



Brainerd Kennel Club Gazette



The Newsletter for Our Club

October 2007

Winter Class Schedule

To register for classes, please download a registration form at www.bkcdogs.org or, if you do not have internet access call BKC at 218-838-6070 to have one mailed to you. Registration forms will also be available at BKC (at the armory) Thursday nights until November 8. Class descriptions and requirements are available on our website. All winter classes will begin January 10th.

Puppy Class

Instructor: Dianna Anderson

6:30-7:30 pm

Limit 8

*For puppies 3-5 months of age

Beginning Rally Obedience

Instructor: Janet Hennies

6:30-7:30 pm

Limit 15

Beginners Obedience

Instructor: Kim Schwendeman

6:30-7:30 pm

Limit 15

Novice Obedience

Instructor: Jim Anderson

7:45-8:45 pm

Limit 15

Competition Grad Novice

Instructor: Carol Manley

7:45-8:45 pm

Limit 10

CGC

November 8th

***Class sizes are limited
and will fill quickly.**

Upcoming Shows

November 2-4

Bloomington Obedience Training Club
Obed/Rally Obedience

www.dogshowsbydesign.com

November 10-11

Twin Cities Miniature Schnauzer Club
All-Breed Obedience and Rally Obedience

www.dogshowsbydesign.com

November 17-18

Minneapolis Kennel Club
All-Breed Conformation and Jr. Showmanship

www.royjonesdogshows.com

November 17th

St. Paul Dog Training Club
Competition Obedience and Rally Obedience Seminar

www.spdtpc.com

November 18th

St. Paul Dog Training Club
Obedience and Rally fun match

www.spdtpc.com

December 1-2

Northstar Rottweiler Club
All-Breed Obedience and Rally obedience

www.dogshowsbydesign.com

December 8-9

Granite City Kennel Club
All-Breed Conformation, Jr. Showmanship and Obedience

www.royjonesdogshows.com

Three Pass Therapy Dog International Test

On October 6th, the following BKC members and their dogs underwent the Therapy Dog International test and passed with flying colors. You will now see the initials TDI behind their dog's names to represent this accomplishment.

Holly Ailts and her Pit Bull "Sage TDI"

Holly Ailts and her Boxer Mix "Chleo TDI"

Susan Voss and her Rat Terrier "Katie TDI"

Holly Ailts' Am. Staff. Terrier "Mouse" also passed her CGC test at this same show.

Congratulations to both dogs and handlers on their success!

Community Service Day Help Needed

November 3rd, the Brainerd Kennel Club will again have a booth at the Westgate Mall for Community Service Day. Volunteers are needed for both set-up and tear-down of the booth, as well as manning the booth from 10am-6pm. BKC members are allowed to bring their well-behaved, house-trained dogs into the mall on this day only. It is a great opportunity to socialize your dog, along with answering questions about the club and doggie related issues.

All booth volunteers are invited to a pizza party at Rafferty's, after the event. For more information or to volunteer, call Pat Anderson at 829-6272.

Carol Manley Pursues RAE

Carol Manley & her Bernese Mountain Dog Brina have been busy in the Rally ring pursuing the Rally Advanced Excellent title (RAE).

You must first achieve the Rally Excellent title (RE). Then you must compete & qualify in both the Rally Advanced B & Excellent B classes on the same day to receive one RAE leg. You need 10 legs total to receive the RAE title.

So far, Carol & Brina have competed at the St Croix Valley Kennel Club show in late August, qualifying in all 6 runs for 3 RAE legs. Then onto the Fargo-Moorhead Obedience & Rally show in September for another 4 qualifying runs and two more RAE legs.

They are currently half way to their goal of the RAE title. If you should see the title RAE2, this means that the dog & handler have double qualified 20 times and have met the requirements of RAE2.

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BKC MEMBER SHOW RESULTS

Jaci Peterson and her Labrador Retriever Nestle, passed their 1st hunt test!

Susan Voss and her Rat Terrier "Katie" received their Rally Novice title this summer. She received a score of 90 and second place at the Duluth Kennel Club show on July 14th, then received 2 more legs at the St. Croix dog shows in Lake Elmo.

