

# WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

## TANANA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

Folk are ready to snuggle down with their dogs at their feet or on their lap and remember the fun events they attended this past year. If it wasn't for the club at home and others located across the state, there would be much less for us to do with our dogs. Be sure you take a moment to reflect on the many opportunities provided and good times shared with other people who all share a passion for the dog. Give a shout-out to the clubs who have served you best!

### Membership Update

Fellow TVKC members, for years our membership dates have run from 1 October of one year to 30 September of the following year. At the same time our membership cards have been good from 1 January to 31 December.

No more! Alaska Feed Co. has O.K.'d, and your Board has approved, changing the discount card (membership card) dates to be the same as your membership dates, 1 October of one year to 30 September of the following year.

Why is your membership renewal due on 1 September? Our By-Laws, Article II, Section 4, specify that "...dues are payable prior to the September meeting." Our annual meeting is held on the first Wednesday in September and the date changes from year to year, ranging from as late as 7 September (2016, 2022) to as early

### SEMINARS FOR 2018

There are plans for seminars in Tracking, Scent Work, Conformation and Agility. Keep watching and listening at TVKC Meetings, TVKC Group Page, You've Got a Message E-mails and any other way we can get the information about the specific details out there. Also, look announcements in future newsletters,

as 1 September (2021). Rather than having a different renewal date every year we chose 1 September to be the renewal date long ago because it is always on or before our annual meeting, never after.

You will, as always, be welcome to renew at the annual meeting in September; many members choose to do this. "Prior to the September meeting" means before the meeting starts, so feel free to bring your renewals to that meeting.

This will solve an additional problem of concern to our friends at Alaska Feed Co. Right now, a member can choose not to renew, and they will still receive a discount at Alaska Feed Co. until 31 December. We can now assure AK Feed Co. that this will no longer occur.

Your next membership card will be good from 1 January 2018 to 30 September 2018. Starting in fall 2018 your membership card will be good from 1 October to 30 September of the following year, just like your membership. The password to the membership portion of our web site is printed on your membership card. The password will be changed as usual this coming January, but will again be changed on 1 October 2018 and in October every year thereafter.

This will be the last year that membership cards will be passed out at the Christmas party. In future I will get your card to you after you renew.

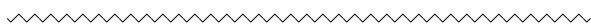
Questions? Please ask! Happy Thanksgiving to all! Candace O'Connor, [agilitydogs33@gmail.com](mailto:agilitydogs33@gmail.com)

### **How to access the members-only section of the TVKC web site:**

- Go to [www.tananavalleykennelclub.com](http://www.tananavalleykennelclub.com)
- Click on “members only”, the lowest link on the right side of the home page.
- Enter the user name, TVKC, all in caps.
- Enter the case-sensitive password which is on your membership card below your name; it changes every January.

That’s all there is to it! Couldn’t be easier! There you’ll find the TVKC constitution and bylaws, our policies and procedures, meeting notes, and two forms of the membership roster. The “full version” has complete information about all members; the “print friendly short version” is condensed and easy to print out on 8 ½” X 11” paper.

You never need to ask someone how to get in touch with another TVKC member again. Just go look at the membership roster; it is all right there.



# How to Dress Your Dog for Winter in Fairbanks.

By Magali Phillip, ed. Wendy Uzzell

Let's face it, it can get expensive to clothe people in the arctic. Many dog owners also want to protect their furry family member from Alaskan winter too, but sometimes it isn't easy to figure out what to look for.

There are as many kinds of dogs in Alaska as anywhere else in the world. Long hair, short hair, northern breeds to lap dogs. I wrote this article to help you know the kind of protection needed for your dog to handle Alaskan cold, and how to get it right.



I own two miniatures poodles who love to be outside but when winter comes they are outside for short times only. For the small dog that likes to go out, but only to stretch their legs and do their business, I put on a "pet dog jacket" which covers the back and maybe the chest

You can find those types at many places and our two local feed stores have good selections.



For those of you who own non-Nordic breeds with short fur there is an extra need to keep them warmly protected. They still need to burn energy in cold winter conditions and their vulnerable places can get cold enough to be damaged.



Females are very vulnerable to frost bite on their nipples and on the “flack” (the very thin part of skin between back leg and abdomen). These coats were designed for this purpose. There is also a male version just make sure your “boy main tool” is where it should be, as these coats were designs for sled dogs.

If you plan on doing a lot of outdoor activity with your dog, I recommend spending the money on a good coat or jacket. You can see that good designs are wind blocking, fleece lined and will protect the whole belly of your dog.



