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MEETING NOTICE

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Bellevue University

Hitchcock Humanities Building

1040 Bruin Boulevard, Room 202

Bellevue, NE.

Parking is available in any lot on campus

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84568560093?pwd=bair4Qfa7al2OV6ZJbEbNzCyd7al7r.1>

Meeting ID: 845 6856 0093

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PROGRAM

Jordan Ridder

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler. He will be talking about his time as a dog handler in the military.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date AUGUST 19 , 2026

Bellevue University

Hitchcock Humanities Building

1040 Bruin Boulevard, Room 202

Bellevue, NE.

The program for this month will be Veterinarian Emergency Group

Call to order: 7:18 PM CST

Members in Attendance:

In Person: Erica Radach, Sheryl Bradbury, Barb Hill,, Lana Petersen, Sue Volkmer, Sharlene Radach

Zoom: Medora Harper, Lizz Koehn, Shelly Rehmeier

Guests:

Approve the Minutes from May General Membership Meeting as published in the Growler Gazette

– Lizz Kochn moved to approve, Sue Volkmer, seconded motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury/It is summer time and we haven't had a meeting, so getting electronics running again has been a challenge this evening. Please check emails for FastCat coming up. Sheryl stated that she attended the Greeley, CO dog show and it was a great show and great grounds. They had a class of Best of the Best and it was enjoyed by all.

Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer/NTR

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen/NTR

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman/July financials were reviewed by Sheryl Bradbury in temporary absence of Norine.

Delegate Report – Medora Harper/There may be a change to an amendment to the bylaw. The amendment is going to be about show day complaints.

New Membership Applications:

Evelyn McCoy –

*Have attended meeting and application read. Will be voted on at the general member meeting.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Hara Grauberger, with the VEG Emergency group in Omaha, Nebraska was with us via zoom. VEG is located at 13110 Birch Dr, Suite 180, Omaha, NE. Dr. Grauberger spoke about the new facility, the services offered, types of cases that they see, what services they provide and also talked about THC and synthetic drugs and the effects on our pets.

Holiday Party plate charge/Shayne F, was absent. Sheryl Bradbury would like to poll the members regarding what would help/entice our members to the Holiday party. The schedule was an issue for Erica Radach. Medora Harper thought maybe a different time (November) might be an idea to make it easier for people also. At that time, Liza Koehn thought it might be a great idea to do a google form survey to collect information from all members. Lizz volunteered to put out this survey.

2026 NKC General Meeting Programs & Location:

August 19, 2026 – VEG Veterinarian Emergency Group/New business in NW Omaha

September 16, 2026 -Jordan Ridder, retired U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler. He will be talking about his time as a dog handler in the military

October 21, 2026 - N/A

November 18, 2026 – N/A

December 16, 2026 – Holiday Party / No formal General Meeting – Event Locations/German American Society – more information to follow in the near future.

2026 NKC Event Dates –

FastCat – September 11-14, 2026 / Michelle Myers

Tracking Test – November 7 & 8, 2026 / Shelly Rehmeier

Scent Work Trial – December 4 – 6, 2026 /

Holiday Party – December 16, 2026/Shayne Fili – German Society

Growler Deadline: September 4, 2026

You are encouraged all to send in brags and news to Sharon Bourke for the Growler.

Her email address is Omahasb@aol.com

Adjournment: 7:42 pm Erica Radach moved to adjourn, Medora Harper seconded; motion carried

---Submitted by Lana Petersen, Secretary

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026, 7:00pm CDT

Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223141333?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223141333?pwd=H2hnY4rvQhhuxN88QuTFN3uSPC4kmV.1)

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Call to order: 7:22 CDT

Attendance:

Via Zoom: Sheryl Bradbury, Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier, Norine Niema, Michelle Myers, Lana Petersen, Barb Hill, Elizabeth Stone

Absent: Shayne Fili

Approval of Minutes from August 2026 Board meeting: Sue Volkmer moved to approve; Norine Nieman seconded the motion, motion carried

Report of the President - Sheryl Bradbury/ There is a lot of issues, regarding dog shows from the heat and what to do with our dogs to the safety of our dogs on grooming tables. As a club, we need to all be very cognizant of what is going on with all dogs and exhibitors at all of our events. An invite was made for all board members to come to the FastCAT event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in September to volunteer and help support Michelle with the event.

Report of the Vice President - Sue Volkmer/NTR

Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman/Norine was present and shared the financials for August 2026.

Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen/NTR

Membership Applications:

Evelyn McCoy

*Have attended meeting and application read. Will be voted on at the general member meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Scholarship – Youth funding for National Shows (Westminster KC, AKC Royal Canin Invitation National Breed Specialty) A discussion was led by Sheryl Bradbury to discuss what we would like to do with our funds and how to support our youth. Contributing to the discussion were Sue Volkmer, Lana Petersen, Barb Hill and Norine Nieman. There was no action movements at this time. Sheryl has asked Barb and Norine to look at financials at the end of the year and at that time she would like us to make our recommendations and discuss.

Cornhusker FastCAT – Michelle Myers / Michelle states that they are going to do some slight adjustment to the advertising.

New Business:

Service Mark Renewal Notice – Voted and approved at a prior meeting, will be paid.

