

Tanana Valley Kennel Club

Spring 2018 NEWSLETTER

The winter has been long and the snow is deep. However, there are a lot of people busy planning fun activities from Fairbanks

throughout the State. Read up and learn what there is to do! Wendy Uzzell, Editor

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS. Entries close at the Superintendent's Office 12:00PM PDT, Wednesday, May 9, 2018, after which time no entry will be accepted, cancelled or substituted except as provided for in Ch. 11, Sec. 6 of the Dog Show Rules, or Ch. 1, Sec. 16, of Obedience Regulations. (*NOC Regional Qualifier)
SATURDAY: CONFORMATION, JR. SHOWMANSHIP, *OBEDIENCE, #2018040208 – RALLY, #2018040204
SUNDAY #1: CONFORMATION, JR. SHOWMANSHIP, *OBEDIENCE, #2018040209 – RALLY, #2018040205
SUNDAY #2: CONFORMATION, JR. SHOWMANSHIP, *OBEDIENCE, #2018040211 – RALLY, #2018040206
MONDAY: CONFORMATION, JR. SHOWMANSHIP, *OBEDIENCE, #2018040210 – RALLY, #2018040207



Premium list
160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd
All Breed Dog Shows
 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd Obedience Trials
 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th Rally Trials
 (American Kennel Club Licensed, Indoors, Unbenched)

Tanana Valley Kennel Club, Inc

FOUR Shows in THREE Days

SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY – MAY 26, 27, 28, 2018

SHOW HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday & Monday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Tanana Valley Fairgrounds

Borealis Pavilion & Kiwanis Agricultural Hall 
 1800 College Rd., Fairbanks, Alaska

NOHS on SUNDAY May 27 (PM Show Only)

BEST PUPPY COMPETITION – SATURDAY ONLY – SEE PAGE 3

VETERAN SHOWCASE – MONDAY ONLY – SEE PAGE 3

OFA EYE EXAM (formerly CERF) & CARDIO CLINIC – SATURDAY ONLY – SEE PAGE 6

New Exhibitor briefing will be held on Saturday
 Time will be announced on the judging program.

Obedience & Rally Entries are open to All-American Dogs listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program.



American Kennel Club

CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary



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TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB MAY SHOWS ARE COMING SOON!

SEE PAGE 4 TO HELP YOU FIND HOW TO DO IT!

Premiums are in the mail soon!

WATCH CLUB MAILINGS, WEB, AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

STINKY FEET ↔ TRACKING 2017



Yet another awesome autumn for the tracking folks! This year's tests were judged by returning Judge Jean Hillbig, and Charlene Dunn, who was new to Fairbanks. We were all thrilled to have another pass in the Variable Surface Test, but to crown Alaska's first Champion Tracker made the day even sweeter. Congrats to Vineta Hesson and her beautiful **Bouvier des Flandres Hanna**! Watching this team work their way through their convoluted track at UAF was breathtaking and we were all biting our nails! And who laid the track? Peggy Beagle!

Local favorite Sarah Smith and her sweet **All American Dog Kaija** earned their TDX in one of the foggiest mornings we've ever seen out at the Flood Control Project. There was no way to keep track of this speedy team in the mist. Sadly, tracking events are not judged as timed events, because this team's efforts would have been record breaking. And who laid the track? Again, it was Peggy Beagle!!



After a week of vacationing in Alaska, Judge Jean Hilbig returned to Fairbanks to hold a well-attended seminar. The subject was primarily TDX training and how we can improve in the future. Judge Hilbig was gracious enough to stay with us long after the seminar was "officially" over, and we picked her brain mercilessly about future TDU testing, scent work, picking judges, and sooo much more! We would have kept her much longer, but she needed to hit the Alcan and make her way home.

And just when we thought our tests couldn't get any better, Dianne Marshall designed amazing T-shirts to commemorate our 4 tracking tests. And she graciously donated the shirts to our entrants and volunteers. The shirts are such a bright fluorescent green that we didn't lose anybody out in the fields this year! And she baked. And she brought coffee for those cold early mornings. Yes, I think I wuv her! ❤️



TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB



SPRING CLASSES 2018



TVKC will hold classes on the following dates:

March 24, 31,
April 14, 21, 28,
and May 5, 12, and on May 19th
we will hold a fun match!

All classes will be held at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds in the Kiwanis Building. Floors will be matted and TVKC instructors will help you get ready for fun activities with your dogs!

