

The Scentinel

York County Kennel Club of Maine, Inc.

February 2016

LOST DOG

Lost dog -- It is every owner's nightmare. I recently lived through it.

My 8 year old Irish Setter Willie has always been a mama's boy. My house is about 300 feet off the road, and he has always enjoyed hanging out with me in the front yard. But something about this night was different. I was helping an old dog up the front steps. As I opened the door, Willie came out and took off down the driveway like he was on a mission.

Immediately I started calling him. Then my husband took over with the calling, and I took off in the car. We traded shifts of calling, and driving for about 6 hours. When I was back at the house, I contacted the local police, the emergency clinic and several neighbors. When my husband got back to the house he found me posting on Facebook. He was shocked that I was turning to social media when my dog was missing.

I got Willie's information posted on Maine Lost Dog Recovery's Facebook page. If you have never visited that page, you should. It's full of useful information. They helped me prepare some flyers to print. Copies of the flyer were being shared on Facebook by hundreds of people. I went out to put up flyers, and finally about 3am, I decided that either someone had him, or he had found a place to shelter for the night. I stayed up by the front door just in case, and monitored the social media activity for any sightings.

About 6:30 AM I got a phone call. Someone had seen the flyer on Facebook and forwarded it to their brother who lives in my area. He was on his way to

work and saw Willie on busy Route 112. I was already dressed, and out the door before the phone call ended.

I pulled into the convenience store where he had been spotted. I knew he might be scared and was prepared to gently coax him into the car. I opened the door to get out and look for him. Suddenly, a very happy 80 lb Irish Setter was in my lap. We went home and he really looked no worse for wear. His feet didn't even look wet. There were no leaves or twigs in his coat.

I spent the morning contacting everyone to let them know he was home safe. I made an appointment with the vet for a checkup just in case. Then we drove around to remove all the flyers.

As Paul Harvey used to say "And now, the rest of the story."

The last stop to remove the flyers was the convenience store. The clerk asked if it was my dog. I said it was. She informed me that he had spent the night in a home across the street. It seems that the owners had shut, but not locked their back door. They woke up about 6am to sounds of something in their house. They were shocked to find a large red dog making himself at home. I'm glad that they just put him outside rather than shooting or hurting him. You never know how people will react when awakened by an unwelcome visitor.

Donnah Brnger



York County Kennel Club of Maine, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016



Attendees: Sandy Bergeron, Donnah Brngr, Chris Calcinari, Karen Gatchell, Carroll Goodwin, Pollie Goodwin, Tracey Levasseur, Karen Norteman, Gloria Pasquini, Sarah Todd

President Sandy Bergeron called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Recording Secretary's Report: Minutes printed in the *Scentinel*.

Gloria moved to accept the minutes. Chris seconded. Passed without discussion.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Gloria has been getting mail about the Cluster shows from AKC. All of the events are approved for YCKC's show days.

Other correspondence from AKC:

New Grand Champion titles

Foreign (Visiting) judges may now judge 4-6 Puppy

Treasurer's Report: Carroll distributed the reports. Donnah moved to accept. Gloria seconded. Passed without discussion.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

The date for the next Cluster meeting is February 4th at 7:30 PM. It was the 3rd, but Claire can attend on Thursday.

The Premium list is at MB-F, and there are only minimal issues with it. Judges are approved, trophies are ready.

Chris requested that she be able to start working on 2017 judges' panels. She has some judges penciled in, but needs to get started on contracts.

Cabela's will sponsor our BIS trophies all 4 days. We'll display their banner gratis.

Charitable Giving:

Sandy made food deliveries to the York County

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Shelters, Food Rescue, etc. They really needed cat food, but were glad to get dog food too. The press was too busy to care. The shelters didn't even say thanks.

Credit Union: Sandy sent pizza for their holiday party. We think they liked it.

By-Laws:

Sandy asked AKC about by-laws. AKC has filed them. We're a licensed club, not a member club, so

they don't scrutinize the By-Laws much.

Unfinished Business:

Tracey is looking for different donations we could do, such as donating money for new K-9 officers. Each one runs about \$10K. AKC will match up to half of that if a club donates \$5K.

There is also a K-9 Team Challenge, like the Newtown, CT club. They give awards to a standalone K-9 officer challenge. Tracey can check with the state police to see if there is interest.

Carroll asked if we should pay the insurance policy (we need to authorize bills for more than \$250). It was voted unanimously to pay it.

