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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club, Inc.

The Wenatchee Kennel Club, Inc. (WKC) is a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to advance and protect the purebred dog by providing education for its members and the public, and to hold competitive events under the rules of the American Kennel Club. Those interested in becoming members are invited to contact WKC at (509) 886-DOGS (3647).

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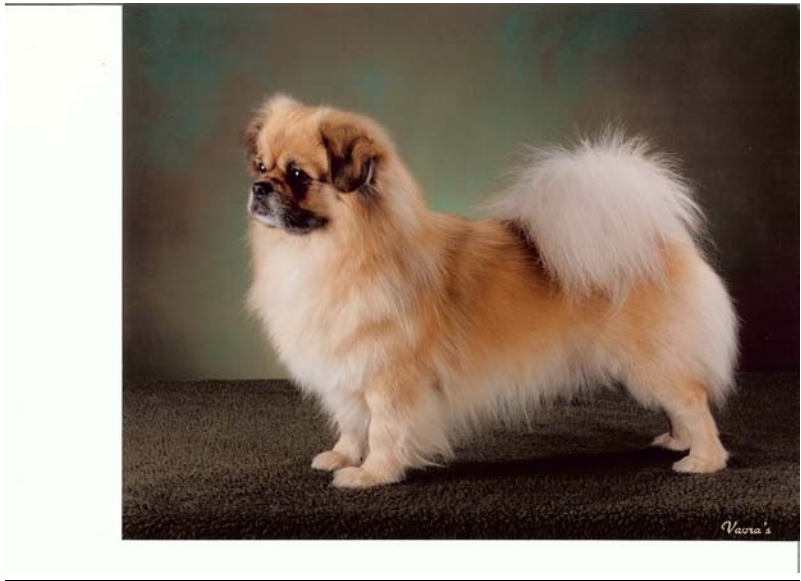
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Borg
Ch. Avalon Borg of Ebonstern
10/10/1998 – 10/20/2010
Chuck and Patty St. John



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**Next General Membership Meeting**  
**November 29 at the Training Center**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Doga - Yoga With Your Dog**



## EDITORS' COLUMN

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**Happy THANKSGIVING!** Our best to all our WKC friends and especially our new members. Hope you have a great holiday and see you at our meeting on November 29 where WKC member Chrys Fine will show us all about Doga - Yoga with your dog! Just a note about this PawPrint -thanks to all our contributors for great articles! Sorry for the small type but we have lots going on!!! P.S. I have a new email address - christina@davittlaw.com. Please send your news and brags right to me so I can cut and paste them here. Enjoy your holiday and see you at the Club. Your **The PawPrint** Editors: *Christina M. Davitt, Debbie Parks and Diana Carty*



### CHUCK CHAT

First let me indulge in a little executive privilege on a personal level. Some of you know that I lost my beloved Borg unexpectedly in October. He was special in many ways. Borg was our first Tibetan Spaniel. Intended as only a pet, he went on to teach me all I know about showing dogs. It's safe to say that without him, I wouldn't be part of the Wenatchee Kennel Club today.

He was also an exceptional Tibbie. During his career as a pet-turned-show dog, he won Best of Breed 149 times, including 11 times from the veteran's class after he was 7 years old. His best year he won Best of Breed 65 times. He had 37 group placements in his life. Some highlights were his 5 Award of Merits at the Tibetan Spaniel Club of America nationals and Best of Opposite sex at the Westminster Kennel Club show at 8.5 years old.

We'll miss the ol' boy! Ch. Avalon Borg of Ebonstern 10/10/1998 – 10/20/2010.

On a different note, we have lots going on in the club! Thanks to all who made the agility trial a smashing success.

We'd like to be a part of the first Wenatchee Valley Family Expo February 25-26, but need a volunteer to be in charge. If you are interested, contact me. It should be a fun event! Also see the piece here in the PawPrint.

We have some exciting news relative to the 2011 dog show, but will wait to make a formal announcement at the membership meeting...we should have more of the details worked out by then.

