



Brainerd Kennel Club Gazette



The Newsletter for Our Club

December 2006

Winter Class Schedule

**To register for classes or be placed on a waiting list,
please call BKC at 838-6070**

Beginners

Instructor: Jim Anderson
6:30-7:30 pm
Begins January 4th, 2007
Class is full

Novice Rally

Instructors: Dianna Anderson
& Janet Hennies
6:30-7:30 pm
Begins January 4th, 2007
Class is full

Novice Obedience

Instructor: Kim Schwendeman
7:45-8:45pm
Begins January 4th, 2007
Class is full

Advanced Rally

Instructor: Carol Manley
7:45-8:45pm
Begins January 4th, 2007
Class is full

Puppy Class

Instructor: Craig Reiman
6:30-7:30pm
Begins January 4th, 2007
*For puppies 3-5 months of age
Still has openings

CGC

March 8th, 2007

**Spring Classes tentatively
will start on March 22nd.**

Fee Increase for BKC classes

In September, the Board of directors for the kennel club met to discuss the club's finances. They found that the classes have actually been operating at a loss.

In order to remedy this problem, they decided on the following increase in fees charged for a class. Beginners Classes, Rally Classes and Novice obedience classes change from \$55 non-member, \$45 member to \$75 non-member, and \$65 member. Puppy class changed from \$35 to \$50. There is no member price for this class.

It was also brought up as a reminder that anyone willing to be an apprentice for a class, would receive a free class. An apprentices job is to assist the instructor and they learn how to eventually become an instructor. If you are interested in becoming an apprentice for one of the classes, call 218-838-6070 or email bkcdogs@hotmail.com for more info.

Sabrina Completes Rally Excellent Title

Carol Manley and her Bernese Mountain Dog, Sabrina completed the first ever Rally Excellent title for a BKC member.

St. Croix Valley Dog Show, August 26th, 1st leg with a score of 97.

St. Paul Dog Training Rally Trial, Oct. 6th, 2nd leg with a score of 100 and 1st place. TCOTC Obedience & Rally Trial, Oct. 21st, 3rd leg with a score of 99 and 3rd place.

New Junior Hunter!

Wanda Gorgoschlitz and her German Wire-haired Pointer, Luca, have been busy at various trials and shows this summer.

**May 20th, at Hutchinson, MN, 2 International Dog Shows, Best of Breed Puppy both shows!

**August 19th, at Virginia, MN, North American Versatile Hunting Dog Assoc. (NAVHDA) Natural Ability Test. Luca received Prize One, with a perfect score of 112! The Natural Ability Test uses 3 tests. Field, water and tracking, desire to work and cooperation. Luca also obtained qualifying legs to complete his Junior Hunter title, and he also obtained an extra leg Sept 17, in Milaca, MN.

Congratulations Wanda and Luca!!

15 Pass CGC in November

Congratulations to all on another successful Canine Good Citizen Test. The test was given November 9th, wrapping up the Fall classes. 22 dog and handler teams took the test and 15 passed all elements. Thank you to all the evaluators, volunteers and silly characters that showed up to act as distractions. Job well done on all fronts. Thanks!!

Robert Kudrle - Shitzhu/Bichon - Maizy

Patricia Turner - Sheltie/Border Collie - Rosie

Renee Ross - Rat Terrier - Audrey

Pam Odell - Sheltie - Stoney Brook Bonnie Lad

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Marilyn Anderson - West Highland Terrier -
O'Henry Higgins of Emstad

Kim Erickson - Black Lab - Hunter James

Kathy Spangler - Golden - Stoneridge's Lady Luck

Kathy Spangler - Golden - Stoneridge's Honey Bear

Julie Knowlen - Golden - Orion's Second Time Around

Marilyn Tuma - Golden - Toby

Jon Hess - Min. Poodle - Spook

Jaci Peterson - Chocolate Lab - Nestle'

Kristen Dehne - Great Dane - Dexter

Carol Manley - Bernese Mountain Dog -
J & N's Morning Thunder (Rumble)

BKC Dogs Demo at the "Farm"

Brainerd Kennel Club members & their dogs were invited to the Brainerd High School Farm as part of the Pet Sciences class, to demonstrate and answer questions about the various dog sports available.