PVKC Request – Gizelle sent a request for an Obedience Trial, for Companion Dog Club of Council Bluffs on January 30 & 31 of 2027. Sue Volkmer moved to approve; Michelle Myers seconded the motion; motion carried. Norine Nieman opposed.

Memorial Policy – Norine Nieman/ As a club we give \$50 to the direction of the deceased heirs discretion. Norine states the policy is not working and would like to change the policy to read that the \$50 would just be given to the Humane Society. No action items at this time. Norine states we need to get the policy from Nina and see what it states. Sheryl Bradbury asks that Sue Volkmer talk to Nina Gottsch regarding writing policies and also adding the procedure.

Donation Policy: Discussed with Junior Scholarship above.

T-Shirts & Polos: Norine Nieman asked if everyone was given their shirt. Sheryl stated that some members did not pick up their shirts and that takes it to every event with her and there are still some who have not picked up. Sheryl is going to review the list and notify those that haven't.

Sheryl Bradbury received Email from Tom Eckery at Cornhusker. He would like us to consider Ring Stewarding, Raffle Table donations and if anyone would like to make monetary donations to their club, they would appreciate.

Also, Sheryl received an email from Platte Valley inviting us to the show and asked for ring stewards.

2026 General Meeting Programs & Locations:

Hitchcock Humanities Bldg. Room 202, 1040 Bruin Blvd., Bellevue University

September 16, 2026 – Jordan Ridder, retired U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler. He will be talking about his time as a dog handler in the military.

October 21, 2026 – General Question & Answer Meeting

November 18 -

December 16 – Holiday Party at German-American Society/No Formal General Meeting

2026 NKC Event Dates –

Fast CAT – September 11-13, 2026, at Banner Park: Michelle Myers – Will make final preparations for the events.

Tracking Test – November 8, 2026, at Branched Oak: Shelly Rehmeier – Shelly needs a Chief Track Layer for the event. Sharon Brewer is going to be the Chairperson for the event.. No lunch will be served. They will be going dutch treat at Ramono's, which is close to the site.

Scent Work Trial – December 4-6, 2026, at Bellevue University & Werner Park: Sue Volkmer.

Holiday Party – December 16, 2026, at German-American Society – Shayne Fili –

Announcements:

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Michelle Myers rescued a Visla from a bad situation and found it a new home within 10 days.

Growler Deadline – September 4, 2026.

Michelle Myers moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Shelly Rehmeier seconded; motion carried

---Submitted by Lana Petersen, Secretary



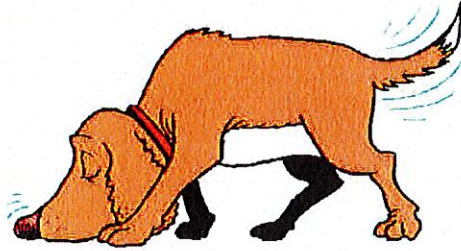
GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

NKC members: \$10.00 per 1/8th of a page,
\$75.00 for a full page

Non-members: \$15.00 per 1/8th of a page
\$112.50 for a full page

Copy cannot change between issues of the Growler. *All ads are subject to NKC Board approval.*
NKC Members: No charge to advertise the sale of used dog equipment.

2026 4TD/4TDX TRACKING TEST



Hello fellow Club Members,

It is that time of year again when folks want to be out enjoying the fall temperatures and color. What better way, than to come and help out at the Tracking Test coming up **November 8, 2026** at a new location this year! Our test will be at Branched Oak Recreation Area in Raymond, NE.

This year our judges are: Karen Phillips (from Fairview Park, Ohio) and Inge Suchanek (from Milton, Wisconsin).

If you are interested in a premium to enter our test, please go to the club's website: www.nebraskakennelclub.com or contact me at shellyrehmeier@cox.net.

ENTRIES CLOSE October 30, 2026.

I am in need of a Chief Tracklayer and Chief Cross Track Layer.

We also have a variety of other jobs for volunteers: tracklayers, flag carriers, hospitality, drivers, and etc. We would like volunteers to be available for Saturday and Sunday if possible, but not necessary. We do have jobs that we can split up the times and days. If any of these sounds like something you would like to try, please call or email me at (402) 670-3902 shellyrehmeier@cox.net.

Experience for most of these jobs is not necessary.

Hope to see you there and thank you for your support,

Shelly Rehmeier
Tracking Test Secretary

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- ♦ **If you have something to contribute for the betterment of the dog fancy that you would like published in the Growler, please contact the Growler Editor.**
- ♦ **If you have a show win that you would like to brag about, information regarding an upcoming dog event, or poem,**
- ♦ **etc. to share with others, please contact the Growler Editor.**
- ♦ **If you are the Chair of an NKC committee and would like to inform the membership of the committee's activities, please contact the Growler Editor.**
- ♦ **If you have a photo of your dog to put in the Growler, please contact the Growler Editor.**
- ♦ **If you have something for the Growler, please contact the Growler Editor: Sharon Bourke, 402-677-6336, or e-mail: omahasb@aol.com**

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2026 Calendar of Events

September 16	General Meeting
October 7	Board Meeting
October 21	General Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 8	Tracking Test
November 18	General Meeting
December 2	Board Meeting
December 4-6	Scent Work Trial
December 16	Holiday Party

Note: List subject to change --Sharon Bourke, Editor