Sarah asked about the plaque we had discussed giving to the owners at Wassamki Springs for the owners and the staff. Should we award it on Sunday at the show? We could use the Cluster logo instead of a photo. Carroll moved, Chris seconded. Passed without discussion.

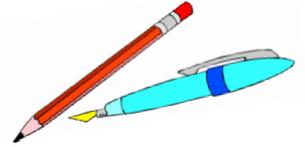
Chris moved to adjourn. Karen Gatchell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

50-50: Chris won half of a \$21.00 pot.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Norteman

YCKC Recording Secretary



TIPS FOR FINDING A LOST DOG FROM MAINE LOST DOG RECOVERY

 Try putting some smelly food (wet cat food is good) and some of your dogs bedding and or your dirty laundry outside your home or the lost location as that may draw them to a familiar scent.

 Immediately inform your town's Animal Control Officer/local police that your dog is missing. Call the shelter that contracts with your town immediately and try and bring in a flyer with your dog's photo ASAP.

 Make sure to change your outgoing voice mail message to reflect that you are the owners of a lost dog. If you receive a sighting call, get the date, exact location if possible (or ask for a landmark) time of day and direction of travel and keep a map/list of all sightings.

Your lost dog may not come to you if called (this is very common), especially if the dog is shy or newly adopted. It is critical that people helping you know not to chase after or call out to the dog as this will only cause the dog to run further or into harm's way. Using tips shown in this video can help:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/maine-lost-dog-recovery/calming-signals-for-panicked-dogs/597042976985281>

Remember: get low or lay flat, speak softly, avoid direct eye contact and give your dog time to recognize a familiar voice/smell.

MLDR DOES NOT recommend offering rewards. We have found rewards are ineffective and can/do encourage people to chase your dog, often right into the path of a vehicle.

We also do not recommend using tracking dogs, especially for shy dogs or newly adopted/rescue dogs, as that can scare them right out of the area. Newly adopted dogs will generally stay close by to the area lost from if allowed to settle.

<http://lostdogsofamerica.org/ten-things-you-need-to-know-before-hiring-a-tracking-dog-service-2/>
<http://lostdogsofamerica.org/when-not-to-use-a-tracking-dog-to-find-a-lost-dog/>

MLDR IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH NOR DO WE ENDORSE OR REFER FAMILIES TO ANY "FOR PROFIT" LOST PET SERVICES.



Posting flyers is the single most effective thing you can do to find your lost dog. DON'T WAIT! Flyers are very important as you need sightings to receive calls. Facebook and social media can be effective but not everyone uses Facebook. If your dog is seen by a passing pedestrian or driver they need to know who to call. The best thing you can do is hang flyers on roadsides, community centers, local stores, hand them out door to door, and give them to delivery people. If you don't get any calls about sightings of your dog then she/he may have traveled farther out than your flyers have been hung. Extend the flyers further! Please keep up hope and don't give up!

IMMEDIATE STEPS TO TAKE TO FIND YOUR LOST DOG

1. Call animal control for your town AND surrounding towns (in case the dog travels across town lines.) Dogs have been known to travel miles in just hours.
2. Contact the shelters - local and beyond, in case she/he travels. Send electronically or deliver flyers with photos if possible.
3. Hang lots of flyers (between 100 - 300) on telephone poles within a 3-5 mile radius of where your dog was lost. Make sure all major intersections are posted. Be sure to place the flyers in plastic sleeves/sheet protectors upside down to protect them from the elements and attach to telephone poles using a staple gun. This is a critical piece to bringing a dog home safely
4. Contact local veterinarians/emergency clinics.

Links to help you.

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/animal_control_officers.shtml *Disclaimer: this list is subject to change. Please contact the police or town office for any town if there are any questions.

<http://www.animalsheltersinmaine.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/maine-lost-dog-recovery/veterinarians-in-maine/599207010102211>



At the Great Barrington Kennel Club dog show, Sunday, February 7, 2016, Birch Bark's Ain't She Sweet (Candace) was awarded Winner's Bitch and Best of Opposite for her last 3 point major to achieve her AKC Championship. It was a very exciting day for all involved in Candace's show career. What makes it more exciting was that Candace was handled to her championship by her owner, Gloria Pasquini. What a Super Bowl Sunday it was that day!

←Even Judge Ham wants Candy Kisses!



