

Pioneer Tails

Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc
P.O. Box 407, Greenfield, MA 01302

April 2024

May Annual Meeting

Monday, May 20th

7:00 pm

Annual Awards Recognition – 2023

(See form for your submission - pages 7-8)

***Where: Franklin County Fairgrounds
89 Wisdom Way, Greenfield, MA 01301***

President's Message

Spring is just around the corner! Which means that PVKC is gearing up for a busy season of activities.

Our Health Clinic is already filling up, our Farm Dog Trial is adding the new Fetch Title activity. The training committee has been diligently working on the Spring and Summer class schedule.

The board is also exploring becoming a FIT Dog club.

We have canceled our Fall Agility Trial and are looking for club members to join a committee to explore the possibility of having FastCAT in 2025. If you are interested in being part of this committee please contact me.

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www.pioneervalleykennelclub.com

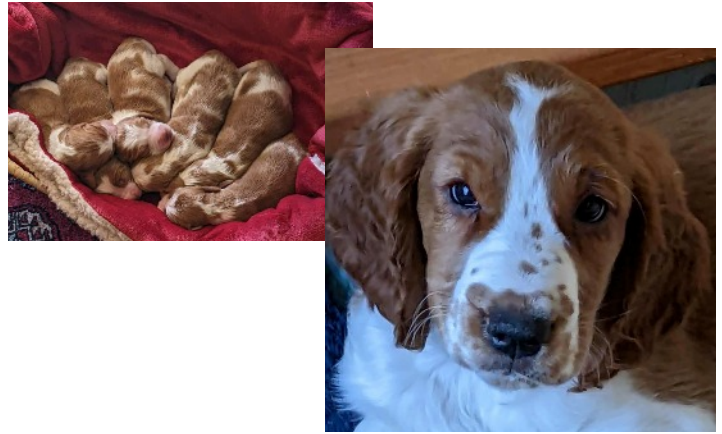
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Show & Member NEWS

Catherine Carr Lee has been busy since December 27 with a litter of 6 Welsh Springer puppies, 3 girls and 3 boys. *Clarissa* will be the newest canine member of the Lee family. Puppies start going to new homes at the end of February, and Catherine hopes *Clarissa* will join her mom *Farley* at the shows this summer



Peg Vohr reports: *CJ* completed his Rally Championship (RACH) title in October. He is now *CH RACH Fantasy Mariner All Flags Flying CD BN RM5 RAE3*. It is not an easy title to obtain and we are very proud of *CJ*. He has been invited to participate in an Invitational event, to be held at the Collie Club of America National Specialty in Peoria, in early April. The Invitational celebrates the top Performance and Confirmation Collies for 2023; we are thrilled that he has received that recognition and honor. Meanwhile, our other Collie, *Caleb*, (*CH Fantasy Mariner Celebration*) has earned his BN Obedience and RI Rally titles and, hopefully, is on his way to additional titles this year.

From **Kenyon Fairey** – I’ve been trying to get back to Agility with my girl, *Babs*. Due to 2 bad knees, I really cannot run, so I have been training her to work out and away from me. She is doing quite well and this past December she earned her ACT1 & ACT1J titles up at Monadnock where we trained from June – Dec under Rachel Brostrom. We have also been training under Elise Paffrath at the Community Training Center in Gilford, VT. Both training venues are great for Agility training, as are the trainers.

Joyce Lak also sent us puppy news: I am thrilled to announce my *Roxi* (UKC Ch & AKC GCH *Salishan in a Heartbeat of Bhaledart* <AKC National Owner Handler Bronze, Best Puppy & RWB 2018 TTCA Specialty>) had a litter of Tibetan Terrier puppies on February 8, 2024 – three males and two females, all beautifully marked! The sire is English import, Connor (UKC Ch & AKC GCHB *Alilah Salishan’s in Command*). The litter is co-owned with Susan Carr, *Salishan Tibetan Terriers*, Tolland, CT. All puppies are spoken for.



