



# Brainerd Kennel Club Gazette



The Newsletter for Our Club

November 2008

## Winter Classes

Visit our webpage [www.bkcdogs.org](http://www.bkcdogs.org) or call 838-6070 for a description of classes and registration form.

### Puppy Class

Instructor: Dianna Anderson

6:30-7:30 pm

Begins January 15th

Limit 8

\*For puppies 3-5 months of age

### Beginners

Instructor: Jack Anderson

6:30-7:30 pm

Begins January 8th

Limit 15

### Open Ring

7:45-8:45 pm

### Novice Rally Obedience

Instructor: Carol Manley

6:30-7:30pm

Begins January 8th

Limit 10

### Novice

Instructor: Jim Anderson

7:45-8:45 pm

Begins January 8th

Limit 15

### CGC

March 12th

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



## Upcoming Events

### November 23, 2008

Obedience Fun Match

Tails Up Dog Training, Burnsville, MN

[www.tailsupdogtraining.com](http://www.tailsupdogtraining.com)

952-895-6115

### December 6-7, 2008

Granite City Kennel Club of St. Cloud

All-Breed Conformation, Obedience, and Jr. Showmanship

[www.royjonesdogshows.com](http://www.royjonesdogshows.com)

### December 13th, 2008

Problem Solving Seminars

"Solving Non-Heeling Problems in Open and Utility"

Presented by Nancy Gagliardi Little

At Total Recall for Dogs, Hugo, MN

<http://www.endzonedogsportsinc.com/nancy.html>

### December 28th, 2008

Novice and Open Fun Match

All-Breed Obedience School, Woodbury, MN

[www.allbreedobedience.com](http://www.allbreedobedience.com)

651-704-9785

### January 1, 2009 AKC Rally Obedience

### January 2, 2009 AKC Obedience

St. Paul Dog Training Club

[www.dogshowsbydesign.com](http://www.dogshowsbydesign.com)

### January 3-4, 2009

Land 'O Lakes Kennel Club

All-Breed Conformation, Obedience, Rally Obedience and Jr. Showmanship

[www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)

### January 24-25, 2009

Northstar Working Group/Northstar Herding Group

(Working and Herding Breeds only)

Obedience and Rally Obedience

[www.dogshowsbydesign.com](http://www.dogshowsbydesign.com)

## Four Teams Pass November CGC

Six dog and handler teams tested and four passed with flying colors. Congratulations to all and thanks to the many volunteers that make this test possible.

Amanda Halvorson  
Mixed Breed "Nadia"

Amy Nelson  
Mini Australian Shepherd "Bella"

Holly Ailts  
American Staffordshire Terrier  
"Gator"

Scott Eiesland  
Airedale Terrier "Max"

## BKC Participates in Community Service Day

November 8th 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.

# BKC Member Show Results

**Susan Voss** and **Katie** earned their Rally Excellent Title on September 7, 2008 at the Fargo/Moorhead Kennel Club Show with a score of 98 for First Place.

They decided to move on to bigger and better things, so they entered Obedience Novice A competition at the St. Paul Dog Training Club October 4-5th for two first place wins of 195 and 196 1/2! They entered Twin Cities Obedience Training Club show on October 18 and took another First Place with a 196 1/2 and a Companion Dog Title!

Susan said "Katie and I have had some great mentors from BKC and we appreciate each of you and thank you for your encouragement! We have some work to do before we are ready for Open competition so we will focus on this for several months while we stay active in the ring with Obedience Novice A."

**Colleen Adrian** and her Papillon **Seiko** received their second leg in Rally Excellent at the Bloomington Obedience Training Club Rally Trial on October 31, 2008.

**Carole Jennings** and **Hudson** completed his RA title at TCOTC trial in October. **Aspen** got a second leg (4th place), but spaced out a bit on the Sunday run and she was excused. Aspen got her title with an 87 & another 4th place finish (out of 9) at Total Recall in Hugo. Carole said "Many thanks to coach-

ing from Carol Manley who, lucky for me, was at that trial also and settled me down and guided me into the ring."

