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Next Meeting

June 6th

Meredith Center Fire Station

6:00 PM Board Meeting

6:30 PM General Meeting

Membership Committee

Julie Boyer has applied for membership. She has a Border Terrier. She is interested in Agility, Public Education, Pet Therapy, Rally, Earth Dog, and Barn Hunt. She was a past member of the club, left to complete her degree and wants to return to more activity with her dog.



We're looking for pictures and brags about your dogs along with interesting articles to share with our community. Excellent ones later in this issue.

Send them to polakowski@att.net

Meeting Minutes
Meredith Center Fire Station
May 2, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 6:34

Members Present: Linda Heath, Debbie Cost, Cathy Barber, Nancy Large, Corina Alexander, Deb Mardin, Ken Polakowski, Mike Tierney, Lori Davis, Cathy Bourne

Introduction of Guests: Julie Boyer

Motion made by Debbie Cost to accept the March meeting minutes as published. Seconded and passed

Presidents Report: Thank you to everyone that came to the match.

Recording Secretary Report: No report

Corresponding Secretary Report: Absent

Treasurer Report: Absent, March report was given by recording secretary. Motion made by Nancy Large to accept the March treasures report subject to review. Seconded and passed

Motion made by Cathy Bourne to put \$2000.00 into the Vanguard account. Motion rejected at this time.

Committees Reports:

- AKC Delegate: New AKC program in last month's paw print.
- Barn Hunt: Contract received from the Judge. Rats and hay has been secured. The premium has been printed and we are all ready receiving entries.
- Handling, Obedience, Performance Classes: Classes start tomorrow night, May 3rd.
- Pet Oxygen Mask: Money collected from various locations.
- Spring Match: The match had 36 entries. Cedar Fogg's Juniper at Foggy Meadow took Best in Match. Propwash Abaleigh West Wing Scandal took Best Puppy.
- Paw Print: Ken is putting together some interesting stories. If you have any send them his way.
- Rally trial: The trail has been approved.
- Responsible dog owner day: Will be held in September at Tractor Supply in Tilton. Weekend TBD
- Scholarship: Many tech applications. Presentation of the awards will be this Friday, May 6th. Both candidates are from Derry NH. One possible veterinary scholarship has contacted us and will be filling out an application. Motion made by Corina Alexander to approve the two veterinary technician scholarships at \$1000 each. Seconded and passed
- Tracking: Program hopefully next month at the meeting. More information will be provided later.
- Website: Photos are up from the match and classes.
- New members: Application from Julie Boyer, waiting for publication in the PawPrint.

Unfinished Business: Performance scent dog. Sent email looking for information to get application to do trial and match. Match will be on the June 14th instead of the 7th due to the classes being postponed.

Discussion on the stored dog park fencing and whether or not the dog park is in existence or not.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Mardin, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: June 6, 2016 Meredith Center Fire Department

June 2016

The calendar lists LRKC events and a sampling of AKC sanctioned events in New England.

A complete listing of AKC events can be found at: <https://www.apps.akc.org//apps/events/search/index.cfm>

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LRKC Member Brags

Fair Isle's All American Girl "Missy" x GCH CH Rabbitrun Cindahope Fair Trade owned by Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh had six beautiful sheltie pups born March 14th, 2016 sired by Ch. MacDega Allegiance. A picture for this month.



LRKC Spring Match Results

We held our Spring Match on May 2, 2016. The following are the Best In Match Awards.

Best In Match

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Ret. Ceder Fog's Juniper at Foggy Meadow Owner, Judy Tilton, Tilton NH



Best Puppy In Match

Australian Shepherd Propwash Abaleigh West Wing Scandal, Owner: Abigail Benner/ Leslie Frank/Judy Harrington, Epsom, NH. Great story about the Best Puppy her mother Scarlet won Best Puppy 5 years ago to the day at our Match.



LRKC CGC and S. T. A. R Puppy

The Lakes Region Kennel Club recently concluded another successful round of classes. The following are pictures of the classes completing their Canine Good Citizen and Socialization Training Activity Responsibility Puppy awards.

