



NKC CANINE NEWS

April 2011

Purpose of the Club:

- Promoting the welfare and development of all dogs.
- Providing training classes for owners and dogs, and information on dog care and training.
- Holding shows, trials and other activities for dogs.



Nanaimo Kennel Club
 Box 554, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L5
 Building phone: 250-756-4122
 On the Web, at: <<http://www.nanaimokennelclub.ca>>
 General Meetings: 4th Monday, monthly except July, August, December
 Beban Park, Room 8, 7:15 pm
Newsletter deadline:
15th of each month.
 Email to <nestorkathy@shaw.ca>

President's Message

Spring is popping its little head out and soon we'll be in glorious doggy weather!

Everyone gets busier and more active in all the disciplines. We've had an exciting start to the year with lots of social events added to our regular calendar. There are so many things to choose from that I hope our new members are coming out to get a taste of what membership has to offer.



I recall announcing a dozen new member applications at the meetings only to be disappointed that I don't see them the following month to officially welcome them to our club. If you are a new member I'd like to hear from you! Tell me what our club needs to do to entice you out the events. Why did you join the club? What was your expectation? Where did we drop the ball?



Our club is only as good and as active as the members make it.... so PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

SUBMITTED BY DEL BEAULAC

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Editor's Message

Well, it looks like spring is finally on its way – I sure hope so, anyway!! I know we're all looking forward to being able to get outside with our dogs and enjoy some nice weather.

The Upcoming Events department is huge again, so make sure you all get your brags in (and photos, too) when you're participating in the shows and trials.

Next month's issue won't be ready in time for the meeting on April 18th, but still do get your brags and stories in by the deadline on the 15th and the issue will get done as soon as possible.

Thanks!!



Submitted by Kathy Segal

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*** Deadline for submissions for the newsletter is the 15th of every month! ***

Send your stories, humour, photos, brags, events and news in to Kathy at nestorkathy@shaw.ca and please include "newsletter" in the subject line.

Please send photos as attachments.

Many thanks!!



NKC General Meeting Dates 2011

March 28th

April 18th*

May 30th*

June 27th*

July / August - no meeting

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

December - no meeting

*** Note Stat holidays require a move from the 4th Monday of the month.**

Mark Your Calendar!



DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please send Events notices to the Editor at nestorkathy@shaw.ca.

(Please include the word “newsletter” in the Subject line.)



Obedience

April 16 - 17, 2011— North Saanich Dog Obedience Training Club, Saanichton, BC (indoor) - four All-Breed Trials. Closing Date: Wednesday March 30, 2011. Judges: Norma Schaffer, Allan Immerman. Contact: Bill Blair—250-652-1335

May 13 - 15, 2011— Tye Kennel Club, Mill Bay, BC (indoor/outdoor) - three All-Breed Shows, four Obedience Trials and two Rally Trials. Western Dog Shows Ltd.—250-573-3944

May 28 - 29, 2011— Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club, Saanichton, BC (indoor) - four All-Breed Obedience Trials and four Rally Trials. Closing Date: Wednesday May 11, 2011. Contact: Amalie Bush—250-479-2345

June 17 - 19, 2011— Nanaimo Kennel Club, Nanaimo, BC (outdoor) - three All-Breed Shows, four Obedience Trials and four Rally Trials. Western Dog Shows Ltd.—250-573-3944

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May 27 - 29, 2011— Vancouver Island Dog Fanciers' Association, Saanichton, BC (outdoor) - three All-Breed Conformation Shows. Western Dog Shows Ltd.—250-573-3944

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Agility

April 1-3, 2011— Pacific Agility Clan, Cloverdale, BC (indoor). Closing date: Monday, March 21, 2011. Contact: Joanie-Leigh Elliot—604-762-6707 agilitynut@shaw.ca

April 2-3, 2011— Roadsters Agility Club, Courtenay, BC (indoor). Closing date: Sunday, March 20, 2011. Contact: Ivy Seney—250-923-5401 iseney@telus.net

April 8-10, 2011— AVID, Saanichton, BC (indoor). Closing date: Friday, April 1, 2011. Contact: France Jackson—250-652-3554 france@avidagility.com

April 16 - 17, 2011— DAWG, Agriplex Building, Nanaimo, BC (indoor). Closing date: April 1, 2011. Contact: Dave van Klaveren—250-758-3908

April 29-May 1, 2011— TaG-Team, Pacific Playgrounds, Black Creek, BC (outdoor). Closing date: Thursday, April 21, 2011 or when full. Contact: Tracey Sklarchuk—250-337-8122 teamagilitygroup@telus.net

May 7-8, 2011— Pacific Agility Clan, Pitt Meadows, BC (outdoor). Closing date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Contact: Joanie-Leigh Elliot—604-762-6707 agilitynut@shaw.ca