One of my favorite weekends of the year is the one right before Westminster. There are always a group of specialties held by the English, Irish and Gordon Setter clubs. It used to be called the Combined Setter Specialties, but the clubs have moved locations and there are other breeds so it is now the Winter Garden Specialties. The shows are held in a beautiful hotel in Rye Brook NY. It's great to be able to just walk down the hall to the rings, or to visit with friends. Since it immediately precedes Westminster, there are many top dogs there that one might otherwise not get to see.

Boomer (MIBISS GCHB Brynbar Tamarack Sonic Boom JH) had his first Specialty BOB there last year.

This year was also successful for my Boomer. At the Friday show, under judge David Kittridge, and again on Sunday under judge Jim

Reynolds, Boomer was Select Dog. I was very pleased with how he held his own in such a nice lineup. On Saturday, under judge Michael Faulkner, Boomer was Best in Specialty Show! This win was particularly meaningful to me. Last year, a dear friend and mentor passed away. I, along with another friend, had a custom painted jewelry box made and donated in her memory. I had wanted this trophy to go to someone who would really appreciate it. I could feel her smiling down on me when I realized that I was the one who would take it home. The wins and the brags are exciting. The friendships and the memories are priceless.



Donnah Brnger

Finish Forward Dogs

Obedience Run Throughs

Registration at 8:30am, Runs start at 9:00am
 Registrations for Open & Novice Runs will be taken until 10:00am
 AKC, UKC & CDSP Formats

Sunday, March 6th, 2016

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016

Sunday, May 1st, 2016

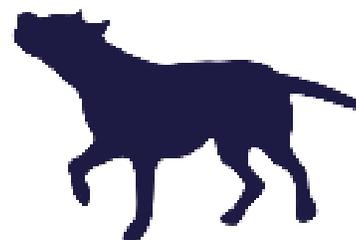
\$12 / first dog, \$5 each additional run, same dog.

Please be prompt - we will not return to a class once we have moved on.

Class order will be: Utility, Open, Novice.

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Would you like to try a new dog sport? UDSNNE is offering Introduction to Rally and Introduction to Weight Pull seminars on the same day!

Saturday, March 19 at Finish Forward Dogs in Saco, ME

Do one seminar for \$25 or do both for \$40!

This will be a great chance to try something new with your dog.

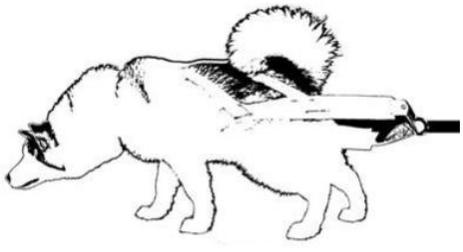
Participation limited. Pre-registration required.

Introduction to Rally will be from noon to 2:00.

Bring a 6 foot leash, training collar, and treats.

Your dog should understand basic commands such as sit, down, heel and stay to do this class.

This class will include instruction, demos, and opportunities to do run-through's on a competition course.



Introduction to Weight Pull will be from 2:00 to 4:00.

This class will include harness fitting, instruction, and practice runs using chains and the cart.

Actual competition equipment will be used.

Harnesses will be provided by the club, please bring treats.

NAME _____ DOG'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

I'm signing up for ___ Weight Pull ___ Rally or ___ Both \$25 one class/ \$40 both classes

Breed and weight for weight pull _____

Please mail entry and check made out to UDSNNE to Donna Pasquale, 8 Amburg St, Georgetown, MA 01833.

E-mail questions to donnapasquale@comcast.net.



Super Sundays 2016

AKC OC Matches (formerly Show & Gos)

Obedience Only

January 31st

February 28th

March 20th

WHERE: Westbrook Armory, Stroudwater St., Westbrook

FEES: \$10.00 per dog, \$5.00 additional routine same dog

ENTRIES: 9:00am-11:00am

JUDGING: Obedience starts @ 9:30am

AKC Beginner Novice, Novice, Open & Utility obedience routines only.

Time permitting, we will offer only one routine per dog in Open & Utility, as entries dictate.

Limited crating available! Two large rings!

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This is an AKC event – No pinch collars please!

Directions: From Turnpike Exit 48 go straight thru first light, at second light turn right on Route 25. Follow into Westbrook. At Dunkin' Donuts turn left on Stroudwater Street. Go thru one light. Armory is on left across from Westbrook High School.

