



# THE HAIRY

The Official Newsletter of the GRAND RAPIDS KENNEL CLUB

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Monthly meetings are held at

**Cascade Animal Hospital**

6730 Cascade Road SE

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7:30 PM

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**April 24th, 2017**

## Upcoming Dates / Events

**April 24th**

**General Meeting**

**May 24th-28th**

**Apple Blossom Cluster at  
Kalamazoo at the Expo Center**

**May 26th**

**GRKC Dog Show at Expo Center**

**May 29th**

**No General Meeting**

**June 26th**

**Club Picnic at Dwight Lydell Park**

## April's Meeting

This is the last general meeting until September.

This month's presenters are Lindsey and Steve Tanyko, the club's newest members, who will discuss their experiences with their dog, Jack. They will be presenting information on the topic "Therapy Dog Work" - the steps to get your dog certified.

## Club Picnic

The club picnic will again have AKC Trick Dog event. Members can earn new title for their dog's tricks. In this edition of *The Hairy* you find different tricks dogs can do towards a title. Great fun watching the dogs do their tricks. Jan Hamming will be the evaluator. Come for enjoyable evening watching the dogs perform.

## ATTENTION ALL GRKC MEMBERS

Please remember to call the following people if you can help with the GRKC show in May.

Conformation stewarding: Len Podleski

Obedience stewarding: Jan Hamming.

Catalogs, announcing, any other areas: Pat DenBoer

**Your help will be greatly appreciated.**

## *Message From The President*

*April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. – William Shakespeare*

We could feel that spirit as hundreds of enthusiastic spectators attended the Pet Expo at the DeltaPlex last weekend, and officers from the Kent County Sheriff's Office, with their K-9 partners, joined GRKC at its booth. There was never a dull moment as Len Podleski's attractive display evoked many questions from the crowd, and the service dogs interacted with children and their families. "Duke", the service dog GRKC purchased, was among the dogs present, and his handler, Officer Wierda, beamed proudly as he recounted some of Duke's accomplishments during the past year. The Club presented the K-9 Unit with a check for \$5000 plus several hundred more in donations collected during the weekend. Special thanks to Len Podleski, the event chair, and the members who helped to promote responsible dog ownership via this event, including Lucy Koch, Pat Kronemeyer, Jan Hamming, Char Czarnecki and friend Joan, Steve and Lindsey Tanyko, and Mike Lovett.

One of the most common questions at the Expo concerned Therapy Dog Work and how to become involved; and, coincidentally, the program for our April meeting will include that topic. Steve and Lindsey Tanyko, first time dog owners and new GRKC members, have done an amazing number of things with their 2 ½ year old Golden Retriever, Jack. They will share their "Journey with Jack", which includes Jack's certification through West Michigan Therapy Dogs. Via their journey, we will also gain some insights into what it's like to be a young couple getting involved in the sport of dogs today and how we, as a club, can help others like them. Come and enjoy their presentation!

The Board met on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and continued planning for future Club activities. One of these is the annual picnic scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> at Dwight Lydell Park in Comstock Park, which is always a fun social event to kick off the summer season! Once again, you can plan to enjoy fried chicken, provided by the Club, along with a variety delicious potluck dishes brought by members. Last year, for the first time, we offered a "Trick Dog" program, instead of a Puppy Match, since puppy participation had dwindled in recent years, and it was really fun. Consider bringing your dog(s) and showing off one or more tricks, either just for fun or for competition. Jan Hamming is an AKC "Trick Dog" Judge and will be there for anyone who is interested in earning any of the AKC Trick Dog titles. Check out the list of tricks included in this issue. I'll bet your dog can already perform some of them; and you have plenty of time to train for others. You and your dog will both enjoy it!