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Howling Dog



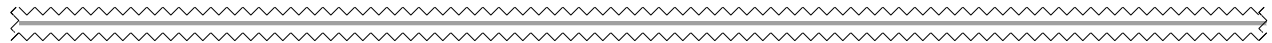
And if you (like me) travel to amazing places in winter with blizzards or deep cold. You might have to get creative to protect your dog. Even extra-large furry dogs may need protection in extreme temperatures and driving snow.

I got my Leonberger a “goat jacket” as nothing large enough is sold in regular sized dog coats to fit her.



Do your searching on the internet or at the local dog gear stores. You will find each kind of blanket locally too, and now you will recognize the best features for your dog before you spend your money.

For advice about dog booties, please read TVKC Winter 2016 newsletter which can be found on the TVKC Website, members only.



# PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS

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## THE HEART OF FAIRBANKS

About one year ago, Paws for Purple Hearts (P4PH) opened their doors in Fairbanks, Alaska. Previously P4PH borrowed space, but now they had their own offices and working areas for the dogs. They are the first facility of this type in the State of Alaska and working hard to serve their mission and their community.

At the national web site, they introduce themselves:

Paws for Purple Hearts is the first organization of its kind to offer [Warrior Canine Therapy](#)<sup>™</sup> (formerly referred to as Canine Assisted Therapeutic Intervention). We began in 2006 as a research program at the prestigious Bergin University of Canine Studies together with the Menlo Park Veterans Administration Medical Center. Paws for Purple Hearts has since evolved into a separate non-profit organization operating with its own 501(c)(3) status. (<https://pawsforpurplehearts.org/who-we-are>)

Nathan Collin, Regional Director of P4PH, Alaska, took some time to explain how Fairbanks qualified for this unique status. He stated, "Fairbanks, Alaska has over 8,500 retired Military Veterans which is a large population per capita." He went on to explain that P4PH receives no Federal funding or Veterans Administration funding. They exist completely through grants, fund raisers, donations and volunteerism.

Additionally, serious consideration is underway to open another facility in the Anchorage/Wasilla area. The demand for Service Dogs in Alaska is very real need and support our Veterans who may be family, friends and neighbors.

In Fairbanks, Service Members and Veterans provide volunteer services with about 50 individuals rotating through the pool of dog trainers. Classes are located at the P4PH facility, Fairbanks Correctional Center, and the Fairbanks Rescue Mission on weekdays and weekends. At any given class time three to twelve people attend, learn training concepts, and receive hands-on experience and instruction to teach service dog commands. They are guided by Program Instructor Tamara Bell to work with the dogs in training. They are currently four dogs in residence and all are at different places on the continuum of their three-year training program. Keeping track of the human and canine components is

accomplished by Betsey Jacobs, Program Coordinator.

One of the P4PH Alaska service dogs-in-training, is about to be matched with a Veteran. The pair will participate in a 2-week Client Training, where they will bond and learn to work together as a team. During Client Training, the final touches are added to the dog's considerable resume of service skills to ensure the service dog meets the needs of the Veteran. Over 100 commands, intensive training in therapeutic environments, and careful observation of the dog's problem-solving skills will culminate in a career as a service dog for severely impaired military veterans with no cost to the veteran. It is a priority with P4PH place these dogs in their home community but sometimes the dogs will move with their owners.

When asked what are their goals for this facility, Nathan Collin shared that they are expecting another dog in December with a possibility of another this coming spring, for a total of 5 canines in residence. He also shared that their facility space will double in about a year, from 4,000 square feet to 8,000 square feet. They are only moving one driveway away from their current location, but this expansion will give them the capability to increase the numbers of dogs in training to between eight and ten.

The dogs in this service program are predictably Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers or Golden/Lab crosses. The dogs are bred within the P4PH program or purchased from service dog breeders within a national co-op, which includes Bergin University of Canine Studies, where health and temperament are closely monitored. These types of dogs are well suited to retrieve, open doors, gently grab a water bottle and are very biddable which is

essential to becoming a service dog. Should a dog fail to meet the highest standard of criteria for service dogs, they may become a facility dog. Arctic Light Elementary School is currently considering bringing a facility dog into their school to interact with their students.



Alameda and Nathan are working on pulling off a sock.

Another career path for these dogs is becoming a therapy dog that attends a variety of counseling groups in the Fairbanks area. P4PH service dogs-in-training also visit youth at FNA SOAP, program for homeless teens and participate in a candlelight vigil downtown to bring the plight of these teens to the forefront. P4PH shares their dogs with the Fairbanks Community as a part of their training experience and are active members of our local community.

