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TIKO President's Message

Ginny Kerr

2023 Winter Message

Seasons greetings to all. As 2023 winds to a close I find myself thinking of the year that has been and wondering about what the year ahead will hold.

2023 kept everyone busy, many of you celebrating wins in the show ring, achievement of training goals, or happy and healthy litters of puppies to showcase your breeding programs. The TIKO Shows and Trials were once again the highlight of the summer for the club, with the hard work of the organizers and volunteers resulting in a topnotch event.

Club get togethers at the Spencerville arena in the early spring and then during the summer at the Rows Corners fairgrounds proved to be popular for both just getting together to socialize with each other, as well as to work our dogs in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Classes and training time at the Memorial Center during the fall was like putting on a favourite comfortable sweater as we finally got to return to our regular training venue after several years. Ending this season with the joy of spending time with friends at the Annual Christmas party was a great way to wrap up the year.

As with all things to celebrate there were also tough moments for some members. Hopefully the support of the membership in some way helped – we are a community, and each member is important.

As 2024 peaks around the corner planning is already underway for a spring Sanction Match, hopefully more classes, or training meet ups and of course the 2024 Shows and Trials. What other events will be planned remains to be seen, but whatever they are I am sure the TIKO members will be there to make them great.

So again, wishing all the TIKO members, and their dogs a very Joyous and Peace Filled Holiday Season.... I am off to feed my newest addition!!!!

Ginny





Merry
Christmas



We wish you all the
happiness for the season
and the new year.

Sarah & Terri Duff 2023



Wishing you a happy holiday &
a peaceful New Year

Barb Robinson
Chippenhook Collies



Twinkle Twinkle Stars of 2023

by Terri Duff

As we head towards the end of our year. I am feeling very proud of the so many accomplishments of all our TIKO members. We set our minds to get things going and going we did. First off, our president **Ginny Kerr** stepped up and got things rolling. Zoom meetings were activated and plans made for TIKO classes to resume, which she got approvals for with everyone delighted. Ginny ran performance classes and conformation and got everyone involved. The Drummond Building in Spencerville was our first stop to loosening up the class muscles, then we headed to the Elizabethtown-Kitley Fairgrounds at Rowes Corners where our numbers grew with several new members and their canine companions.

Sarah Duff stepped up and helped many of the novice handlers. Encouragement should be her middle name. Our new canine member Radar amazed us all along with his partner **Yves Prevost** as they performed over and over again in perfect harmony. Team work that needed to be done was fun and memorable. And note worthy Yves also helped with setup and take down for classes like a true team (club) member.

Marnie Layng, put on a great AGM luncheon in her backyard and everyone gathered for food fun and conversation. Wow the ideas were flowing like an exciting waterfall! In the shadows, Marnie gave the club a newsletter with a bright display that was inviting and informative.

Michelle Greeley serves as the heart of our club making sure everyone feels loved and cared for when heartbroken over a lost loved one whether 2 or 4 legged, were sick with ailments or "just because" Michelle is that nice. And all while having some adorable puppies of her own.

Karen Nesbitt ran an excellent show with her work horses Don & Darlene Helliker. When there was a bump in the road, she smoothed it out without a fuss as if it was never there. Bravo Karen! Your Show Chair shoes will be hard to fill. ALMOST!!

Darlene & Don Helliker are the spirit of "GET ER DONE" They were the heart beat of the show. If it needed to be done, they got it done. They kept everything organized and on time. From set up to take down they had it done in a snap. Between the two of them, they "slayed the dragon" at the Memorial Center and got us back in for classes and some great plans moving forward.

Editor's Note:

Missing from this list of stars is **Terri Duff** who by being the caring and tenacious person she is, pulled the club along with her in the whirlwind of effort put forth to provide positive opportunities for her TIKO Family!



Twinkle Twinkle Stars of 2023

Pictures Make The Story Sparkle!



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Holiday greetings from Heavensbridge Kennel



**Darlene & Don Helliker
Heavensbridge Kennel**

re-Home for the Howlidays by Pearl Prevost

In late July, we had the privilege of re-homing a 5-year-old Springer Spaniel named Dune. We were open to the idea of caring for another dog, who would become a companion to our almost 3-year-old Wired-hair Vizsla named RADAR.

Needless to say, it's important to find the right fit for both human and dog. Since we were re-homing, we were aware that Dune was used to certain routines that were different from ours. Here are some important things that we had to consider:

- **Crates are Happy Places**: Crates benefit both humans and dogs. Train your new dog to love his/her crate, and know that it is always a safe place where good things happen. Favourite and familiar toys/mats/bowls/beds are also important when transitioning to a new home.

Dune often runs into his crate for some quiet time. He also loves his slimy/gummy rubber duckie.
- **Food**: Respect your dog's previous feeding times, types and amounts of meals/treats.