Pat & Judy Cunningham presented the aspects of Conformation with their Old English Sheepdogs. While Carol Manley, Colleen Adrian and Jon Hess ran their dogs through small Rally and Agility courses. It was a wonderful opportunity to proof our dogs on a dirt floor with barn cats and a goat as distractions.

Jon Hess and Mr. Leo topped off the hour with a trick and a quick tracking demo. Thank you to Denise for inviting us.

BKC Participates in Community Service Day

November 11th marked another Community Service Day at the Westgate Mall. Every Fall Brainerd Kennel Club sets up a booth and uses this opportunity to educate the public about the club, our classes and the different breeds of dogs & activities available.

We answered many questions, heard lots of stories and socialized our dogs to the many shoppers passing by. A drawing to win a leather leash was also held. All volunteers were treated to a pizza party at Rafferty's afterwards.

Thank you to all the volunteers and the Westgate Mall.

Microwave Doggie Treats

Special thanks to Betsy Santi, instructor for Brainerd Community Education for allowing us to reprint her recipe from her Doggie Treats Class!

2 cups whole wheat flour
3 Tbsp oatmeal
1 egg - lightly beaten
1 tsp. garlic powder
2/3 cup beef or chicken broth

Place flour in a bowl. Add the egg and broth. Mix well, then blend in oatmeal and garlic powder. Roll dough into a ball and roll out on a lightly floured surface to 3/8" thick. Cut with cookie cutter of your choice. Place on a microwave-safe plate, lined with parchment paper in a single layer. Cook on High 5 minutes*, then in 1 minute intervals or until firm.

Let cool until hard. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator.

Makes about 60 treats

*Microwave wattage may influence baking time

*Have a
Safe & Happy
Holiday
Season!*



Windwood Irish Setters has a special summer which includes a BEST IN SHOW!

Pam Seipkes and her Irish Setters have had a busy summer of showing.

-In June Lily finished her AKC Championship (CH) at the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club show and Dante took Best of Breed (BOB) all 3 days.

-At the Irish Setter Club of America National Specialty, Lily, Doc and Dante all made it through the first cuts in their classes. Arria (Windwood Playing By Heart) and a litter sister took 1st in 6-9 month puppy Bitches and went on to be Best Puppy at the National specialty!!

-In August, it was the Canadian Irish Setter National in Calgary. Dante (Am/Can CH Windwood Inferno) received an Award of Merit, 2 Group 2nds, and 2 Group 1sts! Pam even got a ribbon for being the breeder of the Group winner.

-Flame is now Am/Can CH Windwood Flambe O'Redridge finishing with a 4 point Best of Winners (BOW) win. She also took Group 1 in Brood Bitch and Progeny at Westwinds Sporting Dog Specialty.

- Arria received Best Puppy at Canadian Nationals. She had a 5 point BOW, and went Reserve Winners Bitch every day after that and got 3 Puppy Group 1's.

- Doc(Windwood Medicine Man) was Best in Sweepstakes over his sister Arria.

- Lily (CH Windwood Illumination) took Winners Bitch(WB) for 3 Points one day and a Reserve Winners Bitch(RWB) to Arria.

-In August they attended the MN Irish Setter Specialty and the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club shows at Lake Elmo, MN. On Friday (Irish Setter specialty) Arria won her 9-12 month Puppy class, was Reserve Winners Bitch, and Best Puppy.

-Sera was Best Veteran in Sweepstakes AND Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) from the Veterans class!

