

January 2014

The Heart of America Boxer Club Newsletter

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Newsletter for the Heart of America Boxer Club

The next HOABC club meeting – February 1, 2014 in St Joseph, Missouri. Held at the Holiday Inn (we reserve one of the conference rooms) across the street from the Civic Center. 102 S 3rd St, St Joseph, MO. Time will be after Boxer judging, exact time will be determined as we get closer.

So...you say you **DON'T** have a spiffy Heart of America Boxer Polo shirt?? You don't want to be the **Odd Man** (or woman) out at our next function!?! Well.. Get with Mark Ewing!



2013-2014 Club Members and their New Title Holders

(BN) May -13

GCH Emerson Brehm Soul Patrol of Windwood BN and CD "Reuben" (CD) October -13 Jim and Karen Emerson

Remember- April 1 is the cut off for plaques – be sure to get information to Amber Gates

farmoreboxers@yahoo.com if your dog is missing or information is inaccurate.

November/December Member Brags

- Encore's FarMore Under the Gun "Putu"- quite a run- 5 Winners Dogs over a 2wk period. He is now at 13 points and both majors.
- JeSaJay's Bubblin Brew at ShadowRiver "Millie" - 11/8/13 : WB/BOW - Working Group Dog Club of AK / Judge Helen Nietsch / 4-pt major. 11/9/13 : WB - Working Group Dog Club of AK / Judge Tomas Gomez / 4-pt major ***NEW CHAMPION!*** Millie finished in 8 shows, with two 5 point majors & two 4 point back-to-back majors with 2 Major reserves.



Happiest of Holidays to ALL of our Members and a Happy New Year!

Message from our President...

Members,

The HOABC membership has much to be proud of as we reflect upon our accomplishments in 2013. Congratulations to all who have earned new titles in conformation and working events. To those Boxers that found their forever homes, what a gift! Nothing is better than the mutual love of a Boxer and the family THEY own.

We also remember the ones we have lost this year. Our beloved friend, Larry Rice and all the friends, family and Boxer that will never be forgotten and always loved.

The future for HOABC is very promising due to the efforts of our wonderful membership. Some big events are being planned. I wish all of you a beautiful Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and to a great New Year!

Janet Ewing, HOABC President



Reminder- Dues are due !!! 😊

Sabrina Jay our money gal is waiting patiently at the mail box or maybe she is by her computer waiting for PayPal payments? Remember- we can all pay through the club website now!

We will be accepting donations for the trophies, hospitality, as well as any donations to the MO/KAN Rescue throughout the spring!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc.	Des Moines	IA	18-Jan-14	Mr. James E Frederiksen
Central Iowa Kennel Club, Inc.	Des Moines	IA	19-Jan-14	Dana P Cline
St. Charles Missouri Kennel Club	Lake St Louis	MO	25-Jan-14	Mrs. Andre B Schoen
St. Charles Missouri Kennel Club	Lake St Louis	MO	26-Jan-14	Mr. Vincent T Grosso
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.	St Joseph	MO	1-Feb-14	Mrs Ruth H Zimmerman
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.	St Joseph	MO	2-Feb-14	Mr. James E Noe
Peak to Peak Working Dog Association of Colorado	Denver	CO	13-Feb-14	Miss Ellen E Vanden Avond
Colorado Kennel Club	Denver	CO	16-Feb-14	Mrs. Cindy Meyer
Colorado Kennel Club	Denver	CO	17-Feb-14	Mrs. Lynn D Peterson
Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines	IA	15-Feb-14	Mrs. Andre B Schoen
Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames	Des Moines	IA	16-Feb-14	Mrs. Danelle M Brown
Greater St. Louis Boxer Club	Gray Summit	MO	28-Feb-14	Mrs. Sandy Orr
Greater St. Louis Boxer Club	Gray Summit	MO	28-Feb-14	Mr. James E Noe
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.	Gray Summit	MO	1-Mar-14	Mr. Norman Kenney
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.	Gray Summit	MO	2-Mar-14	Mr. Ralph Ambrosio

