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MEETING NOTICE

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 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=bair4Qfa7aI2OV6ZJbEbNzCyd7aI7r.1

Meeting ID: 845 6856 0093
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PROGRAM

Jordan Ridder, former U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler, returns to give a presentation on JAVELAN. A program part of the First Responders Foundation that provides funding and training for service dogs for military veterans and retired first responders – and he will bring dogs!

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Bellevue University

Hitchcock Humanities Building

1040 Bruin Boulevard, Room 202

Bellevue, NE.

This month's program is Jordan Ridder, dog trainer and former USC IED Detector Dog Handler.
Call to order: 7:09 PM CST
Members in Attendance:
In Person: Sheryl Bradbury, Lizz Koehn, Sue Volkmer, Michelle Myers, Norine Nieman, Shelly Rehmeier
Via Zoon: Barb Hill, Erica Radach, Liz Stone, Lisa Fox, Liz Shotkowski, Shayne Fili, Ron Weaks
Guests: Veronica Padilla, Jordan Ridder & his fiancée Christina
Motion to approve the minutes from the August General Membership Meeting as published in the Growler Gazette:
Michelle moved to approve, Lizz Koehn seconded, motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury / Sheryl is calling for members to run for the Nebraska Kennel Club Board of Directors in the upcoming election. She encourages the general membership to consider serving the Club in a leadership role. Serving on the board is a fully volunteer position that is core to how the NKC functions. Barb Hill will puttogether some information so who is coming up for re-election. Keep an eye out for more information soon!
Report of the Vice President – Sue Volkmer NTR
Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen / not in attendance.
Report of the Treasurer – Norine Nieman / reviewed and presented August Financials. Made payment to Sandhills Global Event Center for damaged door. Made deposit for December Scent Work Trial to Werner Park. Other minor fees and supplies were paid for.
Delegate Report – Medora Harper / not in attendance. Sheryl has received communication from Medora and will have Lana send out relevant notes.

New Membership Applications:
Evelyn McCoy – Not in attendance. **Has attended one meeting with first reading. Will continue with process when Evelyn attends another meeting.*
Veronica Padilla – Veronica is sponsored b Lizz Koen and Sheryl Bradbury. She does not currently own an dogs, but is interested in anything and everything dog related. She came out to help at the past weekend's Fast CAT Event at Banner Park, attended the NKC dog show this past May, and plans to attend the upcoming Cornhusker Kennel Club dog show to help with Fast CAT again. **Has attended one meeting with application read. Will be voted on at the next general membership meeting she attends.*

Unfinished Business:
Holiday Party Survey: Lizz Koehn is in the process of creating a google form survey to collect information on ideas and suggestions to improve Holiday Party attendance from the members. Waiting on feed back from Sheryl to proceed.

New Business: No New Business

September Guest Speaker: Jordan Ridder, former U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler, detailed his time in the Marine Corps Dog Handler, detailed his time in the Marine Corps where he worked alongside improvised Explosive Device (IED) Detector Dogs to find hidden explosives and protect patrols. He now works for JAVELAN to train service dogs to work with military veterans and retired first responders.

September Fast CAT Event Review: Michelle Myers expressed her gratitude for all of the volunteers that came out to help put on another wonderfully successful Fast CAT Event! The weekend had a total of 282 runs. We received endless positive comments from participants over the weekend. Michelle said there was a lot of good networking and she met many people interested in Club membership and volunteering. Michelle also mentioned that there are still plenty of spots to volunteer at Fast CAT October 2-4 at the Cornhusker Kennel Club dog show in Lincoln (Sandhills Global Even Center} – We are still looking for volunteers!! Please the signup genius link on our website to claim a volunteer spot.

2026 NKC General Meeting Programs & Locations:
October 21st, 2026 – Jordan Ridder, from U.S. Marine Corps Dog Handler, returns to give a presentation JAVELAN – a program part of the First Responders Foundation that provides funding and training for service dogs for military veterans and retired first responders – and he will bring dogs!
November 18th, 2026 – Get to know the NKC! – Sheryl is designating November's General Membership Meeting to be a "Get to Know You" Social Hour where members can share about themselves, their dogs, and just generally have a relazed chat to become more familiar with fellow Club members.
December 16th, 2026 – Holiday Party / No formal General Meeting – Event Locations/German American Society / Dinner details will be announced in the November issue of the Growler.

2026 NKC Event Dates:
Tracking Test – November 7-8, 2026 / Shelly Rehmeier – We need volunteers! Particularly track layers to help out with the Tracking Test at Branched Oak State Recreation Area in Raymond, NE. Please reach out to Shelly to volunteer!
Scent Work Trial – December 4-6, 2026 / Sue Volkmer
Holiday Party – December 16th, 2026 / Shayne Fili – German American Society in Omaha (120th St. South of Center St) Menu plans will be ironed out this coming week.