- 10:00 **Utility/Open** this is for dogs who have earned a CD
- 11:00 **Novice** class is for dogs ready to learn to heel and sit and do figure 8's... this class will also prep dogs for the beginner or novice ring for the May show.
- 12:00 **Rally** will expand its first semester focus on beginner skills to more advanced skills and will also be getting students ready for the May show. Good place for beginner dogs who have a working relationship with the owner and for those who plan to enter a rally class at the May show.
- 1:00 **Conformation** class will be working on skills for the conformation ring: all conformation dogs and students welcome.
- 2:00 **Star Puppy Class Please – all kinds of puppies welcome! Eight weeks and up.**
- 3:00 **Canine Good Citizen** class with the CGC test at the end of classes!

Price: \$100.00 for club members and \$110.00 for non-club members. This will include entrance to the fun match (club membership is required for entrance to a fun match.)

Questions: email me, Becky, at: rwgatter@gmail.com

Thinking about showing your AKC/CKC registered dog? How to go from “Dabbler” to Exhibitor

By Susan Parsons

Part One

Usually you have purchased your purebred dog because you were looking for a certain breed that had the look and breed characteristics you desired. You may have attended dog shows to explore the breed and think “that looks like fun” or like me, decided to take a training class after the purchase of your dog. It was probably a puppy class, and the fun you had bonding with your dog made you decide to take further classes. Suddenly you are taking a variety of classes and socializing with people who are into a variety of dog activities. Then everyone starts talking about the “Big” dog show here in Fairbanks over Memorial Day. After the holidays, everyone start getting more and more excited. You have been taking classes and your instructors are encouraging you to try your hand at exhibiting. But how do you start? Where do you enter? What do I bring to the dog show? I hope with this series of articles to answer a few of these questions.

I am going to cover conformation exhibiting in the first article.

1. The conformation portion of a dog show is where your dog is judged by how well it “conforms” or fits the breed standard. First, read the standard for your breed. If your standard has any disqualifying faults listed, know what these are and make

sure your dog does not display any of these faults. Example, a height disqualification. Know what your dog measures, and how to let the judge measure your dog in the ring. **Every breed** has the following disqualifications: Male dogs must have two testicles, no dog can be lame, crippled, blind or deaf to compete.

2. How to Enter: Every AKC sanctioned show is run by a superintendent. The May TVKC show has Baray Event Services. You can create an account with them and enter online (www.barayevents.com), or you can obtain a premium list (package that contains all the information pertaining to this particular dog show and entry forms). The 2017 TVKC show, the entries close on **May 10, 2017 at 12:00PM noon (west time zone). After that they DO NOT accept any entries.** There will be premium lists available at our May General membership meeting on May 3, 2017 at 6:30pm at the K-9 Training Center located on Badger Road. Please contact any show committee member or myself, and someone will be happy to help you.
3. Make sure your dog has their individual AKC registration number. Dogs may not be shown on a litter number. Your dog **MUST** be 6 months old on the date of the show. It is also a good idea to be familiar with the AKC “Rules Applying to Dog Shows”. You can download it from the AKC website.
4. The May TVKC dog show will be holding 4 separate shows during

three days. Each day is its own separate show, and on Sunday, it will be 2 separate shows. One in the morning, and one in the afternoon. You must make sure you mark each show and pay for each show to be entered properly.

5. The biggest question I am asked is, what class do I entered? The following is a list of the classes available. The same classes apply to dogs (males) and bitches (females).
 - A. **Puppy Class:** If you have a puppy, I usually enter my puppies in their respective age class. Puppy Classes are divided by age (6 months and under 9 months; 9 months and under 12 months). Once a dog has reached 12 months of age it is no longer considered a puppy. On your entry form or on-line, make sure to designate the age division class appropriate for your puppy.
 - B. **12 -18 Month Class:** This is not a puppy class but your dog does need to fall within the age requirements. This is a good class to enter if your dog is in this age group because it tells the judge (by the class description) that this is still a young dog and may not have an adult coat or chest development in a mature dog.
 - C. **Novice Class:** Shall be for dogs 6 months of age and older but have not won more than three first place awards in the novice class or one first class win in the Amateur-Owner-Handler class, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-Bred, or Open Class nor one or more points towards their championship. I don't usually enter this class because right

away it signals to the judge, this dog has not won anything before.

D. Amateur-Owner Handler

Class: The dog must be shown by the registered owner of the dog and not been a professional handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. This is a new class and I have not used it. If anything happens to you and you are unable to show your dog, you cannot have anyone else take the dog in the ring, even immediate family.

E. Bred-By-Exhibitor Class:

The dog in this class must be shown by one of the breeders of record and owner of record. The handler must be both, breeder and owner. It also excludes immediate family.