Helpful Links

Kansas all breed clubs

<http://sunflowerkc.wordpress.com/>
<http://www.heartofamericakc.org/>
www.wichitakennelclub.com
www.gardencityKSkennelclub.com
www.hutchinsonkennelclub.org/
www.ljkc.com/
www.salinakennelclub.org/
www.TopekaKC.org

Kansas Obedience Clubs

www.wichitadogtrainingclub.com

Missouri all breed clubs

www.JCKC.org
<http://www.stjosephkennelclub.com/>
www.missourirhinelandkc.com
www.heartlandkc.org
[joplindogs.com](http://www.joplindogs.com)

Missouri Obedience Clubs

kansascitydogtraining.com/
www.gsltc.org
www.mcotc.org
www.showmek9.com

Important Links- health/clinics

BLUE PEARL

<http://kansas.bluepearlvet.com/>

www.offa.org

Overland Park

913.642.9563
 11950 West 110th St
 Overland Park KS 66210

Kansas City North

816.759.5016
 139 NE 91st Street
 Kansas City, MO 64155

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>
<http://www.cavalierhealth.org/Cardiologists.htm>

CLUB HOLTER

The club has an analog Holter that is available for use by club members.

1. No rental fee
2. Member needs to purchase the number of tape kits needed
3. Rental time is 10 days- adequate to test 5 dogs
4. Shipping to and from the member is the members' responsibilities.
5. Member is responsible for the condition of the Holter and accompanying vest.
6. Members must sign the usage agreement prior to use.
7. Contact Sabrina @ sabrina@lattahomes.com for availability

Officers & Directors 2013-2014

President: Janet Ewing (2014)

Vice President: Thomas Latta (2015)

Treasurer: Sabrina Jay (2014)

Secretary: Amber Gates

Board Member: Karen Emerson (2015)

Board Member: Joyce Peckham (2014)

Board Member: Mark Ewing (2015)

Board Member: Jeanine Millard (2015)

Committee Assignments for 2013-2014

Show Chairperson: Joyce Peckham

Photographer: Jeannine Millard

Hospitality: Amber Gates, Daniel Gates, Nicki McFarland and Scott Reiser

Trophies: Karen Emerson and Mark Ewing

Fundraising: Jeannine Millard, Carol Latta and Hailey Feldkamp

Topeka Show Site/Judges Liaison: Tom Latta

Advertising/HOABC ads: Amber Gates

Public Education/Programs: Karen Emerson and Jim Emerson

Nominating: Jeannine Millard

Cards & Flowers: Sabrina Jay

Historians: Karen Emerson and Peyton Richardson

Website/FB: Thomas Latta

Breeder Referral: Carol Latta

Boxer Rescue: Elizabeth Phillips

2014/15 Zone B Director: Karen Emerson

Newsletter: Amber Gates and Tom Dobbs

Legislation: Joyce Peckham

Rescue Corner



ZENA



Check out this lovely senior lady! Zena was picked up stray in a tiny town and no one claimed her. She gets along well with other dogs, but not so much with the kitties! Please consider giving this sweet senior gal a home of her own!

Contact mokanboxerrescue@earthlink.net

Learning Stuff... Oh ya...



What is Tracking?

Dogs have a very keen sense of smell – 100,000 times stronger than humans! Dogs with the help of their noses are often used to find lost people and animals, drugs, avalanche and disaster victims, and even to detect cancer! AKC Tracking is a canine sport that demonstrates a dog's natural ability to recognize and follow a scent and is the foundation of canine search and rescue work. Unlike obedience and rally trials, where dogs respond to the handler's commands, in tracking the dog is completely in charge, for only he knows how to use his nose to find and follow the track. For many, the greatest pleasure of tracking is the hours spent outside training and interacting with their dogs. The tracking community is known for its camaraderie and they all share in the excitement of a "pass" and the disappointment of a "fail."

How Do I Get Started in Tracking?