The plans for the Sanctioned B Match on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Well-Mannered Dog Center are proceeding well. Judges have been contacted, prizes ordered, application submitted, and preliminary publicity distributed, thanks to event Chair, Alice Frazier, and her assistant Jan Hamming. Jan is also organizing our club's first "Scent Work" trial, to be held concurrently with the Match, and she is awaiting AKC approval of our club's qualifications to host the trial. Special thanks to Sharron Podleski who will serve as the Trial Chair and to Jan Hamming who will serve as the Trial Secretary. We know how dogs love to use their noses, and AKC's Scent Work program is becoming very popular. You can check out the requirements on the AKC website, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and give it a try.

The premium list for our show at the Kalamazoo Fairgrounds over Memorial Day Weekend --- Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>--- is out, which means it will be here before we know it. Make plans to come and help if you can. Extra hands are especially needed for set-up on Wednesday before the weekend and for clean-up on Monday after the GMKC show, in addition to workers during the show itself. Contact Len if you would like to steward in Conformation, Jan Hamming for stewarding in Obedience or Rally, and Show Chair, Pat DenBoer, for other show assignments.

*April prepares her green traffic light, and the world thinks "Go"!* -Christopher Morley

May the month of April renew you with the "**spirit of youth**" and inspire you to **go** and try new things with your dog(s)! Looking forward to seeing you at the April meeting and other upcoming Club events. *Sandee*

# Pet Expo Scenes 2018



The Kent County Sheriff's K-9 Unit was so appreciative of our club's donation of \$5000 for the maintenance of a dog. K-9 Unit worked with the club at our booth to raise additional funds. With the expanded booth size, there were two to three dogs available to the public all two days. At the end of the day on Sunday, through donations collected, an additional \$710 was raised.  
Way to Go!!!



Left photo shows Len Podleski presenting a check for \$5000 to Sergeant Eric Rakow while "Duke" with his handler Jared watched the presentation. Duke was purchased with a donation from GRKC.



Right photo: Sandee Lovett and Pat Kronemeyer were busy working the booth both days. THANKS for all your efforts.

The kids just loved the dogs!! It was great to see them enjoying the dogs.

THANKS to the following helpers: Jan Hamming, Char Czarnecki, Char's friend Joan Hodder, Lindsey and Steve Tanyko. Great job setting up the booth to Lucy Koch.



Mike Lovett with Ritzey, the arson dog, discussing the work of this dog with officers of the K-9 Unit.





**Grand Rapids Kennel Club  
General Membership Meeting  
March 27, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:43 PM by Sandee Lovett.

Members Present: Charlene Czarnecki, Len Podleski, Sharron Podleski, Pat Kronemeyer, Mike Lovett, Sandee Lovett, Kevin Nieboer, Merilee Wilson,, Bonnie Wilson, Carol Lynn Johnson, Jan Hamming, Richard Horwitz, Ann Horwitz.

Guests: Steve Tanyko and Eric Johnson

Our speaker for this evening did not show up.

Motion by Char Czarnecki and second by Richard Horwitz to approve the minutes of the February general membership meeting as printed in *The Hairy*. Motion carried.

Motion by Merilee Wilson to accept the **Treasurer's Report** as printed in *The Hairy*. Seconded by Carol Lynn Johnson. Motion carried.

**Corresponding Secretary Report** – Carol Lynn reported receiving the following: AKC notice of Phishing emails being sent out and having received one supposedly from Sandee asking for a vendor to be paid. The Cavalier club is having a breeders seminar on April 13, 2018 in Ohio. AKC canine health fund send a letter on Leptospirosis.

**President Report** – Nothing to report this month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Show Committee** – all set for May 2018 show. PL should be mailed shortly. Please reach out to Len if you'd like to steward, Pat Kronemeyer or Pat DenBoer if you'd like to help with trophies or anything else. We will need help in setting up on 5/24 and help with clean up on 5/29. Please remember that many hands make light work.

**Pet Expo** – Len reports that all is set. Hours are Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 11-5. Members might want to bring their own chairs, as the Delta Plex doesn't supply more than two for each booth. Duke, the dog, that Club bought for the KCSO will be there both days.