May 8, 2011— DAWG, Agriplex Building, Nanaimo, BC (outdoor). Closing date: April 23, 2011. Contact: Dave van Klaveren—250-758-3908

May 13-15, 2011— Just for Fun Agility, Centennial Field, Beban Park, Nanaimo, BC (outdoor). Closing date: Saturday, April 16, 2011 or when full. Contact: Patti Wilson—250-729-8745 patti@justforfunagility.ca

June 3-5, 2011— Capital Comets, Saanich, BC (outdoor). Contact: Lorri Hewitt—250-598-0969 highgate@shaw.ca

June 18-20, 2011— Pacific Agility Clan, Pitt Meadows, BC (outdoor). Closing date: Wednesday, June 8, 2011. Contact: Joanie-Leigh Elliot—604-762-6707 agilitynut@shaw.ca



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Structure in Action Workshop

Presented by Pat Hastings

Sunday, July 17th 2011

Hosted by the Alberni Valley Kennel Club in Port Alberni, B.C.

AGENDA – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

How to evaluate the structural quality of puppies.

The basics of Canine Structure.

The weakest links.

How to evaluate the structural quality of your ADULT dog.

What your dog can do and should not be doing.

A vet's ideas on how to strengthen structure and reduce the risk of injury.

Questions and Hands on work with attendees' dogs.

A litter of puppies between the ages of 7-9 weeks will be available for purposes of demonstrating the evaluation process.

STRUCTURE IN ACTION is a new one-day workshop. It combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation, as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating the adult dog that is being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. The question is: Do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without breaking down? Is that what we really want to do to our most steadfast companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

Pat Hastings is well respected in the dog-world as an educator, author, and AKC judge. Well known for her Puppy Puzzle video, she evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year.

Hands-on work with attendees' dogs concludes the day.

Please send registration together with payment of \$125.00 to Alberni Valley Kennel Club, Box 147, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y5V1. For more information contact Marilyn Bernard at mbernd@shaw.ca

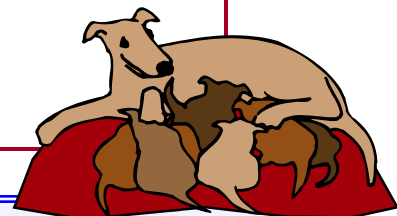
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Breeding Stock Performance Events Agility Flyball Obedience Showing Herding

Other _____



The events listed on these next pages are subject to change. Please always check Canuck Dogs, the CKC or our own club websites, or phone the event contact for up-to-date information and on how to obtain a premium list/closing dates etc. Also look for the flyer posted on our notice board in the Centennial building.





Cocker



WHAT'S NEW IN THE WORLD OF "B. S.?"



Chihuahua

Gottch! Our Breeder Sharing group has met twice since our last entry into the newsletter and here's an update on the proceedings..



Havanese

We try hard not to call them meetings as they are not actually meetings. Just a number of people who love dogs and may happen to breed them; getting together to talk about what we love. We have a topic for the evening and then we throw it open to just talk dog. It is wonderful.

You do not have to be a breeder to attend, just have a keen interest in the process of breeding dogs and how it is done, with a lot of other information thrown in as well.

Our second get together was at Sandi Malcolm's house and the topic was nutrition. We all shared what we are feeding our dogs and why. There was everything from raw diets, to many different types and brands of commercial kibble with emphasis put on feeding a good quality food no matter what it is. If home cooking is preferred; information on how to make it a balanced diet for the dog was talked about and how just cooking meat, potatoes and vegetables does not make a nutritious balanced diet for our friends. Information on supplements for home cooked food, natural herbs and what they could be used for was discussed.



Newfie



Schnauzer

Our third meeting was at Nicole Simpson's house, the topic was "whelping – when to panic and call the vet – and how much longer to wait". It is an amazing night when you can get at least a hundred years of experience talking about birthing puppies. We all shared stories, good and bad and came away with some good hints for our next litter birth. We had breeders of all sizes of dogs from Chihuahuas and Toy Fox Terriers to Havanese, Cockers and Schnauzers to Newfies, Shiloh Shepherds and Belgians – so all sizes of dogs were included.



Toy Fox Terrier

Some interesting information about Puppy Sensory testing was discussed, to make confident little dogs and we all learned that raspberry leaves are a good addition for any bitch that is either already pregnant or we hope for them to become pregnant. The reasons why were well discussed and we have all cleaned out the health food stores and bulk bins around Nanaimo to stock up. Did you know that crushed almonds are good for males with low sperm count?



Our next get together will expand on the whelping topic and as soon as we have a date confirmed I will send it out via the Webmaster. So, watch your e mails for information on the next "B S Get Together".



