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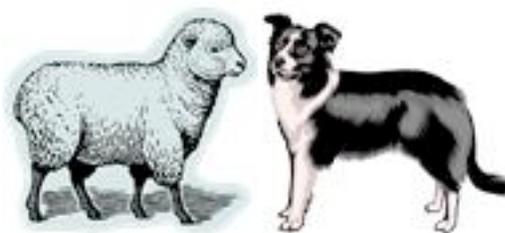
MEETING NOTICE

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
 7:00 p.m.
 Nebraska Humane Society
 8929 Fort
 Omaha, NE

PROGRAM

“Using Dogs for Herding”
 Presented by Ann Witte



-Members are encouraged to attend,
 and guests are always welcome to the meetings—

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Nebraska Humane Society

Omaha, Nebraska

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Tim Bourke. There were 15 members and 1 guest in attendance. The President gave his report.

(1) The Secretary is to send a list of the new Officers and Board to both AKC and Onofrio.

(2) For the dates when the Training Director Barb Hill will be away, training will continue with Sheryl Bradbury on April 8 and Medora Harper on April 15.

(3) Tracking; Shelly said we still need the 2 Judges, which she is working on. The date of the Tracking Test will be November 10, 2013.

(4) Facebook; Sharon Dowell is managing; there is a new contact <Facebook.com/NebraskaKennelClub>

(5) Sharon Bourke will continue to publish the Growler.

(6) The Club still needs the following Committee Chairs:
Agility; Community Outreach; Meeting Refreshments

New applicants: Shannon Talley was in attendance; another application for 1 regular and 2 junior members was received; those persons were not in attendance at this meeting.

Ron Weaks will look into NKC holding a "My Dog Can Do That" activity possibly as a "Responsible Dog Owners' Day" in the Fall

Possible fundraising was discussed at length. Among the ideas were to have again a "Gently Used" sale of dog-related items - both where and when - and what percentage should be assessed for any consignments; at least the Herding Trials and Dog Day activities. The possibility of offering dog calendars for next year was considered; we could possibly have a photo shoot free for this. Sheryl Bradbury suggested we look into having a website store made available as well.

There followed a very complex and lengthy discussion of the revisions for the NKC Constitution and ByLaws. Most of the revisions were basically updates and relatively minor changes and adjustments. Elimination of one officer's position (2nd Vice President), reduction of the overall numbers of the Board, and direct election of Officers and Board members with a staggered timeframe was agreed upon. The issue of the various types of Membership was discussed and Medora will see what AKC might accept on these issues.

New Business: There was discussion about possibly becoming involved in "Bark In The Park" activity on April 27. There was a call for possible workers for the GOAG Matches; NKC is to supply workers for one date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM
Ann Witte - Secretary

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Nebraska Humane Society

Omaha, Nebraska

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Bourke at 7:06 PM. In attendance: Tim Bourke, Ron Weaks, Ann Witte, Barb Hill, Sheryl Bradbury, Dawn Hall, Sandy Orr, Shelly Rehmeier, Sue Volkmer.

Previous Minutes were approved as published. Treasurer's report showed another plus balance and was approved. One new application from Shannon Talley was approved by the Board to the membership for acceptance. There was some discussion about both the locations and times of future meetings. There was a suggestion that Events and Ways & Means

Committees be combined. Ann recommended Sharon Dowell to fill the Board vacancy and Medora Harper to become Delegate after re-publication of request for applications for these positions.

Training Director Barb Hill announced that there will be training classes held during the months of June, July and August this year rather than closing down for the summer. Legislative Liaison Sandy Orr has emailed all info she has received to the membership. We still need Committee Chairs for Agility and Obedience. Tracking Director Shelly Rehmeier stated that the Tracking continues to go forward and judges' contracts will be sent out. There was a discussion about the cost of having an accountant prepare the Club's Federal Tax Returns; Tim will obtain and review the forms and we will try to do this without cost to the Club.

Ron is working on Responsible Dog Owner's Day. Nothing has yet been answered from AKC about our questions about the Constitution/ByLaws revisions. We have purchased Insurance at the lower rate for the Club.

The Club will participate in "Bark In The Park" with a sale table of dog items; contact Barb Hill with anything a member may have available for sale. We will also "buy" a table for sale items at the PVKC "DogFest" in August. We may also get a booth for sale items for the 4 shows to be held in Lincoln in early October. We also want and need new or gently used NON-dog items for the Benson Flea Market. Contact Barb Hill for this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Witte, Secretary

NEWS & NOTES

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every **Monday**, except major holidays.

