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Canine Athlete Academy Seminar

with Chris Zink DVM PhD DACVSMR
Sat and Sun, August 13th and 14th, 2011

Co-Sponsored by The Tiara Rado Animal Hospital
At The Clarion Inn, Grand Junction, Colorado

Chris Zink, author of Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete, Jumping A - Z and The Agility Advantage will present a two-day seminar focusing on how the canine body works, and what we can do to improve performance and keep our dogs healthy.

The seminar is broken up into several segments, with lectures followed by demonstrations and discussions.

General topics, using participating dogs, include:

- Structure analysis in groups with help from Chris
 - Gait analysis
- Demonstrations of how you can do a lameness exam to identify problems that need veterinary attention
 - Conditioning and warm-ups for your specific sport
- Targeted exercises for specific conditions such as hip dysplasia and back pain
 - Jump training: the biomechanics of jumping, training from puppies to adults, and how to fix jumping problems
- How structure and function affects a dog's performance in Agility and other sports
 - How to identify the 3 most common orthopedic conditions affecting performance dogs
 - Rehabilitating your dog following an injury

All topics are geared towards educating you on how to improve or maintain your dog's performance, and help keep him injury-free. 13 CEU's Pending (6.5 per day)

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Message from President

By Noelle Blair

Faults. We all know about them. They appear in all of our dog standards as either an undesirable trait or an outright disqualification. Most involve appearance, but some also suggest how a specific attitude, temperament or personality trait can make or break the 'ideal' for a breed.

How many times have we sat ringside and watched a class of dogs and picked them apart - from what the handler was wearing to how long the dog's nails are? I'm ashamed to admit, but I'm as guilty as the next.

I was reading a book about structure the other day and the author suggested that while the faults can sometimes be glaringly obvious and sometimes hard to ignore; it's a much more advanced exhibitor or judge that can find the strengths in any dog. Regardless of the specimen in front of them, there is always something good to be found. So many times novices or people new to their breeds will judge by looking at the faults, rather than the virtues of the breed in their rings.

I would like to challenge each of you to be like that author and try to look past the bad or the faults that are so obvious in each and every one of us and focus on the good that we all have. There are going to be times that feelings get hurt, tempers flare and we don't treat each other as we should. If you make a mistake own it, fix it, apologize and move on.

If you have been hurt, give the person a chance to make it right by bringing the hurt to their attention. Talking to everyone *but* the person that you really need to talk to only leads to gossip, and more hurt feelings. Often times the person isn't even aware they have hurt you. It's not because they intended to or were doing it out of spite. Sometimes it's all we can just going through each day, living life probably too fast and too focused on other things to even realize they made a mistake.

We have so many wonderful people in this club. All with their own very special strengths and weaknesses. It's when we come together as a team and help each other because of our strengths and in spite of our weaknesses that we become great.

Braggs for April

Breeder of Merit awards from AKC were awarded to Nanette Loya and Noelle Blair.

The Breeder of Merit Program honors breeder/exhibitors' dedication and hard work as they continue to produce dogs that are healthy, capable, and beautiful.

The foundation of today's AKC, Breeders of Merit have the power to influence, guide, and teach future breeders, exhibitors, and all purebred dog owners.

GVKC Member Spotlight of the Month

By Ashley Edstrom

Kim has been our amazing show chair for the past several yeas, and one people who works tirelessly for the club. Hope you enjoy getting to know more about her!

Name: Kim Giannone

Current dogs owned (breeds and names): GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) & Summit's Starlight Serenade (Sonnet) both are Bernese Mtn Dogs

How do you support your dog habit? (aka what do you do for a living?) Senior partner of an investment team. I am the portfolio manager and we are with Wells Fargo Advisors

Two legged family members? just my hubby, Joe

What are your hobbies other than dogs (yeah right)? I use to show horses, now the one that I have left is retired and I've moved on to dogs. I also enjoy shooting hand guns, riding 4-wheelers & snowmobiles

Doggie goals for this year? at least one draft title for Narsil & an obedience & rally advanced title for Sonnet

Tell us about the 1st dog you ever owned...a lab named Cinders. We did 4-H for years and one year was the top performance dog at the State Fair.

Favorite GVKC activity? the dog shows, of course!

Favorite dog activity? hanging with the kids at our mountain cabin

Do you have any pets other than dogs? If so, what? an old grey mare

How long have you been a member of GVKC? (all total) 4 yrs

How long have you been showing and how did you get started? 4 yrs - Narsil's breeder thought he would do well in the confirmation ring.

