



Helena Montana Kennel Club

March Paw Print 2015

Message from the President

Wow, February has flown by. We have gone from Winter into Early Spring with the snow having disappeared, the mild temperatures encouraged many of us to venture out and participate in the activities we love to do with our dogs. Now winter is back reminding us that it is still winter. Now daylight savings is coming in early March and we will have some extra daylight in the evenings for our activities.

We have club members who have earned some national recognition.

~Sandy Smallwood qualified for the Westminster Masters Agility Championship and traveled to New York with Rebel to compete in that event. You may have seen the article published in the Independent Record.

~ We also have a few members who have qualified for the Rally National Championships at the RAE level to be held at the Purina Farm in St Louis MO. Good travels and success if they compete.

o Diedre Kane and her Border Collie-J Tees Shep

o Jeanine Blaner and her Collie-Ivan

o Thea Sperline and her Greater Swiss Mountain Dog-Heidi

At our February meeting a Grants committee was formed to research and recommend to the membership potential recipients for our budgeted grants funds. The members of that committee are Janet Kosnik, Chris McGonigle and Diedre Kane. If you have an idea for the Grant committee to consider please share your idea.

We have many activities coming this next month. There will be a beginner agility handling and equipment series of classes starting March 16, contact Patty Mott for additional information and share this news with your friends. We also have a day of obedience run thrus coming on Friday March 13, contact Marsha Rae South for more information on that event.

And don't forget there is Rally practice every Saturday afternoon at 4pm, agility practice every Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Conformation practice every Sunday afternoon at 1pm. Be sure to check our WEB Calendar for other events that may be of interest.

Thea

THE BRAG BOARD

~Kim Sullivan

Hey there from Texas! Elise finished her NADAC Superior OAC and finally finished her Novice Chances title, giving her a NADAC Novice Versatility. Hoping to see many of you this summer!

~Susan Cecrle

Katie (Kessler's Katie Lov
had six beautiful puppies
on January 14th. Pick pup
to California and will be h
Estaban Farias!

~Marion Erp



Wyatt finished his Novice Barn Hunt title (RATN) in Laurel earlier this month, and earned his first Open leg.

~Jeanine Blaner

Ivan (DC Ability's Rock Star CD RAE HXAdsM
HXBdM HIBs AX MXJ XF)

and Ginger (Hollicove Ginger Snap HXAsM)
are sire and dam to a litter of four boys,
born January 18th.



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Agility Classes

Beginning Agility Equipment

March 16 - March 30
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Training Building
Instructor: Catherine LeCours

Beginning Agility Handling

7:30 - 9:00
Training Building
Instructor: Catherine LeCours
Registration: Patty Mott pmott73@gmail.com 933-8486

Run Thrus

Friday - March 13th, 10:30am-2:30pm

Where Lewis & Clark Co. Fairgrounds
98 W Custer ave. Helena, Mt.
(HMKC Training Building) map

For more information contact
Marsha Rae South at
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(406) 439-5553



~Jeanette Prevel

February was a very busy month for us. As have all the months since first part of December with the birth of Marcus's and Nitie's litter of 12 puppies!

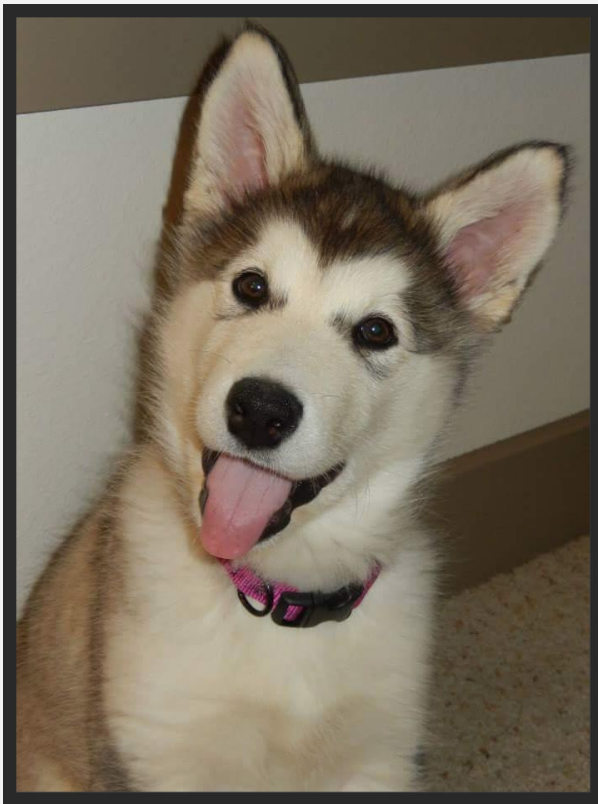
We, 11 puppies and 3 adult dogs, all headed to Colorado first part of February. To place puppies and attend the Denver Dog Shows.

Luna, CH Adair'n'Hug Suka De Luna Luz OAF NJP NFP , picked up 2 qualifying runs in Open STD Preferred to earn her her OAP title, in Denver this month.