LOCATION: Companion Dog Club
10803 N. 72 Street
Omaha, NE

TIME: 7 PM – 7:30 PM: Table Dogs
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM: Large Dogs

COST: \$5.00 for first dog,
\$4.00 for all subsequent dogs per evening
Junior handler \$3.00 per dog

DURATION: Recommend 30 minutes or less for puppies. 30 to 60 minutes for adult dogs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Experience and inexperienced dogs and handlers.

CONTENT:

- ❖ Table Training Individual Gaiting
- ❖ Group Gaiting Free Stack
- ❖ Breed specific training

- ❖ Different patterns typical to conformation ring, i.e. triangle, L pattern, T pattern
- ❖ Ring and show etiquette for those new to showing in conformation

**Check the NKC website for updates and/or changes – Everyone welcome.
No reservations needed.**

**Any questions? Contact:
Barb Hill, 402-572-5304**



**NKC Herding Trial & Test
June 15 & 16, 2013**



The NKC Officers and Board are anxious to hear from NKC members! If you have questions or suggestions about club projects or policy, or if you wish to serve in some capacity, please come to the

April General Membership meeting and volunteer to serve as:

- ❖ Obedience Chair, or
- ❖ Agility Chair, or
- ❖ Meeting Refreshments Chair, or
- ❖ Community Outreach Chair

NKC BOARD MEMBER

A vacancy exists on the Nebraska Kennel Club Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving in that capacity, please contact a NKC Officer or Board Member.

AKC DELEGATE

If you are interested in serving a two year term as the AKC Delegate for the Nebraska Kennel Club, please contact a NKC Officer or Board Member.

This is your club.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!

NKC Facebook Page



With your help, we will be stepping up our social media presence. "Like" our NKC

Facebook page, which has a new address:

www.Facebook.com/NebraskaKennelClub

You do not need a Facebook account to view our page. By liking our page, you can get the latest information on meetings and events, and stay connected with your fellow NKC members.

Post your brags and photos of your dogs! Board members and committee members are encouraged to post updates and photos, as well.

---Submitted by Sharon Dowell

DUES ARE DUE

Your 2013 NKC membership dues are due. Don't delay, renew today!

\$20.00 per Regular Membership, per person

Make checks payable to **Nebraska Kennel Club** and fill out the **2013 Dues Notice** that was in the January Growler.

Mail to:

Barb Hill, Treasurer
5604 N. 79 St.
Omaha, NE 68134

Spring Bark in the Park

NKC is participating in

"Spring Bark in the Park"

Saturday, April 27, 2013

10 AM to 4 PM

Hefflinger Dog Park,

111th & Maple Street

Omaha, NE

This event is an annual fundraiser for the Omaha Dog Park.

Volunteers are needed to help man the NKC booth. You don't need to stay all day, but we could really use a few people to work even just an hour or so throughout the day. We will be selling a few items to bolster our own coffers...and we may be playing some doggie games. So, bring your dog and join the fun. In interested in helping and/or have something to sell, please contact:

Sheryl Bradbury at sbradbury@pbigordon.com, or

Barb Hill at arabarb@cox.net, or

Shelly Rehmeier at shellyrehmeier@cox.net, or

Sue Volkmer at drsuz1990@yahoo.com

---Submitted by Sue Volkmer

TROPHY ROOM



Tyneside Thunder at Barr NA – Border Terrier

Owner: Ron Weaks, Jane Worstell, and Karen Voller

March 16, 2013

Heart of America KC

BW

1 pt.

Judge: Dr. Alvin Krause

March 17, 2013

Heart of America KC

WD

3 pts.

Judge: Ms. Louise Harris

New Title: Champion



---Submitted by Ron Weaks

Congratulations!!



CH Bradbury's Cross Your Eyes CGC TDX

New Title!!

By Sue Volkmer

After 12 minutes on track and literally a couple years of training, my PBGV, Eleanor became CH Bradbury's Cross Your Eyes TDX on March 24, 2013, making her one of only a few (<5) PBGV's to earn their TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) title and the new title all the more sweet.

Eleanor and I would like to thank the Cornhusker Kennel Club for putting on a great test, our judges (Jerry L. Lewis and Jane Jonas) for laying a great track, and our track layer Norm, who at least on March 24, 2013,

was just "smelly" enough. To Sheryl Bradbury and Lisa Cook, who three years ago entrusted this wonderful, happy dog to my care, I am forever grateful.