Canine Good Citizen



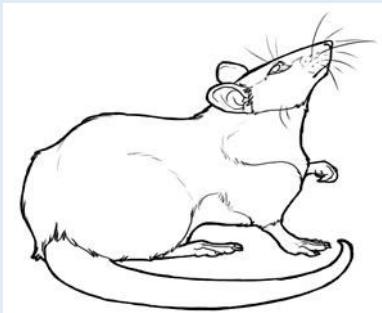
S. T. A. R. Puppy



LRKC BARN HUNT 6/25-6/26



Happy Rat Hunting



Lakes Region Kennel Club

BHA Sanctioned Event - 4 Trials Offered

Saturday & Sunday June 25th & 26th 2016
Sandwich Fairgrounds

7 Wentworth Hill Road,
Center Sandwich, NH 03227
Indoors in the Oxen Barn

Opening Date April 25, 2016

OPEN TO ALL BREEDS AND MIXED BREEDS

2 trials run consecutively limited to 120 Runs Each Day

Classes Offered:

Instinct Test Trial 1 only, Novice, Open, Senior, Master Class
order: Instinct, Novice 1, Open 1, Senior 1, Master 1; Master
2, Senior 2, Open 2, Novice 2

8:30 AM START

Judge: Susan Sparks, Rehoboth, MA

No day of show entries

Entry fee must accompany all entries to be valid.

Pre Entries Close 6/18/16

Entry fees: \$15.00 for Instinct Test
\$20 Novice, Open, Senior & Master

Entries accepted in the order received until the limit reached, or
until closing date June 18, 2016

Confirmations will be emailed as entries are received.
Your entry MUST BE signed and with payment.

A BHA number is required for the Tests, register your dog online
at: www.barnhunt.com

Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC for
the holding of this trial under BHA Rules and Regulations.

Premium and entry form can be downloaded from the LRKC web site at the following URL:

<http://www.lakesregionkennelclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Barn-Hunt-Premium.pdf>



LRKC will be hosting a number of events related to scent work.

Nancy Large will be presenting a program and demonstration at our meeting on June 6th.

The club will be hosting a PSD match on June 14th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the

Compass Classical Academy

15 Elkins St.

Franklin, NH 03235

just off Rte 3, across from the Fife Farm

It will open with a Pre-Novice class with food for dogs and people that have not started working with Birch scent. This will be followed by work in various classes. Some classes may be outdoors, weather permitting. Classes will cost \$5.00 each to enter or 5 runs for \$20.00. Entries are limited due to our time constraints.

We will need volunteers to insure the match goes smoothly, timers to run a stopwatch, gate stewards, and someone to help with recording, ribbons, and other incidentals.

The club will also host a PSD trial on July 17th at the Meredith Community Center (where our classes are held). Complete details will be forthcoming in the July Pawprint.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the yearly membership fee?

Performance Scent Dog registers dogs, not people. There is no fee to be a member.

Alright smarty, how much to register a dog?

Dog registrations are a one-time \$30 lifetime registration fee.

Does my dog have to be a purebred to participate?

All breeds and mixed breeds may participate.

I have a purebred Lithuanian Brown Bread Bear Dog who is intact. Can he participate?

Yes! All dogs may participate regardless of spay/neuter status.

My dog is 12 years old. Is she too old to start training for scent work?

Heck no!!! Vision and hearing may not be as sharp in the mature set, but often the sense of smell in dogs stays quite sharp. Also, you have the option of entering just one or two classes. This may be a better choice for older dogs so they don't have to be at the trial all day.

I have never done scent work. How do I get started??

You have lots of options. Scent training is exploding in popularity. Contact your local dog training club and ask for options in your area. Check out the Fenzi Academy for online classes, especially if you are in an location without convenient scent work classes. There are several discussion groups on Facebook, including ours which is Performance Scent Dogs. You can also join our Yahoo group, PerformanceScentDogs@YahooGroups.com, for more information.

