



# Helena Montana Kennel Club

## July Paw Print 2015

### Presidents Message

Our group picture is WONDERFUL. Have you seen it? It has been incorporated into our WEB page and has been posted on our Facebook page. There were many members and prospective members who came out with their fur kids, it was great to see everyone. If you contact Ron or Diane Armstrong they will share the instructions on how to get your very own copy. It is a work of art created by our talented member Ron Armstrong. Thank You Ron for making the time for this project.

June has been a busy month with many of our members traveling to Blackfoot for the conformation, agility, obedience and rally trials. Then the circuit continued to Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. Many who didn't go to Blackfoot traveled to Bozeman and Hall for agility trials. Congratulations everyone on earning legs and points toward those much sought after titles. I look forward to hearing all those brags at the club meeting on July 7.

Your club Board of Directors has been working on documenting the many policies that have been practiced by our club for many years. We now have completed 8 out of the 14 on our list. We may discover additional policies that need documenting as time goes by. The newest policy that is completed is the Handling of Complaints and Criticism. It is included with this newsletter and it is in the HMKC Binder in the club building.

Your club Board of Directors is a very dedicated and hard working group of people. Sometimes it feels like it is unnoticed. Among the many things we do is to ensure that our club adheres to the objectives declared in our bylaws, we manage our financial accounts, maintain our building and training facilities and equipment, provide reliable and appreciated training opportunities and organize the AKC events for conformation, obedience, rally and agility. When you take the time to say 'thank you', it goes a long way in keeping us energized to keep on with our efforts.

### **Summer Social Event**

Florence Josephs is organizing a pot luck meal for our meeting on July 7, "Summer Social", you should have received an email telling you what to bring, if you are in doubt contact her at [mattiaci@gmail.com](mailto:mattiaci@gmail.com). Your family members are invited to enjoy the evening with us. We hope to see you there. To keep this fun and enjoyable we have a shortened agenda.

### **Raffle**

Everyone loves to win something in a raffle. We will have several tickets for the rodeo at this year's fair; these will probably be for the Thursday evening performance. We will have a drawing during our pot luck. Another good reason to attend the meeting on July 7.

### **Newsletter Editor Needed**

Shawna Noyd has been our Newsletter editor for several years and if she could she would continue in that role, however she is moving to a location where internet capabilities are scares to non-existent. She will train the next newsletter editor on the techniques and methods that she has been using. So if you have a few hours that you can give to this publication let me know.

### **Training opportunities**

We continue to have the Agility practice on Wednesday evenings 6:30 at the Kanine Kondo, Rally Practice at 4pm on Saturday afternoons and Conformation Practice at 1pm on Sunday afternoons both in our club building. All are FREE to club members, non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of \$5.

### **Serious Stuff**

We are all responsible for ensuring that our training environments are safe for ourselves, our dogs and our guest/non-members. Recently I have heard of an occasional unsafe situation at one of our activities. This is incredibly sad. The

facilitator/instructors are watchful for problems, but they do not have full 360 degree vision. I am sure you are aware that I, nor your Board of Directors, can be everywhere, see and/or hear everything, nor can we resolve all unsafe situations.

As you know our training facilities are available to any member to use when it is not scheduled for an income producing activity such as classes. Non-members are encouraged to join our drop-in practice sessions, our members often invite a guest to share in a training opportunity. Non-members may be new to the world of training dogs and they may not be aware of reasonable safety protocols. Even guests and members who have been involved in our dog game for a long time sometimes become casual about safety around other dogs.

If you see an unsafe situation, it is incumbent upon you to initiate a correction.

- If there is a facilitator or instructor you should have a quiet and private conversation with them pointing out your concern.
- If the offending individual is a guest of another member please talk privately with the host member about the situation.
- If there is no facilitator or instructor, have a friendly quiet and private conversation with the individual creating an unsafe environment.
- It is always incumbent upon you to ensure the safety of your environment for yourself and for your dog. If necessary you always have the option of politely leaving the environment.
- You always have the option of contacting an officer or a member of the board to report the problem.
- Remember we don't want to embarrass our guests or undermine the credibility of the instructor or facilitator.

This is your club, the clubs reputation is your reputation. It is important to all of us that we all do what we can to ensure a safe enjoyable environment for everyone in our club environment. Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.

Thea

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# THE BRAG BOARD

## ~ Heidi Rudio

Congrats to my boy CH Pikatti's Cabernet Knight. Lucan earned the two majors needed to complete his AKC Championship title at the Echo Hills Kennel Club of Ohio. Handling credit goes to Jenifer Brimmer, Lucan's breeder.

