

# TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

## September 2004 Newsletter

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**NEXT TVKC MEETING IS  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH!!!  
AT THE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM  
(ON THE FAIRGROUNDS, ACROSS FROM THE  
KIWANIS BUILDING)  
BOARD MEETS AT 6:30  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT 7:30**

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**September 3rd—5th**

KKC Agility Trials Soldotna

**Wednesday September 8th**

Last Chance for Early Bird Registration for  
Dr. Hutchison Seminar!!!

**Saturday September 11th**

Responsible Dog Ownership Day!  
11am to 2pm at Allridge Park,  
25th & Wilson

**Sunday September 12th**

Meet The Breed!

Bentley Mall Noon to 4:00pm

Setup @ 11:00am

Call Judi Shapiro To book your spot!

**September 25th & 26th**

CIKC Agility Trials Wasilla

# **TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB**

**Fall classes start Sept.18 and 19**

**Saturday classes**

**To Sign Up or For More Info Contact:**

**CONFORMATION - Jennifer Taylor 488-4577**

**Adult Beginners: 5:15pm — 6:00pm**

Instructor: Sue Redding

**Jr Handlers: 5:15pm—6:00pm**

Instructors: Kristin Whitwell, Mary Haas, Shana (Schertz)  
Fields

**Non-Beginners: 6:15pm—7:00pm**

class will be tailored to the students' and/or dogs' needs

Instructors: Sue Redding & Tolli Nelson

## **AGILITY**

Fundamentals (101) - Susan Parsons

488 - 3344

Beginning Agility (102) - Judi Shapiro

479-6510

Intermediate Agility - Nicki Stewart

479-3853

**Sunday classes**

**OBEDIENCE - Diane Fish**

488-5584



## Dog Hair: Potentially Dangerous!!!

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amo-bacter canis" has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

Reluctance to cook

Reluctance to perform housework

Reluctance to wear anything but jeans or sweats

Reluctance to work except in support of a dog

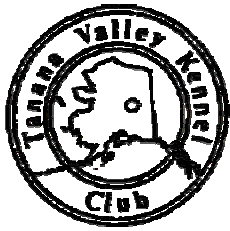
Physical craving for contact with dogs (may be an addiction)

Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours on end.

This Public Service Announcement has been submitted by Janice Bell.

## Fall Clean-Up Means Spring Auction!!!

Reminder: If you are planning on "fall cleaning" this year—and who isn't with the layers of ash everywhere! Please remember our annual Spring Auction! Those items buried in the back of your closets just may be perfect for someone else, and help raise funds for TVKC too! Last spring's auction was a success—we had NO leftovers! We'll need contributions from everyone to get this spring's auction in business! Plus, you'll make room for YOUR new purchases next spring!



TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB PRESENTS:

***Dr. Robert  
Hutchison***

***Reproduction  
& Puppy Pediatrics  
Seminar***

Dr. Robert Hutchison in a 2-day seminar. Dr. Hutchison is one of the leading authorities in the K-9 reproduction field. His two-day seminar will cover K-9 Reproduction and Puppy Pediatrics. For more information on Dr. Hutchison and his practice you can visit his homepage at [www.northviewvet.com](http://www.northviewvet.com)

**October 16, 2004  
9:00am-5:00pm**

**October 17, 2004  
9:00am-1:00pm**

**The Fairbanks Princess Hotel "Copper Room"  
4477 Pikes Landing Road 99709**

**SOUP & SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED ON SATURDAY FOR LUNCH. COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE SERVED IN THE MORNING BOTH SATURDAY & SUNDAY.**

**➔ Early Bird Special !! ➔**

**The cost of attending both days with lunch and snacks is \$125 per person, IF you register by September 8th, 2004. After September 8th, 2004 the cost will be \$150.00 per person.**

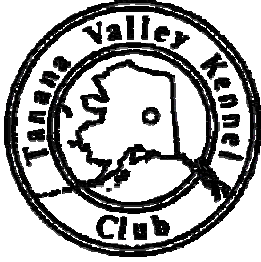
**The Deadline for registration is October 6, 2004. SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Tanana Valley Kennel Club has reserved some rooms at The Princess for a discounted price. To make your reservation, call 455-5013 and tell them you are with the Tanana Valley Kennel Club.

