

TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

December 2003 Newsletter

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DON'T MISS THE TVKC
!!!CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH
PIONEER PARK/ALASKALAND
CIVIC CENTER – UPSTAIRS

3:00PM

POT LUCK; GAMES; PRIZES
SIGN UP W/SUSAN PARSONS
488-3344 TO BRING A DISH
(PLEASE NO CALLS AFTER 9:00PM)

TVKC Spring Dog Classes

Classes Still Available - But Hurry!

SATURDAYS: Feb. 21, 28,
Mar. 6, 20,
April 3, 10, 24
May 1

SUNDAYS: Feb. 22, 29,
Mar. 7, 14,
Apr. 4, 25
May 2, 9

Conformation: Instructor - Candy Bartos
8 weeks, cost = \$80.00
Beginning Handling 10:30-11:30a.m.
Inter. Handling 11:45a.m-12:45p.m.

**Contact: *Jennifer Taylor* 488-4577 for more information or to enroll

Obedience Classes Offered:

Puppy Socialization
Basic Obedience
Novice (Ring Readiness)
Open/Utility

** *Times, schedule and specific instructors will be announced in January newsletter.*

Agility:

Fundamentals I and II - 8 weeks.

Cost \$100.00
Pre-Agility 1:00p.m.- 2:00p.m.
Beg. Agility 2:15p.m. - 3:15p.m.

** Contact *Joelle Hughes* 488-0832 for more information or to enroll.
Testing for Fundamentals will be Feb. 7, 12 p.m. -2 p.m.

Agility Courses - 8 weeks.

Cost \$100.00

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS:

Feb. 18, 25
Mar. 3, 17, 31
Apr. 7, 21, 28

Instructor Class:

10:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Intermediate Agility - 8 weeks.

Cost \$100.00?
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**Contact *Nicki Stewart* 479-3853 for more info.

Various Instructors:

Joe Margraf
Wendy Garwood
Polly Divens
Elizabeth Pollen
Ron Gatterdam
Kelly Dygert

**Contact *Polly Divens* 479-7669 for more info

Agility instructors include: Sheri Walsh, Linda Schertz, Jeri Fishack, Sally Berry, Susan Parsons, Nicki Stewart, Joelle Hughes, Judi Shapiro, Elizabeth Pollen.

******UPCOMING SEMINARS, etc******

JANUARY 10 & 11, 2004: Deadline to register is Dec. 15, 2004

Contact: Polly Divens 479-7669

Rebecca Brandon Conformation Handling Seminar

Beginners - January 10 Intermediates - January 11 9am to 5pm

FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2004:

Bobbie Anderson Author of: Building Blocks for Performance - Give Your Puppy a Head Start for Competition. In the ACT facility in Anchorage. Bobbie's basis is teaching the handler lots of interactive motivation with the dog to produce a happy, eager, canine performer for virtually any event. Look for registration in early 2004.

FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2005:

Carmen Battaglia Breeding Better Dogs

MARCH 13 & 14, 2004:

Jane Simmon-Moake Power Paws Agility Seminar sponsored by MACH – more info to come

APRIL 2, 2004:

The Fairbanks Community Concert Association presents:

Popeye and Swee' Pea: Alex and his Amazing Dog

Popeye and Swee'Pea's amazing bag of tricks includes tight-rope walking, jumping rope and more; Popeye (Alex Rothacker) explains the importance of dog training and obedience. Performance 7:00pm Hering Auditorium.

OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2004:

Dr. Hutchison K9 Reproduction and Puppy Pediatrics 1 1/2 days

TVKC NOTICES, NEWS, AND INFO!!!

Agility Equipment Order

An Agility Equipment order thru Ric Travis - Agilityagogo - will be going out Dec 15. You can get on his web site: www.agilityagogo.com to check his equipment out. Savings would be on freight. All order must be placed thru Nicki by Dec 15 with expected arrival date by Feb 2004. Tunnels will add 2 weeks to delivery date. Order will not be shipped until all items are ready to be shipped. You will be expected to help pick up the order to be delivered to Nicki's garage for sorting. All orders are to be picked up within 2 days of notification of arrival and your share of freight is to be paid at that time. **NO DELIVERIES.** Contact Nicki at 479-3853 if interested. A-frames, weaves, pause tables, and teeters are available locally thru Nicki or Kelly Dygert. PVC jumps are available thru the Kennel Club for \$40 - these would make great Christmas gifts so get them before they are all gone!!!