- F. American-Bred Class:** This is for any dog conceived and whelped in the United States. I have used this class sometimes if I have two dogs of the same sex (and not eligible for puppy or bred-by exhibitor class) entered. I usually put one dog in this class and the other in open class. This is a good class to enter if this is one of your first shows you have entered and you do not have a dog that falls in the puppy or 12-18 month class.

- G. Open Class:** This class is open to any dog six months age and over. This is the best class to enter for most of your dogs once they age out of the puppy class or 12-18 month class. It is usually the largest class but the judges feel that owners enter dogs in this class that are mature and trained.

This class may be divided by color, so make sure you read your premium list regarding the extra instructions.

- H.** You may enter more than one conformation class if your dog fits the class description. Example, enter your puppy in the age appropriate puppy class and the American bred class. So, you compete and earn first place in puppy class and a second place in American Bred. If you earn a 2nd place in any class, you cannot then compete in the Winners class to compete for points because technically you have been defeated by another dog. My advice is to only enter one class per dog in conformation.
6. If you are mailing in a paper entry form, it must be signed at the bottom. If you are photocopying the entry form, the entry form must contain both the front and back side to be valid.
 7. Agent: You would list an agent if you have someone else exhibiting your dog and they might need to represent you in case of a show committee hearing regarding your dog. You do not have to list yourself or someone showing your dog, if you will attend the show.
 8. Entry Fees: Read your premium list carefully regarding entry fees. Some classes have a reduced entry fee, example puppy or bred-by exhibitor class. Each show is considered a separate show, so if you enter a dog on Saturday, the two shows on Sunday, and then on Monday, these are considered the first entry for an individual dog. The total would be the entry fee times four. It is NOT an additional entry of the same dog, unless it is entered in another class for the same show. Example, a dog entered in the regular conformation class and then the same dog entered as the junior showmanship class dog entry.
 9. So now your dog is all entered in the show. What next? Continue in any conformation handling classes you are enrolled and continue to keep your dog exposed to all sorts of sights and sounds. The dog shows are very noisy and crowded. Besides your weekly conformation handling classes, take your dog to the feed stores, Lowes, Home Depot, the airport, or any dog friendly environment. Practice stacking your dog and having people play judge, with just a quick pat on the head, you show the bite, and a quick hand down the back. If your classes have ended, gather a bunch of people and have your own impromptu class, where everyone takes turns playing the judge. TVKC will be having a Fun Match (exclusive to TVKC membership) on May 6 at the Kiwanis building. This will be run like a practice dog show.
 10. It is very important and the responsibility of you as a dog owner, to make sure you only put your dog in a safe controlled atmosphere while preparing to show them in a dog show. Don't over stimulate them the first time or two you take them out, but don't keep them at home, practice in the backyard, and then expect them to perform at the dog show which will be a foreign environment for most of them.
 11. For yourself, watch videos of dog shows especially of your own breed. This will show you what are some of the special techniques that are used

for only your breed. Example, you don't hold a tail of a sporting breed the same way terrier exhibitors hold the tail.

12. Grooming. Make yourself familiar with the grooming styles of your breed. Most breeds take a lot of time preparing the coat so it is in top shape for the dog show. Even short haired dogs take some grooming/neatening. Ask your breeder for help or seek out someone with your breed or similar breed for advice. The following are the three golden rules.

- a. Never show a dirty dog – bathe your dog a day or two before the show or find out the appropriate time to fit the type of coat for your breed.
- b. Never show a dog with dirty teeth. Nothing turns a judge off more than to see a beautiful dog come into their ring, and during the exam see dirty teeth. Plus, you endanger the health of your dog by not keeping the teeth clean.
- c. Never show a dog with long toenails. Keep up with the toenail trimming!



**Next article:
The Day of the Dog Show!**

Will come to you via special edition!

Agility Information
Sources and Equipment
May 2017

Equipment

Anderson, Mark – Kenai – contact obstacles, channel weaves, jumps
e-mail: benchmamrk@alaska.net or dorilynn@dorilynn@k9trialsionline.com

Hinchliff, Tom – Fairbanks. Contact obstacles, weaves, jumps
Contact Nicki Stewart – 479-3853 or e-mail: stewartnicki43@gmail.com
Also have pattern for making tire jump and PVC jump – will send
Pattern upon request

Dennis, Jason – Fairbanks. Contact obstacles, weaves, jumps
Contact Crystal Dennis – 479-2537 or e-mail: jdennis@acsalaska.net

Clean Run Magazine and website

www.cleanrun.com – THE BEST resource of agility information available today on
training, books, videos, and PVC jump cups and 4-2ay connectors for making jumps