My dog is afraid of some people and might suddenly bite. Is it still OK to enter a trial?

No. If you are concerned your dog may bite a person or another dog, is is not OK to participate in a trial. Dogs with mild reactivity such as occasional barking or growling may participate as long as you have control over them at all times. No special provisions will be made to provide for dogs who need extra space other than reminding handlers of common dog courtesy to not let their dog approach another leashed dog. However, your dog's behavior is your responsibility at all times.

Some sites have more room than others and therefore are better choices for dogs with mild reactivity. If you have questions, please direct them to the trial host before you enter a trial.

Will the trial have indoor crating?

Please see the individual trial entry form. When available, indoor crating will be provided, but it is not guaranteed. Handlers should provide a waterproof barrier under the crate as well as a covering, if needed. Dogs who lunge or bark excessively in the crating area will be required to be crated in their car.

I am supposed to trial this weekend and my dog just came into heat. What do I do?

Your dog can still run at the trial. She must wear appropriate britches and run last in each class. Also, there will be a separate toileting area when possible. Please notify the trial host as soon as possible so the run order can be arranged to accomodate.

I have a dog with physical disabilities. Can he still participate?

Deaf and blind dogs may enter any TOT. Deaf dogs and dogs with some useful vision have no restrictions on trial participation. It is hoped that all dogs may participate but due to trial site conditions or logistics, some sites may be unsafe or impossible to access for certain dogs with disabilities. Because each trial site is different, check with the trial host with specific questions.

I have my super duper high level title in another organization. Do I have to start over?

Nope, see the rulebook regarding dogs with titles from other orgs for info. Generally, if your dog has the highest level title in any other scent organization, you may skip the Novice class and start trialing in PSD in Advanced.

More questions?

info@performancescentdogs.com

FROM:



Health and Medicine

Heartbeats Of Dogs And Their Owners Sync-Up When They're Reunited

May 3, 2016 | by Tom Hale



Photo credit: Christin Lola/Shutterstock

Every dog lover knows the bond between humans and their canine counterparts run deep. According to a recent study, that connection could be so close that even the hearts of dogs and their owners can become in sync with one another. The experiment, jointly from Monash University in Australia and Pedigree Petfoods, took three pairs of dogs and their owners and hooked them all up to heart rate monitors. They separated the dogs from their owners and recorded the change in heartbeats as they were reunited. Within one minute, both heartbeats were seen to drop significantly and even appeared to mirror each other.

Mia Cobb, the canine expert who led the study alongside Dr. Craig Duncan, told Huffington Post that the results showed how the dog-human relationship is mutually advantageous in lowering stress levels. It's already been proven dogs can lower our heart rate, helping to reduce stress, but this new research suggests the dogs are also benefitting physically from the relationship.

"This project is a really good illustration of what most owners experience every night when they come home from work and are reunited with their companion," Cobb said.

"This kind of effect of experiencing a lowered heart rate makes a significant difference to our overall well-being. If we can decrease our heart rate by hanging out with our animals, that's something that can really benefit the community."

So there you have it; even more evidence that dogs are awesome. Just don't hug them too much, apparently it freaks them out (<http://www.iflscience.com/plants-and-animals/most-dogs-dont-hugging>).

FROM:



Paralyzed Pup Gets Second Chance Thanks to UC Davis Veterinary Hospital

Posted 6:32 PM, May 11, 2016, by Mark Demsky, Updated at 06:26pm, May 11, 2016

The video for this story can be found here:

<http://fox40.com/2016/05/11/paralyzed-pup-gets-second-chance-thanks-to-uc-davis-veterinary-hospital/>

DAVIS -- Seldom do we hear about the effects of paralysis being reversed, especially for our pets!

But that's exactly the kind of second chance Leah, a four-year-old border collie from Grass Valley, received after being treated recently at UC Davis Veterinary Hospital.

"She has resumed pretty much her old lifestyle," exclaimed Leah's owner, Fran Cole. "You know, digging in bushes for squirrels, and spending her days ... you know, she loves to be outside."