ORGAN MEAT FOR SALE

Supplement your dog's food with nutrient-rich organ meat. Especially important if commercially processed pet foods are the basis of your dog's diet. Organ meat can be fed up to 10% of your dog's regular diet. Organ meat is finely ground and from beef only. Available in 2lb fro-

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20% OFF TO ALL TVKC MEMBERS ON ALL NEW WEBPAGES!!!

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Tabitha@tdtgreatdanes.com

TVKC Web Site Needs Your Pics!

Tabitha is looking for pics from all sorts of events to put on the TVKC web site - if you have pics of your dog doing any type of AKC event, please forward them to Tabitha at the above email address for publication on TVKC's web site. Junior Handlers we need your info and pics too! Don't be left out - get your pics to Tabitha now!

TVKC NOTICES, NEWS, AND INFO!!!

Kelly needs a hand! And maybe a couple of feet!

We need a Tracking Secretary for the Tracking Tests on August 27th-29th, 2004. Kelly Dygert will do most of the work, but the Secretary must be present at the tests; and cannot enter a dog nor can a member of their household enter a dog. If you can help out, call Kelly Dygert 488-8314.

BRAGS

- From Pam Watson: Italian Greyhound "Maizey" (Loranne Desire of Denali) went BOB for 2 points at the Palmer show Sunday, Nov 2nd.
- From Joan Hardesty: Gordon Setter "Echo" (Clansmen Northern Echo, JH) received qualifying scores for her 3rd and 4th legs of the pointing dog junior hunt test in August; took 4th in Open Bitch class at the Gordon Setter Club of America's National Specialty in WA in Sept. (and she was rather thin and rather bald - nothing was hidden!) And, yes, there were more than 4 in her class, there were 11.
- From Sherry Walsh: TOO MANY TO WRITE HERE! AND she has a litter coming!!

SPRING AUCTION:

Be thinking of items for our annual spring auction – it will be here before you know it! If you have contributions, hang on to them and we'll see if we can talk Candy Bartos into doing this for us once again!

MEET THE BREED

SEPTEMBER 12, 2004:

To be held at the Bentley Mall – watch for more info

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the Newsletter,
please email it to me at: VeriCool@acsalaska.net
Deadline is the 20th of each month. Thanks! Sue [Acquistapace] Redding

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

NAME	LOCATION	EVENT TYPE	EVENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	JAN 24	JAN 7
ALASKA KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	JAN 25	JAN 7
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	WASILLA	AGILITY	FEB 14	JAN 28
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	WASILLA	AGILITY	FEB 15	JAN28
TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	MARCH 27	MARCH 10
ALASKA KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	MARCH 28	MARCH 10
DOTCA	ANCH	O	APRIL 17	MARCH 31
DOTCA	ANCH	O	APRIL 18	MARCH 31
MACH	PALMER	NADAC AG	MAY 1	unknown
MACH	PALMER	NADAC AG	MAY 2	unknown
OTCC	CHUGIAK	O	MAY 8	unknown
OTCC	CHUGIAK	O	MAY 9	unknown
ARCTIC STREAKERS	unknown	NADAC AG	MAY 15	unknown
ARCTIC STREAKERS	unknown	NADAC AG	MAY 16	unknown
TVKC	FAIRBANKS	AB/O/JSHW	MAY 29	MAY 5
TVKC	FAIRBANKS	AB/O/JSHW	MAY 30	MAY 5
TVKC	FAIRBANKS	AB/O/JSHW	MAY 31	MAY 5
YUKON KENNEL CLUB	Whitehorse, CANADA	AB/O/JSHW	JUNE 18 thru 20	unknown
ALASKA KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	JUNE 26	unknown
ALASKA KENNEL CLUB	ANCH	AB/JSHW	JUNE 27	unknown
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	Soldotna	AB/JSHW	JUL 9	JUNE 23
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	Soldotna	AB/O/JSHW	JUL 10	JUNE 23
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	Soldotna	AB/O/JSHW	JUL 11	JUNE 23

THE LITERARY DOG

Here's a sweet and cheerful poem in time for the holidays, lifted from the pages of the brand new Fairbanks Dog Park Cookbook. Happy Thanksgiving to all! *Candace S. O'Connor*

