

# TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

## FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

### **Note from the President:**

Greetings, all! In the month since being elected I have discovered how much I don't know. However, I expected to have a significant learning curve being new to both this position and the club. I cannot say enough how humbly honored I am that you would put your faith and trust in someone you barely know. I will strive to live up to your belief in me.

Of course, shortly after the election we were all saddened by the passing of long-time member, Becky Fuller. I did not have the privilege of knowing her personally, but I have learned that she was very active in TVKC over many years and will be profoundly missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to her friends and family.

Another valuable thing I have learned in the last month is what a fantastic Board of Directors we have. I have

found each and every one to be sincere, loyal, and above all

dedicated to serving you, the membership, and the best interests of TVKC.

Such a hardworking group that works well together is a rarity in my experience so we are quite fortunate. The Board will meet at least monthly throughout the winter and spring, more often as needed. Please keep an eye on your e-mail for deadlines to submit items for Board agendas. We are currently hard at work pulling together the budget for the coming year and the approval of the budget will be the primary agenda item for the November membership meeting.

I'll take this opportunity (and many more, no doubt) to remind us all that your Board and Committee members are all volunteers - sharing their time, resources, and even homes to keep this club running strong. Hard work and difficult, sometimes painful decisions are required from these

folks so I encourage you to thank those who make our club successful whenever possible. Volunteering to help with the management of an organization can often feel quite exhausting but a bit of appreciation can keep the tails wagging! To all of you dedicating your energy and expertise – Thank you so very much for all you do, and especially, thank you for helping me along!

I have lots of plans and ideas stirring around in my head, but more important to me is hearing what matters most to each of you. You can expect to see a survey of some kind this winter, but in the meantime please feel free to send me your ideas and suggestions via email, or I'd be happy to visit personally, whichever is more enjoyable for you. Some things that are already in the works or being discussed are accepting electronic payments via PayPal, class and event venue options, new seminars, and community outreach opportunities. So, stay tuned and please come to the meetings. I want to meet you!

Leslie Lewis, TVKC President  
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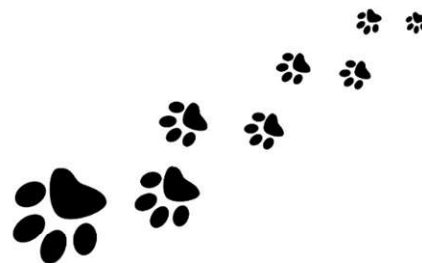


## **SPECIAL THANKS!**

Christine Smith – Christine gave her time and talents as the Treasurer over the past two years. Now she is going to focus on family and continue her agility passion.

Lee Wood – Lee elected to step down from Tracking after several years and spending many, many hours of her time to renew the active status of the Tracking Program. Lee has left a vigorous group to carry on the TVKC Tracking tradition.

New board members are Jimmie Ricks, 1st Vice President and Stuart Roberts, Treasurer. After serving as 1st Vice President since May, Leslie Lewis was elected to President. Looking forward to receiving help from our new board members!



It's that time of the year to prepare the **Honor Roll Award Plaques and Power Point** presentation for the TVKC Christmas party to be held on Sunday, **December 8, 2019 from 4-7 pm** at the Palace Theater in Pioneer Park.

Please send the following information to Karen Ricks [RicksJE@msn.com](mailto:RicksJE@msn.com) by **Monday, November. 11, 2019** if you are interested in receiving recognition!

1. Do you need a wood honor roll plaque?
2. Your dog's call name and title(s) he or she earned in calendar year 2019.
3. List each title abbreviation and write out the entire title for the power point presentation.
4. Your dog's entire registered name including titles earned in 2019.
5. Attach a photo of your dog for the power point presentation at the TVKC Christmas party.

**Note:** TVKC will only pay for plaques showing AKC titles.

If you'd like additional titles listed on the yearly plate, you may need to pay extra.



(An example wood honor roll plaque and annual plates with dogs' names and titles they earned that year.)



A separate Rainbow Bridge slide show will be prepared with photos and/or text of passed dogs. Please also send this info to [RicksJE@msn.com](mailto:RicksJE@msn.com) by Monday, November 11.

***Thanks to Karen Ricks and Janet Brown for helping take over this annual TVKC tradition from Irene Meyer.***

# May Show 2019 Update!

TVKC has had another wonderful May Show. There were over 400 entries every day and many club members came away with Breed wins, rally titles and multiple Q's, obedience titles and Q's and several group placements.

One of our long-time club members, Doreen Cross, brought her daughter, Rebecca and the number one U. S. Scottie, Carmen, up to this show. Carmen won three best in shows and everyone agreed that she was spectacular.