If you have any questions, please call Tabitha at 488-7612.  
Complete the attached registration and mail along with your check made out to Tanana Valley Kennel Club, to:

**Dr. Hutchison Seminar, c/o Tabitha Plambeck  
1786 Alder Street, North Pole, Alaska 99705**

**After October 6, 2004, no monies will be refunded. Dr. Hutchison will begin speaking at 9am, so please come a little early to get seated. Door will open at 8:30am both days.**



## Registration Form

# Dr. Robert Hutchison Reproduction and Puppy Pediatrics Seminar October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2004

Name(s) of Guest(s) Attending:

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Mailing Address:

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Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Eves: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remember October 6th is the deadline for registration; there will be no  
refunds after October 6th, 2004. Please make checks payable to: TVKC  
Cost: \$125 per person before Sept. 8th; \$150 per person after Sept. 8th**

Date received:

Check Number:

# RALLY!

## The Newest AKC Event!!!

### **AKC COMPANION EVENTS OFFERS A NEW ACTIVITY FOR DOGS AND OWNERS**

*-- AKC Rally Emphasizes Good Behavior and the Human-Canine Bond --*

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club has approved a new canine event, AKC Rally, in which dog and handler negotiate a course of exercises according to sequentially numbered signs. AKC Rally officially begins on January 1, 2005.

The team may work at its own pace, with the dog heeling from sign to sign. Each sign contains an exercise illustrated with symbols. In total, there are 50 exercise signs that judges may use to design the courses, and the number of required exercises can increase with each level of competition.

Because dog/handler teams can take their time in the ring, AKC Rally is a fun, low-stress way for people to enjoy their dogs, said Patricia Krause, AVP, Companion Events. AKC Rally takes the average pet owner a step beyond CGC and basic obedience training and into the exciting world of AKC canine sports.

AKC Rally includes three levels of competition: Novice, Advanced and Excellent. In Novice, all exercises are performed on-leash and the handler is allowed to use multiple hand signals and verbal commands. Rally Novice, for many, will serve as a fun entry-level class to both obedience and agility. The Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes offer more challenging exercises. The Advanced and Excellent classes require that all exercises be performed off-leash.

Four new AKC titles may be earned in AKC Rally competition: Rally Novice (RN), Rally Advanced (RA), Rally Excellent (RE) and Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE).



# Responsible Dog Ownership Day !!!

Submitted by Janet Brown

Responsible Dog Ownership Day is coming up! Grab your dog and come on down to the second annual Nationwide Responsible Dog Ownership Day, to be held from 11 AM until 2 PM at Allridge Park, 25th and Wilson Street. This is an official AKC sponsored event; we'll have AKC promotional goodies to give away, and there is more information about this nationwide event at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). All well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome, not just purebred dogs!

Last year Fairbanks Dog Park brought together Golden Retriever Rescue, Tanana Valley Kennel Club, Companions, Inc., ABC K-9 Fun and other organizations to encourage people to get out with, and train, their dogs. Many dogs and their owners participated in the Canine Good Citizen Test and the AKC agility fun match, and had fun playing on the agility equipment.

There is no charge to attend the event. This year once again Golden Retriever Rescue will be offering the Canine Good Citizen Test (cost to take the test is \$10; bring proof of rabies vaccination!), Tanana Valley Kennel Club will set up a FUN! tunnelers agility course, \$5 for as many runs as you want to take, and Peggy Beagle of ABC K9 Fun Dog School will set up an agility demo course to allow the curious to try out agility obstacles for free! I think the Shelter will be there, hopefully with more of those adorable adoptable dogs. Some kind of food should be available also (details still in the works).