For Leah though, those days came to a screeching halt six months ago when she went missing for a day. When she returned, Fran knew something just wasn't right with her.

"She had a gash in her face," Cole said. "She was recovering nicely, but then on the third day she had a very devastating deterioration in her condition, and she was unable to walk at that point."

Leah was completely paralyzed from the trauma she endured. Some have speculated maybe a deer had kicked her in the head, while others say she could have been struck by a car. One thing they did know for sure was that Leah was in bad shape.

"Most times when this happens the animal or person dies," said Dr. Karen Vernau, the chief of neurological surgery at the hospital. "I mean something happened because the bone was broken and totally pulled off the back of the head. So there was some major trauma to do that. It just didn't slip out on its own."

Leah's spinal column had detached from the back of her head. Vernau and her team not only had to fit the bones back together, but also relieve the compression on both her brain and spinal cord. It was a complicated process and there was no guarantee Leah would walk again.

"One day she started to move a little bit of her leg," Cole said. "She would wag her tail when I came into the room." Leah then began rehabilitation. Acupuncture and water treadmill therapy got her back into shape and ready to go home.

"I want to give people hope," said Cole. "People who have animals that seem as if there is no hope for them at all. If you talk to the right experts and receive the type of quality care that I have here, you know there is good hope your dog can make it, and I just want to share that message."

Cats sickened by canine influenza

Four cats in Indiana have been sickened by a canine influenza virus that caused an outbreak among dogs in Chicago and spread throughout the U.S. during 2015.

Diagnostic tests found that cats in a northwestern Indiana animal shelter were positive for an H3N2 canine influenza virus that had sickened dogs in the same shelter, according to information from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. Clinical signs in the cats included runny noses, congestion, malaise, excessive salivation, and "lip smacking" behavior.



The infected cats and dogs were quarantined while shedding the virus. The university announcement indicates the virus appeared to spread between cats, with subsequent diagnostic tests showing increases in viral loads.

Infected dogs can develop a persistent cough, runny nose, and fever, and the virus has been connected with some dog deaths.

Cats in South Korea also have been sickened by the virus, but only one cat in the U.S. had a positive test for H3N2 infection prior to the four discovered in Indiana, university information states. Information from Cornell University indicates the H3N2 virus is descended from an avian influenza strain. It was first identified in southern China and South Korea..

DIY Rally O

By Ken Polakowski

Sasha and I are getting ready to attend our first Rally O trial. We have practiced at the LRKC Rally class and do some moves as we take our daily walks. But we (especially me) needed more work. I decided to try and set up some rally courses to allow us to practice. I wasn't quite sure of where to get the course equipment. I searched the internet and found some interesting DIY things to build. The equipment uses plastic sheet protectors from your local stationary store, garden edging fencing from your local big box hardware store and either clothes pins (not good) or binder clips (better) for attaching the signs.

You can download the Rally signs from the AKC website at the following URL:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/rally/signs_2012.pdf

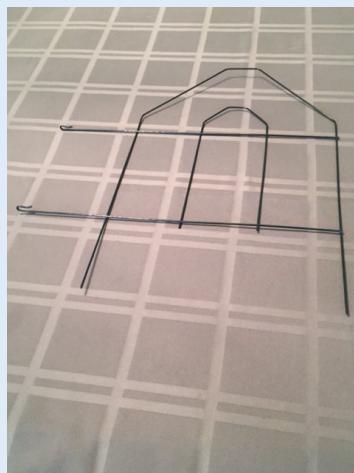
You can print them as you need them. Beware you will give your yellow cartridge and print head a real workout.

Go to your favorite stationary store or website and buy some plastic sheet protectors.

