

TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

December 2005 Newsletter

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**TVKC MEETING &
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!
DECEMBER 4TH
Pioneer Hall in Pioneer Park
(left as you enter thru back gate)
Set-Up at 2:00pm; Party 3:00pm—7:00pm**

There will be a
CHINESE AUCTION!!!
DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER...

Someone will be calling you to arrange type of food to bring. If you don't get a call, or have questions, please call Susan Parsons at 488-3344

<Note: Our -25 degree rule does NOT apply to this party>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday December 4th

TVKC Christmas Party & Potluck

Pioneer Park in Pioneer Hall

Set-up 2:00pm Party Starts at 3:00pm

Chinese Auction!

You bring a wrapped gift. Each person in turn opens a gift. That person can keep it, or take one that another person has already gotten... on and on... until the last gift is unwrapped! See if you can bring the most desired gift! But remember there is a \$15 limit!!!

February 4th & 5th, 2006

Grooming Seminar

**this event is pending resource availability
More info soon!

February 11th & 12th, 2006

TVKC Spring Classes Begin

Obedience Instructors and assistants are
NEEDED!!!

Schedules elsewhere in this edition...

Tanana Valley Kennel Club 2006 Winter/ Spring Obedience Class Schedule

Sign Up Now!

Dates: February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, off 26th, April 2, 9.

10 am Open – Ingrid McSweeney

11 am Novice – Renee Iler

12 noon CGC Canine good Citizen – Diane Fish

1 pm Puppy – Judi Shapiro

2 pm Basic Obedience – Polly Divens

3 pm Advance Rally – Ron Gatterdam

4 pm Rally Novice – Kelly Dygert

Class sizes are limited. Sign up early.

Detailed information is included in this newsletter; contact Diane Fish 488-5584 with questions or to sign up—if you get the answering machine, leave your email address and Diane will email you with answers to your questions.



SPRING CONFORMATION CLASSES

Classes will run for 8 weeks; cost is \$80; \$70 for members; first class is Saturday, February 11th. Class schedules aren't confirmed yet; we are considering a Sunday evening class, to begin at 6:00pm. Please call Jennifer Taylor @488-4577 for information and to provide input on classes and schedules.

Tanana Valley Kennel Club

2006 Winter/Spring Obedience Classes

Dates: Sundays February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, off the 26th, April 2, 9
Classes are 50 minutes long with 10 minute breaks for set and changes (ex:10 – 10:50)

Open: This class is designed for dogs and their owners working towards competing at the Open and Level of obedience. To participate in this class, pets and their owners must have earned a CD (Companion Dog) title. Obedience exercises reviewed in this class include; heeling off lead, drop on recall, retrieving on the flat and over jumps, broad jump, and out of site long sits and down.

Novice: This class is designed for dogs and their owners working towards competing at the Novice level of obedience. To participate in this class pets and their owners must have passed the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. Obedience exercises reviewed in this class include; heeling on and off lead, stand for exam, recalls with finishes and long sits and downs.

CGC or Canine good Citizen: This class is designed for pets (6months or older who have previously attended “introductory – basis” dog obedience classes or dogs who have been adequately “home” trained and socialized by their owners. Obedience exercises and canine social skills reviewed in this class include: heeling on a loose lead, exhibiting friendly behavior towards people and other dogs, accepting strangers to groom and visit with your pet, exhibiting proficiency in sits , down, and recalls on a long lead. Each pet can participate in the CGC test during the last scheduled class and dogs that pass the test will earn the AKC title of Canine Good Citizen.

Puppy: This class is designed for pets under 6 months (puppies) who have never attended a formal training class. It is essentially nursery school for your new puppy. In this class, your pup will learn basic social skills (playing nice and visiting), obedience skills (sit, down, stay, come, and heel) and grooming techniques. Additionally, they will troubleshoot any challenging problems new owner are having with their pups. This is a fun class for puppy and owners – an hour well spent bonding and training with your new pet.

Basic Obedience: This is a basic class for older dogs with no training. Class will help you build a working relationship with your dog. Your dog will gain respect and manners and will learn sit, down, stay, come and heel. Clicker training and food motivation will be used to build the bond between you and your dog. It will also cover problems, grooming & health maintenance, and equipment. The class will value having a partnership with your dog. Dogs learn well when they are enjoying the training and consistency is involved.

Advance Rally: This class is designed for dogs and their owners working towards competing at the advanced and excellent level of Rally obedience. To participate in this class, pets and their owners must have earned a Rally Obedience Novice (RN) title. Rally obedience exercises reviewed in this class include; familiarizing students how to correctly perform the required exercises (stations) at the advanced and excellent level (pivots, jumps, heeling backwards, recalls, stands, honoring etc.....).

Novice Rally: This class is for dogs working towards their Rally Novice title. Dogs require a CGC to get into this class. Will cover different stations, footing, halts, and steps. How Rally works, signing up for a show.

If you feel your pet is ready for an advanced class but does not have the necessary requirement (i.e. title), you can discuss class placement with the assigned instructor.