This is going to be a lot of fun, so don't miss it! For more information please contact Janet Brown, [jlbrown@gci.net](mailto:jlbrown@gci.net), 457-3205. See you there!

**News: Mayor Whittaker is going to  
proclaim a FNSB-wide RDO  
Day!**

**Come on out and support our "Best Friends!"**

# Responsible Dog Ownership Day

The AKC behind-the-scenes info, as submitted by Janet Brown:

The AKC Communications Department is pleased to announce that we will again be celebrating "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" (AKC RDO Day) on September 17th, 2004. We invite and encourage all dog clubs and pet-related organizations to take part by holding a community event that publicly promotes responsible dog ownership messages anytime during the month of September.

Participating organizations who send in the attached form by August 1, 2004 will receive a packet of materials from the AKC--including posters, brochures, sample press materials and more-- to help you plan and promote your event. In addition, we will again be listing every AKC RDO Day event on our web site so that the public has one central place where they can find out about celebrations in their area.

Of course, the AKC will be hosting our own event in New York City to mark this initiative on the weekend of September 18th & 19th. The event will highlight the AKC programs and services that support responsible dog ownership, and publicize to news media and the dog loving community that events are being held across the country by organizations such as yours.

Suggested Ideas for Your Local Events:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen Test
- Microchip /Tattoo Clinic
- Rescue Information Booth
- Health Clinic/Health Screen Testing
- Meet The Breeds/Find the Right Dog For You
- Obedience/Agility/Performance Event Demonstrations
- Therapy Dog/Service/SAR Dog or Police Canine Unit Demonstrations
- Safety Around Dogs for kids presentations (in-school or for children's groups)
- Team with other dog organizations (vets/shelters/humane societies), as appropriate

Keep in mind that an "event" does not necessarily have to be a one-day affair. If you have the resources, consider some more in depth initiatives such as:

- A kids contest with awards for best drawings, essays about RDO
- Seek sponsorships or donations from local businesses of items to be raffled, or for contest prizes
- Raise money to donate/dedicate needed items to local dog park/runs (pooper scoopers, bulletin boards, water fountains, etc)

And of course feel free to come up with your own ideas--these are just suggestions to get your creative juices flowing! Last year, over 200 clubs and organizations hosted events and hundreds of media covered the story. For more information, we suggest visiting the 2003 AKC RDO Day web pages which include all of last year's event and promotional materials.

We hope that you will join us by taking part in AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Your participation will help ensure the program's success, which will hopefully continue to gain momentum each year, benefiting dogs and dog owners everywhere!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

HOSTING CLUB	LOCATION	EVENT(S)	DATE OF EVENT	DATE OF CLOSING
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	SOLDOTNA	AGILITY	SEPT. 4	AUGUST 18
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	SOLDOTNA	AGILITY	SEPT. 5	AUGUST 18
KENAI KENNEL CLUB	SOLDOTNA	AGILITY	SEPT. 6	AUGUST 18
CIKC	WASILLA	AGILITY	SEPT. 25	SEPT. 8
CIKC	WASILLA	AGILITY	SEPT. 26	SEPT. 8
CIKC	PALMER	SPECIALTIES	NOV 6	OCT. 20
CIKC	PALMER	OBEDIENCE	NOV 6	OCT. 20
CIKC	PALMER	AB/JSHW	NOV 7	OCT. 20

The events and dates listed here are taken primarily from the AKC web site. If anyone has further info or corrections, please email them to me (Sue) at: [vericool@acsalaska.net](mailto:vericool@acsalaska.net) with “dog events” as the subject.

If anyone has more info on the non-AKC events listed here, I would appreciate that as well.

Specialty events only impacting one breed are not listed here; nor are more limited interest events such as hunting tests. That info can be obtained from the AKC web site at: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