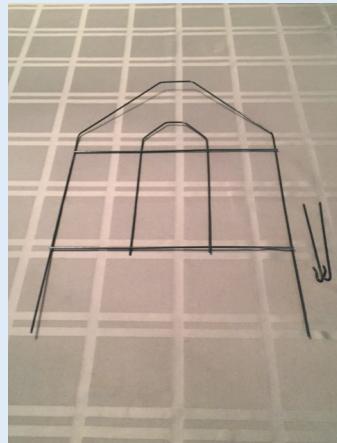
You can go to your local big box hardware store and buy the edge fencing for the sign holders. This is 18 inch by 96 inch edge fencing:



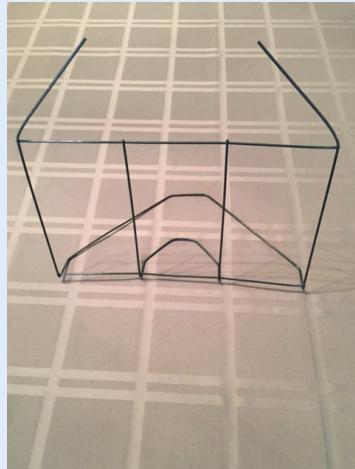
The panels are 16 by 18 inches:. They come apart easily:



Clip the hooks off of the panels using wire cutters. Save the hooks. You can use them to help anchor the panels in grass.



The wire bends easily as follows so it will sit on the ground:

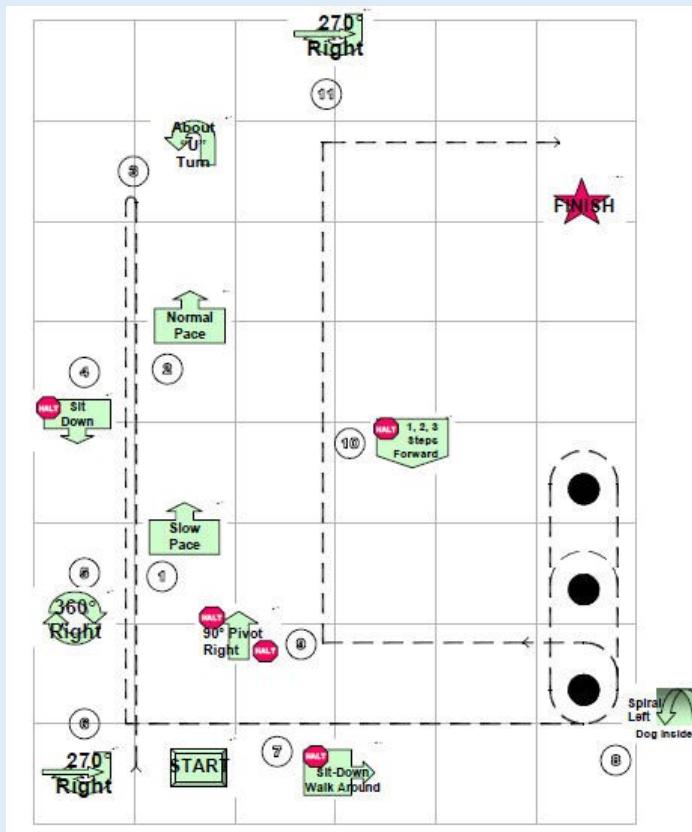


Load your signs into the plastic protectors and hang on the holders"



You can find pre-designed rally courses by searching the internet. You can get quite a few course maps at the following URL -<http://www.cyberrally-o.com/level1.php>

Here is one that I have used with Sasha:



Note: Number 11 should be a 270 degree left not a right to get it to finish.

Also: The edge fencing is not real heavy and can blow over in the wind. I had some pea gravel left over from another project and filled some plastic storage bags to help anchor the signs.

AKC News



AKC Introduces New Entry Level Agility Classes

New York, N.Y. – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce the introduction of two new entry level agility classes, ACT 1 and ACT 2 (Agility Course Test). The classes provide shorter courses with basic obstacles that are appropriate for dogs beginning in the sport. ACT is designed to be adopted by clubs and trainers as the graduation exercise for their training classes and may be held at regular AKC agility trials or as stand-alone events at training facilities. ACT classes are open to all dogs fifteen months of age or older.