Growler Deadline: October 2, 2026
Please send brags and news to Sharon Bourke for the Growler! Her email address is Omahasb@aol.com

Adjournment: 7:34PM CST Michelle Myers moved to adjourn, Shelly Rehmeier seconded, motion carried

---Minutes by Lizz Koehn

OCTOBER NKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, OCTOBER 7, 2026, 7:00pm CDT
Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223141333?pwd=H2hnY4rvQhhuxN88QuTFN3uSPC4kmV.1

The regular monthly meeting of the Nebraska Kennel Club Board was held via Zoom, on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026.**

Call to order: 7:01 pm CST

Attendance:
Via Zoom: Sue Volker, Shelly Rehmeier, Barb Hill, Norine Nieman, Sheryl Bradbury, Shayne Fili, Liz Stone, Michelle Myers, Lana Petersen;

Approval of Minutes from September 2026 Board meeting: Shayne Fili moved to approve: Sue Volkmer, seconded the motion; motion carried.

Report of the President – Sheryl Bradbury/ NTR
Report of the Vice-President – Sue Volkmer/ NTR
Report of the Treasurer – NorineNieman/ Reviewed and presented FastCAT, May 2026 All Bred Show and General Treasurer's Report.
Report of the Secretary – Lana Petersen/NTR

Membership Applications:
Evelyn McCoy
Veronica Padila*

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

Unfinished Busines:
Memorial Policy / Sue Volkmer – Sue and Ina did have a conversation regarding the memorial Policy. Policy was read. Discussion was held regarding where the money should go, if a family does not designate specifically. Discussion was also held, that funds that funds that are ot designated be placed into our Juniors Fund.

Sheryl Bradbury moved to approve to set up a time item to our spreadsheet to establish and track our Juniors fund; Sue Volker seconded; motion carried.

Sheryl Bradbury moved to transfer the $100 from the Max Hurd and Joan Jacoby donation that was not designated by family, to the NKC; Shayne Fili seconded: motion carried.

Liz Stone suggested that after members have been with the club for 10 years that we could ask about their wishes, if anything should happen. Discussion was held regarding how this could happen and the logistics surrounding this topic. Liz Stone was asked to compile information and help the Awards Banquet Chair, compile that for 5, 10, 15 years of membership

New Business:
Approval of Minutes Discussion/ Lana Petersen: Discussion was had regarding our By-Laws and Roberts Rules of Order regarding the fact that general meeting minutes does not have to record attendance. If there is a motion to be made, there needs to be Quorum. At that time, we would need a roll call. However, you must be in attendance when the motion is moved, discussed and carried to be listed as attending meeting.

Awards Chair/ Shelly Rehmeier. Awards Banquet Chair is Shayne Fili and Shelly Rehmeier will remain as Awards Chair.

2026 General Meeting Programs & Locations:
Hitchcock Humanities Bldg, Room 202,
1040 Bruin Blvd., Bellevue University

October 21, 2026 – Jordan Ridder
November 18 – Getting to know our members session
December 16 – 5:00pm Happy Hour & 6:30pm Banquet Holiday Party @ German-American Society/No Formal General Meeting

2026 NKC Event Dates –
Tracking Test – November 8, 2026, at Branched Oak: Shelly Rehmeier – Everything is progressing.
Scent Work Trial – December 4-6, 2026, @ Bellevue University & Werner Park: Sue Volmer. The premium is out and the event opened.
Holiday Party – December 16, 2026, at German-American Society – Shayne Fili – It will be buffet style.

Executive Session entered 7:30pm. The board came out of Executive Session at 8:38pm.

Announcements:
German – American Society @ 1:00pm, Wednesday October 14, 2026 if there is Board interest in attending. RESCHEDULED

Growler Deadline – October 9, 2026

Shelly Rehmeier moved to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Sue Volkmer seconded, motion carried.

---Submitted by Lana Petersen, Secretary

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

September AKC Delegate's Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the AKC Delegates was held in Newark on September 8, 2026. There were 265 Delegates present. Election to Standing Committees were held at the start of this meeting and election results are announced later in the meeting.

The President opened the meeting and recessed it for a Forum presentation. Meeting began later and announcements were made, new Delegates introduced. The minutes from the June Delegate meeting, were approved as published.

Chair Tom Davies and Gia DiNardo gave lengthy reports.

3840 events were held in May. Registration has reached a high but still down as to income. AKC is in changing and broadening its mission to international levels. They have the future in mind as they continue to work on policies.

The amendments I discussed at the last NKC club meeting did pass after much discussion. This is the one that pertains to handling useless attempts on day of show to hold event committees. Cindy stansell gave reasons that By-Law Committee had approved this idea for passage by the Delegates.

Mari Beth Oneill announced the winners of the 4H Canine Club program. 45 breeds from Parent Clubs are now registered in the Preservation Bank with the AKC. (I am not that familiar with the entire process here but hope to present more at a later date.)

Newly elected Committee members were announced, and a list can be found on the AKC site if any club member needs a specific name to contact with a problem.

Medora Harper
AKC Delegate

I do hope club members are preparing to present themselves to NKC for a vote in February! It is a very interesting experience and show just how the AKC works. The Sport has changed and is evolving, so why not be a part of it?

Medora Harper, Delegate

GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

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

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Copy cannot change between issues of the Growler. *All ads are subject to NKC Board approval.*
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- **If** you have a photo of your dog to put in the **Growler**, **please contact the Growler Editor.**
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NKC Standing Committees

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Scent Work Chair	Sue Volkmer
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Social Media	Lizz Koehn
Strategic Planning	Sheryl Bradbury
Tracking	Shelly Rehmeier
Website	John & Irina Harrington

2026 Calendar of Events

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