Karen Shockro sent us news on her three – *Gus*, our black lab, earned his last three legs of his Master Rally title at the Big E in October under Judge Donna Blews-Pappas, Judge Denise D. Lacroix, and Judge Elizabeth Cleaves. The very exciting part was earning a score of 100 on the last leg under Judge Elizabeth Cleaves. Such an honor for us. Our other lab, *Kal*, went to his first shows in December at the Big E. His first leg in Rally Novice under Judge Stephen P Hershey earned us a score of 100! Are you kidding? I said. For those of you who don't know *Kal*, he has a very hard time staying focused as everything in the world around him needs to be investigated. Our second and third legs earned us a 98 under Judge Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, and a 90 (I blew it, not *Kal*) under Judge Denise D. Lacroix. So he now has his Rally Novice Title. On Sunday, we showed under Judge Denise Lacroix again, and he received a 98 (again, my mistake) for his first leg in Rally Advanced. *Kal* and I are excited to continue our Rally journey together, as he seems to really love getting in the show ring and showing off.



And on a last note, the little St. Bernard is the newest fur baby in our house. Her name is *Gracie* and she is a real sweetheart.



Sheila Blanker sent us the following: *Flame* – *Northern Light's Born with The Fire* (Phoenix X Sparrow) was awarded back to back Winners Dog and Best of Winners for two 5 point majors! Pending AKC confirmation, he is now *CH Northern Light's Born with The Fire*. The icing on the cake was that at the end of a very long day, *Flame* also, pending AKC confirmation, earned his Trick Dog Novice title as well – putting a title on each end in a day! *Flame* will now be *CH Northern Light's Born with The Fire, TKN!*



2023 AKC Sportsmanship Award

Ryan Blanker

More Member NEWS

2023 Lifetime Achievement – Peg and Jim Vohr

At the December club meeting, PVKC bestowed a Lifetime Achievement Award on Peg and Jim Vohr.

Peg and Jim have owned and breed Collies for over 60 years. They joined the Collie Club of America in 1966. Peg participated in Conformation as well as Obedience and Rally with her Collies. She owner handled her CH Fantasy Mariner Anchorman to Best of Breed at the 1998 CCA National Specialty and just recently completed the Rally Championship on her CH RACH Fantasy Mariner All Flags Flying CD BN RM5 RAE3. She also showed her dogs very successfully in Brace competition. I am forever grateful for learning her “secret” to a great Brace. It has served me well with my Braces.

We could not determine the exact date that the Vohrs joined PVKC, but I don’t think anyone can remember a time with out them. Peg was the one who spearheaded the start of our Agility Trials, she served as the Chair for many years and she and Jim were always there to make sure we took all of the equipment from storage and offered the horse trailer to take it to Westfield or Granby. Peg was a great mentor for the Chars that came after her. And what would the Summer show be without them. Jim working with Dorie to make sure the rings were straight and the perfect size, and Peg always the best ring steward.

PVKC is honored to have the Vohrs as members of our club.



Accepting for Judith is Millie – AKA Ch Stonebull’s Midnight Rider (Silver)

Without Millie, PVKC’s Volunteer of the year would be a dedicated “Cat Person”

2023 Volunteer of the Year – The Board of Directors named Judith Suarez 2023 Volunteer of the Year. This was a no brainer decision and as President Carver stated at the December General Meeting in announcing the award “it’s more like volunteer of the decade”. Even as she struggled with health issues, Judith was a key player in PVKC’s events and programs. As most are aware, Judith is the communication liaison for the club, she maintains the website, edits/creates and publishes the PVKC newsletter and forwards information to membership. Which means she is responsive to the needs of the Directors and committee chairs in alerting membership of upcoming events and happenings within the club. The announcements, newsletter and website are attractive and informative because of Judith. The coordination of our paypal account also falls to Judith, this allows the club to offer this payment option to participants.

Judith, since its inception, has been a member of the Farm Dog (FDC) Committee and as the event has expanded to include Temperament Testing (ATT), Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Trick Dog Test her role has expanded. She serves as trial secretary for both FDC & ATT handling all paperwork, registration and recording and takes care of all the CGC and trick dog documentation. She is that informative, pleasant person greeting you at a trial which sets the tone for the entire event.

This year our training opportunities at the Fairgrounds were increased and the Training Committee had Judith on speed dial. For years, PVKC training was coordinated by Judith but this year she served as a tremendous resource and contributed tremendously to our training program success.

