

HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB* AUGUST 2016 ISSUE

President: Thea Sperline
Vice President: Marion Erp

Treasurer: Catherine LeCours
Secretary: Caroline Hudnall

Newsletter Editor: Nancy Nicholson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know ? You, the members are an incredibly active group of dog enthusiasts and it is a privilege, which I cherish, to be a part such an active group of people. One day, in a brain storm, I noted all the activities that I am aware of that you participate; many of us are active in a multiple of these activities. The distances that you travel to take part in these activities is sometimes amazing and overwhelming. The support you all provide to each other is very gratifying to see and I am proud of all of you. Every time you participate in one of these activities you are setting an example to the general population on how to be a responsible dog owner. To give you an idea of just how diverse our interest run here is a list, which I am sure, is not a comprehensive list, but this is what I am aware of:

Many of you:

- are breeders of dogs with good quality and health
- include mixed breed dogs in your family
- teach obedience, agility and herding either for the club or as your personal business
- work for a veterinary clinic or provide health services to our community

Therapy Dogs activities include:

- Library Reading program
- Visits to Shodair
- Visits to St Peters hospitals
- Visits to Nursing homes
- Visits to other group resident establishments

Events in which our members compete

Conformation showing	Field Trials	Hunt Tests	Herding Trials
Obedience Trials	Barn Hunts	Nose Work	Agility Trials
Rally Trials	Carting Trials	Weight Pull Trials	Mushing
Races			
Tracking events	Coonhound Hunts		

Rescue/Shelter support

- Helena Shelter Volunteers
- Spay Neuter Clinics
- Rescue Efforts (both local and national)

Other Opportunities

- Walking in Parades
- Trail walks at locations such as Mt Helena, Community Walking Paths, Walking Mall, and Shopping Mall
- Take your dog to other events, and locations (gun show, boat show, retail stores etc)

The September Meeting - Again, we have a busy agenda for the meeting on Sept 6. **I hope to see all of you.** A big topic on the agenda will be the upcoming cluster. **Everyone in the club should be willing to work to help make this cluster a success.** I am sure there are plenty of tasks that will be topics of conversation at the meeting. If you have never done these jobs before there will be guidance and training. You are the club, and you are what makes this cluster event such a success. Another topic that needs to be settled is the question of rubberized contact obstacles for our agility practice fields.

Respectfully, Thea Sperline

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Subject to Approval)

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2016

Members present: Susan Bouse, Sue Cecrle, Allyn Ann Cummins, Tommie Dahl, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Caroline Hudnall, Jessica Johl, Janet Kosnik, Patty Mott, Nancy Nicholson, Linda Owen, and Kathy Shuck.

Vice President Marion Erp presided as the President is out of state.

Marion opened the meeting and called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting, Patty moved and Tommie 2nd, Caroline explained that she needed information regarding a motion that she missed part of, she asked for anyone to help her if possible. (a couple members sent emails with explanation, they will be attached to the minutes for July). Marion called for the question and all approved.

Caroline read a note from Laurie Ekanger.

Marion stated that the membership should consider Thea's report in the newsletter as her report here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FALL CLUSTER: Barb reports.

- Raffle, Monique is chairing and needs items, they can be left at the building in a tub by the sign in table.
- Stewards: We need them.
- Obedience rentals will be Thursday night.
- Caroline reported on vendors.
- Hospitality Chairs noted we will need desserts for the judges lunches donated by club members for , Saturday and Sunday.
- Barb also noted that desserts are needed for: Thursday nite AKC seminar and Saturday nite BBQ that our club is hosting.

AGILITY: Patty reports.

- Practices are currently at 7PM at K-9 Kondo.
- Help is needed, need a worker and volunteer chair, Marion volunteered.
- Trials are Oct 7 thru the 9th and Saturday and Sunday starts at 8 AM.
- Agility equipment: Tommie is still waiting for a picture of the dog walk from Shawna, she will follow up.

OLD BUSINESS

Send Tommie any Brags & photos you may have of your dog's accomplishments so she can post them on our Facebook page.