**Sharon Orser** and **Jada** participated in the Cambridge Show where Jada received a score of "99" in the Novice B Rally Class for their first leg.

Sharon and Jada received second leg at the Anoka show with a score of 97, and at the St. Paul show received the third leg and Rally Novice title with a score of 100.

**Carol Manley** and her Bernese Mtn. Dog, **Brina** competed at the Cambridge Obedience Trial in August. They took a 2nd place in Open A on Saturday, after winning a run-off, with a score of 195+. They followed up on Sunday with a 197 1/2, for a first place.

Carol and Brina returned to the Open ring Nov. 8th & 9th at the Mini Schnauzer All Breed Obedience Trial. They finished out their CDX title with a 196 and 1st place on Saturday, followed by a 3rd place on Sunday with a 192.

**Roger Peterson** and **Kihe** earned his Canadian CDX in September with 3 first places and 3 "High In Trials", he also got one second place [beat by that dirty dog Nestle]. **Jaci** and **Nestle** had a 197 & 198 for 2 CKC CDX legs. Nestle also earned his AKC CDX title in October with 3 first places at St. Paul & Minneapolis.

**Sally Ihne's** Shetland Sheepdog, **Ernie** (Odyssey Ernie of Wyowind CD RE) finished his RAE title on September 6 at the Des Moines Kennel Club. That is how their summer vacation was spent!

The first leg was earned at the Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club in June, then on to three shows in Duluth, four shows in Bismarck, North Dakota, and the two shows in Des Moines (there were three shows in Des Moines, so Ernie has one leg toward his RAE 2 should they ever decide to pursue it). But the current goal is to start campaigning in the spring for Ernie's CDX title.

**Kay** and **LaMar Gunnarson's** Miniature Poodle, **Monte**, (Ch. Refinne the Full Monte), and their wire-haired pointer, **Zane**, (Ch. SLH Wynnsome Not a Plain Zane), finished their championships this summer. Kay trimmed Monte down and is training him for obedience and agility. And Zane is perfecting his hunting skills.

**Holly Ailts** and her Staffordshire Bull Terrier, **Hootie** attended the Sioux Falls, SD trial and received 2 Legs towards her Rally Novice title with two first place finishes!!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!**

## Therapy Dog News

Holly Ailts and her 10 year old Boxer Mix Cleo, received her TDIA Certificate/title. This means that she completed a minimum of 50 visits this year as a therapy dog with Therapy Dog International.

### 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.

#### September Meeting

Karen Schumann

#### October Meeting

Dick & Lynette Lausen\*

#### November Meeting

Randy & Nancy Evans\*

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

### BKC Monthly Member Meetings

At the Armory at 7:15pm

**\*\*NO DECEMBER MEETING\*\***

January 15th

February 12th

March 12th

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

# Canine Performance Event Agility Trial Results!

A few of our members have been active in CPE (Canine Performance Event) Agility.

**Donna Niggler** and her Chocolate Labrador Retriever, **Jadah** attended the Tails In Motion CPE trial in September as well as the South Paws K9 CPE Trial in November. So far Jadah has received 12 Q's (Qualifying runs). (2) 1st place, (4) 2nd place and (4) 3rd places. She now has her CL1-H, CL1-R and CL2-S titles. They are running in the 20" height division.

**Kim Schwendeman** and her Doberman Pinscher **Raya** also attended these trials. At the Tails in Motion trial, she received 3 1st places in Standard, Colors, and Jumpers. At the Southpaws Trial she received (3) 1st place, (4) 2nd place and (1) 3rd place. They are running in the 24" height division.



*Raya at the Tails In Motion CPE agility trial*

**Colleen Adrian** and her Papillon **Seiko** received (8) 1st placements at the Tails In Motion Trial. At the South Paws Trial they received (4) 1st places and (5) 2nd places. Seiko now has his CL2-H, CL2-R and CL2-F Titles. They are running in the 12" height division.