For more information and class reservations, call Diane Fish 488-5584

Classes are Limited this session

Sign up now to reserve a spot (no pun intended) for you and your dog.

Tanana Valley Kennel Club Obedience Information Sheet

Class dates: Sunday, February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, off the 26, April 2, 9. Classes are 50min. 10 min between class for set-up

Class Location: The Kiwanis Building at the Fairgrounds. Enter through the front gate, maintain right, and follow the road around the big blue building and through the chain link gate. You will see the small white building that has the Kiwanis logo on it.

Please find out if you should bring your pet to the first class. Some classes (Novice and Open obedience and Advanced Rally) will require your pet's attendance for the first day of training. Once classes have commenced, you will need to bring bait (tasty food treats for your pet – something other than kibble), collars (buckle, chain or pinch), leads (4 – 6') and perhaps other training tools. Please do not bring a flexi – lead to work your dog. You need to have a strong 4 – 6' lead. Additionally, each dog is different in temperament and size so appropriate training tools for some dogs may not be appropriate for others. Please respect owner's choices in training tools and how they choose to work their animals. We want every class to be a positive experience for owners and pets.

Galley please keep talking down while class is in session. Is very hard to hear and speak over.

Dogs must be on lead and under control at all times.

Rally and all competition obedience classes require you bring a kennel/crate for your pet. Please bring crates in at break time as to not disturb classes in session.

Please be sure to pick up after your dog inside and outside the Kiwanis building. There are plastic bags located along the side of the building for your convenience. Please help us keep the fairgrounds clean so we can keep using the facility.

Please use manners and common sense when around other dogs. Not all animals are polite and friendly towards others. Try and respect each others space.

If you join the TVKC, you will get a \$10.00 discount on all classes so sign up for membership today. As a member, you will receive information on additional classes (obedience, agility, tracking, conformation, event, shows etc...), a monthly newsletter on various canine events (seminars, classes etc..) happenings around the state, and an invitation to attend monthly membership meetings. Get involved and become a volunteer!

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Fish @ 488 – 5584.

ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!!!

Our obedience instructors need assistants! It's fun, it's informative, and assistants receive a coupon for 50% off of any TVKC class following the completion of the class being assisted. Instructors receive a coupon for one free TVKC class. Interested? Call Diane Fish 488-5584 today!

Tanana Valley Kennel Club Class Waiver

Name of Owner and/or Handler _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Phone _____

How does your dog react toward:

People _____ Strangers _____

Friends _____ Other dogs _____

Any specific problems (jumping, barking, biting) _____

Dog Information: Breed _____ Sex _____

Name _____ Spayed/Neutered/Intact _____

I hereby waive and release the Tanana Valley Kennel Club and any of its instructors from liability of any nature of injury or damage in which I or my dog may incur. I hereby assume full liability for any damage or injury done by me or my dog. I also take full responsibility for the health of my dog and attest that he/she is free of any external or internal parasites and diseases. If parasites or other health problems occur, for the safety of the other dogs, my dog will be excused from classes until said problem is corrected. I understand there will be no cash refunds. I also have read and understand the information page attached to include use of equipment, manners and other rules to follow.

Sign _____ Date _____

Enclose a copy of your shot records with payment and complete form.

**Spectators are welcome but must remain out of class area.
TVKC can not tolerate or allow aggressive dogs. Instructors have
the authority to ask students to leave class or muzzle dog if neces-
sary.**

AGILITY

From Nicki Stewart:

Agility classes will start mid-February.

We are hoping to have at least 5 classes at Camp Li-WA. Fundamentals and one of the beginning (or 2) agility classes will be in the Kiwanis bldg on Saturday from noon or 1:00 p.m. on.

If interested in Fundamentals or starting agility - contact Susan Parsons 488-3344.

A basic obedience test will be given for the Fundamental class. Do not wait until February to contact Susan - as there is a waiting list. Fundamentals will be held on Saturday on the Kiwanis Building.

The Agility Committee will meet in January to determine class times and all students - except Fundamentals will be notified by mail and by phone of their class time.

Is There A Class You Want to See???

Is there a class you'd like to see? An interest you want to pursue? Diane Fish is seeking input, ideas, thoughts and comments regarding future classes TVKC may be able to offer. If you have something you'd like to see, say, do, please contact Diane and let her know! 488-5584

CLICKER 101

Judi Shapiro is looking into a Clicker 101 class or seminar; more info will be forthcoming as details are obtained.

FYI Our -25 F rule is now back in place. If it is -25 or below at 5:00pm according to the National Weather Service at 452-3553, no meeting will be held. THIS DOES NOT

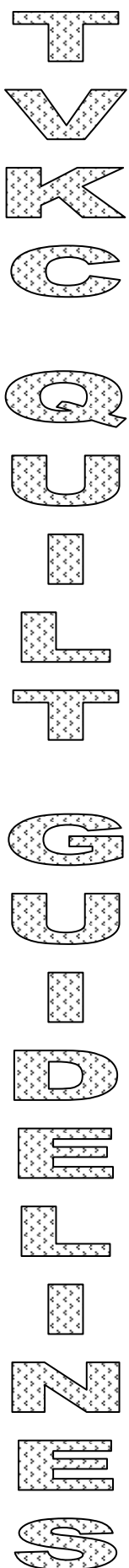
MAY SHOW TROPHIES!