Jim Wills and his Nova Scotia Duck tolling retriever "Rip" recently went to Kalamazoo for a Toller Regional event. Rip took 1st in Hunting Retriever Gun Dog Conformation Class.

They also showed for the first time in the Novice Ring together getting a score of 194 1/2. The judge told Jim that he needs to practice more because he lost 5 points on handler error.

Colleen Adrian & her Papillon "Seiko" received their RA (Rally Advanced) title at the Duluth Kennel Club show, with 3 qualifying scores and a 4th place. They also attended the Canine Agility of Central MN CPE (Canine Performance Event) agility trial and had 7 out of 7 qualifying runs, with five 1st placements, one 2nd place & a 3rd place.

Kim Schwendeman and her Doberman "Raya" Morning Star Too Much Fun attended the Elk River Kennel Club fun match and received a 194 in Pre-Novice and 3rd place. She also got a 97 in Novice Rally for a 2nd place.

Janet Hennies and Miko her Rhodesian Ridgeback have been out trialing and sent in this item: Miko received her Rally Excellent at the Duluth show July 14th and 15th. We took 1st on Saturday with a score of 89 and 2nd on Sunday with a score of 94. Might I add... They were extremely difficult course with provisional judges- meaning they really were tough on the excellent group as far as marking scores. I was very proud of both of our runs even though the scores don't reflect a perfect performance.

At the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club Rally trial, **Dianna Anderson** and her Bearded Collie Logan finished their Rally

Excellent title. Logan had a score of 99 and 3rd place.

Sue Thurlow and her Lakeland Terriers Duchess, ME (Fergie) and Hollybriar Madeleine Mab, ME (Maeve) received their Master Earth Dog. Master ED is the top level of the trials that begin with Intro to Quarry, then Junior ED, then Senior ED, finally Master ED. Fergie has been working on it for just over three years and Mab started at six months and one day and finished just over two years later.

Ernie [Odyssey Ernie of Wyowind], owned and shown by **Sally Ihne**, finished both his CD [Companion Dog] and RA [Rally Advanced] titles on Saturday, July 14 at the Twin Ports Dog Training Club in Duluth, Minnesota. The following day he placed first in Rally Advanced B with a score of 99 at the Duluth Kennel Club.

Ernie's first Rally leg came at the Hawkeye Kennel Club in Iowa City, Iowa, on Friday June 22 with a score of 93; his second leg was at the Twin Ports show on Friday with a score of 99. The day he got his third leg, his score was 87 - largely his owner made a 10 point error!

In Obedience competition Ernie placed second in Novice B with a score of 193.5 on Saturday, June 23 in Iowa City and fourth on Sunday, June 24 with the same score.

Roger Peterson's Kihei is now two years old and has an HRC field Started title, AKC novice Rally title, and just got his AKC Novice Obedience title! His first 4 scores in obedience Novice B were 197, 197-1/2+++, 197-1/2, 198-1/2!

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!



Congratulations to Josh Dixon & Magnum!



Magnum earned his "Started " title on June 23rd at Hunt's Point

AKC announces rally rule changes

The American Kennel Club's updated Rally Regulations will become effective January 1, 2008. Most of the changes involve clarification of the description of the stations. The newly expanded descriptions should make exhibiting simpler, since the handler will know exactly how each station should be performed. More uniformity in judging will follow as well. A station will be considered incorrectly performed (IP) when the team fails to perform the principal part of the exercise. The newly described "principal parts" are currently italicized boldface and underlined in the regulations for clarity.

One significant change is directing the superintendents to arrange dogs in catalog order by jump height. A and B classes at the same title level may be combined for judging if the total is not more than 22 dogs. The size of the rally ring will change to 40 feet x 50 feet to 50 feet x 60 feet (the same size as an obedience ring). A change that will please small dog owners is the addition of a four-inch jump height. Dogs under 10 inches at the withers will now be able to take advantage of the lowered jump height.