**Legislative** – nothing to report.

**Club Match** – will be September 22, 2018 at the Well Mannered Dog in Wyoming. The board will be working on this matter at next week's meeting..

**Website** – Carol Lynn and Pat Kronemeyer are still working on meeting with each other and various vendors on the website. This will also be a subject at the next board meeting.

**Membership** – this is the second meeting for Steve Tanyko. His next attended meeting will be the vote for election to membership.

**Old Business:**

Scent work trial is being planned in conjunction with our Match for September 22, 2018. Currently the plan is to hold it on the upper level of the WMD. The committee is composed of: Jan Hamming, Sharron Podleski, Dawn VanDyken, Ellen Hizer, and Lindsey Tanyko. Char Czarnecki agreed to act as trail chair for this event.

Member picnic date is June 26, 2018. Please set this night aside for some fun with your fellow Club members and feel free to bring your dogs!

No other old business.

**New Business:**

Board meeting on April 3 – please forward your concerns and agenda items to any board member. Ann asked about touring the Children's hospital with their K9 unit. Sandee reported she's working on this.

There were no brags this month.

Motion to adjourn by Jan Hamming, second by Char Czarnecki.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin Nieboer*

Recording Secretary

**Grand Rapids Kennel Club  
Board of Directors  
April 3, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Sandee Lovett.

Members present: Sandee Lovett, Kevin Nieboer, Pat Kronemeyer, Alice Frazier, Ann Timmer, Carol Lynn Johnson, Jan Hamming.

Motion to approve minutes from January 30, 2018 meeting by Pat Kronemeyer, second by Carol Lynn Johnson – motion carried.

Motion to accept treasurer report by Carol Lynn Johnson second by Ann Timmer – motion carried.

Secretary Report – nothing new since GRKC general membership meeting.

The board discussed the Pet Expo coming up on April 7th & 8th. Len reported to Sandee that all is set. Pat Kronemeyer will have the \$5,000 check for our agreed upon donation to the KCSO K-9 Unit.

The board discussed the April program. Sandee to call Steve Tanyko to ask about West Michigan Therapy Dog and having an educational program for the April meeting.

The May show is all set; premium list is out.

The Board discussed our club picnic on June 26. Sandee expressed her disappointment that this past year was so poorly attended. The Board discussed ways to get more members and their dogs at this event. Jan Hamming to send out the Trick Dog exercises in the next Hairy to promote the event. Jan will be on-hand as an evaluator.

Motion by Pat Kronemeyer second by Carol Lynn Johnson for the Club to provide ribbons for all of those participating, and a qualifying ribbon for all those that qualify. Motion carried.

The board discussed our annual summer activity – it was agreed to throw some ideas out at our next meeting, and those ideas to include – dinner and then a tour of DeVos Children’s hospital with their K9 unit, a dinner cruise on the Grand River, a possible casino outing including dinner, and a ball game.

The board then discussed the fall match which is set for September 22, 2018 at the Well Mannered Dog. Alice Frazier reported that we will need some additional rosettes; Kevin to place the order for shipment with May’s show. We will also be offering awards for high in trial at the match as well as the new awards in rally, HC and HTQ.

Jan reported on the Scent Work Trial. Char Czarnecki had agreed at the last general meeting to act as the trial chair, but has since reported to Jan that she has a conflict that weekend. Sharron Podleski has agreed to serve as chair. Jan is working on securing judges. The pre-app with AKC is pending, and once approved she will be doing the trial application with AKC.

