog would probably be OK, however, I needed to give him Pepto Bismol every 2 hours for the rest of the night.

God only knows why I thought a dog would like Pepto Bismol any more than my kids did when they were sick. Suffice it to say that by the time we went to bed the dog was black, white and pink. He was so bloated we had to lift him onto the bed for the night.

We arose at 7:30 and as we always do first thing; put the dog out to relieve himself. Well, the dog was as drunk as a sailor on his first leave. He was running into walls, falling flat on his butt and most of the time when he was walking his front half was going one direction and the other half was either dragging the grass or headed 90 degrees in another direction. He couldn't lift his leg to pee, so he would just walk and pee at the same time. When he ran down the small incline in our back yard he couldn't stop himself and nearly ended up running into the fence.

His pupils were dilated and he was as dizzy as a loon. I endured another few seconds of laughter from the vet (second call within 12 hours) before he explained that the yeast had fermented in his belly and that he was indeed drunk. He assured me that, not unlike most binges we humans go through, it would wear off after about 4 or 5 hours and to keep giving him Pepto Bismol.

Afraid to leave him by himself in the house, Perry and I loaded him up and took him with us to my sister's house for the first Thanksgiving meal of the day. My sister lives outside of Muskogee on a ranch, (10 to 15 minute drive). Rolls firmly secured in the trunk (124 less 12) and drunk dog leaning from the back seat onto the console of the car between Perry and I, we took off. Now I know you probably don't believe that dogs burp, but believe me when I say that after eating a tray of risen unbaked yeast rolls, DOGS WILL BURP. These burps were pure Old Charter. They would have matched or beat any smell in a drunk tank at the police station. But that's not the worst of it. Now he was beginning to fart and they smelled like baked rolls. God strike me dead if I am not telling the truth! We endured this for the entire trip to Karen's, thankful she didn't live any further away than she did.

Once Jasper was firmly placed in my sister's garage with the door locked, we finally sat down to enjoy our first Thanksgiving meal of the day. The dog was the topic of conversation all morning long and everyone made trips to the garage to witness my drunken dog, each returning with a tale of Jasper's latest endeavor to walk without running into something. Of course, as the old adage goes, 'what goes in must come out' and Jasper was no exception.

Granted if it had been me that had eaten 12 risen, unbaked yeast rolls, you might as well have put a concrete block up my behind, but alas a dog's digestive system is quite different from yours or mine. I discovered this was a mixed blessing when we prepared to leave Karen's house. Having discovered his 'packages' on the garage floor, we loaded him up in the car so we could hose down the floor.

This was another naive decision on our part. The blast of water from the hose hit the poop on the floor and the poop on the floor withstood the blast from the hose. It was like Portland cement beginning to set up and cure. We finally tried to remove it with a shovel. I (obviously no one else was going to offer their services) had to get on my hands and knees with a coarse brush to get the remnants off of the floor. And as if this wasn't degrading enough, the darn dog in his drunken state had walked through the poop and left paw prints all over the garage floor that had to be brushed too.

Well, by this time the dog was sobering up nicely so we took him home and dropped him off before we left for our second Thanksgiving dinner at Perry's sister's house.

I am happy to report that as of today (Monday) the dog is back to normal both in size and temperament. He has had a bath and is no longer tricolor. None the worse for wear I presume. I am also happy to report that just this evening I found 2 risen unbaked yeast rolls hidden inside my closet door.

It appears he must have come to his senses after eating 10 of them but decided hiding 2 of them for later would not

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2011 Dog Show: Kim reported that the judges panel is firming up.

Newsletter: Wendy needs articles and pictures.

Advertising: Nanette and Kim have a flyer in progress for the Santa Pictures. Nanette will get out a press release for Eukunaba.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM Sharon made the motion and Kim gave the second.

Rules for obtaining a Grand Championship

The AKC began a new title category as a way for your dog to continue to compete after it has obtained it's championship. The category is Grand Champion, the rules are as follows:

A dog must be (1) a Champion of Record or (2) have been transferred to BOB competition based upon the owners' records of their having completed the requirements for a CH title to be eligible for Grand Championship (GCH) competition.. The American Kennel Club requires a dog to obtain a total of 25 points with three major wins (a major win is worth three points or higher) to become a Grand Champion. The majors must be won under three different judges and at least one other judge must award some of the remaining points – so you need to win under at least four different judges. Also at least one Champion of Record must be defeated at three of these shows.

Grand Championship points will be calculated according to the number of dogs competing in the regular classes, as well as dogs competing in Best of Breed competition. A dog awarded BOB will be credited with the number of GCH points calculated for BOB or BOS whichever is greater.