There are several different ways to participate with the P4PH Program There is a need for Puppy Parents who meet the housing needs of potential Service Dogs. The young pups live with a family who brings the pups every morning to the center, and then pick them up at the end of the day. There are regular sessions to work with the puppy parents to help guide them in their experiences with the pups. All

expenses are covered, health, food, and dog supplies. The puppy parents must also be prepared to let their pups go on to their formal training at sixteen months of age. This can be tough, but you will be rewarded by knowing your efforts will help a Warrior.

For those with less time there are many more needs that could be met. Recently a half wall was constructed to section off a portion of the training area, done by volunteers in one day. Baked goods can be dropped off for their Wednesday Warriors with Dogs Having Coffee. You can also stay to visit with the veterans who drop in to drink coffee and have a snack. Others might find working with young dogs to socialize them, petting them, or monitoring play time is more their style. Go online to sign up and do what you can – all volunteers are welcome. If time is too tight, checks earmarked for “Fairbanks only” will be spent only in Fairbanks.

Recently, Paws for Purple Hearts is starting to expand their community outreach. You are invited to come on December 18<sup>th</sup> for “A Dog Cookies and Human Cookie Exchange” (Humans only please). Planning is underway for a fun dog show, have you got tricks you want to show off or a great costume for your dog? They continue their Wednesday Warriors with Dogs Having Coffee and just dropping in for a half hour is valuable. For a limited time, you can also buy bags of North Pole Coffee with the names of their Service Dogs in Training as a great Holiday Gift, Check their site for hours of operation, and drop by and pick up a bag of delicious coffee soon.

**To find Paws for Purple Hearts online:**  
(<https://www.facebook.com/pphalaska/>).

By: Wendy Uzzell

## Waivers, Just to be Clear

TVKC requires students and run-through and match participants to sign a TVKC liability waiver and show proof that their dog is currently vaccinated against Rabies.

People occasionally complain that they already signed a waiver and showed someone else their dog’s Rabies certificate. Why should they have to do it again?

Here’s why!

Lee Wood is the Tracking coordinator and instructor. Candace O’Connor is the Agility coordinator. Dianne Marshall coordinates our other classes (Canine Good Citizen,

Conformation, Obedience, Puppy, Rally...). Lee collects and archives paperwork for Tracking, Candace for Agility, and Dianne for everything else. Waiver forms differ slightly between Tracking, Agility, and all other classes.

Tracking: Lee Wood [snowbudak@hotmail.com](mailto:snowbudak@hotmail.com) will accept your waiver form and Rabies certificate as an email attachment, or as a photo on your cell phone, or in paper form. She does not need or want to keep a copy of your dog’s Rabies certificate, just to see it so she can approve the waiver. Lee will make the Tracking



waiver form available to all Tracking students.

**Useful tip from Lee Wood:**

If you have a cell phone it is a great idea to keep a photo of your dog's Rabies certificate and also AKC registration papers on your phone so they are always available.

Agility: Candace O'Connor [agilitydogs33@gmail.com](mailto:agilitydogs33@gmail.com) needs you to sign and submit a paper waiver form once a year. Like Lee, she does not need to keep a

copy of your dog's Rabies certificate – a photo of the certificate on a cell phone is fine - just to see the certificate and initial the paper waiver. Please do not ask her to print your filled-out waiver form for you. Waiver forms are always available from her via email; paper forms will be available at Agility run-throughs and trials.

All other classes: Dianne Marshall [Dianne@dianneandsteve.com](mailto:Dianne@dianneandsteve.com) also requires you to fill out and submit the paper waiver form. She will have them at the Kiwanis building where you take non-Agility classes and attend matches. Like Lee and Candace, Dianne does not need or want to keep a copy of your dog's Rabies certificate; she just needs to see that it is current so she can initial the form.

We hope that this explanation clarifies waivers. Please send any questions to Lee, Candace, or Dianne.

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## **Kate Wood's Fairbanks Terriers Put Alaska on the Map!**

If you live in Fairbanks and go to dog shows you have probably noticed very few Scottish Terriers and only one Sealyham Terrier. The Wood Clan are the only working Scotties in Alaska and up until about a month ago Sofie was the only Sealyham Terrier in the State. There is a young male that has moved into Fairbanks, and with very little research I found out his dam came from the same kennel as Sofie.

The Sealyham originated in Wales and were bred for hunting. White was the desired color to

distinguish them from what they were hunting and prevented hunters shooting them mistakenly. Seayhams are known to be, "Intelligent, sensible, and great companions. This rare breed of dog was at one time a favorite among many celebrities, with the current estimated population of less than 500 worldwide, fewer than pandas and tigers. They are gaining back popularity as more people realize what a beautiful, playful, intelligent breed they are."

