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# HMKC PAWPRINT NEWSLETTER

## HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB\* MARCH 2016 ISSUE

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President: Thea Sperline  
Vice President: Marion Erp

Treasurer: Catherine LeCours  
Secretary: Caroline Hudnall

Newsletter Editor: Nancy Nicholson

### Presidents Message

We will have a guest speaker directly after the April Club meeting. We will learn everything we ever wanted to know about canine nutrition from Linda Burr. Invite your friends who would like to learn about canine nutrition, they will be more than welcome. I would love to see a crowded meeting!

The Mary Jane Shervais Obedience Clinic is scheduled for Jun 11 & 12 at the HMKC building. Marion Erp will have more information for you at the April Meeting. Check your email, I am sure Marion will be sending information for registration etc. very soon.

We have an Agility Trial coming at the end of April and we need to spend some time in discussion to make sure all is in order.

Most of you know that I have been on the road to the Collie National this last half of March. I am in Kansas City as I write this. When I get home I will turn around and be at the Great Falls Agility trial. I hardly have time to catch my breath from that event and we will have our April meeting. There are many tales to share, that will happen soon.

I hope to see you all at the April meeting which will be an abbreviated agenda.

Respectfully Submitted, Thea

### Secretary's Minutes

*Draft subject to approval*

#### HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MARCH 1, 2016

Those present: Connie Leatherman, Susan Bouse, Kathy Shuck, Janice Frisch, Jessica Johl, Linda Owen, Allyn Ann Cummins, Barb Delaney, Peggy Duezabou, Cyd Chariler, Tommie Dahl, Marion Erp, Rochelle Timmer, Catherine LeCours, Janet Kosnik, Carla Huitt, Florence Josephs, Monique Prevel, Caroline Hattersley, Caroline Hudnall, Nancy Nicholson, Dierdre Kane and guest Linda Stangland

The President opened the meeting and called for the approval of the minutes from February. Caroline made a correction and then Carla moved and Susan seconded and all approved.

No Secretary report. The president advised the membership about the last call for club renewals.

#### **The President's report:**

Thea advised that the lock on the building and other bldgs. would be changed and the membership will be notified by email of the new combination number.

The President reported on the 4-H project and showed the members the advertisement layout with the club logo that will go on the kennel club signs.

The associate membership status was discussed and the president read the new policy regarding such. She also advised all members that have crates in the building to get your names on your crates and also discussed the use of crates by others.

There will be a Building Etiquette poster prepared for the building.

Janet asked if the change of policy is a Bylaw change and Thea answered that it was not, but a clarification of Policy.

Lastly, Dog food treats for the classes was taken from the building's training cabinet as well as from a closed container with some people-food in it . **Please... if it isn't yours don't use it or take it.**

**Treasurer's report:** None

The President reported on the internal audit of the Treasurer's books and their report was that it was excellent.

**Committee reports:**

**Training-** We have the classes set thru the end of the year. Catherine will do agility with Cathy Shuck assisting.

**Cluster Show-** Barb reported that things are going well, we need to have the trophy pledges by May, be sure to let Florence know if you would like to pledge a trophy. We need raffle items, Monique advised that there is a tub under the entrance table to put raffle items in. Be sure to let Monique know(via email) when & what you have brought in for the raffle.

Marion reported that Liz Aghbasian from Bozeman requested that the specialty show (to be held in conjunction with our Cluster Show)needs room for a Health Seminar on one of the evenings. The club suggested that they check at the hotels in town for a conference room.

Barb also advised that we need to find a new Show Chair, the plan would be to shadow Barb at the 2016 show.

**Agility Trial-** Monique reported that Linda is doing hospitality (if Nancy is available she will assist), there will be a BBQ on Saturday night, Peggy and Cyd are the volunteer coordinators. Sandy Smallwood is doing the raffle. Entries close on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Ted is the Chief Course builder, Camping is Adele and Jessica, Equipment moving-Monique said we will be getting people to help move equipment from the Probation & Parole Dept./Restitution, they must work an 8-hour day for credit.

There was discussion on agility equipment and it looks like at this time that AKC has held off on the new jump idea. Discussion of skins for practice equipment.

**Grants-** Nena is not here to give a report.

**Library-**Marion will be working on re-organizing and cataloging the library.

**Old Business:**

April meeting will have Linda Burr from Bozeman coming to talk about nutrition.

The Mary Jane Shervais seminar dates in June of 2016 was discussed and approved .

The Connie Cleveland Class in April of 2017 was discussed. Jean and Laurie are working on a flyer for that event.

Florence mentioned the possibility of Chris Zink, DVM to present a seminar. Florence will get information.

Janet questioned about a Puppy class being offered in conformation for the Cluster Show. And having a Professional Handlers Assn seminar offered in the future.

Judy Siebeck's application for membership was read.

Braggs and then adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

## **Braggs**

Gracie had a wonderful weekend at the Bozeman shows qualifying 5 out of 6 runs with 5 first places. She went High In Trial on Sat. and got her 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice leg on Sun. to complete her CD. She is now Daree's Saving Grace, CD BN RN. Way to go, Gracie!