The Second reading of Elizabeth Aghbashion's application for associate membership took place, Tommie moved and Alice 2nd, all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy announced that if you don't get the newsletter please let her know, it is generally sent out the week prior to the meeting date.

Janet brought up the request for a standard size conformation Ramp for conformation practices on Sunday as many of the dogs participating have to be ramped for judging. Nancy has instructions on building one and will get that to Janet and Alice. Alice will get a bid from a carpenter on what it would cost to build and will bring it before the membership.

Janet recommended that we have a member recognition. After some discussion it was referred to the Board.

Adele announced that there will be a Titers Clinic in October, probably the 15th and it will run about \$ 42.00 per dog, she will email members.

Brags and then adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VENDORS FOR THE 2016 FALL ROUNDUP CLUSTER DOG SHOW

- 3 C's-Grooming products, toys, crates, Xpens, beds etc
- Bridger Feeds, Dog food, treats, food supplements
- The Clothing Surgeon, Show suits with pockets, etc
- Fashion Furward Dogs, crate covers, cool coats, etc
- Patswork Designs, custom embroidery
- Sharpening by DP, hand sharpening of grooming tools and knives
- Earl Fred, wood plaques
- Total K-9 connections, dog beds, etc.
- K-9 Comforts, crate pads, beds, bitch britches, toys etc

SUBMITTED BY ADELE DELP

VACCINE TITER CLINIC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH, 2016.

9:00-11:00 am

845 Sunny Vista Rd., Helena MT

TO REGISTER CONTACT: Adele 406-439-0373 delp@mt.net

or Deb 406-202-0363 dsattler@TNC.ORG

NO DROP IN'S, this clinic is by pre-registration only. 20 spots available

VETERINARIAN: Dr. Jillian Dougherty

COST per dog: Add \$20.00 per dog for DVM fee. This will be a separate payment

COMBO VACCINE PANEL rabies, Parvo & Distemper Titers	<u>Note:</u> Allow 21- 28 days testing time for Rabies Titer. <i>(Comes with Dr. Dodds' interpretive comments)</i>	\$117.50
rabies vaccine titer	<u>Note:</u> Allow 21- days testing time for Rabies Titer.	\$ 83.30

<p>parvo & distemper vaccine titers</p>		<p>\$ 44.20</p>
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THIS CLINIC is almost \$100 less than you would expect to pay in a veterinary office, and some pet insurance companies will pay for all or most of the fee. We are working to make TITERING affordable so there are more safe options in your pets health care!

Laboratory We will be sending the samples to Dr. Dodds lab, HEMOPET, because HEMOPET is a non profit we can get a great rate, and a discount for clinics with 10 or more dogs.

For more information about vaccination titers go to: <http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/titer-testing>.
or

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/1080ecf379864d7507bf8351e1be8763?AccessKeyId=589521FC5F0F430C2245&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

JUST FOR A CHUCKLE.....

“That Doggie Toes CLIPPY THING”

*Upstairs in momma's secret drawer
she keeps a monster thing of horror,
they bite and try to eat our toes,
why they do that no one knows!
We bark and fuss and wiggle and squirm,
but our dad and momma holds us firm.
This thing of horror makes a noise;
although it's squeaky--it's not like toys.*

*It's a squeaky, snippy, clippy thing,
it has sharp teeth and a big strong spring.
Sometimes after it eats our feet,
we get something good to eat.*

*But one day when no one else is home
and we are left here all alone,
we'll sneak it out and none will know,
we sent it where the odd socks go!
- Author Unknown*

CLUB MEETING AGENDA – Sept 6, 2016

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

- Introductions
- Minutes of the last meeting

6:33 – Secretaries report

- By-Laws AKC Status

6:40 - Report of the President/Vice President

6:45 - Treasurer Report – Catherine

6:50 – Report of the Committees:

- Cluster Committee – Barb
- Agility Committee – Jean and/or Patty
- Obedience Committee - Rally practice, possible time change

7:10 - Old Business

- Possible Purchase of rubberized agility equipment or skins for practice equipment – Jean or Patty
- Conformation “Ramp” for breeds such as Basset Hounds

7:25 - New Business

7:30 – BRAGS - Marion

7:45 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)