Dune was fed raw beef (due to a chicken and grain allergy) so we weaned him off of raw foods, and transitioned him to RADAR's diet of grain-free kibble (topped with fresh fruits and vegetables) which subsequently improved his digestion and elimination. Both dogs now devour the same type of meals voraciously.
- **Potty**: Your dog may have had a different routine as to the time/frequency/location/communication of potty. Sitting/whining/barking/scratching at the door may be a message that it is time to go. We always give Dune and RADAR the opportunity for relief right after a meal.
- **Sleeping/Waking Hours**: Your dog may be used to different waking/sleeping hours. If not crated or managed, s/he may become your new alarm clock.
- **Exercise**: Ensure your dog enjoys similar amounts of exercises/walks/playtime/quiet time as before. As a Springer Spaniel, Dune has enormous energy that even tires out a Wired-hair Vizsla!
- **Travel**: Note if your dog travels well in a vehicle or needs comfort. When outdoors, consider the different types of collars, leashes, harnesses, muzzles available.
- **Grooming**: Your dog may require grooming.
Unlike RADAR's fuss-free fur, Dune's hair often mats and requires frequent combing; especially when we found Dune frolicking in a field full of burrs! With his love for water, Dune's ears are often prone to infections and require extra drying and cleaning.
- **Training**: Note the level and amount of training your dog has previously received, and plan for any future training you may want to give.
Dune came to us with an understanding of basic obedient commands (sit, stay, down and has since learned paw, roll, and jump). Yes you can teach old dog new tricks. Dune loved to catch a ball but would never bring it back. Slowly he learned to retrieve. He now catches the ball and brings it back. He even retrieves rubber ducks!

- **Special needs** could be triggered by medical issues, allergies, mobility issues, etc. Dune's digestive issues (caused by allergies) now seem to be remedied by his new grain-free and fowl-free diet. Also understand that some dogs feel that they need a purpose/raison d'etre. Dune came from a home of five human kids. Dune naturally took on the responsibility of watching and guarding the kids when they played outside. Dune has now adjusted to looking after only one juvenile fur kid name RADAR.

Dune is fitting in well with us, with his new human parents and canine brother. We are just waiting to see if he thinks our Christmas tree is his personal indoor outhouse?

God Rest Ye Hunter Pointer Dogs

(Doggie rendition sing to the tune of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

Good rest ye hunter pointer dogs

Let nothing you dismay

Remember OVPDC's

Still active to this day

To train pups to point and stay

When dogs have gone astray

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Comfort and joy

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

In Ottawa, in regions near

This awesome club was born

To teach us this hunting sport

Chasing birds night til morn

Much to the pointers delight

Pointing to full adorn

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Comfort and joy

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Good rest ye hunter pointer dogs

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Yves Prevost, Radar & Dune

Have Yourself a Merry Christmas Hunt

(Doggie rendition sing to the tune of Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas)

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Light the forest night

From now on

Our game will center on site

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Pointers hold and stay

From now on

Our chukars will be near all day, yes

Here we are as in dog-gone days

Happy golden days of yore

Faithful dogs who are dear to us

Gather near to us once more

So, through the years we all will be together

If the fates allow

Curing fresh fowl upon the highest bough

So, have yourself a merry little Christmas now

Have a wonderful, wonderful, merry little Christmas now

Have a merry Christmas now

So, Here were are as in dog-gone days

Happy golden days of yore

Faithful dogs who are dear to us

Gather near to us once more

So, through the years we all will be together

If the fates allow

Curing fresh fowl upon the highest bough

So, have yourself a merry little Christmas now, now, right now, right now



Chuckles with Dune & RADAR Prevost

What do you get
when you cross a
dog and a
calculator?

A trusted friend
you can count on!



Why are dogs
chasing their tails
more than ever
these days?

To make
ends meet!

Howliday Tunes with Radar & Dune

Barkin' Around the Christmas Tree

(doggie rendition to the tune of Rocking Around the Christmas Tree)

Barkin' around the Christmas tree,
The rabbit has just hopped on top
It's dropping chocolate bits down on me,
if I bark, perhaps it'll stop.

Barkin' around the Christmas tree,
I wish you had your shot gun
To sound it off and make it run
The rabbit would have to flee.

You will learn a fundamental lesson,
when you hear
Doggies barking at your folly
As the rabbit chews the holly.

Bakin' around the Christmas tree,
As the rabbit chews the holly.
Barkin' around the Christmas tree,
It's an eventful holiday.

As the tree comes crashing down,
Wish I caught that rabbit right away!



Santa Claws is Coming to Town

(Doggie rendition to the tune of Santa Claus is Coming to Town)

Oh you better watch out
You better not growl
You better not bark
You better not howl
I'm telling you why
Santa Claws is coming to town....