**Dianna Anderson** and her Bearded Collie **Logan** received (4) 1st places and (1) 2nd place at the Tails In Motion Trial, which got him his CL1-S title, then at the South Paws trial they got (1) 1st, (1) 2nd and (3) 3rd's, as well as (2) other Q's. At that trial Logan got his CL1-F and CL1-H titles. They are running in the 20" height division.

## Five Features of Great Rally Dogs

**1. Teamwork:** Every successful rally dog has a good relationship with his handler. Communication skills are a must when negotiating a course, so a bit of eye contact and lots of praise are important.

**2. Try:** Great rally dogs have great attitudes. They "go with the program" and give their best at each station. Need a retry? No problem; a successful rally dog can process new information given unemotionally by the handler without losing enthusiasm.

**3. Training:** Of course, training is a necessity. To participate in rally, every dog needs a solid sit & down, and a basic understanding of heel position. Luckily, rally skills are fun for both dog and handler to "doodle" with and can be done in small spaces such as your kitchen or sitting room.

**4. Tenacity:** Consistent responses to cues, regardless of the environment, is a hallmark of the successful rally dog. In rally, split-second decisions are made. The ability to react quickly and switch gears to move on to the next task is essential.

**5. Talented Leadership:** Every great team has a talented leader. A good handler knows the signs, walks the course and formulates a plan. You're in charge of warm-up and understanding your dog's temperament and skill set.

Bring all these features together and you will be on your way to a great rally team. This is a condensed version of an article by Vita Allison, in the Nov./Dec. '07 issue of Dog Sport Magazine. For more information, go to [www.dogsportmagazine.com](http://www.dogsportmagazine.com).

*Have a  
Safe & Happy  
Holiday  
Season!*





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## A TRIBUTE

Best in Show/Best in Specialty Show Am. Can.  
 Ch Windwood Autumn Tradition JH, CD, VC  
 September 28, 1995 to June 19th, 2008

Are you gently sleeping, here inside my dreams?  
 And isn't faith believing, all power can't be seen?  
 As my heart holds you, just one beat away  
 I cherish all the memories that you gave.

And you are mine, forever loved  
 watching me from up above  
 And I believe, that angels breathe  
 And that love, lives on and never leaves.

Just two months shy of his 13th birthday, Hunter was a dog of many firsts. My first litter, my first BBE champion, my first Best in Specialty winner, my first Best in Show but most importantly he was first in Cathy Twistol's heart and waited for her before he left and used the last of his strength to lift his head to give her a kiss.

May the grass be soft and green until we meet you at the bridge Huntbug.

Pam Seipkes  
 Windwood Irish Setters - MN

## Holiday Dangers

The holiday season is full of dangers. House plants, chemical salts used on icy walks, antifreeze, and chocolate candy all pose hazards to man's best friend.

- Many popular house plants have poisonous leaves, stems, or berries, including dieffenbachia, holly, philodendron, and poinsettia and should be kept out of the reach of pets.
- Halite, the chemical salt that melts ice on sidewalks, is also poisonous. If Rover walks on treated sidewalks, wipe his feet with a damp cloth when returning home. Sand makes a good alternative to chemical salt; it doesn't melt the ice, but it does improve traction. Kitty litter is OK in a pinch, but when wet, it clumps and loses its gritty texture.
- Anti-freeze is a definite hazard. Highly toxic, it has a sweet taste that appeals to dogs and cats and can be deadly in doses as small as a teaspoon for a large dog. Spilled anti-freeze should be flushed from driveways to avoid even tiny puddles that pets could lick.
- Chocolate contains theobromine, an alkaloid similar to caffeine, that can cause nerve damage and even death in dogs. Different types of chocolate can have varying amounts of theobromine, so if Macho eats a bag of M & Ms or a chocolate cupcake, he may not be affected, but a dish of dark chocolate candies may do him in.

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