Internet resources

www.ntiglobal.com – tunnels in all colors, several lengths

www.tunnelbags.com – saddle tunnel bags all colors

www.carlsonagility.com – all types of agility equipment, tires by themselves or
w/frame – choose your colors

www.jidog.com – J and J Dog Supplies and Agility equipment

www.dogwise.com – Dog Wise Book Supply

www.akc.org – The American Kennel Club – Agility Regulations
PFD downloadable or may purchase in their store

www.Max200.com – Agility, flyball, Obedience and General Performance
Dog Equipment

Internet Resources for Equipment Plans

www.instanagility.com – adjustable channel weaves

www.caninecrib.com – standard jump

Book on Equipment Plans

Do It Yourself Agility Equipment
2nd Edition – Clean Run Productions LLC
Constructing Agility Equipment for Training or Competition
Author – Jim Hutchins

2018 Alaska Shows & Trial

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Jan 5, 6, & 7 CIKC - Agility – Sirius Ranch – Palmer
Jan 13 & 14 Barn Hunt – Soldotna
Jan 14 ACT – Fun Match - Anchorage
Jan 27 & 28 MSGRC – Obedience Seminar –
Anchorage
Jan 27 CIKC – Scent Work Seminar
Jan 28 CIKC – Scent Work Fun Test

Feb 3 & 4 MACH - NADAC Agility – Sirius Ranch –
Palmer
Feb 16, 17 & 18 KKC - Agility – Sirius Ranch – Palmer
Feb 24 Rottweiler Club - Rally (2 trials) – Palmer
Feb 25 ACT – Fun Match - Anchorage

March 2, 3, & 4 DOTCA - Obedience & Rally – ACT –
Anchorage
March 9, 10 & 11 CIKC - Agility – Sirius Ranch –
Palmer
March 11 AKKC – All Breed Match – ACT –
Anchorage
March 17 ORT – Birch, Anise, Clove Tested – Cheri
Hagen contact - Palmer, AK
March 24 & 25 AKKC/KKC - Shows – Denaina Center
– Anchorage
March 31 ACT – Fun Match - Anchorage

April 6, 7 & 8 TVKC - Agility – Fairbanks
April 6, 7 & 8 CIKC - Barn Hunt – Palmer
April 14 ACT – Fun Match – Anchorage
April 14 AHGA – Fun Run – Check FB page for
updates
April 14, 15 & 16 KKC - Agility – Sirius Ranch – Palmer
April 20, 21 & 22 MSGRC - Obedience & Rally –
Anchorage
April 21 AHGA – Q/JC Trial – DeVibliss Field - Palmer
April 21 & 22 AHGA – CAT – DeVibliss Field – Palmer
April 22 AHGA – Q/J Trial – DeVibliss Field - Palmer
April 28 & 29 MACH - NADAC Agility – Sirius Ranch –
Palmer

May 4, 5 & 6 CIKC - Agility – Sirius Ranch – Palmer
May 11, 12, & 13 Barn Hunt Trial - Soldotna
May 11, 12 & 13 OTCC - Obedience & Rally – CBA
Field – Chugiak
May 12 AHGA – Fun Run – Check FB page for
updates
May 13 AKKC – All Breed Match – Anchorage May
18, 19, 20 & 21 GSDC of AK - Herding Clinics –
Wasilla/Anchorage
May 19 & 20 MACH - NADAC Agility – CBA Field –
Chugiak
May 19 & 20 Siberian Husky Club of Anchorage
Show - Wasilla
May 26, 27 & 28 TVKC - Shows & Trials – Fairbanks
May 26, 27, 28 & 29 NACSW – Nosework Trial -
Location

June 1 & 2 Sheltie Club Specialty – CBA Field –
Chugiak
June 1 AHGC - Show – CBA Field – Chugiak
June 2 & 3 AHGC - Shows & Trials – CBA Field –
Chugiak
June 8, 9, & 10 TKVC – Agility - Fairbanks
June 8, 9 & 10 CIKC – Barn Hunt - Palmer
June 9 & 10 AKASC - NADAC Agility – CBA Field –
Chugiak
June 15, 16 & 17 OTCC - Agility – CBA Field – Chugiak
June 15, 16, & 17 All Breed Show, Rally, & Obedience
– Whitehorse, Canada
June 16 AHGA – Fun Run – Check FB page for
updates
June 22 & 23 PSD – Wasilla
June 23 GSDC of AK – Specialty Show - Anchorage
June 23 & 24 AKKC - Shows – Anchorage
June 23 & 24 MSGRC - Obedience & Rally Trials –
Anchorage
June 23 & 24 PDS trial – Palmer
June 30 CIKC – AKC Scent Work
June 30 TVKC - Agility – Fairbanks
June 30 GSDC of AK – Herding Clinics –
Anchorage/Wasilla
June 30 GSDC of AK – Herding Tests and Trials -
Wasilla