Belgian

If you are interested in more information contact Sandi Malcolm at mimicker@telus.net or Del Beaulac at Beaulacs@telus.net.



Shiloh Shepherd

Submitted by Sandi Malcolm





Dear Dr. Fox:

I'm writing in response to your recent column about how a "dog's devotion to master can lead to the grave." It is similar to what occurred with our golden retriever more than 20 years ago when my husband died at 46 after a four-year battle with cancer. During my husband's illness, Friday laid beside his bed, provided support when my husband walked, and never left his side. He obviously knew something was wrong and was devoted to his master.

Before my husband was ill, he was a senior sports-and-news cameraman for a major TV station. Owing to the nature of his assignments, my husband's work hours were unpredictable. Regardless of the hour, Friday always knew when my husband was headed home and ran to the front door, wagging his tail and sitting patiently until my husband's car pulled into the driveway.

After my husband's death (in the hospital), Friday sat at the front door all day, every day, whining and waiting for my husband's return. He stopped eating and wouldn't leave the front hallway. He refused to play with our children, whom he loved, because "guard duty" was his only purpose. He left his post only when he needed to be walked. My heart was breaking for this dog.

After one week of watching Friday's vigil, I decided to help him understand what happened. Hesitantly, Friday left his post and got into the car with me. His car behavior was unusual: He paced from window to window, looking everywhere for my husband. I drove to the cemetery, and we walked together toward my husband's gravesite. As we got closer, Friday pulled away from me and ran directly to my husband's grave. He lay down on the grave, closed his eyes, and just stayed there, quietly. I didn't try to talk to Friday or to disturb him - he needed to grieve, too. After an hour, Friday got up and walked over to me, using his mouth to hand me his leash. He was ready to go home.

On the way back home, Friday laid down quietly in the backseat. After we arrived home, he kept kissing my hands as if to say "thank you" and never again sat by the front door waiting for my husband to return home. He now understood. Although obviously sad, his behavior returned to normal around the children and he began eating again. In time, he healed as we did. - L.B.J., Lake Worth, Fla.

DEAR L.B.J.: Many readers will join me in thanking you for this remarkable example of giving a dog closure with regard to your husband, who Friday thought was perhaps still alive. Your devoted dog clearly advances our understanding of how much some dogs really do know and feel. We should never underestimate their ability to comprehend and make every effort, as you did, during such difficult times of bereavement to help them when they are grieving.



Dr. Michael W. Fox shown here with a rescued Turkish sheep-guard dog he had just met at Pro Animale shelter in Bavaria. Please see his biography at <http://www.twobitdog.com/DrFox/> and learn about his advocacy work at home and around the world.

Photo credit: Lutz Stamm



STAY

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, 'now you stay. Do you hear me?'

'Stay! Stay!'

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said, 'why don't you just put it in Park?'



How to Identify a Meth Lab

As a law enforcement officer I have been approached by several people lately wanting to know how to identify a Meth Lab.

Here is a picture of four Labs. I think it's pretty obvious which one is the Meth Lab. I hope this helps.

Let me know if I can be of any further service in this matter.



Brittany Brags!!

We are very thrilled with our Brittany "Beja" - CH Islandview Itza Dreamers Game earned his Championship in style under the expert handling of Heidi last month with a Group 1 and Group 2 at Mt Cheam and a Group 2 placement at the LMDF show. It was a tribute to the love and care his previous owner gave him and we are so pleased to have him with us now.

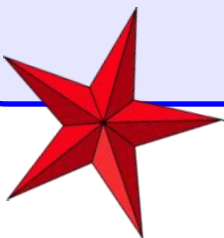


Also worth mentioning from LMDF show is the Sporting Puppy Group win by "Hawkeye" Islandview ImaSpy Two, loved and co-owned with David and Jane Sharpe and Islandview Brittanys and handled by Deanna.

And last but certainly not least from the LMDF show are the 2 legs earned on her Rally O Advanced title by "Lulu" Ch Jayhawkers Island Dream CD RN.

It was a busy and happy weekend for the Brittanys in Cloverdale!

Deanna deBlois, Islandview Brittanys



Brag All About It!!



Sharon Parkin's Doberman puppy Ava (Caprigems Sapphire Legacy) went Best of Winners at LMDF show on Feb. 26. Ava now has 6 points towards her championship!



The Canadian Australian Shepherd Association sponsored Herding Instinct Tests in Cobble Hill today, March 12th. Several Nanaimo Kennel Club members attended and their dogs achieved Herding Instinct Certification, including Michele Rouch's Boxer puppy, Derringer, Alisha Johnson's Icelandic Sheepdog, Elska, and Ray Salmon and Ann Rambaud's Bearded Collie puppy, Bo.