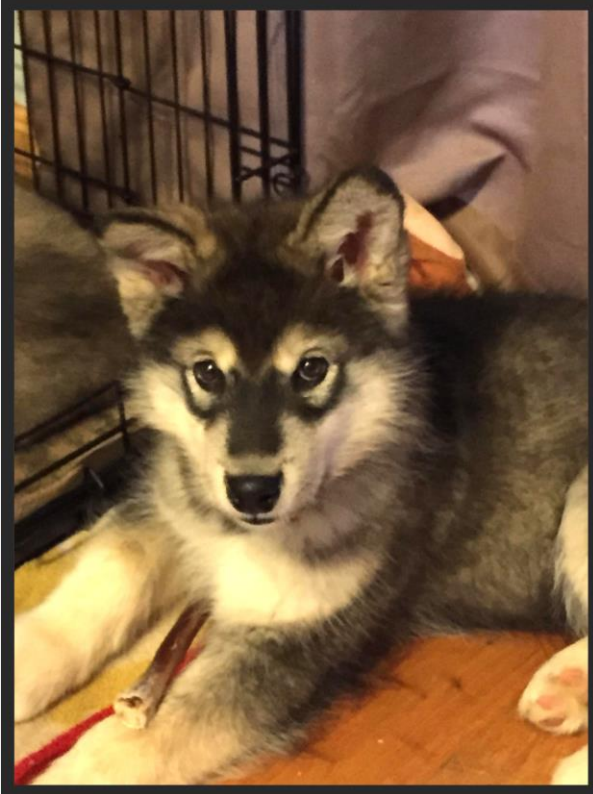
Marcus, Adair'n'Hug Favor's Mark NAP NJP NFP, took Best Bred By in breed and then went to earn 3rd in the Working Group Best Bred By. He took the points 2 of the five days bringing him 1 point shy of his Championship title.

The biggest brag is that all of my 12 bundles of joy that were born in December, have been placed in wonderful homes. The majority of the litter was placed around the Denver area. One went to New York and another to Oklahoma.

There was intrest in one going to Australia but import fees have doubled in the last year. It was too cost prohibitive for the potential owner to import her. So she is currently with me and Hemi (my pick from the litter) and the rest of the gang, for time being.











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HELENA MONTANA KENNEL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF February 3, 2015

Those present: Susan Bouse, Barb Delaney, Adele Delp, Alice Elliott, Marion Erp, Janice Frisch, Caroline Hudnall, Carolyn Hattersley, Janet Kosnik, Catherine LeCours, Chris McGonigle, Doug and Sandy Morgan, Patty Mott, Linda Owen, Sandy Smallwood, Thea Sperline. And Guest Shannon C_____.

The President asked for approval of the January minutes. Caroline speaks to the corrections to the minutes. Corrections will be attached to the minutes. Patty moved to accept and Susan 2nd, all approved.

President's report: Thea mentioned several items from the recent Board meeting.

There was a review of the committees and whether they were standing or as needed committees. She also mentioned that we need to get Policy

statements prepared and then place them in a ring binder to be kept at the building for when needed use.

Thea mentioned that we have no political policy but does read from the legislative policy that we have on file.

The President spoke to the budget process. Patty made a statement that "a budget is just a projection".

The President discussed web changes: the bylaws and also renewal info needs to be updated. Also John Sperline has volunteered to take over as Web master.

The President advised that the Facebook for the club is run by Shawna Noyd .

Secretary report, none

Treasurers report, Catherine stated that she has the 2014 P & L pulled up on her computer and is ready for any inquiries.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Agility: Patty- the trial is April 24th thru the 26th, Set up will be on Thursday evening as on Friday we are offering more classes.

Marion is chairing the volunteers group and she stated that it would be nice to split the job and anyone wanting to learn about the job she is willing to mentor.

Patty stated that donations for hospitality will be greatly appreciated, cookies, etc.

Catherine advised that the beginner agility class will be extended and that a workshop will be offered to those that took the class.

OBEDIENCE: Caroline gave the dates of the upcoming classes.

Thea advised that there will be a 2 hour workshop on CGC on Friday, February 20th from 6:30 to 8:30PM. Then CGC testing will be on February 28th from 12:30 to 3:30PM. Call Caroline to get a reservation time for the tests.

Thea mentioned that we will be having an advanced obedience class, the date has not been set yet.

Thea advised that Christine is keeping up very well on the calendar and events are on the site.

CLUSTER SHOW: Thea mentioned that we will be soliciting for a Trophy Chair.

She stated that all pledges must be paid for before the show. The primary trophy awards are to the 1st places and Breed specific will be secondary.

OLD BUSINESS: No other committee reports, no new applications for membership.

The President goes thru the budget summary.

Lengthly discussion on the Scholarship funds. Catherine moved to fund \$1,000.00 with \$500.00 to go to WSU. Janet seconded, Janet wants a grants committee to decide the additional funding. Patty stated that at this time we don't have a grants committee. Janet questions, "can it go to any vet school"? Chris mentioned that we should think about doing

more for ourselves, Charity begins at home .

Motion was called and defeated.

Chris, questioned , We don't have anything for grants? Alice
2nd, motion failed for lack of positive votes.

Thea, she stated that we should then get a grants committee and they can decide where they want the money to go and they should make a recommendation to the membership. Thea stated that in the past funds have gone to the read program, therapy, etc. Thea asked if anyone wanted on the grant's committee. Chris volunteered and Janet did too. Thea will put out a call for another member as it is always better to have an odd number on a committee so we don't end up with ties.

Thea also mentioned that the 4-H dog project needs grooming tables and we will put out a call to our membership in the newsletter.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Hudnall, Secretary

AGENDA

Helena Montana Kennel Club

March 3, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Minutes of the last meeting

Report of the President

Board Meeting

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Committees:

Agility Committee – April Trial

Obedience Training

Old Business

Grants Committee

New Business

New Applications



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