## **MARY JANE SHERVAIS WORKSHOP**

We're still on for the obedience workshop on focus and attention and relationship-building, for June 11 & 12, at our Fairgrounds HMKC building. **Save the date!**

**Registration forms will be made available around the beginning of April.**



Registration will be open first to HMKC club members for the entire month of April or until we fill the 20 working spots available, first come, first served. Then registration will be open to the rest of the public during May.

Fees are as follows: HMKC club members with full privileges will pay the reduced fee of \$75 for the weekend, \$50 to audit. Auditing is unlimited within the space restrictions of our building. Associate members will pay what the public will pay, \$125 or \$50 to audit.

HMKC club members who are instructors or assistant instructors for any of our 2016 classes, may participate or audit for FREE, and are strongly encouraged to attend for the weekend.

Look for the registration form in your email soon, and we'll have it on the website when Thea returns from her Nationals.

Marion Erp

### Agility Practice

Agility practices have been changed from Sunday to Wednesday evenings at Susan Engle's barn. Practices will start at 6:30. The first Wednesday practice will be

March 23, 2016. Jean will send out a reminder notice on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

### Continuing Ed Advanced Obedience Class

Thea has set the date for the continuing education Obedience class. It will be starting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and at 7PM. Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be skipped because that is our kennel club meeting nite.

I'm attaching the registration form (see below). The cost for non-members is \$ 90.00, members cost is \$70.00. I have all of your Rabies certificates for your dogs for those that have taken classes with the same dog in the last 2 years. so you need not worry about that.

Caroline

HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
CLASS REGISTRATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed/Mix \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last rabies shot \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies # \_\_\_\_\_ Vet Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Obed Puppy Agility CGC Rally Freestyle Tracking Other \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge and agree to be responsible for my conduct and the conduct of my dog. Further I shall not hold the Helena Montana Kennel Club Inc., the instructors of this class, or any assistants liable for any injury or damage to myself or my dog.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first class \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our classes \_\_\_ newspaper, \_\_\_ website \_\_\_ friend. \_\_\_\_\_

Have attended class previously, \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Refund policy, no refunds after the second class. Rain checks may be issued for a future class depending on circumstances.

This is a 6 week class, please return this registration, copy of the rabies certificate, current vaccination record, and the fee of \$90.00 (\$70.00 for members) to:

Caroline Hudnall,  
PO Box 1016,

East Helena, MT 59635

KENNEL CLUB USE ONLY Class cost (first dog) \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_ cash 2nd dog in family \_\_\_\_\_

BEHAVIOR PROFILE Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F  
Neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ Age of dog when you got it \_\_\_\_\_ from: \_\_\_ pet shop, \_\_\_ breeder, \_\_\_ shelter \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you owned dogs before? \_\_\_\_\_, if yes what happened to your other dog(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ What percentage of time does the dog spend inside \_\_\_\_\_, outside \_\_\_\_\_. Is he tied up, fenced in, or allowed to run free?

\_\_\_\_\_ Why did you decide to come to an obedience class?

\_\_\_\_\_ What do you most want to learn?

\_\_\_\_\_ Why did you choose our class?

\_\_\_\_\_ Has your dog had any training?

Describe \_\_\_\_\_ How does your dog react to people?

\_\_\_\_\_ To other dogs?

\_\_\_\_\_ Has your dog bitten a person?

\_\_\_\_\_ other dogs? \_\_\_\_\_ Under what

circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_ Please check any behavior

problems which apply to your dog.

\_\_\_ Excessive barking \_\_\_ Soiling in the house

\_\_\_ Destructiveness inside \_\_\_ Running away

All the time \_\_\_ Chasing (cars, bikes, joggers)

When left alone \_\_\_ Aggressiveness (growling, biting, fighting)

\_\_\_ Humping things To other dogs \_\_\_\_\_ To people \_\_\_\_\_

Other problems: please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Is your dog crate trained? \_\_\_\_\_, leash broken? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical limitations which would prevent you from \_\_\_ walking/standing for an hour, \_\_\_ bending over, \_\_\_ kneeling, \_\_\_ running, \_\_\_ exerting physical force (pushing or pulling hard) \_\_\_ other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_, this information will help us modify your training program to meet your needs.

### MISC.

I have a 700 giant size crate that's never been used as well if 3/100 size crate never been used. The 700 crate I was thinking of asking \$100 and the 100 crates \$20 a piece. Need to cut down on weight and volume to be able to make our move back east. Please contact me if you are interested.

Carla Huitt

### Club Meeting Agenda – April 5, 2016

6:30 - Call the meeting to order

6:33 – Secretaries Report

- Minutes of the last meeting

6:35 - Report of the President

6:40 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours

6:45 – Report of the Committees:

- Upcoming Agility Trial – Monique

7:00 – Guest Speaker on Canine Nutrition

7:45 or 8:00 – Brags???

Adjourn