Rapunzel (Sofie's Mom) and Cinderella from Afterglow Kennels starred in the 2012 movie "Hitchcock" alongside Sir Anthony Hopkins and Dame Helen Mirren. In "The Birds" Hitchcock's two male Sealyhams made a cameo appearance.

I give you a little information on the scarcity of the Terriers to help you appreciate the following achievements. When the limited number of venues in Alaska is considered, and compared to the lower 48 States where they can participate almost weekly in an event, you can see why I was shocked to receive the following awards from the American Sealyham Terrier Club (ASTC) and The Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA). With so few events available in Alaska it never occurred to me that these awards would ever come this way.

The ASTC tallies the titles, placements and scores to come up with the Sealyham Terrier that has the most points in obedience for the year. Sofie, Afterglows Northern Glacier RN NA OAJ TKN CGC, received 2016 ASTC Top Obedience Award.



The STCA tracks AKC titles, points, placement and the number of different venues in which they have received titles or achievements. In October The STCA presented one Superior Performance Award and five Performance Awards at their Nationals in Montgomery PA. The Scotties achieving a certain number of points derived from titles, placements, points,

and at least three different venues; such as Conformation, Rally, Obedience, Tracking, Agility Barn Hunt, Earth Dog, etc. Three of the five Performance Awards were given to the Wood Clan;

Sky (After Glows Northern Sky TD AX, MXJ, NF TKN CGC), Willow (Willow Wood AX AXJ MXP MJP NF TKN CGC) and Wicket (RB) (Beammeups Black Gold. TDX NA NAJ OAP OJP CGC)



Needless to say, I am proud of my spunky little Terriers.

If anyone is interested in more information on these interesting breeds please contact me, Kate Wood

## 2018 AKC Agility Trials Alaska

### By Organization

#### **Cook Inlet Kennel Club (CIKC)**

Jan 5-7

Mar 9-11

May 4-6

Oct 5-7

#### **Kenai Kennel Club (KKC)**

Feb 16-18

Apr 14-16

Jul 13-15

Sept 1-3

#### **Midnight Sun Golden**

#### **Retriever Club**

Nov 23-25

#### **Obedience Club of Chugiak (OTCC)**

Jun 15-17

Aug 10-12

#### **Tanana Valley Kennel Club (TVKC)**

Apr 6-8

June 30, July 1-2

Sept 14-16

Oct 19-21

### By Date 2018

January 5-7 CIKC

February KKC 16-18

March 9-11 CIKC

April 6-8 TVKC

April 14-16 KKC

May 4-6 CIKC

June 15-17 OTCC

June 30/July 1-2 TVKC

July 13-15 OTCC

August 10-12 OTCC

September 1-3 KKC

September 14-16 TVKC

October 5-7 CIKC

October 19-21, TVKC

November 23-25 MSGRC

# Midnight Sun Leos

## Ishani



Ishani is a very sweet dog, she is very active doing Agility, Rally, swimming, skijoring and hiking. She is very devoted to our family.

Weight 96lbs / 26 ½ height

## Breeding announcement

L'Ashani Des Neuf Grains D'Or CGC RN

« *Ishani* » (French import)

&

Don Ricardo de Valdelaguila

« *Rocky* » (Spanish import)

Both parents clear of all health tests

Please contact me by phone or e-mail  
to inquire about our puppies

Magali Philip - 907.388.9865 (Alaska)

magali99760@gmail.com

Puppies planned for early 2018

Breeding for diversity and temperament

COI 10 generations = 2.34%

COI all 40 generations=27.60 %

with 1337 unique ancestors.

## Rocky



Rocky is an amazing Leo with a tremendous temperament and outstanding structure. He is very active in water rescue. He is a very sweet boy.

Weight 145b / 30 height

**The Annual TVKC Holiday Party will soon be here and this year's party promises to be a lot of fun!!**

**The party will be potluck style. Please share a dish according to your last name:**

**A-F – Desserts    G-N - Main Dish            O-Z - Appetizer, bread or salad**

**So come and join us for GAMES, SILENT AUCTION, FOOD, a SLIDE SHOW and TITLE RECOGNITION of our favorite canine companions!!**

**When: Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**Where: The Palace Saloon in Pioneer Park**

**Time: 4-7 PM**

**We will also be collecting DONATIONS to the Food Bank and Rescue Mission.**

**If you have any questions regarding the party, please contact Lori Kunz at: [articsun@gci.net](mailto:articsun@gci.net)**