Favorite dog book? (training, fiction, whatever you like) Cesar Millan's books are great and I loved Marley & Me

Favorite dog show memory: Narsil's Best in Show, Grand Valley KC, 2008!! and the response of the local crowd

Grand Valley Kennel Club
General Meeting
April 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Noelle Blair at 6:35PM

Those in attendance: Noelle Blair, Ashley Edstrom, Lorianne Campbell, John Boughton, Helen Haas, Nanette Loya, Jordan Loya, Kim Giannone, and Johnnie Farmer. Guests: Carrie Collins, Sheridan Oleary, Denny Oleary, Joanne Weatherly, and Sharon Roper.

Applications for Membership: Application for Carrie Collins was read for the second time and she was voted in. Welcome Carrie!

Secretary's report: The report was amended to include that the "drop-in handling classes will be free for club members". John made the motion to accept the amendment and Nanette seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Ashley reported that we have been given an extension on our taxes. Kim made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, John gave the second. Motion passed

Introductions: Members introduced themselves. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Correspondence: We received a thank you for the \$50 donation we sent to CASA and a thank you from the Red Cross for our \$100 donation for use of their building.

There will be a 4-H match on June 17 and June 18. Flyers will be sent out to everyone.

Old Business: A special thank you was given to Carrie Collins for all the hard work she did to provide food for the grooming seminar that Nanette gave.

Grooming Seminar: Nanette reported that it was a success. Those of us that attended all agreed that it was extremely educational and lots of fun!!

New Business: Picnic - John Boughton and Carrie Collins will co-chair our annual picnic. Hopefully, we will be able to have it at Edna Schenck's house again. John will check on that and report back.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Wendy absent. Noelle reminded all of us to get our contributions to Wendy as early as we can.

Dog Show - Kim reported that Pat White will chair the obedience and Jan Hamner will chair the rally. The entries on rally and obedience have been limited to 60. Mixed breeds will be able to enter, however, they will need an AKC Partner number. Our trophies this year will be focused on owner/handler entries. We need corporate sponsors - two at \$1,000 each.

Advertising - Nanette will get the ads out for the upcoming training classes.

Training Coordinator - Flyers will be passed out.

Trophy Committee - Wendy was absent. Kim reminded us that our pledges will need to be in to Wendy by May 1 if we want to be listed in the catalog. We have a new trophy donation sheet and it is available on the website.

Website - there are still a few things that need to be updated.

First Aid - Ashley reported she and Cindy have two classes scheduled in Montrose at the Montrose Rec District. They will be on May 15 and August 14 from 1-4 pm.

Programs: Cindy was absent.

Brags: Breeder of Merit awards from AKC were awarded to Nanette and Noelle.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn - Kim. Second - Carrie. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Program: Sharon Roper and Joanne Weatherly explained LED Light Therapy and gave us a demonstration on how it works.

Johnnie Farmer
Secretary

AKC GRAND CHAMPION PROGRAM ADDS ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

-- Grand Champions Can Now Earn Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Designations -

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC) is pleased to announce a new enhancement to the Grand Champion program - Achievement Levels. Beginning May 11th, in conjunction with the implementation of the 2011-2012 AKC Point Schedule, Grand Champions will have the ability to earn the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows. The Bronze Grand Championship will require 100 points, the Silver Grand Championship will require 200 points, the Gold Grand Championship will require 400 points and the Platinum Grand Championship will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, owners will receive a special recognition medallion and certificate, and the AKC website will be updated monthly with the names and breeds of all Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum dogs. "We are happy to highlight the highest achievers in the Conformation ring with the creation of the Grand Championship Achievement Levels," said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. "Many exhibitors brought their Champions back into the rings to complete the Grand Championship or continued showing when they normally would have stopped after obtaining a Championship title. The Achievement Levels give them an opportunity for continued recognition and achievement."

The online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at www.akc.org/grandchampionship/

Grand Championship judging will remain the same: all Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points at no additional entry fee, and points will be awarded, at the judge's discretion, to Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. Once a dog completes the Grand Championship title, points will continue to accrue as it reaches the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; there is no reset. If a dog has already accrued 100 or more Grand Championship points since the beginning of the Grand Championship program, the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designation will be awarded retroactively. For assistance with determining point totals, view our Grand Championship Point Counting Document: http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/counting_grand_championship_points.cfm

For more information about the new AKC Grand Champion Achievement Levels, visit www.akc.org/grandchampionship or contact eventplans@akc.org.

IT'S NOT TRUE THAT ONLY A "DOG PERSON" WOULD APPRECIATE THIS STORY

Stay

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled
Down the car windows to make sure my
Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat
And I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward,
Pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,
"Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

"Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady,
Gave me a strange look and said,

"Why don't you just put it in Park?"

Canine Legislation

By Sheridan O'Leary

As I sat down to write about new canine legislation is dawned on me, what would be considered new legislation? For me new legislation is about all legislation as I am a relatively new dog owner and definitely a new showing dog owner. Being the trained professional I am, I ran to my laptop, jumped over the couch and settled in for some internet research to answer my broad questions.