Our annual awards and elections dinner will be the end of January. Now is a good time to remember all those titles you earned this past year. Get them organized and sent to Alicia Sehorn for your awards. If you have any interest in serving on the WKC Board of Directors or one of the officers, see the related article in the Paw Print. We encourage anyone to run for office.

*Chuck St. John, President*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WKC Elections** for next year will be held at the WKC Annual Dinner on Jan 28, 2011. The following positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary, 1 Board Member position. Nominations can be made at the Annual Dinner Meeting or by contacting the Nominating Committee, Walt Gearhart, Jeff Koski, or Betsy Metcalf.

**Agility folks!!** Save this Date Jan 22, 23 2011. Lisa Selthofer, the author of the 2on 2off Contact Training DVD from Spot On Agility, also a judge, trainer, competitor will be doing a 2 day seminar at WKC on 2on 2off and other agility challenges!! More information coming soon. Betsy Metcalf [arrmet@aol.com](mailto:arrmet@aol.com)

### FIRST ANNUAL WENATCHEE VALLEY FAMILY EXPO

Feb 25 and 26, 2011

WKC is looking for volunteers to staff a booth at the Expo scheduled for February 25 & 26, 2011 at the Town Toyota Center. This a retail event that features vendors with products and services for kids and their families, including a 'Pet Area' so our participation would be excellent! The volunteer would be responsible for setting up the table and recruiting a few other volunteers to help staff the table and answer questions. It's a fun way to meet people who are interested in dogs and dog training. If you think you would be interested in helping out with the booth at the Expo, please contact Chuck St. John or anyone on our Board of Directors. Thanks!



**NOVEMBER 29 PROGRAM - 7 pm DOGA - Yoga for you and your dogs!**

Presented by MacRi & my human Doga partner WKC Member Chrys Fine



## PROGRAM UPDATE

Our Program Chair, Karen Hall, has set up the following terrific programs to go with our monthly membership meeting which is usually the last Monday of the month at 7 pm at the WKC training center.

Nov. 29 - Doga - Yoga with Your Dog  
Dec. No Program - Happy Holidays  
Jan. 28, 2011 Annual Awards Banquet  
Feb. 28 - Visit Dogwise



### **Wenatchee Kennel Club Approaching 50 Years?**

*By Willard Fields, November 11, 2010*

I believe the Wenatchee Kennel Club, Inc. (WKC) is approaching its 50 year anniversary in 2011. The earliest written information I have seen is the WKC held its first American Kennel Club (AKC) licensed show on September 15, 1963 at the Apple Bowl. Back then, AKC required holding 1 or 2 sanctioned matches before a club could hold a sanctioned show for points; therefore the club had to be in existence for one, two or more years before 1963. Also, the WKC has an embosser with the words "Wenatchee Kennel Club, Inc. Corporate Seal 1961 Washington", which indicates the WKC was initially incorporated in 1961.

The first Wenatchee AKC licensed Dog Show & Obedience Trial was held in 1963 with 566 entries. The Show was held at the Apple Bowl for around 2 years and then moved to Recreation Ball Park next to the Apple Bowl until 1978, Chelan County Fairgrounds 1978-1980, Lincoln Park 1981-1982, Lewis & Clark Park 1983-1984, Recreation Park 1985-1990, and then Walla Walla Point Park 1991-2010. Therefore this year's show makes it the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Dog Show & Obedience Trial. The highest entry was in 1999 with 1,517 entries. The WKC started with a one day show on Sunday. In 1976 the Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club (EMLKC) held its first AKC sanctioned show on Saturday in Moses Lake (the day before WKC show). Then in 1982 until 1995 WKC & EMLKC held a Tue (EMLKC) & Wed (WKC) show in April at Moses Lake and a Sat (EMLKC) & Sun (WKC) show in September in Wenatchee. Since 1996 EMLKC holds their 2 day show in Moses Lake in April and WKC holds its 2 day show in Wenatchee in September, when AKC allowed clubs to hold back to back shows. From 1992 to 1997 Yakima Valley Kennel Club held a Friday show in Wenatchee before the WKC September weekend shows. The Rally Trials were added to the show in 2004, thanks to Marilyn & Walt Gearhart. Show Chairmen over the years have been Rowena Wagner, Lucy Anderson, Siri Woods, Pat Click, Joyce Cartmill, Eileen Pearl, Ann Jensen, Paula Benson, Margie Wilsey, Pat Putman, Carol Black, Willard Fields, Glen McKee, Sandy Mckee, and Chuck St John. The Obedience Chairman has been Harry Wagner, Ralph Mackey, Jean Walton, Bud Gaines, Pat Putman, Eileen Pearl, Margie Wilsey, Shari Shepherd, Walt Gearhart, and Marilyn Gearhart. I probably missed a couple of people since I have sketchy information the first 7 years.