## ~ Janet Kosnik

Show Results-  
Kosnik's Delta Force made UKC GRCH on 6/6. She finished to AKC CH in Missoula on 6/21.

Kosnik's Black RU Talkin' To Me got a UKC CH win on 6/6. He finished to

## ~ Patty Mott

Sally completed her Novice Skilled Regular title at the Hall agility trial. She qualified 4 out of 5 classes

## ~ Kim Sullivan

Hi there, good to see those of you at the recent show circuits. Hope everyone had a good time and were successful in your events. It was great to enjoy the weather for a few weeks!

My young Keeshond, Harmony competed in Rally in Blackfoot and Great Falls, finishing her Rally Novice title. Elise got her 15th Q in T2B and added a few more points. She also qualified in both JWW runs, still

AKC CH in Great Falls on 6/20.

Kosnik's Black Rock It All Night won UKC Best of Show Male on 6/6.

My litter of 6.5 wk old Black and Tan Coonhound pups born 5/8/15.

working on Standard :)

So wonderful to see you friends . Just arrived back home in Texas today (6/22). Have a safe 4th of July and great summer everyone!



~ **Jeanine Blaner**

Dravko: Went WD 3 days at Blackfoot and he picked up a Novice JWW leg as well.

Asia & Mircea: Asia (Borealis Heat of the Moment) and Mircea (Borealis Trouble and Desire) got their first taste of competition and showed in Beginner Puppy at FVKC. Ellen Calnan did a stellar job handling Asia. He took BOV over his brother and he and Ellen went on to win the Beginner Puppy Herding Group!

~ **Linda Compton**

~ **Catherine LeCours**

Artemis Terra had a perfect day at the Gallatin Dog Club agility trial on June 7. Not only 4 out of 4 qualifying runs; all first place to boot. I could not be more proud of my teammate!!



Double Stuff Oreo had a perfect weekend. She qualified and placed first in all her classes entered. Also earning the last two legs for her novice JWW title. Not bad for the novice

Artistree In The Shape Of A Heart, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owner/handled by Linda Compton, finished her AKC CH in the Bred-by class in Spokane in May.



**~Marion Erp**

We went to the June Blackfoot shows in



dog!!



Blackfoot, ID, and Wyatt earned 4 double Rally legs for Legs #5, 6, 7 and 8 towards the 10 legs he needs for the RAE. The dog has to qualify in both Rally Excellent B and Rally Advanced B on the same day. Wyatt's scores were all in the 90's except for one, and he took High Combined on Thursday. He also finished his Excellent Jumpers Preferred (AJP) title at the Gallatin Dog Club's agility trials in Bozeman in early June.

Introducing Kishu Ken-nel's Kisha, now six months old from a kennel in TX. The Kishu is a Japanese hunting dog, a boar and bear hunter, to be exact, and is currently in AKC's FSS classification system: Foundation Stock Service. The classification is for rare breeds that may or may not seek Miscellaneous status eventually, which is the next stepping stone towards full AKC recognition. But as an FSS breed, dogs can participate in obedience, rally, agility, tracking, barn hunt, CGC — in short, any of the companion activities open to purebreds. They do not show in conformation except in specially designated "Open" shows, which are few and far between.



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hi all! The Cluster Dog Show is right around the corner and as many of you are aware, the raffle that we hold all four days is an income generator for both clubs.



we need your doggie related items to put in the raffle! if you would like to donate an item or basket to the raffle please leave it under the sign-in table at the building or on the shelves in the back room and let me know its there. ( [monique.hmkc@gmail.com](mailto:monique.hmkc@gmail.com) )

If you would like to go to local businesses and ask for donated items, please make sure you get a business card with the donated item so we can give the business credit for donating. If they do not have a business card, please keep track of what business donated what so I can make a card for the item. Please let me know which businesses you go to so no one is approaching them twice.

We also need energetic, fun-loving volunteers to help me work the raffle table all four days! J Contact me at [monique.hmkc@gmail.com](mailto:monique.hmkc@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer part / or all day and what day you would like to do so (September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>)

Thank you!

Monique

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## **HMKC Policy for Handling Complaints and Criticism**

In any organization there will be differences of opinion and there will be concerns with process and direction of the club, club activities and club goals. It is recognized that the HMKC is a group of individuals with a common interest and passion for dogs and desire to share that passion with the Helena, Montana community.

Our club's objective as stated in the Bylaws, Article I, Section 2: To do all in its power...To help educate its members and the dog-owning public about responsible dog ownership.

To promote productive conversation for the betterment of the HMKC, the following procedure has been adopted.