"Holding ACT classes at a training facility provides exhibitors a familiar and comfortable setting for their first AKC event," said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility. "In addition to training for ACT, exhibitors will learn to fill out an entry form, prepare themselves and their dog for competition, become familiar with event protocol and handle their dog while under judgment. ACT classes are meant to provide an enjoyable learning experience for new exhibitors and their dogs."

ACT events are unique in a number of ways :

- Events can be hosted by any AKC club that provides agility training or at a training facility, provided the event is judged by an AKC agility judge or AKC approved ACT evaluator.
- Events are open to all dogs.
- Handlers are encouraged to have their dogs jump at the height that they feel will best prepare them for future success in the sport. No jump height card is required.
- Host organizations may accept day-of-event entries at their option.
- Dogs not yet registered/listed may participate. Results will be recorded by assigning the dog a temporary recording number. An e-mail will be sent with the dog's temporary number which should be used to enter future ACT events, instructions on how to register/list their dog with the AKC, and encouragement to continue in AKC agility and other sports.

"This innovative program provides a bridge for new exhibitors to easily become involved with AKC agility", said Doug Ljugren, V.P. for Sports and Events. "The foundation skills learned prepare a dog/owner for future success in agility and many other sports. We are excited about working together with the AKC training clubs and training facilities to introduce future generations of dogs and owners to the wonderful world of AKC sports." Clubs/trainers may start holding ACT classes immediately. More information and the necessary forms may be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/act.

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF AKC PAW OF COURAGE AWARD

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry, announces the launch of its newest award, the **AKC Paw of Courage**, in an effort to show appreciation for the many sacrifices that working dogs make while serving and protecting our country. This award specifically recognizes the extraordinary sacrifices of dogs who have been severely injured or killed in the line of duty.

"These working dogs possess great courage and dedication," said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. "They continuously put their lives on the line, and have sacrificed their own safety, well-being, and in some cases even their lives, to keep us safe. Each dog awarded with the **AKC Paw of Courage** has made a significant sacrifice in the line of duty."

Any working dog is eligible to receive the **AKC Paw of Courage**; the award is not specific to purebred dogs. Recipients of the award, or their former human partner, will receive a **2016 AKC Paw of Courage** medal along with a certificate. In addition, the recipients will receive a photo and profile on akc.org.

The first **2016 AKC Paw of Courage** recipients are:

K9 Officer Ogar: of Smith County Constable's Office – Precinct 5, TX

K9 Ogar, a one-year-old Belgian Malinois of Smith County Constable's Office in Texas, was shot and killed while attempting an apprehension this past January. K9 Ogar and his handler, Deputy Constable Kevin Petty, were conducting a routine traffic stop when a vehicle fled, leading to a pursuit. The vehicle was wrecked and the subject evaded on foot into a wooded area, and K9 Ogar was deployed. During this confrontation, K9 Ogar was shot and killed. Deputy Constable Petty says, "Ogar sacrificed his life to save mine." He says that Ogar was always right by his side and looked at him with true love and devotion.

When K9 Ogar was not on duty he was like any other family dog. He loved to run circles around the swimming pool with Deputy Constable Petty's two young girls. He also enjoyed playing tug of war and catch and was a master escape artist. From the moment he was brought home by his handler, he fit right in with the family. According to his handler, Ogar had mastered the combination of being both soft and strong simultaneously. He loved any attention he could get and in exchange, all he asked for was love. K9 Ogar touched many lives in his time as a K9 officer and he is dearly missed each and every day.

K9 Officer Jag: of Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Dept., CA

K9 Jag was an eight-year-old Belgian Malinois who served with the Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Department for five years. During his annual state certification, he was struck by a vehicle. "K9 Jag was everything a handler and a school Police Department could want. He knew his job and did it well," says his partner, Sergeant Arlin Kocher. He describes Jag as intense, energetic, sweet and powerful. K9 Jag was the first ever Twin Rivers Unified School District Police Department's canine. He excelled in every aspect of his career; credited with hundreds of narcotics searches, over 50 suspect surrenders and three apprehensions throughout his time in the department.