FMI: Claire Marx, 207-892-3118 or email cmarx29707@aol.com

In case of inclement weather, check socdogs.com or call 854-DOGS for notice of Cancellation.



www.socdogs.com



The Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club

Presents:

All-Breed Eye Clinic with Dr. Ruth Marrion
Sunday, April 10, 2016



MAD About Dogs Training Building
72 Hayes Road, Madbury, NH

From the Lee traffic circle [routes 4 & 125] go north on rte. 125 for approx. 6/10 mi to right on Pinkham Rd; go to end of Pinkham Rd. and take a left; go approx. 1 mi to right on Hayes Rd; go approx. 1 mile to #72. Training building is beyond grey cape style house. Lots of parking!! Entrance on side...look for signs.

Avid® microchips, including convenient pre-paid registration, will be available

Pre-registration is required! Registrations and payments must be received by March 20th. Please circle the window of time you prefer for an appointment, **indicating your first & second choices**; we will make every effort to accommodate you. Unless you hear otherwise, your first choice time is accepted. If desired, you can receive appointment confirmation by emailing: clwebster@comcast.net.

Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your eye exam appointment so that eye drops can be administered. I will make every attempt to mail the exam forms to you prior to the clinic so you can fill them out in advance & bring them with you. If you do not receive your forms prior to the clinic, you will need to have your dog's AKC registration & permanent ID information available to complete the forms prior to your appointment. Submitting to OFA is not required; all will receive an exam form copy.

If you need to reach us during the eye clinic hours, PLEASE call Sue St. Louis' cell phone at: 603-512-1557 or Cynthia Webster's cell phone at: 603-425-4676.

Please complete the following information:

Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Don't forget to let us know of any changes in your phone numbers, mailing or email addresses...thanks!

Dog's Call Name(s): _____

Breed(s): _____

Dogs for Eye Exam: _____ @ \$28.00/dog = \$ _____

Dogs for Microchip: _____ @ \$40.00/dog = \$ _____ This includes pre-paid registration.

Total due payable to **GSSSC**: \$ _____

Refunds will be issued only with 24 hour's notice of cancellation.

Please circle requested time slot noting **1st & 2nd** choice:

9-10AM 10-11AM 11-Noon Noon-1 1-2PM 2-3PM

Send form with Payment to: Cynthia Webster - 11 Dubeau Dr - Derry, NH 03038

Questions? Contact me at (603) 432-6629 or clwebster@comcast.net

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Sunday, March 13, 2016



Conformation for Beginners



Work with the best! National/International award winning handler Sue Burrell, will present this 3 hour seminar geared for the novice handler. Learn the basics like how to enter shows, read a conformation schedule, how dog shows work, the point system, your breed standard and the complete dog. Practice hands on techniques for the ten second set up, free-stacking, and gaiting in all of the different ring patterns. Gain the basic knowledge necessary to start showing successfully in the conformation ring.

When: Sunday, March 13, 2016 Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: Participant: \$75.00 Auditor: \$35.00 Seminar includes handouts

Advanced Handling: Specializing Your Dog

In the more advanced afternoon session, Sue Burrell will help you identify and understand your dog's strengths and weaknesses. She will show you how to accentuate your dog's best assets while covering up minor flaws. Focus will be on the advanced techniques that will teach you to handle like the professionals!

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When: Sunday, March 13, 2016 Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Cost: Participant: \$75.00 Auditor: \$35.00 Seminar includes handouts



Past Attendee Testimonials

"Unbelievable! I learned so much and I am not as afraid to enter the ring! - Kate C.

"These presenters are always helpful. This is my second year here and I learned more this year than last year! There's always something new!" – Barb H.

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FMI call: 508-320-7435 or email: cruellathelady@aol.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Breed of Dog: _____

Telephone _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Call Name: _____



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Deadline:

Submissions to the Scentinel should be received by the editor by the 15th of the month at noon.

Send Submissions to:

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or

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Upcoming Meeting:

The next meeting will be **Monday, February 29th at 7pm** in the Community Room of the York County Credit Union, Biddeford branch. For those with GPS, the address is 75 Boulder Way, Biddeford, Maine. For those coming via the turnpike, take exit 32, the Biddeford exit. Pass through the toll plaza and continue to the set of lights. Go straight at the lights, across route 111 onto the Biddeford Spur, and take the first right onto Mountain Road. As you proceed up the hill, turn right into the Mailhot Plaza. The Credit Union is the first building on the left. Come in the side door.

