



THE PAWPRINT

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

The Wenatchee Kennel Club (WKC) is a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs and provide education for their responsible breeding; conduct events under the rules of the American Kennel Club and to hold other events as approved by the Wenatchee Kennel Club; and provide education, training, and information regarding the responsible ownership, care and exhibiting of all dogs. Those interested in becoming members are invited to contact WKC at (509) 886-DOGS (3647).

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Wild Weather but Successful Tracking Tests

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Maggy Susman and Hermione – TD!

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**Next Membership Meeting:
March 28, 7PM
At the
Training Center**



Tracking photos by John Njus except where noted



Editor's Column

I continue to be amazed at all the things we do in our club, and the dedication of our volunteers. Kudos to those who helped this past weekend with the Tracking Tests despite the crazy weather. Whether you help by providing food at our events, writing articles for the PawPrint, setting up and taking down at our dog shows and agility trials, fundraising, instructing (or subbing for an instructor), or coming up with new ideas to make our club better, it all works because of the dedication of our volunteers. Thanks to everyone!

Jan Flatten, Editor



Louise's Corner

I would like to remind our members that the March meeting will be at the training center at the regular time (7PM). I am sure by now that most of you have heard that the property purchase has been stopped by the seller. The building committee is again hunting for property that would be good and affordable for us to purchase. They are working with a realtor, as well as looking at any property that comes to their attention. If you know of a good piece of land that you think would suit our purposes, please let Lynda Pheasant or John Njus know and they can check it out.

A reminder that we are into a new year, so if you would like to make a 2016 pledge donation, Sue Severson will be happy to get it from you. Remember, you can also make a pledge in honor of or in memory of a person or dog.

I would like to thank the members for all their help while I have been laid up with foot surgery and to Judy Paris for taking the conformation class on Wednesday night.

Louise Day, President



WKC 26th annual Tracking Test and 24th Tracking Test Excellent

By: **Suzanne Metcalf**

The annual club Tracking Tests were held at KV Ranch at the Palisades on March 13th. Judges were Stephanie Gonyeau and Suzanne Schwab who, as always, were great to work with. Pam Pettit stepped in as Chairman and Secretary when Maggy Susman's dog became eligible to enter. She did a great job. John Njus was Chief Tracklayer with Willard Fields as back-up.

Stinky feet awards go to Linda Harbury and Paul Wickline, as all three TD entrants Passed. Although no excellent dogs passed, they all had good tracks and their handlers were very pleased with their dogs. Gail Roberts and Sarah Wickline were the light footed cross trackers and none of the dogs took their tracks, which was great. TDX track layers were Jan and Doug Merriman, Pat Vetter and Mike Liles.



Our special thanks to all of these people who provided a positive schooling opportunity to the dogs after they passed the failure point.

Sunday started overcast and cool (of course, setting up the day before, the day was gorgeous - see pic by Gail Roberts on previous page). By the time the excellent dogs started it was sprinkling, and by time the last dog finished we had an inch of snow! Everyone appreciated Bev and Bob Jones' wonderful hot soup, salad and dessert. Thank-you everyone!



TD Passes:

Golden Retriever, Jean Swanson, Otis Orchards
Australian Cattle Dog, Kathryn Uunila, Port Moody, BC
Labrador Retriever, Maggy Susman, Wenatchee

TDX Entrants:

Rhodesian Ridgeback, Suzanne Metcalf, Wenatchee
Australian Shepherd, Lisa Klein, Vancouver, Wa
Labrador Retriever, Lee Foote, Seattle
Bloodhound, Diane Strading, Abbotsford, BC



Fund Raising

Donate Now 

Fundraising for new land and building went very well for 2015 bringing in over \$60,000 from members and friends. A big Thank-You to those of you who also pledged and then gave for 2016! We still need to collect from some of you who pledged for 2016. I will be making some phone calls and sending email reminders! 😊 We still need to raise about \$30,000 so some of us will need to pledge again for 2016 or to pledge for the first time, if possible. WKC members are truly great and your generosity is really appreciated. 😊!



Dogwise Book Donation

At the February 29th club meeting at Dogwise, the owners presented the Wenatchee Kennel Club with an award-winning book for our library. I brought it home so that I could take it to the club library. When I couldn't locate my book club book for a lunch read, I picked up the gift book instead and found it FASCINATING! It is called "Fetch More Dollars for Your Dog Training Business" by John D. Visconti CPDT-KA. I am not about to become a professional dog trainer (some of you know my dog, Robbie - 'nuff said), but this book is humorous, informative, and helpful to dog trainers, teachers of dog handlers, PR people for the club, fund raisers for the club, and anyone interested in promoting the club to the public. I'm confident that our committee on the public campaign for WKC will find it full of fun, useful information. Many thanks to Dogwise for this good book! It is available for to you in the club library - check it out! *Sue Severson and Robbie*



Tech Talks

Emily Harbury LVT

March 23rd is National Puppy Day! Though we certainly love to have puppies around we must be aware of their vaccination history and schedule.

