

BRAINERD KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2017

SUMMER CLASSES STARTING JUNE 12

BKC's summer classes will be underway at Hunt's Point on MONDAY evenings. This summer we are offering:

- 6:30 – Beginner (taught by Megan Ostendorf & Barb Schilling)
- 6:30 – Advanced Puppy (taught by Peggy Wills & Pam Landers)
- 7:45 – Puppy Class (taught by Pat & Judy Cunningham)

Ring time can be rented at ½ hour for \$12. See Peggy Wills for available times.

TENTATIVE FALL CLASSES

Fall classes are Sept. 18 - Nov. 6; Canine Good Citizen test Nov. 13.
Winter classes are Jan. 8 - Feb. 26: Canine Good Citizen test March 5

For Fall -

- Beginner
- Novice/companion
- Puppy
- Rally

NOTE: A training club runs on its instructors. If any of you wish to learn to teach BKC classes, please contact Peggy Wills, pjwills@tds.net

PAST SPRING EVENTS REPORT

BKC booth at the Everything Expo on March 24 and 25 The Brainerd Kennel Club participated for the 2nd year at the Everything Expo, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The large crowd at the Expo made it well worth BKC's while to be part of the day. Pat and Judy Cunningham set up the booth, and worked it, giving away a good quantity of BKC information. Thank you to the following members who participated with dogs: Mary Freeman, Kathy Peterson, Jim & Peggy Wills, Megan Ostendorf, Kim Schwendeman, Karen Bruce, Traci Vossen, Pam Landers, Dan Guck and Theresa Mustonen.



May 6 HART walk in Nisswa. It was a beautiful day for the walk, and lovely sitting at the BKC booth. A small, but enthusiastic, crowd hiked with their dogs from the Nisswa Community center down a portion of the Paul Bunyan Trail and back. The 50's costume contest and games following the walk were lots of fun. Thanks to Judy and Pat Cunningham for setting up the booth and to Karen Bruce and her dog, Sunshine, for helping to person it.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Country Sampler Picnic Wednesday, July 19th, at the Northland Arboretum from 4:00P.M. to 8:00P.M. If anyone is available to come and help with the booth, please contact Judy Cunningham at either sugarbush-dogs@juno.com or (612)812-7258.

COMPETITION AND TESTING NEWS

Thirteen teams from our Therapy Dog Class took the test. All thirteen teams passed! Three other teams joined in on the test and they also passed. Our community will now have sixteen new therapy dog teams out volunteering! Those from our class that tested & passed were:

Bill Wolff with Jax (Golden Doodle)
Bruce & Kelli Weaver with Halo (Golden Retriever)
Dan Guck with Goldie (Belgian Tervuren)
Dan Wilm with Tucker (Black Lab)
Karen Bruce with Sunshine (Yellow Lab)
Kay Rezanka & Michael Duncan with Semper (Belgian Malinois)
Chuck & Karla Lubowitz with Ranger & Gussie (Yellow Labs)
Britany Warren with Sarabi (St. Bernard)



Billy, Familytree Sugarbush Perfect Partner, took Best of Breed over a group winning special from the classes at his first show. The Key City Kennel Club show was on Saturday, May 27, 2017. Billy owns Pat and Judy Cunningham and Danna Bankovskis.



Pam Wible's Standard Schnauzer Tory earned his Honors Champion Silver and Bronze in April at the International All Breed Canine Association 2017 North Star Spring Sieger



Pam Landers' Samoyed, Simi, (K-Way's Artemis WS) earned her AKC conformation Championship on May 28 at the Key City show in St. Peter.

Simi took the major to finish her title.



A HEADS-UP FROM AKC ABOUT CANINE INFLUENZA

This notice is being sent to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus in order to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy (unexposed) dogs. The information provided is not intended to alarm dog owners and handlers.

Recently confirmed cases of the Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) were first identified in Chicago, Illinois, in the spring of 2015. The most recent outbreaks were in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.

For more information, go to AKC.Org.

FUN WITH YOUR DOG - YOUR DOG COULD BE A CAT!

AKC COURSING ABILITY TEST

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) is an introduction to Lure Coursing for non-coursing breeds. The coursing breeds are dogs like the saluki, greyhound, or Scottish deerhound that hunt by sight and chase down their prey. The test assesses any dog's basic coursing instinct. To pass the test, a dog running alone, must pursue an artificial lure, completing the course with enthusiasm and without interruption within a given time. Most dogs will happily go after the lure. No training is necessary. The test is a noncompetitive pass/fail event that dogs run one at a time. The CAT is a lot of fun for your dog, and wins ribbons. If your dog succeeds 3 times at chasing the lure, AKC awards him/her the title of CA.

In Minnesota the Greater Twin Cities Afghan Club sponsors Coursing Ability tests. According to the club,

"Coursing Ability Tests are open to all dogs at least 12 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program, individually registered with a foreign or domestic registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration, dogs granted a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, dogs with AKC Limited or Conditional Registration, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Dogs with breed disqualifications are eligible to enter. Females in season may not enter."

Upcoming CAT tests

June 2017 Date: FastCAT June 10 & 11, 2017 With the LMKC shows in Jordan, MN

July Date: FastCAT July 29 & 30, 2017 Kings Ranch 17151 Baugh Street Nw, Ramsey, MN 55303

August Date: August 19 & 20, 2017 CAT (AKC Coursing Ability Test)

King's Ranch

Pam Landers' dogs have participated in these tests and have their CAs. She says the dogs had an absolute blast. She would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested. For further information go to the Afghan Club's website at gtcahc.com

Lure Coursing



FUN OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in helping with BKC activities, please fill out and return the form below.

Please let me know what opportunities are available for me to be active with BKC.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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E-mail: bkcdogs@hotmail.com or Barb Schilling barb@gracepetcare.com 218-820-0555.