July 1 CIKC – AKC Scent Work
 July 1 & 2 TVKC - Agility – Fairbanks (see June for start date)
 July 1, 2, 3, & 4 GSDC of AK – Herding Clinics – Anchorage/Wasilla
 July 5 GSDC of AK – Duck Herding Clinic – Anchorage (pending)
 July 7 & 8 Barn Hunt Trial - Soldotna
 July 13, 14 & 15 KKC - Shows & Trials – Skyview Middle School - Soldotna
 July 14 AK ASC - Conformation Show (2) – Skyview Middle School - Soldotna
 July 14 AHGA – CAT – Skyview Middle School - Soldotna
 July 20 AHGA – ASFA – Rebarchek Field – Palmer
 July 20, 21, 22 AHGA - CAT – Rebarchek Field – Palmer
 July 21 AHGA - Q/JC trial – Rebarchek Field – Palmer
 July 21 & 22 ABDA – Point Dog Hunt test – Point MacKenzie
 July 21 & 22 KPSWC – Scent Work Trials - Soldotna
 July 22 AHGA – Q/J trial – Rebarchek Field – Palmer
 July 27 AHGA – Specialty & Silent Auction – Fairgrounds - Palmer
 July 27, 28 & 29 CIKC - Shows & Trials – Fairgrounds – Palmer
 July 28 AHGA – CAT – Rebarchek Field – Palmer
 July 28 & 29 ABDA – Flush Dog Hunt Test – Point MacKenzie

Aug 3, 4, & 5 USDAA - Agility – Sirius Ranch – Palmer
 Aug 4 & 5 GSDC of AK – Herding Trials – Wasilla
 Aug 4 & 5 Barn Hunt Trial – Soldotna
 Aug 6 GSDC of AK – 2 AKC Duck Herding Trials for Course B – Chugiak (pending)
 Aug 10, 11, & 12 OTCC - Agility – CBA Field – Chugiak
 Aug 11 AHGA – Fun Run – Check FB for updates
 Aug 11 SBTCA – Regional Specialty -
 Aug 11 & 12 RCA, BMDA, GDC of Matsu – Specialties
 Aug 11 & 12 RCA – Obedience & Rally trials (2 each)
 Aug 17, 18 & 19 TVKC - Tracking Tests - Fairbanks
 Aug 18 & 19 AKASC - NADAC Agility – CBA Field – Chugiak
 Aug 18 & 19 ABDA – Point Dog Hunt Test – Point MacKenzie
 Aug 19 AKKC - Puppy & Veterans Sweepstakes – Anchorage
 Aug 24, 25, 26, & 27 NACSW – Nosework Trial - Ninilchik

Sept 1 & 2 ABDA – Flush Dog Hunt Test - North Pole
 Sept 1, 2 & 3 KKC - Agility Trial - Kenai
 Sept 1, 2 & 3 WGDCA – Obedience, Rally, & Conformation – CBA Field - Chugiak
 Sept 7, 8 & 9 AHGC - Herding – Wasilla
 Sept 10 AHGC - Duck Herding - Chugiak
 Sept 14, 15 & 16 TVKC - Agility – Fairbanks
 Sept 14, 15 & 16 CIKC – Barn Hunt – Palmer
 Sept 15 AHGA – J/Q Trial – DeVibliss Field - Palmer
 Sept 15 & 16 AHGA – CAT – DeVibliss Field – Palmer
 Sept 16 AHGA – Q/JC Trial – DeVibliss Field - Palmer
 Sept 22 & 23 PSD – Wasilla
 Sept 29 & 30 KPSWC – Scent Work Trials - Soldotna

Oct 5, 6 & 7 CIKC - Agility – Sirius Ranch – Palmer
 Oct 12, 13 & 14 DOTCA – Obedience & Rally – Anchorage
 Oct 12, 13, & 14 Barn Hunt Trial - Soldotna
 Oct 19, 20, 21 TVKC - Agility – Fairbanks

Nov 9 & 10 WGDCA - Shows - Palmer
 Nov 9, 10 & 11 CIKC - Shows & Trial – Palmer
 Nov 10 AHGC - Show - Palmer
 Nov 16, 17 & 18 MSGRC - Agility Trial – Sirius Ranch - Palmer