Lori Kunz and her lovely Flat-coat Retriever, Bosch, won a Reserve Best in Show.

Next year we will set up a brag list at the club table and hopefully people will take a second and record their wins. It would be great to celebrate all of our lovely dogs and their wins.

Thanks to the many people who worked this show. It takes a village to put on a show with five breed rings and one rally ring and one obedience ring.

I invite you to join us next year in case you have never been to an all-breed dog show. You will find excellent representatives of many different breeds.

And, if you are free on Memorial Day weekend (May 25, 26, 27, 2020), I invite you to join our crew. We always need ring stewards, set up and take down

workers, people to help with judges and numerous other jobs. You will learn so much about this event by working. Best wishes for your dog training this winter. See you in the spring!

Becky Gatterdam, Show Agility Chair



## Congratulations!

TVKC congratulates our members who have received the 2019 Fairbanks Daily News-Miner's Readers' Choice Awards, as determined by votes of local community members!

Peggy Beagle owns ABC K9 Equine; her business received the third-place award in the Animal Day Care category. Congratulations, Peggy!

Linda Schertz owns, and Michaela Krohn is a chiropractor at the Woodland Wellness Center. They received the second-place award in the Chiropractor category. Well done, Linda and Michaela!

Amy Galeano was the third-place winner in the Massage Therapist category. Way to go, Amy!

Kate Wood is part owner of the Two Street Gallery; they received the first-place award in the Art Gallery category. Thank you, Kate, for making Fairbanks a more beautiful place!

Although not TVKC members, Cold Spot Feeds received the first-place award and Alaska Feed Company received the second-place award in the Pet Supplies Store category. Both these businesses have strongly supported TVKC for a long time. (Submitted by Candace O'Connor)

# HELP WANTED!

Since 1999, the dog park in South Davis Park (by the soccer fields) has been built and maintained by volunteers of Fairbanks Dog Park, Inc., a local 501(c) 3 nonprofit. Some members on the board have been working on it for 20 years and now it's time to hand duties off to new blood.

If you are interested in:

- Maintenance (mowing, dumping trash, removing weeds)
- Serving on the board
- Fundraising
- Grant administration •
- Graphics for promotions please contact:  
Peggy Beagle (907)322-3005  
Janet Brown (907)457-3205  
Kate Wood (907) 455-0284

We asked FNSB Parks & Rec if they would take over mowing and trash dumping duties. They said they do not have funding or authorization, so they would fence the dog park off so that no one could use it.

We appreciate all of your support in the past and hope good people will step up to keep this dog park open!

You can donate by check or online via our website or Facebook (Fairbanks Dog Park, Inc.) page.



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Have you ever had a GREAT IDEA for a Seminar? Did you feel like you couldn't do it because you had no idea how to go about it? Your TVKC Boar has developed Seminar Guidelines to help members understand how to get started with a seminar idea. Please read the following:

## **TVKC Guidelines for Seminar Presenters/Lecturers**

### **Added to Policy and Procedures 2017/2018**

1. The TVKC Board will ask for membership interest in seminar. This can be done on membership forms or electronically. Members may also approach the board with request for seminars.
2. Ad hoc committee is formed to offer requested seminar and the chair of that committee will contact the seminar presenter and obtain costs and possible dates. Ad hoc committee members should include the program chair affiliated with the seminar, the individual who will organize the event and be chair, and one other member if possible.
3. Chair will write up a plan which will include:
  - a. Fee
  - b. Air Fare
  - c. Hotel or other accommodations
  - d. Location and cost of facility to hold event
  - e. Meals, snacks, expenses such as copying/advertising/ground transportation, etc.
  - f. Number of participants, fee per participant and audit fees
  - g. Cost of private lessons must be included in contract and be transparent
  - h. Any contract written by committee or put forth by Seminar Presenter
4. Chair then presents this plan to the Board for approval. Ideally this will happen at the fall budget meeting. If brought forward to the Board another time and the cost exceeds \$500.00, membership approval is required. This can happen at membership meetings or electronically.
5. Ad hoc committee will commence advertising seminar. TVKC members will have priority to purchase spots in a seminar, and public will be secondary. Regardless of program, seminar spots must be pre-paid.
6. Free seminars can be given to the chair and/or person housing the presenter if the income exceeds expenses. This should be included in the report.
7. Report: A report of the seminar will be presented to the Board, at a Board or membership meeting prior to the following November meeting. Results from all seminars will be included in the annual financial report to the membership in November.
8. If there is an interest from other Alaskan Kennel Clubs in the Seminar Presenter TVKC is willing to share travel expenses as long as TVKC contractual needs have been met.