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious virus that can affect all dogs, but unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than 6 months old are the most at risk. The Parvo virus affects dogs' gastrointestinal tract and is spread by direct dog-to dog contact and contact with contaminated stool, environments, or people. The virus can also contaminate kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, and the hands and clothing of people who handle infected dogs. It is resistant to heat, cold, humidity, and drying. It can survive in the environment for long periods of time (6 months to a year). Even trace amounts of stool containing parvovirus may infect other dogs that come into the infected environment. It can be transmitted from place to place on the hair or feet of dogs or via contaminated kennels, or shoes.

Signs of Parvovirus

Some of the signs of parvovirus include lethargy, loss of appetite, fever, vomiting, and severe (often bloody) diarrhea. Vomiting and diarrhea can cause rapid dehydration, and most deaths from parvovirus occur within 4 to 5 days following the onset of signs. Though these signs can be symptoms of a wide variety of illnesses, dogs and puppies who are unvaccinated are at the highest risk. If your puppy or dog shows any of these signs you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

Treatment

A quick in-house test can be performed at your veterinary clinic. Results of this test will be ready in ten minutes and are 99% accurate. Though there is no specific drug available that will kill the virus in infected dogs, treatment consists primarily of supportive care. This means your pet will be required to stay in the veterinary clinic for a number of days. Veterinary clinics will have a special isolation ward equipped for these highly contagious patients. Your pet will be placed on IV fluids to combat dehydration, medications will be given to prevent vomiting and diarrhea as well as an antibiotic to prevent any secondary infections that may set in while your dog's immune system is weakened. This treatment can be very expensive.

After care

While your puppy is recovering from extensive damage to his intestinal tract it is typical for stool to be loose or no stool to be produced. This should gradually return to normal in the first 3-5 days. If vomiting or diarrhea persist, a return trip to the veterinarian is in order.

While the intestinal tract is healing a bland diet is needed. The veterinarian will send home a canned version to last a few days or you can feed rice and boiled chicken. Absolutely no treats, table scraps or gorging are allowed during the first week of recovery. Frequent small meals throughout the day are best for your dogs's recovering GI tract.

Your puppy should be considered contagious to other puppies for a minimum of a month. It is important to play it safe by restricting trips to the park, kennel clubs, or neighborhood areas.

Contracting and surviving Parvo means that your puppy has effectively vaccinated itself for the virus. However there are other viruses that your puppy should be protected against. Your veterinarian will give you a vaccination schedule for the future. Your puppy can contract parvo again if not properly vaccinated in the future.

The vaccine given by your veterinarian is DA2PPC, which is a multivalent vaccine for dogs that protects against the viruses indicated by the alphanumeric characters forming the acronym; D for canine distemper, A2 canine adenovirus type 2, which offers cross protection to canine adenovirus. The first P for canine parvovirus and the second P for parainfluenza, the C indicates canine coronavirus.

Prevention

Get your puppy vaccinated on a set schedule. Vaccines should be started at 8 weeks and then two more vaccines a month apart. When the puppy is less than 8 weeks old their mother's antibodies should be active, though reducing the puppies risk by restricting outdoor play and unknown dog visitors is a must. I will discuss vaccine titer testing in a subsequent article.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
March 25-27	Ephrata-Moses Lake Agility Trial	Grant County Fairgrounds
April 9, 9-? (drop in)	Ten Minute Ticker, Obedience and Rally	WKC Training Center
April 16-17	Ephrata-Moses Lake Dog Show	Grant County Fairgrounds
April 23 Time: see below	CGC, Community Canine, Temperament and Therapy Dog Tests	Rock Island Village At Rock Island Dam
May 1	Apple Blossom Youth Day	Memorial Park
May 7-8	WKC Hunt Test	Hughes Ranch, Wilbur WA
May 21	Agility Fun Day	Walla Walla Park Shelter #2
October 14-16	WKC Agility Trial	Confluence Park
October 21-23	WKC Dog Show, Rally and Obedience Trials	Chelan County Fairgrounds

Temperament Test,
**AKC Canine Good Citizen Test, AKC Community Canine Test,
 And Therapy Dog International (TDI) Test**

Saturday, April 23, 2016,
 at Rock Island Village (across from Rock Island Dam), East Wenatchee, WA

Temperament Test: We have partnered with the German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State and will be offering the Temperament Test for all breeds and mixed breeds on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The cost is \$30.00 per entry. Entry forms will be available through our website, www.wenatcheekennelclub.com or by calling Carol Sunada at (509) 665-9987. Testing is limited to the first 40 dogs, so it is suggested to pre-register. Our evaluator is Dalene McIntire a Certified Evaluator from the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and member of the German Shepherd

Dog Club of Washington State. Check in is at 9:00 AM and testing begins at 10:00 AM. Dogs must be 12 months or older to participate.