The WKC held its first AKC sanctioned Tracking Test (TD) in 1991. Thanks to Suzanne Metcalf for organizing and getting the WKC started in holding tracking tests. There were 1 or 2 years of Tracking Tests (Badger Mtn.) before 1991 as required by AKC before the WKC could hold a test that dogs could earn a title. Then in 1993 AKC allowed the WKC to have both TD & TDX tracks at the test. Since 1991 all of the tracking tests have been held in the Palisades. The Test Chairman and/or Secretary have been LeAnn Traylor, Rita Keller, Shari Shepherd, Barb Steward, Robin Rosay, Eileen Pearl, and Maggy Susman. The average pass rate for TD has been 64% where the national average is around 55%. The pass rate for TDX has been 10% where the national average is around 17%.

WKC had its first AKC sanctioned Agility Trials in April 2003 at Moses Lake that was chaired by Marilyn Gearhart. There was previously an AKC sanctioned Plan "A" Event in October 2000 chaired by Eileen Pearl and the Show Secretary was Marilyn Gearhart. The WKC and EMLKC have shared weekends in Moses Lake in the spring and in Wenatchee (Confluence Park) in October through 2010. The trial chairmen have been Eileen Pearl, Marilyn Gearhart, and Mary Bean.

The earliest membership list I have is 1966 with Dr. Robert Brabrook, Peggy Capple, Dr. Harvey Cooper, Harold Davis, Ginny Ray Foster, Mrs. Harley Hallauer, Dr. & Mrs. Frank Herr, Mr. & Mrs. James Jaquish, Grace Lenz, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Mackey, Wanda Martin, Mrs. Bruce Mitchell, Thomas Morris Jr., Ann Oberg, Russell O'Keefe, Carol O'Keefe, W.J. O'Neil, Mr. & Mrs Paul Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Putnam, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Sehorn, Mrs. Owen Watson, Bette Wilder. I know that Gwyneth Mitchell had a strong presence in forming the WKC. Gwyneth & her husband also donated land and helped start up the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society also in the 1960's. The members that have been with the club the longest have been Pat & Ed Putman around 1966 and Pat & Ollie Click around 1968. Past presidents of the club have included Richard Peterson, Aage Anderson, Alyce Sehorn, Dick Woods, Ralph Mackey, Ollie Click, Jack Snyder, Pat Putman, Willard Fields, Eileen Pearl, Ann Jensen, Gerald Travis, Glen McKee, Sandy McKee, Walt Gearhart, and Chuck St John. Some interesting club meeting notes: 1967 - did obedience classes, AKC sanctioned match, & rummage sale; 1968 - Club troubles were not responsibility of this board, let incoming board inherit the problems; 1969 - explore becoming a AKC member, there was a scrapbook, club jackets purchased, 5 breed & 2 obedience rings, admission \$1 adults, \$.50 students; 1970 - Ed Putnam started "Woofs & Wags", started PO Box 805; 1971 - city stopped allowing parking on grass for dog show; 1975 - No reserved Show parking and supervised by police due to problems in past years; 1977 - no WKC member can show their dogs at WKC show, dog exhibition at Wenatchee Valley Mall; 1981 - Eileen Pearl started PawPrint; 1984 - WKC donated \$1,500 to Grant County Fairgrounds for electrical hookups (EMLKC also donated); 1985 - purchased second equipment trailer; WKC raised \$8,916 for Humane Society from Dog Show people due to the big Chelan County fire; 2003 - started dog training classes at 966 Valley Mall Parkway building.