Judith is creative, computer savvy, knowledgeable, dedicated, organized, cooperative, responsive to short notice request and has not learned to say No to the challenges added to her responsibilities within the club. Judith has been and will continue to be a true and total asset to PVKC and its success. The Board is pleased to recognize the contributions she has made to PVKC in presenting her with the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Holiday Party – December 2023

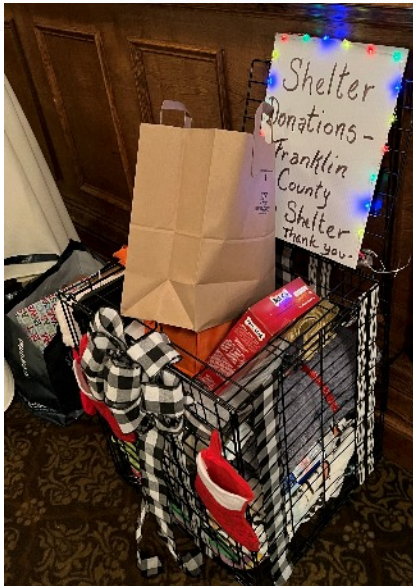
Dear Pioneer Valley Kennel Club,

Thank you for your amazing donations to the Shelter! We are so very grateful for the wonderful items.

We appreciate your support!

All of the dogs shown were adopted from our Shelter.

Sincerely,
Friends of the Franklin
County Regional Dog Shelter



PVKC Meetings for 2024

Board Meetings – Wednesdays

Feb 7th / April 10th / June 12th / Aug 21st / Sept 11th / Nov 6th

General Meetings

May 20th Fairgrounds 7pm

July 15th Fairgrounds 7pm

Oct 21st Dinner at Terrazza

Dec 18th Dinner at Terrazza

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2023 ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION

DEADLINE: May 3, 2024

PVKC offers certificates to commemorate the titles earned by our club members' dogs. The awards are presented at our meeting in May. Please complete this form and return to **Greg Anderson, 636 Main Street, Keene NH 03431** or email to beaujest@me.com. Titles and awards must have been completed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. The member must have been an owner of the dog at the time the title or award was earned. We are not responsible for awards that are not reported in WRITING on this form. Please include a copy of title certificate, for verification.

Member Name: _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____

Email address _____

PVKC activities participated in during 2017 _____

Dog's Registered Name (Please print) _____

Breed: _____ Date of Birth: _____

CHAMPIONSHIP ATTAINED (Please Circle) BREED FIELD OBEDIENCE AGILITY TRACKING

LIST KENNEL CLUB (AKC, CKC, etc) _____

PERFORMANCE TITLE OBTAINED (Please Circle Type)

OBEDIENCE AGILITY FIELD HERDING LURE COURSING EARTHDOG TRACKING RALLY

LIST TITLE (Companion Dog, Novice Agility, etc) _____

LIST KENNEL CLUB (AKC, CKC, UKC, All-American, etc) _____

PERFORMANCE TITLE OBTAINED FROM A PARENT BREED CLUB:

LIST TITLE (Draft Dog, etc) _____

AWARD FOR HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE DOG - (please circle type) - AKC CKC

Show _____ Show _____ Show _____

Date _____ Date _____ Date _____

Score _____ Score _____ Score _____

AWARD FOR BEST IN SHOW (please circle type): AKC CKC Specialty
Show _____ Date _____

AWARD FOR HIGH IN TRIAL (please circle type): AKC CKC Specialty
Show _____ Date _____

AWARD FOR MOST GROUP FIRSTS (please circle type): AKC CKC
NUMBER _____ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR MOST GROUP PLACEMENTS (please circle type): AKC CKC
NUMBER _____ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR MOST BEST OF BREED OR VARIETY PLACEMENTS (please circle type): AKC CKC
NUMBER _____ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR MOST PLACEMENTS IN ONE OR MORE PERFORMANCE AREAS (please circle type):
AKC CKC
NUMBER _____ (attach list of shows and dates)

AWARD FOR HIGHEST SCORING JUNIOR IN OBEDIENCE

Show _____ Date _____ Score _____

AWARD FOR HIGHEST PLACING JUNIOR IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Show _____ Date _____ Placement _____

_____ BREEDER'S AWARD – for breeders who produce 3 or more titled dogs in one year. (Please attach list of dogs and titles.) NOTE: for this award, a dog may be counted only once in its lifetime, i.e., if a dog's AKC Championship has already been counted in any year, any future titles for that dog cannot be counted.

A certificate will be awarded to dogs who complete a Canine Good Citizen Test, Herding Instinct Certificate, Temperament Test, Therapy Dog Test, Farm Dog Test, Carting Certificate, Working Aptitude Certificate, Certificate of Conformation Assessment or other certificate of achievement.

Award _____ Date _____

WAS THE AWARD OBTAINED BY A BREEDER-OWNER-HANDLER YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE SURROUNDING THIS AWARD. (First dog, Finished title from Bred by