Equally as important, K9 Jag also spent a ton of time doing public outreach in the schools and nearby communities. Students, staff and parents looked forward to seeing Jag on a daily basis. He was adored for being sweet and friendly while also serving as their fierce and dependable protector.

Throughout his career, K9 Jag competed in countless events and won numerous awards. According to his partner, Sgt. Kocher, K9 Jag wouldn't let anyone leave a room without petting him. At the end of his shift, he was always eager to go back to the Police Department where the fellow officers were waiting, for what he thought was just to play with him. K9 Jag is sorely missed by Sergeant Kocher as well as the entire Twin Rivers USD as a uniformed working dog as well as a family dog.

K9 Officer Betcha: of Rutland County Sheriff's Office, VT

K9 Betcha was a two-year-old Australian Cattle Dog who served as a narcotics/tracking K9 at the Rutland County Sheriff's Office in Vermont. He was with the Sheriff's Office for about a year when he was struck and killed by a vehicle while in the line of duty. "He was my fourth K9 partner but my first dog that I can say was my therapy," says his handler, Deputy Sheriff Edward Hunter of Betcha. Deputy Sheriff Hunter has been in police work for 35 years and says that K9 Betcha truly helped him cope with his past and present in the job. When Betcha was off-duty, he loved playing Frisbee and driving

down the road with his head out the window allowing people to snap pictures of him as he passed by. K9 Betcha gave his life for his career and is greatly missed by his partner, and his off-duty family, as well as his family at Rutland County Sheriff's Office.

K9 Officer Krijger: of Norfolk Police Department, VA

K9 Kirjger, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois of the Norfolk Police Department in Virginia was shot and killed following a violent barricade situation this past January. Police were responding to a domestic violence call when the man barricaded himself inside his home with his wife as a hostage. After several hours, the man exited the home opening fire on the officers, fatally wounding Krijger.

K9 Krijger's partner, Officer Ryan McNiff began his partnership and friendship during a 16-week training course. During the training, the duo became proficient in numerous skills including: obedience, tracking, open area searches, agility, building searches, apprehensions, and control commands. Even more importantly, Officer McNiff and Krijger learned to work together and to trust one another. "Krijger was not only my partner, he was also my best friend", says Officer McNiff. "Krijger taught me many things about courage, honor, loyalty and friendship". K9 Krijger has assisted in locating evidence for countless crimes and he is responsible for over 30 felony apprehensions. Not only was he constantly busy keeping the city safe, Krijger also performed many public demonstrations within the schools and the community. In his off-duty hours, K9 Krijger could be found hanging out on the patio enjoying a bone or running around the backyard with one of his many toys. Krijger loved backyard barbeques with his off-duty family and enjoyed relaxing by the fire pit at night.

When it came to making the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect his partner and his fellow officers, Krijger did not hesitate. "I truly believe that because of him, I am a better police officer and person", says Officer McNiff. K9 Krijger's sacrifice is deeply appreciated by his fellow officers, his partner, his off-duty family and the entire community that he served. He is commemorated by his community as a true hero.

For downloadable images of the recipients, go to [https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOIS02C-2ZTsMBUC8DRmn4xmASmOeA3ey9je-7iAisr1-IMeG0DExn9-J4w7RovEA?](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOIS02C-2ZTsMBUC8DRmn4xmASmOeA3ey9je-7iAisr1-IMeG0DExn9-J4w7RovEA?key=cFU3UVlyUVBKejVRYlpOTHJhcHM4cWh0Tmr4N0F3)
key=cFU3UVlyUVBKejVRYlpOTHJhcHM4cWh0Tmr4N0F3

Lakes Region Kennel Club Members Brags

Owner's Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Brag: _____

Please email brags to polakowski@att.net so they can be published in the Pawprint.
Pictures are welcome too.

Please send photos of your dogs so I can put them in the Pawprint.

Example: Here is a picture of Tux playing Frisbee.