March 24, 2013, dawned cold and cloudy with snow flurries. It was the day of the Cornhusker Tracking Test at Branched Oak Lake northwest of Lincoln, NE. I threw the dogs in the car and off we went.....Eleanor, my PBGV, was going for her TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) Title. Some say this is the hardest of the three tracking titles to achieve,

with something like a 25 percent pass rate...(I guess we will see). A TDX track at minimum includes 3 to 5 turns, two intermediate articles, two sets of cross tracks, two obstacles, 800 to 1,000 yards long and must be 3 to 5 hours old. The track could also include changes of cover (i.e., long grass, short grass, etc.). This would be Eleanor's 7th attempt at this title. Some of our tries left me feeling like I couldn't train a dog to do anything, some left me hopeful, and sometimes I just shook my head (it is what it is). Sometimes it seems like passing a tracking test depends as much on the "stars aligning" as it does on training. Eleanor, however, always has a good time tracking and is never concerned with whether or not she passes a test. As it should be, she just enjoys the outing.

We stopped at the MacDonald's in Gretna for our traditional tracking treat.....sausage biscuit from the dollar menu, and continued the drive to the test site. As I'm pulling into the parking area for the draw (tracks are randomly drawn), I think back to last year's test where Eleanor was first alternate and had a chance to run an alternate track for titling. It was hot that day.....mid 70's at least. (What a difference a year makes). We didn't pass that day, but got further than we ever had before. Today, I walked into the draw site and would be the 4th person to draw for one of the five tracks. The tracking community is relatively small and most of us know each other and have trained together at some point; therefore, you are greeted by smiles and friendly faces at local tests. There's plenty of food and coffee, a welcome warmth on a day like today. Later, as I walked up to the basket to pick my track, there were two Easter eggs left....which one to pick (pink or blue)? I selected the pink one, opened it with some apprehension.....Track 1. Woohoo! The first track..... no waiting while others run in front of you. No time to get too stressed or nervous. But, we do get to set the tone for the rest of day.

Back outside we drove the short distance to our track. Wow, it's cold out here. The temps were in the 20's with a windchill around 11 degrees. I get Eleanor out of the car. She knows a track awaits. She loves tracking, and barks when she has to wait while all her tracking buddies run their tracks before. She LOVES it!

As we start walking toward the judges and the start, the judges point in the general direction of our track and say Good Luck. I look in the direction they are pointing and I don't see the start flag. Wait, there it is....it's black and the day is dreary and cold. Saturday had brought some snow to the area. Snow tracking can be fun because often times you can actually see the track the tracklayer left. Of course your dog still has to follow the track, but it can give the handler confidence to see the dog following the footprints in the snow. Unfortunately it didn't snow that much. The snow was more of a heavy dusting which did not cover the vegetation. So, I'm going to have to trust our training and believe in my dog. Oh well, here we go.

I lead Eleanor up to the start flag. Along the way, I can see the snow has been disturbed, but not really footprints. She takes her usual quick whiff on the start article and we are off. Eleanor is moving right along as she always does. She is a fast tracker and doesn't really like it if you try to slow her down to a pleasant walk. You need to keep at least a fast walk and at times a jog to keep up with her. Soon, she raises her head indicating she has lost scent and begins to circle back to the left. This is typical turn indication from her. As she circles back she picks up the scent again and makes a quick turn to her right.....we are off again. Whew. One turn down and Eleanor is on her game. Suddenly she stops, sits, and vocalizes; the first intermediate article. It's Norm's cap!!! I walk up tell her she's a good girl, pick up the cap and wave it above my head so the judges can see we have found it. Then, I tell Eleanor to find the next one. Now she really starts vocalizing because she wants a treat. (In training, she is always rewarded for finding the article. This helps add to the value of the articles and encourages the dog to continue want to find the articles and indicate when they have found it. In a test, there can be no food, treats, etc. on the track. SO, she is going to have to do without it until we get back to the car.) With continued encouragement, off she goes.

Shortly after the article, we cross what we would later find out was the first set of crosstracks. I don't remember Eleanor giving them any notice, but others said they thought she might have briefly stopped at them. We get past the crosstracks and Eleanor continues pulling strong with good track indication. Then she lifts her head again and starts searching more than circling. This part of our track has small (1 to 2 foot high) pine trees and stick trees. These are tall enough to get the tracking line tangled as Eleanor searches for the track. I do my best to keep the tangle from impeding her movement and work to free the line while trying to watch her for signals that she has found the track. All the while telling myself, stay calm, be patient, let her work. Finally, she finds what she is looking for and we are off again. We cross out of this vegetation to short grass. We blow by what we would later find out were the second set of crosstracks without any acknowledgement from Eleanor and make an open angle turn which at the time I didn't even recognize as a turn. She is picking up speed across the open ground and there up ahead I see something lying in our path. It could be a plastic bag, some sort of debris....I guess we will find out because Eleanor says this is the track. When she gets to the