As I sat staring into the backlit screen at the cursor on the Google line I thought well, now what is a good search line, ah ha I quickly typed in "Colorado dog legislation". The first topic I saw was put out by a coalition group and the topic was dangerous dog legislation. I figured ok lets take a look at this.

As I read on the Colorado Revised Statutes stood out to me as familiar. Though in my brief career to date I have not charged any of these statutes, they were still browsed over in my academy days. Without becoming too dry the Colorado state statutes have the following key points.

13-21-124 C.R.S.

A person who suffers serious bodily injury or death from being bitten by a dog while lawfully on public or private property or their representative shall be entitled to bring a civil action to recover economic damages against the dog owner regardless of the viciousness or dangerous propensities of the dog or the dog owner's knowledge or lack of knowledge of the dog's viciousness or dangerous propensities.

Affirmative Defenses (i.e., the dog is not guilty of being a dangerous dog under the following circumstances)

- o The person is unlawfully on public or private property.
- o The person is on property of the dog owner and the property is clearly and conspicuously marked with one or more posted signs stating "no trespassing" or "beware of dog."
- o The dog is being used by a peace officer or military personnel in the performance of their duties.
- o The person knowingly provoked the dog.
- o The dog is a working hunting, herding, farm or ranch dog, or predator control dog on the property of or under the control of the dog's owner.

This law is straight forward on how a dog owner will be legally responsible for the actions of their pet. An inner war has been waged in the last few years in regards to dangerous dogs and specific breeds and their propensity as you will for violent behavior. This has always remained a spot of contention for me. It may be my raising, but I have always felt that a Beagle is treated badly and trained for violence is just as dangerous as a Pitbull trained in the same manner. The key is what the animal is trained for, the home it lives in and the competency of the owner to the breed. And that is when I found it....that key paragraph.

A municipality or county may adopt any rule or law for the control of dangerous dogs; except that any such rule or law shall not regulate dangerous dogs in a manner that is specific to breed.

We in the State of Colorado have chosen to not discriminate on breed, but rather to hold the owner accountable for their animal and the totality of the circumstances.

The search shall continue and the saga shall go on. Tune in next month for a deeper look into criminal dangerous dog legislation and a possible peek into the Farmer's Market pet debacle.

Registration Form

Mail registration form and check made out to `Sue Sternberg' to:
Moab Mailing Center, 375 S. Main St, #225, Moab, UT 84532

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Fees (includes lunch)

Two days With Dog \$130 Auditor One Day \$40 Auditor Two Days \$60

Saturday Evening Stem Cell and other Therapies Lecture by Dr. Bob Marquis (free)

A block of pet-friendly rooms have been reserved for you at the Clarion (mention "Sternberg")

Email: sue@suesternberg.com for registration and more info

Agreement to Hold Harmless Waiver and Assumption of Risk:

I understand that attendance at a dog obedience/agility training class or club related event is not without risk to myself, members of my family, guests who might attend, or to my dog, because some of the dogs to which I will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest of care.

I hereby waive and release Tiara Rado Animal Hospital and Sue Sternberg, hereinafter referred to as the "sponsors", its employees, officers, members, directors, and agents from any and all liability of any nature for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including, specifically but without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog. I expressly assume the risk of such damage or injury while attending any training session, or any other function, of the Sponsors, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto. I have read this agreement and understand the conditions of participation.

Signature (if under 18, must be signed by a parent or guardian).

_____ Signed

_____ Date

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Getting a Dog to Take a Pill

My Vet gave me a special device designed for the purpose described below. I tried it, but the mixture ran out of Gui's mouth instead of down his throat.

Try as we might to get our dogs to take pills, sometimes we just have to think out of the box to get this one done. Here's a simple solution that has worked for me in the past with those, "You can't trick me with the pill in the treat" attitude. I actually borrowed this method from my finicky horse who managed to eat every last oat around the pill in the bottom of his feed bucket.

Lose the pill

Working with your vet, ask for a plastic syringe without the needle, a small one similar to one that administers liquid worming medication. Find a size that will fit in his mouth. Next, grind up the pill into a powder. A mortar and pestle works best for this, but I've used those wooden garlic crushers (looks like a mushroom) with great success. If the pill is in a capsule, just open it and pour the contents into a cup. Then fill the syringe with water and empty the water into the cup with the powdered pill. Then pour the dissolved crushed pill water back into the syringe.

Without much fanfare, walk up to your dog, slide the syringe under the dog's cheek, tilt it's head backwards and push the plunger to squirt the water down his throat. I found that it's much harder to spit out water versus a pill! Also, you may want to ask your vet if the medication you are giving your dog is available in a liquid. Then you might even be able to administer the drugs with a dropper versus the syringe. Good Luck!