I will have a more detailed document at the January 2011 Annual Dinner.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP -**

The following applications for membership has been received and reviewed by the Board of Directors:

*Judy Johnson and Susan Summers, Wenatchee, Soft Coated Wheaten*

*Jon and Stephanie Eberle, Wenatchee, Australian Shepherd and Maltese*

Upon their attendance at the next general membership meeting, their applications will be presented for final votes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman.

Submitted by: *Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman, (509) 665-9987*



## **Member News and Brags**

Terulyk (Siberian husky, Gail Roberts) earned his Novice Agility Preferred and Novice Jumpers Preferred titles and one leg of Open Standard Preferred at the WKC/Moses agility trial. He just turned 10 yrs old on 10/5, so I was thrilled with my sweet ol' boy (who will always be a puppy in my eyes). Lena earned her Rally Excellent title at the WKC rally trial in September, and Bellaboo finished her Working Pack Dog title during the summer. *Gail Roberts, Leavenworth, WA*



## Report on 2010 APDT Conference

*Eileen Pearl, CPDT-KA*

Recently, Karen Hall and I attended the annual conference of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers\* in Atlanta, Georgia. It was one of their largest ever with 1,286 attendees, the vast majority of them women from the U.S. and Canada. But a surprising number of other countries were represented, too, including Chile, Denmark, Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Venezuela, and the United Arab Emirates, among others.

The list of 37 speakers included Victoria Stilwell, host of Animal Planet's "It's Me or the Dog"; Temple Grandin, the best-selling author whose struggle with autism was made into an HBO film; and Kyra Sundance, whose Weimaraners have performed stunt shows on television and before thousands of people in halftime shows for the NBA, MLB, and AFL. The list also included authors like Suzanne Clothier, Trish King, Dr. Patricia McConnell, Dr. Pamela Reid, John Rogerson, and Dr. Ian Dunbar. There were researchers like Dr. Brian Hare who is currently investigating the cognitive abilities of domestic dogs, Monique Udell who is studying canine social cognition and behavior, and Dr. Clive Wynne who has studied animal behavior in Europe and Australia as well as the U.S. And of course there were many dog trainers, behavior consultants, canine welfare advocates, and so on.

One day was devoted to "A Dog's Mind – Thoughts and Emotions" with several speakers addressing different aspects of the main theme. The rest of the time attendees had a choice of several concurrent sessions some of which were practical in nature and others more academic. Topics included "Feisty Fidos;" "Advanced Lure-Reward Training;" "Challenging Adolescents;" "K9 Nose Work;" "Working with Puppy Mill Dogs;" and "What Can Behavioral Science Do for Dog Trainers?" Besides lecture presentations there were hands-on workshops, roundtable discussion groups, demonstrations, Q&A sessions, and book signings. There was a special screening of "Temple Grandin," followed by a dramatic appearance by Dr. Grandin herself; a Saturday night comedy presentation by a group of well-known authors; and an auction to benefit the APDT Foundation. Then there was the Trade Show: 70 booths set up in the Exhibit Hall with vendors selling everything from dog toys to insurance. Besides vendors there were also lots of organizations like AKC, Best Friends Animal Society, Canine Freestyle Federation, the International Association of Behavior Consultants, and more.