Jan will also be doing the match application for both the obedience and conformation match.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin Nieboer*

Recording Secretary

# GRKC Treasurer's Report



## PROFIT LOSS STATEMENT Consolidated

	Mar 2018	YTD 2018	YTD Budget 2018
<b>Income</b>			
Apple Blossom Cluster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
Harvest Cluster Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,000.00
Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest	\$34.60	\$34.60	
Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Membership Dues	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$280.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$64.60</b>	<b>\$134.60</b>	<b>\$45,680.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advertising and Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Apple Blossom Cluster	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Club Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00
Picnic	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Donation	\$0.00	\$50.00	
KC Sheriff K9	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fundraiser K9	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Hairy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Harvest Cluster	\$0.00	-\$30.00	\$13,000.00
Insurance Expense	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$1,938.00
Match	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Club Meeting			
Meeting Program	\$50.00	\$167.18	\$250.00
Meeting Expense - Other	\$86.33	\$355.95	\$140.00
Permits & Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Professional Fees	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$60.00
Public Ed/Pet Expo/Booth	\$0.00	\$350.00	
Public Ed/Pet Expo/Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Public Ed/Publications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Sunshine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Website	\$1.50	\$24.66	\$500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$15,287.83</b>	<b>\$16,897.79</b>	<b>\$39,563.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-\$15,223.23</b>	<b>-\$16,763.19</b>	<b>\$6,117.00</b>
Transfer sav-check	\$16,000.00	\$18,000.00	
Checking balance March 31, 2018	\$1,620.02		
Saving balance March 31, 2018	\$20.00		
<b>MM Savings balance March 31, 2018</b>	<b>\$67,233.84</b>		
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$68,873.86</b>		



# AKC TRICK DOG

## Tricks Check List – NOVICE

(10 Tricks Required ; A CGC Title=5 tricks)

- \_\_\_ **Balance beam** (walk on board a few inches high)
- \_\_\_ **Bark on cue** ("Speak")
- \_\_\_ **Crawl** (on belly at least 5 feet)
- \_\_\_ **Fetch & Give** (Bring toy to handler & release)
- \_\_\_ **Find it** (Treat hidden under cup)
- \_\_\_ **Get your \_\_\_\_\_** (leash, brush, name of toy)
- \_\_\_ **Get in** (Gets in box)
- \_\_\_ **Get on** (Low platform or step – 4 paws)
- \_\_\_ **Hand signals** (down, sit, or come)
- \_\_\_ **High Five**
- \_\_\_ **Hold** (3 seconds)
- \_\_\_ **Jump** (thru low hoop or over low bar)
- \_\_\_ **Kennel up** (Go to crate; stay until released)
- \_\_\_ **Kiss** (point to cheek)
- \_\_\_ **Paws up** (2 paws on low stool or step)
- \_\_\_ **Push-ups** (sit, down sit, down, sit down)
- \_\_\_ **Shake hands**
- \_\_\_ **Spin in circle**
- \_\_\_ **Touch it** (hand or target stick)
- \_\_\_ **Tunnel** (agility tunnel or child's tunnel)
- \_\_\_ Other: Handler's Choice
- \_\_\_ Other: Handler's Choice

**For the Novice title**, handlers may use a food/toy lure if needed and may use food/clicker reinforcers.

**Judge**- A CGC Evaluator

## Tricks Check List- INTERMEDIATE

(10 Tricks Required; Must have Novice Trick Dog Title; CGC not required)

- \_\_\_ **Balance treat on nose or head** (eg dog biscuit)
- \_\_\_ **Carry** (a basket)
- \_\_\_ **Catch** (soft toy or soft ball)
- \_\_\_ **Crawl** (dog on belly at least 5 feet; may use lure)
- \_\_\_ **Fetch It** (20 feet)
- \_\_\_ **Game** (manipulates interactive toy to get treat)
- \_\_\_ **Go find** (handler hides; dog finds)
- \_\_\_ **Go to your place** (bed/mat, crate from 10 feet)
- \_\_\_ **Hand signals** (sit, down, stand, etc. 3 in a row)
- \_\_\_ **Jump through handler's circle arms**
- \_\_\_ **Leg weave** (weave around handler's legs)
- \_\_\_ **Paws up** (on handler's arm)
- \_\_\_ **Pull a toy on a string or rope**
- \_\_\_ **Push button on sound toy** (piano, tape, etc.)
- \_\_\_ **Roll over**
- \_\_\_ **Shell game** (Find treat under 1 of 3 cups)
- \_\_\_ **Sit pretty** (sit up or w/head tilted)
- \_\_\_ **Wave good-bye**
- \_\_\_ **Weave poles** (6) (May use lure)
- \_\_\_ **Wobble board**
- \_\_\_ Other: Handler's Choice
- \_\_\_ Other: Handler's Choice