Scoring changes will include only allowing one retry of a station for a three-point deduction. Failure to complete the honor exercise will now be scored as an incor-

rectly performed station (with a 10-point deduction) and no retries will be allowed.

There has been one major change to the rules regarding the honor exercise. The honor must now be performed with the dog on a six-foot leash. The handler will command and/or signal his dog to stay (in either the required sit or down position), advance to the end of the leash, and turn and face the dog.

Several non-regular rally classes have been added. Although they will be just for fun, they are expected to become titling classes in the future. The new classes include Rally Pairs with one handler working two dogs at the same time, and Rally Team competition with four dogs and handlers. Another new class, Rally T Challenge, will be based on the Advanced class. There will be seven new non-regular stations used in this class. Scoring in Rally T Challenge is also different, allowing for a course time limit to be set and points deducted from the team's score. Rally T Challenge will be offered as a team competition as well. Rally Plus will be judged based on the AKC Obedience regulations and will include a long silent heeling section, a stand for examination, recall and sit-stay as in the Novice obedience class.

For more information or a complete set of the newly approved rally regulations visit akc.org.





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Ten Tips to Improve Your Heeling Scores

1. Walk Like You Mean It: If you set off as if you are late for a meeting, your dog will be more attentive. Your dog should be trotting at the normal pace, walking during the slow pace and doing an extended trot or canter during the fast pace.

2. Teach Cues For All Elements of Heeling: Each element of heeling should have its own non-verbal cue. A cue is something that is presented just before you want the dog to act on it. It doesn't have to be an exaggerated cue; dogs are very good at reading the subtle things we do.

3. Treat the Judge's Commands as Prompts for Your Handling Points: There is an unwritten rule in obedience that you have two steps to respond to the judge's commands. This means that when you hear "halt", you do not have to slam to a stop. The judge is not barking commands out to see how fast your can respond; they are simply giving you a pattern that is as close as possible to the pattern everyone else got.

4. Always Keep Your Feet Under Your Body: You may have already been taught footwork for handling. However,

you may not have space to do your proper about-turn footwork if you are too close to the gate, or you may just forget. If you only remember one thing, remember this: keep your feet underneath your body. You won't be stepping into or away from your dog.

5. Move Together Between Exercises: Because you and your dog are a team, your should always move together from exercise to exercise. Your connection should never be broken. Once the judge has said "exercise finished", take a few seconds to praise the dog, make sure you have his attention, release him from the exercise and move together to the next set-up point.

6. Reward Set-Up 80% of the Time Forever: The rules require each exercise to begin from a sit. When you take this into consideration, you'll be doing alot of set-ups. In practice, reward with food, praise or toys once the dog sets up. I usually work towards rewarding about 80% of my set-ups so that my dog always believes that food will appear when he sits beside me.

7. Use Your Extra-Command Deduction for Good: If your dog is hesitating on the start

of the heel free, say "heel" and then immediately say "good dog" or "yes". Make no mistake: the judge will hear it and you will lose points for it - the same number of points you would lose for saying your dog's name or a second heel command. The advantage is, instead of being concerned about the second heel command, he hears you say something nice.

8. Visualize Your Perfect Mental Performance for Heeling: Use your down time at a trial to visualize how you would like your dog to perform in the ring. This gives you opportunity to practice without tiring out your dog and without fear of failure and the pressure of the judge.

9. Go Back to Basics If You Run Into Problems: Nothing fixes a problem faster than reviewing the steps you used to teach the exercise in the first place.

10. Tell Your Dog How Great He Is At The Beginning & End of Each Exercise: There are times when the dog may not have done the best job he is capable of; however it is in the best interest of the routine to keep the dog's attitude up. Keeping the dog relaxed will

help him stay in a learning state of mind so that he can complete the other tasks he still has to do.

This is a condensed version of an article of by Marie Sawford, in the September issue of Dog Sport Magazine. For more information, go to www.dogsportmagazine.com.

BKC Monthly Member Meetings

November 8th
 At the Armory at
 7:20 pm
 (after CGC)

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
 Gary & Marva Anderson*

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