The deadline for trophy donations for our May shows is nearing—and we don't have them covered! We need one more Group Trophy for Sunday, May 28th; and ALL Veteran Group Trophies except Vet Herding Group for 7-10yrs—these are \$25 per Trophy; and we need ALL Junior Handler Placement trophies—\$5 apiece, we need 24 of them! Please help support your club, your juniors, and your veterans! A trophy donation form is included with this newsletter—please send contributions to Sue Redding c/o TVKC, PO Box 72019, Fbks, AK 99709.

QUILT! TVKC—you, me, all of us! - is making a QUILT or QUILTS—to be raffled at our May shows. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward funding Tracking Events. Jennifer Taylor is coordinating this project—she has written guidelines and instructions for us—see her info elsewhere in this issue!

AUCTION Our Spring Sanctioned Match is just around the corner (April) - keep an eye out for fun items for our annual fundraiser auction! More details soon!

MEMBERSHIP If you haven't renewed your membership—please be sure to do that NOW!!!! Membership Renewal and Application Forms are in this newsletter—fill yours out, pass them around! Without you, we have no club!!!



We are making a dog themed quilt! You may submit one or more blocks but keep in mind we may save one for a future quilt project!

The deadline for the quilt blocks will be the February meeting. This will give us time to vote on the border, backing and other parts of the quilt before auction time, plus assembly.

Here are some guidelines:

-You do not have to be a seamstress or master quilter to do this project!

-Please choose a theme for your block, either breed, dog sport or dog related in general (bones, paws, leads, bowls)

-Cut your block size 11 in x 11 in; Keep clear an extra half-inch all around for attaching the border.

-Please use PREWASHED 100% cotton fabrics for your block.

-Do not use kennel names, personal names (Spot, Pete)

-Please do not use buttons, beads or other attachables so we can press and wash this easily.

-To get an idea of your breed quilted, check out www.thefaithfuldog.com , all the breeds are featured.

A breed cookie cutter makes a great appliqué shape when attached with Heat and Bond Lite, then sewn in place.

A simple square can be 4 coordinating dog theme fabrics, cut into small squares, then sewn together by hand or machine.

If you cross stitch or embroider, you can do that on your square(wash your thread first)

Call Jennifer 488 4577 for help!



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS OVERDUE! PLEASE RENEW NOW!!!!

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

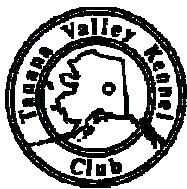
I agree to abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club and the Constitution & By-Laws of the Tanana Valley Kennel Club, Inc. I am currently in good standing with the American Kennel Club and all other dog-related clubs of which I am currently a member.

Applicant Signature(s): _____
Date _____

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

For TVKC Membership Chair Only



Tanana Valley Kennel Club

TROPHY PLEDGES FOR MAY SHOWS!!!

Deadline for Trophy Pledges is Wednesday, December 4, 2005 !!!!

Remember: All pledges must be in writing and must be accompanied by a check payment. Any trophy pledged, but not used or claimed, becomes the property of the Tanana Valley Kennel Club, to be used at future shows in the donor's name. **Please indicate on the back of this form how you want your name OR kennel listed in the premium list and catalog.**

PRICE LIST FOR TROPHIES:

		SAT May 27	Sun May 28	Mon May 29
Best In Show	\$125.00	_____	_____	_____
High In Trial	\$125.00	_____	_____	_____
Best Junior Handler	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Sporting	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Hound	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Working	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Terrier	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Toy	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Non-Sporting	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Group 1st Herding	\$ 35.00	_____	_____	_____
Best Brace In Show	\$ 35.00	_____	NA	NA

VETERANS: 7-10 years:

BIS Veteran 7-10yrs	\$ 35.00	NA	pledged	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Sporting	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Hound	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Working	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Terrier	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Toy	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA
Vet Grp 1st Non-Sporting	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Herding	\$ 25.00	NA	_____	NA

VETERANS: 10+ years:

BIS Veteran 10+ yrs	\$ 35.00	NA	pledged	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Sporting	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Hound	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Working	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Terrier	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Toy	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA
Vet Grp 1st Non-Sporting	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA
Veteran Grp 1st Herding	\$25.00	NA	_____	NA

GENERAL FUND: Amount: _____ 24 JUNIOR HANDLER PLACEMENTS: \$5 each _____

MAIL ALL TROPHY PLEDGES TO: Sue Redding, P.O. Box 60886, Fairbanks, AK 99706-0886. Make checks or money orders payable to: **Tanana Valley Kennel Club.** There will be a \$25.00 NSF charge on any returned checks. **Please indicate on the appropriate line which trophy and which day(s) you wish to pledge trophies. All pledges must be paid in full no later than December 4, 2005.** It is helpful if you note a second choice, in case your first choice is already taken. Pledges are reserved on a first come, first served basis, with prior years' contributors having first choice.