**Ideas for Handler's Choice:** balance ball, close/open door, get ball from flyball box, heeling with automatic sit, remove object from box, teeter totter

**For Intermediate title**, handlers may NOT use food or toys as lures. May use food rewards and clickers.

**Judge** – A CGC Evaluator

# AKC TRICK DOG

## **Tricks Check List- ADVANCED**

(5 Tricks Required. Must have NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG TITLES; CGC is not required)

- \_\_\_ **Back up** (Walk backwards)
- \_\_\_ **Balance treat on nose, flip to eat at "OK"**
- \_\_\_ **Barrel** (Roll w/2 paws or stand on it)
- \_\_\_ **Bow** (as in "Take a Bow")
- \_\_\_ **Circle right, circle left**
- \_\_\_ **Cover your eyes**
- \_\_\_ **Cover up with blanket**
- \_\_\_ **Go hide** (under table)
- \_\_\_ **Head down**
- \_\_\_ **Hide your head** (under blanket, leg over head)
- \_\_\_ **Jump into handler's arms**
- \_\_\_ **Jump over handler's back**
- \_\_\_ **Turn on light** (pressure sensitive w/battery)
- \_\_\_ **Open door & get object** (e.g. toy refrigerator)
- \_\_\_ **Play dead**
- \_\_\_ **Scent articles** (Choose from 5: dog can "read")
- \_\_\_ **Sit or down at distance** (15 ft)
- \_\_\_ **Tissue out of box** (and bring to handler)
- \_\_\_ **Toys** (Take to box and drop in)
- \_\_\_ **Weave poles** (6) (No food or toy lures)
- \_\_\_ Other: Handler's choice
- \_\_\_ Other: Handler's choice

**Ideas for Handler's Choice:** Pull a cart, push a toy baby buggy, limping, yawn, sing/talk, dance, say your prayers, identify toys by name out of 3 toys, shake as in to shake off water, sneeze, smile, be ashamed, Bang! and fall over, take off handler's slippers, make your bed, dance/moonwalk.

**For Advanced title,** handlers may NOT use food or toys as lures. May use food rewards/clickers.

**Judge-** A CGC Evaluator

## **Tricks check List – PERFORMER**

- A total of 10 tricks from the Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles are required to earn the Trick Dog Performer title.
- All three titles --- Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced must be on record at AKC
- The dog/handler team must perform a Tricks routine that includes at least 2 Intermediate and at least 2 Advanced Tricks.
- The routine may have a story (e.g., "This is my dog Princess. Princess loves school. Here's what she does at school. She plays ball on the playground and then she takes a nap, etc.")
- If your routine has a story, write a summary to turn in to AKC.
- If your routine has a story, you can tell it yourself or you can have a narrator read the story to give you cues about the next trick.
- No food lures may be used in the Performer title. Food and/or clickers may be used as reinforcers for a correct response.
- TRICK DOG PERFORMER REQUIRES YOU TO PROVIDE A VIDEO FOR AKC TO VIEW. You can submit to Youtube, Facebook, (or other), provide a link, or send DVD.
- AKC Trick Dog Performer is not judged by an Evaluator. A video DVD or link is sent to the AKC Trick Dog department with the application.