1. When an issue or concern that does not have a simple solution is raised by any member of the HMKC or the general public who are participating in club activities, the issue shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors and/or Officers (BOD) first, either verbally or if the individual chooses, in writing.
2. The BOD shall review and discuss the issue. The issue is not to be discussed in membership meetings or be put on the agenda for the in membership meetings until it has been considered by the BOD and a plan of action has been decided.
3. Possible decisions may include but not be limited to:
  - a. Private meeting with the individual or individual(s) raising the issue with the BOD, part of the BOD or officers,
  - b. Phone call to the individual by one of the officers to discuss in detail the issue and to have a better understanding of the issue,
  - c. Referral to the specific standing Committee, or class instructor(s) that would be most appropriate to handle the concern,
  - d. After consideration of the issue at hand and development of an action plan by the BOD or Committee related to the issue, follow-up meetings and communication with the individual(s) who raised the issue may be necessary.
  - e. The BOD shall provide an opportunity and strongly encourage the individual to offer suggestions and be a part of the solution.
4. After consideration by the BOD and officers with input from the Committee related to the issue, the receipt of the complaint/criticism shall be reported in a membership meeting. The BOD shall then present the solution(s) or possible solution(s). At this point discussion with the membership at large can occur and if a vote for concurrence is necessary as outlined in the HMKC by-laws then the question for a vote can take place.

Approved by the HMKC Board of Directors by majority concurrence via email review,  
June 2015

**HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015**

Those present for the meeting: Diane Armstrong, Susan Bouse, Ted Brodowy, Tommie Dahl, Peggy Duezabou, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Carolyn Hattersley, Caroline Hudnall, Carla Huitt, Florence Joseph, Deidre Kane, Janet Kosnik, Catherine LeCours, Desiree Moffett, Sandy and Doug Morgan, Rita Munson, Linda Owen, Kathy Shuck, Sandy Smallwood, Marsh Rae South, Thea Sperline and guests: Cyd Charlier, Connie Leatherman, Rochelle Trimmer, Nancy and Lee Nicholson, Beverly Lewis and Susan Sperry

The meeting was called to order by the President, she asked for approval of the May minutes. Hearing no comments, Rita moved to approve and Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the membership approved.

Thea made a comment about having the benches in a circle and it met with approval.

Thea gave the report from the President. She discussed the AKC proposal on the new jumps, she will continue to keep an eye on that issue. Thea also reported on the treasurer's audit.

The board has been looking into the costs for all three of the insurance policies we currently have. The Board is trying to update the web page so it becomes more useful for all. We need a new newsletter editor as Shawna is moving and her new location would make it impossible for her to do the newsletter. We might consider a committee for the newsletter. Anyone interested should contact Thea.

**No Vice President's report.**

**Secretary's report:**

Caroline read a letter from Peggy regarding the training program. A lengthy discussion between Peggy, Thea and other members ensued. Rita asked about an advanced class. Carla moved to table the discussion on this issue, Patty seconded the motion and all approved.

**Treasurer's report was given and will be made a part of these minutes.**

**Committees:**

**Grants:** Chris was not present and Janet said she had not heard anything from Chris.

**Agility:** Patty reported that the Wednesday nites practices are going well. Christie Leone will be Chair of the October trials. We will need a Chief Course builder and Chris and Sue B. will take on the volunteer workers project. We are getting a lighter tunnel for practices as the heavy ones will be for trials only. The PA system, we are looking at lighter speakers.

**Obedience:** Thea thought we might have a CGC class in July. Rally practice is going well at 4PM on Saturdays.

**Cluster:** Barb was not here so no report on that. Someone asked what a Cluster is and Thea explained.

**July meeting:** Florence volunteered to head up the Summer social in July and she will pull a committee

together.

**Caroline's project:** Caroline explained that we need to do an inventory of all of our equipment and also at the same time do a major cleaning of the three barns, trailer and the training building and storage room.

Marion, She introduced her new dog, it is a Japanese breed.  
Catherine moved to adjourn and Alice Seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Caroline Hudnall, Secretary**

**AGENDA**  
**Helena Montana Kennel Club**  
**July 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

6:30 - Call the meeting to order  
Minutes of the last meeting

6:35 – Recess for the pot luck dinner

7:00 – Reconvene to continue the meeting  
Report of the President

- Special Board Meeting – Policy – Handling Complaints and Criticism

- Building Cleaning

7:20 - Treasurer Report – Catherine LeCours

7:22 – Report of the Committees:

- Training Committee
- Agility Committee – any news on the AKC equipment changes?
- Cluster Committee

7:30 - Old Business

- Membership Applications

7:35 - New Business

- New member Applications

7:40 – BRAGS

7:50 – Adjourn (time is an estimate)





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