item, she slows down, briefly touches it with her nose and gives me a quick backward glance that says, “Here’s the next article, pick it up on your way by, because I’m not stopping if you are not paying”. Sure enough when I get there it is a rag or tea towel weighted with a rock....good thing too, because it might have blown away. I picked it up and waved it above my head. By now, Eleanor has indicated another turn so we take a left and head to a treeline....our first obstacle. It is the narrow end of the treeline and has some of the close growing sumac stems. Eleanor is moving through it quickly....my tracking vest got caught on a tree limb....I tell Eleanor easy. She, of course, is not listening, but rather is totally into the track. When I break out of the treeline, she has already crossed the short distance (approximately 10 yards) to the next thicket. However, she has turned and started to work the edge of the thicket. The snow is deeper there and I see no footprints. I tell myself be patient, let her work it. Soon she circles back and drives into the thicket. Ok....I’m following...it clearly goes through here. As I’m trying to make my way through this obstacle, I’m thinking “How in the world did Norm get through here?” It was tight, but I guess maybe he left a lot of good scent behind because she was really moving through there.

We come out the other side and we are on a little higher ground and totally in the open. A little ways down the track, Eleanor doesn’t even bother to circle, but rather makes a quick turn to the right. Now, I start to think we might really pass because we have to be close to the end. We would later learn that this leg is some 200 yards long. All I know is that the wind is right in our faces, its cold, I’m really starting to “suck air”, and Eleanor is driving into the harness like she never has before. She also does some brief vocalizing, which she has never done before on a human scent track. (I think it was because the wind is blowing the scent right into her face.) I’m looking down at the ground briefly and I see the disturbed snow and think “Yes, she’s right on the track”. As I’m practically running to keep up with her (I don’t want to give her any reason to stop or deviate from her course), I’m thinking “glove”, while I gasp for air, “glove” (gasp), “the glove has got to be coming up soon (gasp)”. Then suddenly, Eleanor stops, sits and goes to her victory voice. There it is.....the glove. I throw both arms up. Then I pick up the glove and wave it for the judges and the gallery to see. The glove signals the end of our track. I can hear the judges and track layer somewhere behind me give a “woohoo” and clap. Then the car horns from the gallery start honking.....WE HAVE PASSED OUR TDX! I fall to the ground to get on Eleanor’s level and tell her she is a very good girl. She, of course, just wants her treat and continues the PBGV half bay/half bark. Hugs from the judges and gallery soon followed. After 12 minutes on track and literally a couple years of training, she becomes CH Bradbury’s Cross Your Eyes TDX.

Several days later while reading “Saber Tails,” the PBGV club magazine, I see an article from June 2012 about the first (and only to this point) PBGV ever to get the Champion Tracker Title. Oddly enough, I had met this woman and her dog at a PBGV Hunt Test last fall in Wisconsin. I quickly sent her a congratulation email and told her that Eleanor had just passed her TDX. In reply, Teressa told me that Eleanor was only of only a few (<5) PBGV’s to earn her TDX, making our feat all the more sweet.

Eleanor and I would like to thank the Cornhusker Kennel Club for putting on a great test, our judges (Jerry L. Lewis and Jane Jonas) who laid a great track, and our track layer Norm, who at least on March 24, 2013 was just “smelly” enough. To Shelly Rehmeier, we could not have done this without you, my friend. And, to Sheryl Bradbury and Lisa Cook, who three years ago entrusted this wonderful, happy dog to my care, I am forever grateful.

Benson Flea Market

BY ANN WITTE

For those members who haven’t had doggy items to donate to NKC, here’s your chance to give us something to sell to increase the Club’s coffers! Barb Hill will have a sale table at the Benson Flea Market very soon and will want any non-doggy items you might be willing to donate for sale there. Anything, gently used or new, you might have from your kitchen, or anywhere else in the house, will be welcome. You can put a price on each item and either donate the item outright or get 50% of the sales price sent to you after the sale. Great deal – eh?

Your Board is doing all it can to help NKC get back on its feet – are you?

NKC Standing Committees

Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Barb Hill
Community Outreach	Vacancy
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
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Facebook	Sharon Dowell

NKC **2013 Calendar of Events**



April 17	General Meeting
May 1	Board Meeting
May 15	General Meeting
June 5	Board Meeting
June 15 & 16	Herding Trial & Test
June 19	General Meeting
August 7	Board Meeting
August 21	General Meeting
September 4	Board Meeting
September 18	General Meeting
October 2	Board Meeting
October 16	General Meeting
November 6	Board Meeting
November 10	Tracking Test
November 20	General Meeting
December 4	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor



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membership dues!!**

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