



# Brainerd Kennel Club Gazette



The Newsletter for Our Club

February 2008

## Spring Classes

All classes begin April 3rd. Visit our webpage [www.bkcdogs.org](http://www.bkcdogs.org) for a description of classes and registration form.

Pre-Registration for BKC members and current students is February 28-March 6th. Open Registration begins March 6th.

### Obedience Run-throughs

Roger & Jaci Peterson

5:30-6:15pm - No registration required

\*See Article

### Puppy Class

Instructor: Dianna Anderson

6:30-7:30 pm

Limit 8

\*For puppies 3-5 months of age

### Beginners Obedience

Instructor: Jack Anderson

6:30-7:30 pm

Limit 15

### Foundations for Agility

Instructor: Loretta Mueller

6:30-7:30pm

Limit 10

### Novice Obedience

Instructor: Jim Anderson

7:45-8:45 pm

Limit 15

### Advanced Rally Obedience

Instructor: Janet Hennies

7:45-8:45 pm

Limit 10

### CGC

March 13th and June 5

**\*Class sizes are limited!**

**Send your registration in ASAP to avoid possible disappointment.**

## BKC's first RAE

Carol Manley and her Bernese Mountain Dog Brina completed the first Rally Advanced Excellent title for the Brainerd Kennel Club.

In mid-September, they had achieved 5 of the required double qualifying legs. They continued in the Fall to compete at the St. Paul Rally Trial, the TCOTC rally trial, and Des Moines rally trial, completing their 10th leg on Nov. 24th.

Mission accomplished!

## Upcoming Events

### March 6th

Cake/demo night, a great time to meet and greet new members!

### April 5-6

Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club Obedience and Rally Obedience  
[www.fmkennelclub.com](http://www.fmkennelclub.com)

### May 24-25

Key City Kennel Club All-Breed Conformation, Obedience, Rally Obedience, and Jr. Showmanship  
[www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com) or  
[www.keycitykennelclub.org](http://www.keycitykennelclub.org)

*You and a guest are invited to attend the*  
**Ninth Annual  
BKC Awards  
Banquet!**

Thursday, March 27th  
Bonanza Steak House

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30pm  
Dinner: 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Awards: 7:30 - 8:30pm

BKC will provide appetizers during the social hour. Dinner is approximately \$11 per person, including tax & tip

Please RSVP by  
**March 21, 2008**

BKC - 838-6070 or  
Colleen Adrian - [coria@tds.net](mailto:coria@tds.net)



If you have earned any awards with your dog in 2007, let us know when you RSVP, so you and your dog can be properly recognized.

## Obedience Run-throughs now available Thursday nights

Get your obedience trial practice in with Roger and Jaci Peterson, Thursday nights starting April 3rd. The Run-throughs will be from 5:30 -6:15pm. Cost will be \$5.00 per run for members and \$6.00 non-members. There will be a dollar off for the second run-through with the same dog.

## Two New Rally Novice Titles

Carole Jennings and her German Shepherds, Hudson and Aspen, both finished their Rally Novice titles recently. Both got their 1st legs at the Duluth rally trial. Then they went to the Bloomington Obedience Club's Rally trial. Hudson got a 4th place with a 97 Saturday, and a score of 89 for another 4th place on Sunday. Aspen received a 88 on Saturday then on Sunday received a 3rd place with a 96. Congratulations Carole, all your practicing paid off!

## New Therapy Dog

Karen Johnston and her Golden Retriever Chase are now registered by Therapy Dogs Inc. as a Therapy Dog team. Therapy Dogs Inc. Therapy Dog teams are insured with a million dollar liability policy. "We are looking forward to our "go visits", Karen wrote.

Karen and Chase would like to thank Carol Manley for all her help and assistance to get them registered.



## Join us at the HART Walkathon!

The Annual Hoofin it For HART Walkathon is May 17th. Please come and join the Brainerd Kennel Club team in fundraising and walking.

Pick up a pledge sheet at HART and start collecting. Bring your pledge sheet to the walk and indicate on it that you are walking on behalf of the BKC team.

All team members who don't already have a BKC t-shirt will receive one for free at the walk. We hope to see you there! Remember, if you are unable to walk that day, we will gladly accept your donation, just find a member that is walking and send the funds with them.

For more info: Melissa Fetters at 218-678-2599 or [bkcdogs@hotmail.com](mailto:bkcdogs@hotmail.com).

## In the Conformation Ring

Pat and Judy Cunningham's Old English Sheepdog, Ch. Sugarbush Twelve Volt Man has been busy. At the Minneapolis Kennel Club show on November 17th, he received a Best of Breed (BOB) then a Herding Group 1st place. On the 18th he also got BOB. At the Land 'O Lakes Kennel Club show on January 4th, he received a BOB and a Herding Group 1. Congratulations!

## BKC Members Visit H.S. Farm

October 30th, BKC members put in another appearance at the High School Farm. Members gave a quick obedience demonstration to the class, discussed their various breeds of dogs and answered questions regarding different levels of dog shows.

This demonstration was a great opportunity to get our dogs out working among a variety of distractions, such as pigs, goats, kitties and other barn yard smells.

This was BKC's second time at the farm and we have been invited back for next Fall as well. Thank you to Pat & Judy Cunningham, John Kudrle, Sally Inhe, Janet Hennies, Carol Manley and their dogs for taking the time to help educate future dog owners.

## Monthly Meeting Drawing

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

Terry Moberg\*

### January Meeting

Karen Schumann

### February Meeting

Sue & Roy Pokovich\*

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

Send newsletter items to:

Kim Erickson  
6380 Excelsior Road  
Baxter, MN 56425 or  
[kimerickson@charter.net](mailto:kimerickson@charter.net)

## November CGC Test Results

November 8th marked the final CGC test for 2007. Of the 20 Dog/Handler teams who took the test, 16 passed all elements successfully. Thanks to all the volunteers who help set up & ran the test, and a big thank you to Karen Johnston and Chase for being our approaching team.