The Dog's Cold Nose by Arthur Guiterman

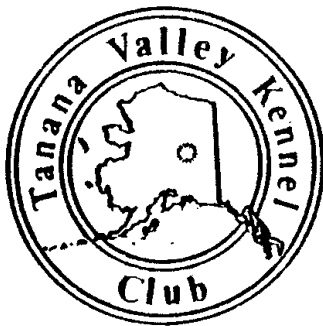
When Noah, perceiving 'twas time to embark,
persuaded the creatures to enter the Ark,
the dog, with a friendliness truly sublime
assisted in herding them two at a time.
He drove in the elephants, zebras and gnus,
until they were packed like a box full of screws;
the cat in the cupboard, the mouse on the shelf,
the bug in the crack; then he backed in himself.
But such was the lack of available space,
he couldn't tuck all of him into the place;
so after the waters had flooded the plain,
and down from the heavens fell blankets of rain
he stood with his muzzle thrust out through the door
the whole forty days of that terrible pour!
Because of which drenching, zoologists hold,
the nose of a healthy dog always is cold!

!!! PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR DOG PARK!!!

Donations are NEEDED to make it happen!

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www.fairbanksdogpark.org



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Tanana Valley Kennel Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS SO THAT YOU RECEIVE FUTURE NEWSLETTERS!)

PHONE #S: HM: _____ WK: _____ CELL: _____

BREED(S) OF INTEREST: _____

What YOU can do for *Your Club*:

We hope you enjoy the events which are sponsored by TVKC. These events only happen when Club members volunteer to help! If you have interests in any of the following areas, please sign up for *as many* as you will help with this year – *even just a little bit!* Please circle as many as you can or we will have to volunteer you.....

Show Conformation Obedience Tracking Agility Fun Match Sanctioned Match
Juniors Hospitality Publicity Judges Phone Calling Food Miscellaneous "Stuff"

What YOUR Club can do for YOU and YOUR Breed:

If you would like referrals for your breed, circle any of these areas which apply to you:

Breed Rescue Puppies Stud Service General Info About Your Breed

I agree to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club and the Constitution & By-Laws of the Tanana Valley Kennel Club, Inc. I am currently in good standing with the American Kennel Club and all other dog-related clubs of which I am currently a member.

Applicant Signature(s): _____ DATE _____

Two (2) Current TVKC Member/Sponsor Signatures: _____ & _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Single Member \$30 per yr (10-1 thru 9/30) \$15.00 after April 1st
Household \$35 per yr (10-1 thru 9/30) \$17.00 after April 1st
Junior (under 18) \$10 per yr (separate from household membership)
Lifetime \$ 0

**Make Checks Payable to TVKC – Bring to Meeting OR
Mail to TVKC, P.O. Box 72019, Fairbanks, AK 99707 Attn: Membership**

For TVKC Membership Chair Only
DATE: _____ Amount: _____ Check # _____ Cash: _____ Recvd By: _____

A Few Words From Our Members:

Candy Bartos writes:

Spot? Who has the Spot?

Does this sound familiar? When you are entering a show site, you are asking, "Where is my spot?" Well, after my experience last year at the Palmer shows in November, I promised myself this year I would have a spot for my boxers before show time.

After making plans with Heidi Benson to meet her at the show site, she and I would go to try and set up for Sunday's show. But I was unable to make connections with Heidi on Saturday. When I walked into the building, people were busy showing dogs, grooming, and catching up on all the news with one another. What was I going to do? Spaces were just not available. I could feel the feeling of panic coming into my heart. No spot for me—this year.

I saw Linda Schertz watching her dogs being shown at ringside. I asked Linda where she was set up for the weekend. She told me she had gotten with Terri Morefield, and she was able to squeeze into a spot. Then, Linda offered me the deal of the day! She said she would not be showing till 10:30 the next morning, and I could use her area. I walked over to her set up, and found Terri grooming one of her shelties. Terri told me, "No, problem! Just leave your crate—set up Sunday AM for she was not to show till late." WOW! I had that spot!

I would like to thank Linda for allowing me to use her table plus crate. Also Terri Morefield, Suzy and Gary Schmitz for allowing me to set up my crate in their area. I think this is just one example of members pulling together and helping each other.

Did having a spot make a difference? I think it did! My Sara took her first major- 4 points; Toby was able to take the breed. Thank you again—for sharing. I look forward to the next set of shows, and I hope I can do the same for someone else.

Candy Bartos, Toby, and Sara

Editor's Note: If you have fun, interesting, informative, or memorable experiences you would like to share with your fellow Club members, please forward it to me via email in a Word document for inclusion in this portion of our newsletter! Sue A-Redding vericool@acsalaska.net