

SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Tanana Valley Kennel Club

From the President:

Greetings to all in these interesting times! I hope this finds everyone well and starting to enjoy another beautiful Fairbanks summer. The TVKC Board of Directors is resuming meetings and planning so we can keep the club fun and strong going forward. To that end, there are a few things I think we should all keep in mind.

It's so sad that we didn't get to have our annual May All Breed Dog Show, but the good news is that there are still lots of fun things to do with our dogs this summer! All of the Agility trials will happen either as scheduled or as re-scheduled. Keep an eye on the website, and your e-mail for updates. Please pay special attention to any Covid related requirements. They are mandatory, plus nobody wants to get anybody else sick.

For those of us with Novice Rally dogs, the AKC has made special provisions for handlers to download Novice courses and submit videos of their performances. AKC judges will

evaluate and provide scores, Qs, etc. There are 5 Novice courses available and we have until December 31, 2020 to submit videos. Go to the AKC website for more info and rules. There are specifics about where you must place your camera, and so on. Good luck!

Tracking is up and running! See the article in this newsletter for more information. Tracking is open to all dogs so if yours likes to sniff come try it!

I know it seems early, but we are already preparing to elect new board members the first week of September. Lori Kunz is the Chair of the nominating committee so if you'd like to throw your hat in the ring, or you'd like to suggest someone you think would be a good board member please let Lori know. The four seats that are up for election this year are: President (I'm technically serving the last year of Deb's term,) 2nd Vice President – Membership, Corresponding Secretary, and Member at Large – Hospitality. If you'd like more details on what those

positions involve, again, contact Lori or the current board member. We'd love to see at least two candidates for each position, so please consider serving on the board.

We are planning a full membership meeting on June 17th to make up for the ones we missed in April and May. For now, save the date and watch your e-mail as we nail down a time and place.

I think that's enough from me for now. As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns for TVKC, please be sure to reach out to me. I'm always happy to hear from you! Have a safe and healthy summer everybody!

Be well,
Leslie

BUY LOCAL!

Everyone is scrambling to deal with the effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Alaska has been very lucky to limit the illness, but mandatory shut downs have a huge impact on owners. In fact, many members of TVKC are small business owners. There are dog focused businesses along with a variety of other types of businesses that might amaze you with their beauty and quality. Please try to do business with our local club members whenever you can. If you don't know who, take advantage of our Facebook page, local Chamber of Commerce (<https://www.fairbankschamber.org/members/>) or the TVKC members list and ask. We are so very lucky to have the diversity of offerings that these quality small business folk bring to us. Stay SAFE and Prosper! (Editor)



Child-Porn-Sniffing Canines!

This is an excerpt of a much more detailed original article by **C.J. Puotinen** titled **Porn-Sniffing K9s?** which appeared in the March 2020 (Vol. 23 No. 3) edition of **Whole Dog Journal**. This excerpt by Candace O'Connor is printed with permission from the author and WDJ editor.

We all know that dog noses can do amazing things, from locating lost children to alerting diabetics of low blood sugar. Dogs can also help the police to sniff out evidence against child pornographers!

How can this be?

In 2011 Jack Hubbell, Ph.D., a chemist at the Connecticut Scientific Sciences Forensic Laboratory, discovered that electronic storage devices (ESDs) carry unique scents in their circuit board components that dogs can detect. Illicit images are usually saved on ESDs because they are small and easy to hide, and they can be sniffed out by trained ESD Detection Dogs (ESD K9s).

After being trained to detect these unique scents, in 2015 Bear, a black Lab, detected a thumb drive with pornographic images in the home of Jared Fogel that helped send Fogle to jail. Thoreau, a yellow Lab working for the Rhode Island State Police, found a thumb drive containing child pornographic images in a tin box inside a cabinet on his very first search. Selma, a black Lab working for the Connecticut State Police, discovered devices in recycling bins, vents, and radiators. Today there are many such ESD K9s effectively assisting law enforcement across the country.

Like other detection dogs, dogs chosen for ESD K9 training need to be high-energy dogs with a strong work drive, and strongly toy- or food-motivated. These are often dogs that have failed their training as assistance dogs for people with special needs because they are too high-energy or too reactive, but their high energy might make them very suitable for ESD K9 training.

Jack Hubbell, the fellow who got the ball rolling in this field, says that dogs can detect ESD odors at the parts-per-billion level and dogs consistently out-perform any mechanized odor-detection devices. How wonderful that our amazing best friends can help us root out the scourge of child pornography! Check out the complete article in the [Whole Dog Journal](#) from March 2020.



TVKC WEB PAGE UPDATES!

Your board has been working hard to modernize the service that it delivers to the Club. Linda Bode, in conjunction with Stuart Roberts and others, have been finding ways to make things easier for volunteers and members.

Much of their effort is easy to see on our new web page from the public side and the members only side. <https://tanavalleykennelclub.com/> Need your password? Look at your membership card for the phrase underneath your name.

Members should notice is a gallery for pictures of special moments with your dog and yourself. Contact information for other members is

also located within. Board meeting notes, schedules, and much more is all waiting there to help answer your questions. So, give it a try and learn about what is there for you!