He's making a list
He's checking it twice
He'll find out if you're "baaad dog" or nice
Santa Claws is coming to town....

He knows when you are whiney
He knows when you get scold

He knows when you are noisy
So better do as you've been told

You better find big birds
You better not miss them
You better not chase them
You better not eat them
Santa Claws is coming to town.....

He knows when you ate the bird
He knows when you're on the run
He knows when you're eating turd
Butttt still.. you can have some fun

Oh you better watch out
You better not growl
You better not bark
You better not howl
I'm telling you why
Santa Claws is coming to town....



TIKO All-Breed Shows & Trials 2024

will be held August
August 16th, 17th & 18th 2024

At a NEW venue!

**Centre 76 Memorial Arena
Athens, ON**

Beautiful Outdoor Show Site
Indoor Obedience & Rally Trials
RV & Camping Sites on the grounds.

Located in the historic Village of Athens
Just 20 minutes North of Brockville, ON

More information
will be on the TIKO website and
in TIKO TAILS in the coming months.

Plan on attending!

Social and Educational
Events are being planned.

Show Co-Chairs:
Marnie Layng - mlayng@bell.net
Ginny Kerr - ginnykerr51@gmail.com

Merry Christmas & A
Happy New Year



From All of Us at
Thistlebitt
Border Terriers



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*Wishing Our TIKO Family
Best Wishes for the Holidays and
Happy Canine Adventures
In the New Year!*



*Curtis Farm Beagles
Susan Curtis, The Beagles & Susie*

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TIKO FUNNY BONE



For the music lovers out there -
Rockin-a-Hound the Christmas Tree



Whoa Dasher...
Sit Blitzen...
Down Comet...



For the more athletic -
Let it Throw, Let it Throw, Let it Throw



who me?

What do a Christmas tree and a
dog have in common? Bark!

Why did the snowman turn yellow?
Ask that little dog over there!!!!



bark, bark, bark



For the lovers out there -
I saw Mommy
kissing Santa Paws



For the chefs amongst us -
Bring us some puggy pudding



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Common Holiday Hazards for Dogs



The holidays pose many risks for our dogs. Shiny, tantalizing decorations on display, plentiful foods abound and new plants and flowers to discover. Keep your dog safe this holiday and be aware of the many hazards to ensure you and your dog have a happy holiday season. Be sure to always have your emergency veterinarian's phone number handy and in case of accidental poisoning, you can call the ASPCA Poison Control Hotline at (888) 426-4435 (*a fee may apply*).

Holiday Foods:

Nuts

- **Almonds** – Ingestion can cause stomach upset and create gastric intestinal distress, as they are not easily digested by dogs.
- **Macadamia Nuts** – Ingestion can cause lethargy vomiting, tremors, joint stiffness and difficulty walking. Also, since these nuts are very fatty, ingestion can cause pancreatitis.
- **Pecans** – Ingestion can cause gastric intestinal upset or even obstruction.
- **Pistachios** – Ingestion of repeated large amounts can cause upset stomach and even pancreatitis.
- **Walnuts** – Ingestion can cause major gastrointestinal issues. They also take a long time for dog's stomachs to break them down, so there is a risk for obstructions.

Chocolate and Cocoa – Ingestion causes gastrointestinal upset, elevated heart rate, agitation and can cause seizures and death. Dark chocolate and baker's chocolate is more toxic than milk chocolate.

Garlic – Ingestion in large amounts can cause anemia and gastrointestinal upset.

Grapes, Raisins & Currants – Even small amounts can cause kidney failure.

Meat Scraps – Ingestion of fatty meat scraps such as ham, gravy, etc. can produce severe inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) leading to abdominal pain, vomiting and bloody diarrhea.

Onions, Leeks & Chives – Ingestion can cause anemia and gastrointestinal upset.

Salt – Ingestion can cause vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, excessive thirst or urination, tremors, seizures, coma and death.

Unbaked Bread Dough – Ingestion will cause the dough to expand in the stomach, which could cause the stomach to twist, cutting off blood supply. Also, the yeast in the dough can produce alcohol, which can cause seizures and respiratory failure.

Xylitol – A sugar-free sweetener, found in many products including gum and peanut butter, that if ingested causes dangerous drops in blood sugar and liver failure.

Holiday Beverages:

- **Alcohol** – Ingestion can cause dangerous drops in blood sugar, blood pressure and body temperatures. Intoxicated animals can experience seizures and respiratory failure.
- **Caffeine** – Dogs tend to be more sensitive to caffeine compared to people. Ingestion can cause hyperactivity, restlessness, vomiting, elevated heart rate, hypertension, abnormal heart rhythms, tremors, hyperthermia, seizures, collapse and even death.

2024 awaits....