Getting started in tracking is easy and you won't find a more willing participant than your dog! A puppy instinctively uses his nose – training your dog to track simply hones his natural ability. And since all dogs have a natural ability to follow a scent, any breed is capable of learning to track. Your first step is finding a tracking class or an instructor who is experienced in the sport. Some AKC-affiliated clubs offer tracking classes and some are "Tracking Only" clubs. To find a club in your area, go to the AKC website, Club Search or Training Resources. Tracking requires very little equipment. You just need a harness, a 20-to-40 foot lead, a few flags to mark your track, and an open grassy area free of obstacles such as roads, ditches or woods. Before you enter a Tracking Dog Test (TD), you must have the dog certified by an

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AKC-approved or provisional judge. This certification form must accompany the entry form. Once you and your dog are ready, find a tracking event in your area by going to the AKC Events Calendar on the AKC website. There is a great demand for tracking tests and the number of dogs that can be judged in one day is very limited. As a result, there are more entries than spaces available. For this reason tracking is not open to dogs listed in AKC Canine Partners at this time.

How a Tracking Test Works

For the host club and the two judges, a tracking test is a two-day commitment, regardless of weather. Tracking tests are usually held on Sunday, but the judges and tracklayers spend most of Saturday plotting a track for each dog. The judges draw charts of each track indicating landmarks that will allow them to locate the track with flags that mark the turns. The flags will be removed when the tracklayers walk the track the morning of the test. On the morning of the test, the exhibitors gather for a “draw,” which determines the order dogs are to exhibit. After the tracks have aged the required time, the exhibitor puts the harness on the dog, attaches a 20-to-40-foot lead and begins the track. The dog is not allowed off lead at any time. The dog must follow the path the tracklayer has walked and find the article(s) dropped along the track. Judges follow the dog and handler to determine if the dog is on or off the track. If the dog is off the track and the judges determine the dog cannot return, one judge will blow the whistle signaling the dog has failed. There is no time limit as long as the dog is working. If the dog follows the track and finds the article(s) placed on the track, he earns the tracking title for the level at which he is exhibiting.

On a Side Note...

Becky Gilchrest has a great FB group called – “Nosework Boxers” for anyone that is interested in this wonderful sport. Something that can be taught in your own home initially and then in areas around your city/town as the dog gains more confidence!

Tracking information garnered from the following AKC PDF
<http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/GOCET1.pdf>

Helpful Hints

Training Your Dog Not to Jump Up

Five things to do when your dog jumps on people.

There's a common misconception that dogs jump on people to establish dominance. Balderdash! Dogs jump on people because there's something about jumping that is reinforcing for the dog - usually the human attention that results from the jumping. If you want your dog to stop jumping on people, you have to be sure he doesn't get reinforced for it. Here are five things to do when your dog jumps on people:



- 1. Interrupt.** Minimize the reinforcement your dog gets from jumping on someone by cheerfully removing him from the situation as soon as possible. To that end, you may want to leave a "tab" attached to your dog's collar when he's around people - a short (4 to 6 inch) leash that makes it easy for you to lead him away. These are available from Premier Pet Products (premier.com; 800-933-5595); or just cut off an old leash. Don't leave the tab on your dog when he's alone; he could get it caught on something.
- 2. Manage.** When you know your dog is likely to have trouble controlling himself, put his leash on before he can jump on someone. When you see the jumping-up gleam in his eye, restrain him to prevent the reinforcement he gets from the initial contact. Other useful management tools to prevent reinforcement include strategically located tethers, baby gates, doors, exercise pens, and crates.
- 3. Educate.** Tell friends, family and even temporary acquaintances what you want them to do if your dog starts to jump up. Insist they not reinforce jumping up behavior - even those friends who claim they don't mind! Educational options include telling them to:
 - Greet your dog before he jumps, perhaps even kneeling to greet a small dog.
 - Turn and step away from your dog until he sits, or at least has four feet on the floor, then turn back to greet the dog.
 - Ask your dog to sit and reinforce by petting him if/when he does.
 - Back away from your dog (if you have your dog on leash) and wait for him to sit before greeting or petting him. If he jumps up while you are petting him, simply stop the petting and take a step backward. Resume petting only if he sits.
 - Toss a toy conveniently provided by you to redirect the dog's behavior before the jump happens.
 - Walk away from your dog through a gate or door and close it behind them to keep the dog on the other side.
- 4. Train.** Of course you need to practice polite greetings in the absence of the exciting stimulus of guests and strangers by reinforcing your dog's appropriate greeting with you and other family members. (See "Keeping Four on the Floor," Whole Dog Journal May 2008). Be sure to take advantage of the presence of guests and strangers to reinforce your dog's polite greeting behaviors while you're managing with leashes and tethers.
- 5. Apologize/take responsibility.** It's your job to prevent your dog from jumping on people, even when they say they don't mind. If your management efforts fail and your dog does jump up, apologize. If in the process of jumping up he puts muddy pawprints on a business suit, snags a pair of nylons, knocks down a small child, or otherwise does some kind of property damage - even if the damage is minor - be responsible and make amends: pay for the cleaning bill, purchase a new pair of nylons, buy the child an ice cream cone, or do whatever you need to do to repair the damage. Then redouble your training and management efforts.