Also, the Club continues to make progress in accepting credit cards in person and via our website. To date credit cards and PayPal have been accepted for trophy and auction items at the Christmas party and Read It/Walk It/ Run It. We are currently accepting payment via our website for the July Agility Trial and the Tracking Classes. Watch for the availability of other electronic payment opportunities over the coming months. Please forward any comments or suggestions you may have on this to TVKCFinance@gmail.com. By Stuart Roberts and Editor

Dogs, Euro Style

By [Kama Brown](#) CPDT-KA, January 2017, Updated September 2019

RECENTLY, I VISITED AMERICAN FRIENDS IN the UK who had moved from Dallas to London's Kensington South. Since relocating, they had adopted a cat and were considering getting a puppy. However, after reviewing their previous dog experiences, they realized that the dogs they raised had not been nearly as well behaved as the dogs they saw in their new city.

As we chatted over drinks, they asked my opinion as a dog trainer: Why were the dogs in London behaved better than the dogs back home? What were dog owners in London doing differently?

The first few paragraphs were reprinted with permission.

For the rest of this interesting article go to:

https://thebark.com/content/why-are-european-dogs-so-well-behaved?fbclid=IwAR2MK9Qsz3FOZewdjUk4a_briXgRhQBqjQPxB7aq0QF8Fgsjh918tPh5igs





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The Tanana Valley Kennel Club – Tracking Classes

The Tanana Valley Kennel Club is pleased to announce the Summer of 2020 Tracking Class. Do you have a dog with a great nose? Any dog is eligible to participate, if they are able to sniff. Have a really great time learning about tracking skills and bond even more closely with your dog!

Who: Peggy Beagle will be teaching a **Tracking Class** starting on **June 4th at 6:30 PM at the 1st parking lot at Chena Lakes.**
Social Distancing will be observed.

What: For those of you who may not know Peggy, she is an experienced tracking person. She has trained, taught and competed in tracking for decades. She also put down TD, TDX, and VST tracks for many years. She "works like a dog" behind the scenes to make tracking a successful and fun experience.

When: Classes will meet every Thursday in June and July. June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Meet at 6:30 P.M.

Where: **1st parking lot at Chena Lakes**, there is a Porta Potty.

Why: It is a very popular sport for dogs who love to follow a scent. Handlers have dogs on long lines and get plenty of exercise keeping up. You can compete for titles or simply enjoy the training, but everyone is going to have fun!

How: Cost for this series of instruction is:
1) member price - \$90.00 via PayPal or cash (see web address)
2) non-member price - \$100.00 via PayPal or cash (see web address)
3) Advanced tracking participants can pay \$50.00 (see web address) for access to advanced tracking courses. Must be Club Members.

If you have any **questions**,
please contact **Peggy at: (907)322-3005**
<https://tananavalleykennelclub.com/>

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Tanana Valley Kennel Club
 2020 Summer to Fall Calendar – Due to Mandates
 This calendar is subject to updates.

RESCHEDULED: June 5,6,7 AGILITY TRIAL, Tanana Valley Fairgrounds (michaelakrohn@hotmail.com) Agility Run Through TBA
June 3 through August – Summer Agility Run Throughs, Wednesdays – Open ONLY to TVKC Members who are already trained in agility. Heidi Benson’s, Wednesdays 9am/7:00 p.m.
JUNE 4-July 30 TRACKING Each Thursday at 6:30 P.M. 1 st Parking Pull Out at Chena Lakes. Contact Peggy Beagle (peggybeagle54@gmail.com)
JUNE 17 – Membership Meeting – April Rescheduled
July 3,4,5 AGILITY TRIAL, Tanana Valley Fairgrounds (michaelakrohn@hotmail.com) No Run Through. Set up July 2 nd 10:00 a.m.
July 31, August 1,2. AGILITY TRIAL, Ester Community. Maps will be sent.
August: Potential Agility Seminar
August: SUMMER PICNIC/BONFIRE TBA – Lori Kunz
August 14,15,16 TRACKING TESTS (peggybeagle54@gmail.com)
August 21,22,23 AGILITY TRIAL, Fairgrounds, Judge Geoff Niedler (michaelakrohn@hotmail.com)
Postponed: TBA, Community Seminar, Patti Strand Nancy Sams
September Fall TVKC INDOOR CLASSES, OBEDIENCE and CONFORMATION TBA (Jimmie Ricks)
September 2, 6:30 p.m. MEMBERSHIP MEETING TBA Election meeting!
September 6, 6:30 p.m. Camp LIWA Agility Run Through – 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
September 11,12,13 AGILITY TRIAL, Camp LIWA (michaelakrohn@hotmail.com) Agility Run Through TBA
October 16,17,18 AGILITY TRIAL, Camp LIWA (michaelakrohn@hotmail.com) Agility Run Through TBA
October 30/31, Pending Agility Seminar, Anna Eifert (michaelakrohn@hotmail.com)
November 4, 6:30 p.m. TBA Budget meeting
December TBA TVKC Christmas Party, Awards Presentation, TBA