**Judge-** AKC Trick Dog Department



## What to Do if Your Dog Gets Away From You

Hilarie Erb | August 22, 2016



A dog owner's worst nightmare is losing her dog.

But accidents can happen. Your dog can slip past you when you open the door; slip out of his collar while on a walk; or dig or climb out of your fenced yard.

### What Should You Do if Yours Gets Loose?

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Stay calm, even though your heart is racing with panic. Your dog will sense the fear in your voice and will ignore you or simply run faster. If you have taught him to [come to you reliably](#), then call him cheerfully and beckon with your hand, as if you have a treat or toy. Try turning your back a little, as if to encourage him to follow you.

Do not chase him! Almost all dogs can run faster than almost all humans, and if he thinks you are chasing him, he'll simply run faster and with less care for where he's going. Walk or jog calmly, but quickly, and keep him in sight. If you've practiced recalls and he thinks you might have a delicious treat, he will most likely come to you. Keep treats near the front door, so they will be handy should he slip out when someone comes to visit.



Most dogs love to go for a [ride in the car](#). If the dog is running loose and you spot him while driving around searching for him, simply pull over and get out (if it is safe to do so), open the door, and cheerfully invite him to jump in for a ride. I have "caught" two loose dogs that did not even know me this way! Most dogs apparently do not know that they should not take candy from strangers. Prevention is the most effective way to make sure this does not happen. Never let your dog off-leash

outside a secure fenced area. Even the best-trained dog can forget everything he ever learned if he sees a squirrel or a cat. Also, consider your [dog's breed](#). Hounds and terriers are very good at what they were bred to do: pursue their prey independently and single-mindedly. They follow their noses and can get into big trouble without a fence, and may be more likely to ignore your calls than, say, a [sporting](#) or [working breed](#) might be.

Use a [secure collar](#) when walking your dog. If you use a buckle collar, you should be able to get two fingers snugly under it and no more. Martingale collars are great, especially for dogs with narrow skulls. When adjusted properly, it's nearly impossible for a dog to back out of one. These collars are humane, and when fitted correctly will close tightly enough to prevent escape but not so tightly as to choke. Harnesses and head collars are also very secure. The collar should have identification on it.

If your dog gets lost without his collar and its identification tag, permanent identification such as a [microchip](#) and/or tattoo can help get him home. [AKC Reunite](#) is a service that keeps your essential contact information and enables anyone who finds your dog to return him safely to you. A veterinarian inserts a tiny microchip under the dog's skin, and almost every shelter and veterinary office has a scanner that can read the chip. This protection lasts for your dog's entire life.

Teach a reliable recall. Always be glad to see your dog when she comes to you, no matter what she may have done before she came. Practice calling her in distraction-free environments and gradually work toward more distracting ones. Don't be reluctant to use very high-value rewards for good recalls. Coming to you must be more rewarding than whatever your dog is currently up to. This will truly pay off when it really counts. Until she has a good recall, if your dog is in the fenced yard doing something fun like digging up a chipmunk, don't call -- simply go and get her and give her a treat for coming with you. Do not encourage the habit of ignoring you.

Never call the dog for something unpleasant, like a toenail trim or bath. Check out [this article](#) for ways to make your dog love coming to you.

The most frightening scenario is the one in which your dog gets loose and has a big head start. Maybe he has been gone for minutes, maybe hours, and you have no idea where he could be.

Act quickly. You should always have a good current photo of your dog. While you are out looking, a family member can whip up a flyer with the dog's picture to post all over the neighborhood, at nearby stores, the post office, and local veterinarian offices and shelters. Offer a reward for the dog's return. Check with the shelters frequently. Contact breed rescue groups.

Social media has helped many lost pets find their way back home. Take advantage of this resource right away if your dog is lost.

When the coin is flipped, and you find a lost dog, take him to a veterinarian or shelter where they will scan for a microchip. If he's lucky enough to have one, he will be on his way home. You will have made another dog owner very happy.