Fun Stuff!

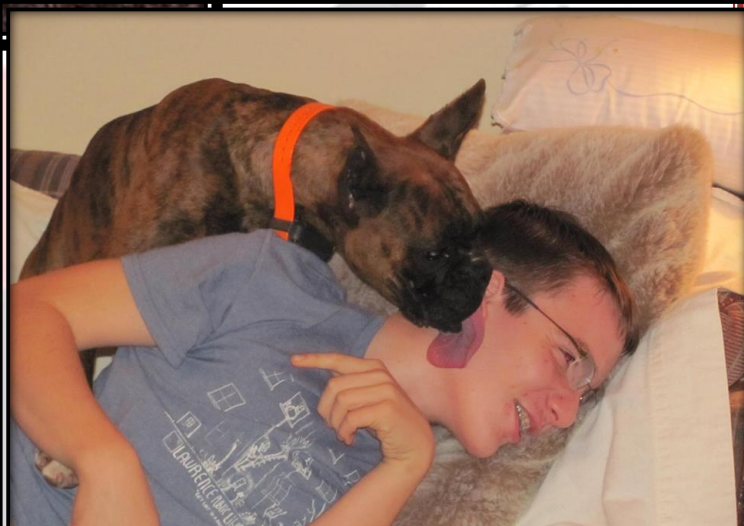
The FarMore Gang...come on in!



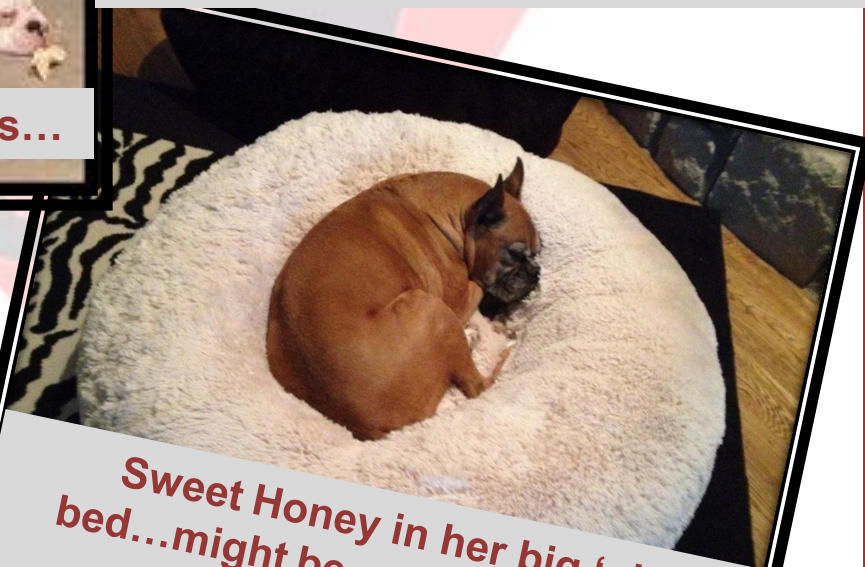
Boxer Club



Ever had a day like this...



Kendall getting in her licks!



Sweet Honey in her big 'ol bed...might be some room for a person!



Dan's first attempt at taping up Rev☺ "Nailed it!"



Wonder what Sabrina is expounding upon the virtues of.....??



I think EVERYONE should try their hand at Boxer Snow Sculpting with the next snow!!! Who is IN!?