-Dante was Best in Specialty over 11 Specials (other Champions)

-Saturday(St. Croix Valley show) Arria was RWB, Sera was BOS from Veterans and Dante Best of Breed (BOB)

*** Dante went on to a Group 1 and BEST IN SHOW!! He was only 22 months at the time. Quite young for a Best In Show winner!!

Sunday- Arria went RWB, Dante BOB and Group 1 again. Dante is now BIS/BISS Am/ Can CH Windwood Inferno!!

Congratulations to Pam and all the Windwood Irish Setters!



Dante
son of the PFH (Puppy From Hell) and Flame... What other name could fit him better than

Am/Can Ch Windwood Inferno

BIS/BISS Ch Windwood Who's On First / Am/Can Ch Windwood Flambe (Flame) / Play



Thank you to judges Mr. John R. Lamook, Mr. Elton B. Weiss, Dr. Elizabeth F. Tatro, Mr. Thomas Alexander, Mr. Carl J. Anderson and Mrs. Carol G. Dully

(Equinely handled by Yvonne Yurich Martin)

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

January 5, 2007

St. Paul Dog Training Club
Obedience

www.spdpc.com

January 6-7, 2007

Land O Lakes Kennel Club
All-Breed Conformation
Obedience, Rally Obedience
St. Paul River Centre

www.onofrio.com

February 24-25

Minneapolis Kennel Club
Obedience and Rally Obedience
Twin Cities Obedience Club Building
www.parrishdogshows.com

Visit us at

www.bkcdogs.org

Join our online group &
get email reminders
for meetings & other
important dates!



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BKC Monthly Member Meetings

January 18th

February 8th

March 8th

At the Armory at 7:20 pm
 (between classes)

As an incentive to members to attend the monthly meetings, we now have a drawing at each meeting for a cash prize. All current member's names will be entered in the drawing. You must be present to win.

November Meeting:

Colleen Adrian

December Meeting:

Kevin McGuire*

*Was not present, so did not receive cash prize.

Newsletter items can be sent to:

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The joys and frustrations of new puppies

"He won't stop whining."

"She chews everything in sight."

"He won't come when he's called."

"She scares the kids when she jumps & nips."

"She's the cutest puppy, but ..."

Visions of fun and frolic dance in our heads when we decide to bring a puppy into the family, but those visions can deteriorate into frustration for those who are unprepared for the difficulties of puppy training and adjustment to family life.

There's no doubt that the first few weeks with a new puppy can be exasperating. That tiny bundle of fur that was sooooo friendly at the kennel, the pet store, or the animal shelter has some behaviors that drive people crazy. It's little consolation that these behaviors are normal for dogs; what matters is that the houstraining go smoothly and relatively quickly, that the nipping of children be held to a minimum, and that chewing on furniture and clothing be stopped or prevented.

It's important to remember that puppies are always learning about their environment and their people, but it can take time for learning to crystallize into acceptable behavior patterns. For example, if a 10-week-old puppy doesn't have accidents in the house, it could well be that the owner is trained to read puppy signals and get the little guy outside at the proper time. Most puppies are houstrained by four months of age, but it may take supreme diligence on

the part of owners to prevent accidents until that time.

The first 16 weeks of a puppy's life are critical in determining how he will fit into his family. Early socialization from birth to purchase at seven or eight weeks cannot be replaced later; a puppy that misses out on play time with Mom and littermates or early gentle handling by people can develop behavior problems no matter what the family does to prevent them. Relax. First of all, these days do pass, often with lightening quickness. Second, puppies really are pretty easy to deal with - a couple of square meals, several trips outside, and lots of playtime balanced with lots of sleeping are the general rule for the first few weeks at home.

Socialization is important, but it needn't be a chore. Puppies should be exposed to everyday noises, to a variety of surfaces, and to handling of their bodies by adults and children before going to their new homes. Once in the home, their horizons should be broadened even further, but rather than a task that must be done, socialization is a perfect opportunity for playtime and bonding.

For the full article, please go to:

<http://canismajor.com/dog/newpup.html>

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