Pamela Odell - Mixed Breed - "Harley"  
Vicki Kocina - Golden - "Jake"  
Sarah Tuil - Golden - "Lexi"  
Allison Rian - Great Dane - "Tori"  
Becky Renner - Cocker Spaniel - "Bentley"  
Traci Vosen - Gordon Setter - "Briley"  
Dianna Gallaway - Australian Terrier - "Reggie"  
Kati Hanson - Sheltland Sheepdog - "Laddie"  
Holly Ailts - Shepherd Cross - "Levi"  
Katrina Hanson - German Shepherd - "Keja Vom Blitzenhaus"  
Staci Grotton - Great Dane - "SB Birthday Prst Rex"  
Kaity Bruner - Lab Mix - Tyrone  
Betsy Santi - Bulldog - "Gracie"  
Renee Norwood - Cavalier King Charles - "Libby"  
Loretta Bush - German Shepherd - "Buck"  
Barb Schilling - Lab - "Ruby Jean Schilling"

**Congratulations to all who passed.**

# *Brainerd Kennel Club Membership Renewals*

The time is here to renew your membership with Brainerd Kennel Club. Please fill out this form and mail it in with your dues. Membership renewal is due each March. Dues are \$10.00 for family or single membership.

If you are a new member and joined the club after September 1, 2007, you do not need to renew your membership at this time. Your membership is valid until March of 2009. If you joined the club before September 1, 2007 you need to renew your membership at this time to maintain your discounts for classes and other membership privileges.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Kim Erickson \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership - \$10.00  
6380 Excelsior Rd  
Baxter, MN 56425 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership - \$10.00

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## **Two High In Trials for Roger and Kihei!**

Roger Peterson and his Labrador Retriever Kihei have had a winning winter at obedience trials. At the December 1st St. Paul Dog Training Club Obedience Trial, they received a High in Trial (HIT) with a score of 199 1/2. Then the following weekend, December 8th at the Granite City Kennel Club Trial they scored a 199 for another HIT. Roger and Kihei were competing in the Novice B Class.

Kihei also received his Companion Dog Title (C. D.) and received many more great scores, which included: a 197, a 197 1/2 ++, a 197 1/2, a 198 1/2 a 199 and a 198. These scores as well as the HIT scores got him six 1st place ribbons!

Congratulations!!



### **BKC Monthly Member Meetings**

March 13th\*  
April 10th  
May 8th  
June 5th\*

At the Armory at 7:15pm

**\*These meetings will  
take place after the  
CGC test is completed.**

To receive email meeting  
reminders, register your  
membership at  
[www.bkcdogs.org](http://www.bkcdogs.org)



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 Attn: Kim Erickson  
 6380 Excelsior Road  
 Baxter, MN 56425



## *My Trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind*

### **Rochester, Michigan April 2007**

To start, I must tell you how this trip came about. I am Secretary for the Baxter Lions Club. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization. Worldwide, Lions Clubs are recognized for their service to the blind and hearing impaired along with service to the local community and other worldwide programs such as diabetes education and providing disaster relief.

Two lady Lions from Minnesota got together and organized this bus trip to the Lions International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, and then travel on to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan.

Leader Dogs for the Blind was first organized in 1939. The addition of the Leader Dogs Deaf-Blind program was established in 1991. Leader Dogs has assisted over 13,000 people achieve freedom of safe and independent travel. Leader Dogs accepts and trains students from the United States and many other countries throughout the world. Room and board, the costs of instruction and all Leader Dogs services are **free of charge**. The facilities are located on 14 acres, including a beautiful residence center, kennel and grounds. The resi-



dence and training center is home for the students for a 26-day stay while training with their dog. Each room has a private bath, multiple lighting devices, television, phone, small refrigerator and additional seating. The residence itself features low vision aids, such as contrasting color markings on window and door frames, floor markings, raised print lettering, Braille, etc. Meals are provided.

Once the student arrives at Leader Dogs they receive individualized instruction. They are evaluated and then matched to a dog. Once matched the dog will stay with the student throughout their training at Leader Dogs. The training is rigorous, with long walks, much of which is outdoors. Unfortunately our tour of the facility was on Saturday and we did not get to view any actual training.

The Kennel area holds an average of 240 dogs (capacity is 310) in individual kennels, equipped with a self-watering system. The kennels are arranged in a fashion where while the dog is in his/her kennel he cannot view another dog. As the dogs progress with their training they are moved from one section to another in the kennel area. There is a full service veterinary clinic located within the

kennel. The veterinary staff attends to all dogs on campus; dogs being raised by puppy raisers, breeding stock dogs, graduate dogs and staff pets. There is also a full service grooming area and an area where they make up all the harnesses specially fitted for each dog.

They have a picture gallery entitled "Breeding Wall of Fame" with pictures of all dogs used as studs and bitches used for breeding. They raise primarily Labrador Retrievers, then Golden Retrievers, and thirdly German Shepherds.

Puppy raising is an opportunity for an individual to volunteer to raise a puppy. The puppy raiser's job begins at approximately 7-8 weeks of age. This is a year long commitment and a significant contribution of time and energy on the part of the raiser. Not just the housebreaking, but the largest responsibility is the socialization of the puppy. This can be a very rewarding activity but it is important that the whole family agree on the process of raising a puppy. Anyone interested in this program can contact Leader Dogs at (888) 777-5332. Website for additional information is [leaderdog.org](http://leaderdog.org).

I hope some of this information has been helpful and of interest. I know I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Sharon Orser