It was five exhausting days spent with hundreds of people who, just like me, are hungry for more knowledge about canine cognition, behavior and training and there's nothing else like it in the world. I had no sooner returned home when I found myself making plans to attend next year's conference in San Diego. (*Let's see: they're sure to include off-site sessions at SeaWorld, and maybe the San Diego Zoo. And maybe I should plan on a few extra days for sightseeing and the beach and...*)

\*The Association of Pet Dog Trainers is a professional organization of individual trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through education. Founded in 1993 by Ian Dunbar, DVM, Ph.D., it currently has over 6000 members from the United States and 26 other countries. Membership is open to all who pay annual dues and includes individuals with a wide range of experience, knowledge and skill, including world renowned speakers and authors, veterinarians, dog trainers, dog club members, humane society personnel and service dog trainers. For more information, visit [apdt.com](http://apdt.com).



**WENATCHEE KENNEL CLUB, INC**  
**General Membership Meeting/Halloween Party**  
**October 25, 2010**

**President Chuck called meeting to order at 7:10.** Members introduced themselves and told about their breed or activities in the WKC. One guest was in attendance: Kristen Heath from the Red Cross.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and approved.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Willard the balances in the savings and the checking as well as the monies from the Fall Agility Trial.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Paul and Sarah Wickline were introduced and voted in as new members. They have three Scottish Terriers and have been attending Rally classes for several years. One of their trio, Spencer has earned his Novice Rally Title and Emma has earned one leg towards her Novice Title.

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** November 29<sup>th</sup> - Program will be Doga, Yoga class with your dog. December- No meeting. January –Annual awards meeting/dinner. February- Visit Dogwise.

**DOG SHOW:** Chuck reported on the meeting with Wayne Wise at the PUD. The PUD would agree to the dog show being held again at Walla Walla Park, but no cars or RVs could be parked on the grass. Chuck and Willard figured there would be room for approx. 80 RVs, which would leave no parking for cars. Chuck will be speaking with the Chelan County Expo center in Cashmere to see if that is an option. Although they have not presented us with a final bill for repairing damages to the park, the initial estimate is about \$15,000.

**AGILITY TRIAL:** Agility Show Chairman, Mary Bean reported on the Agility Trial. Suzanne Metcalf was the Show Secretary; Darcy Stevens was the Chief Ring Steward. Hospitality was provided by Bev Jones, Marilyn Sterley, and Elaine Virnig. Jeff Koski helped wherever needed all three days from morning to evening. Thanks to everyone who helped make this one of our best shows ever. Due to the volunteer work done by so many, the WKC made approx. \$----on this year's show. Bev Jones wanted to thank everyone who brought food & donations for hospitality. Mary reported that everyone was impressed with the food and the hospitality.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Louise Day said the Beaded Leash class she taught went very well, with 11 students and was about four hours long. Several members expressed interest in having another class taught.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**BRAGS:** Congratulations to everyone who shared brags. We had many, too many for this slow note taker to get all of them written down.

**Program:** Halloween Party!! Great food, great costumes, and fun games. A great time was had by all. Meeting adjourned by Chuck.

Minutes submitted by *Vicki Hobbs*, substituting for Carla Duncan, Secretary.

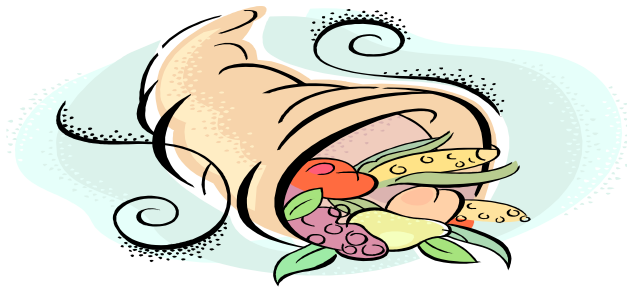


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## CALENDAR

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month--Board Meeting -7 pm Any member is welcome to attend.
- Last Monday - November 29 – General Membership Meeting 7 pm.
- Current class schedules and more info at [www.wenatcheekennelclub.com](http://www.wenatcheekennelclub.com).



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