The Temperament Test has 7 stations with focus on a dog's friendliness, stability, shyness, aggressiveness, instinct for protectiveness and/or self-preservation. Every dog that passes the test will be issued a Temperament Certificate from the German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State following the test. A few weeks later, they will receive a Temperament Certificate from the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. For German Shepherd Dog owners, the Temperament Certificate is one of the requirements for a Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) certification on your dog.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test: On the same day we will be offering the CGC test. The cost is \$20.00 per dog and the evaluator is Louise Day. Entry forms will be available through our website or by calling Louise Day at (509) 669-6435.

The American Kennel Club's CGC Test is a ten-step certification program that tests dogs in simulated everyday situations, in a relaxed atmosphere. The purpose of the test is to insure that the dog can be a respected member of the community, because it is trained and acts mannerly in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. Check in is at 9:30 AM for CGC, CGCA and TDI (see below). The CGC testing will start at 10:00 AM. There is no limit on number of dogs, however we will stop testing at 3:30 PM for CGC, CGCA and TDI tests. Dogs who pass the 10 step CGC test can earn a certificate and/or the official AKC CGC title by sending their paperwork into AKC along with \$20. Dogs with the CGC title have the suffix "CGC" after their names.

AKC Community Canine (CGCA) Test: We will also be offering this test at a cost of \$20.00 per dog; the evaluator is Louise Day. Entry forms will be available through our website or by calling Louise Day at (509) 669-6435. AKC Community Canine is the advanced level of the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program. Whereas Canine Good Citizen tests are most often tested in a ring and situations are simulated (e.g., 3 helpers serve as a "crowd"), the AKC Community Canine test is done in real situations including at shows, classes, and in the community. The AKC Community Canine test assesses extended skills from those tested in CGC and is offered to the community. CGCA tests will begin after the completion of CGC tests.

If you want to take the CGC and CGCA Test at the same time, the cost is \$30.00 per dog.

Therapy Dogs International (TDI) Test: We will also offer Therapy Dog testing at a cost of \$10.00 per dog. The evaluator is also Louise Day.

Therapy Dogs International (TDI) is an organization dedicated to the regulation, testing, selection, and registration of qualified dogs and handlers for the purpose of visitations to hospitals, nursing homes, and facilities or any place where Therapy Dogs are needed. Dogs must demonstrate confidence and control. The TDI Test is divided into two phases and has 13 individual tests and additional exercises within each test. The TDI Test is designed to simulate a visit with a therapy dog at a facility. This test reflects realistic situations and should be helpful in evaluating the potential therapy dog. TDI tests will begin after the completion of CGC and CGCA tests.

NOTE: Coffee and rolls will be available in the morning and lunch will be available by donation. If you have any questions, please call Carol Sunada at (509) 665-9987.

Ten Minute Ticker Training: Obedience and Rally

WKC instructor Gail Roberts will be offering an Obedience and Rally "10 Minute Ticker" on April 9th at the Training Center. You'll get 10 minutes in the ring (one dog/one handler) for \$10. Entry fees will go to the WKC Building Fund (members: we politely ask that you do not use credits for this - we need a new building!).

You can use this time for your specific needs: Distractions? Run-throughs? Ring happiness? Specific exercises? It's up to you!

Time is from 9 to the afternoon. Obedience will be from 9:30 to noon starting with utility, then open, then novice. Rally will be in the afternoon. Rally participants must arrive by noon. We will set up one course with signs for novice, advanced and excellent. You can choose which exercises you want to do.

Pre-registration is encouraged so we know how many to expect. All entry fees will be contributed to the WKC Building Fund. Registration forms are on our website at:

www.wenatcheekennelclub.com

Mail entries to Gail Roberts at 18555 Hazel Lane, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or email the form to willowrunsibes@nwi.net and pay at the door. Checks payable to WKC



2016 Meeting Program Highlights from Karen Hall

Last Monday each month at 7PM (except as noted)

March 28, 2016: Search and Rescue; Refreshments Norm and Louise Day

April 25, 2016: Animal Communication and Owner/Dog Bonding with Margene Barr;

Refreshments: Jan Flatten, one other needed

May 30, 2016: Carol Larson Massage; Refreshments needed

June 27, 2016: Picnic Potluck, Walla Walla Park, Shelter #2, 6PM

July 25, 2016: TBA; Refreshments needed

August 29, 2016: Lure Coursing at the Metcalfs, 6PM; Refreshments needed

September 26, 2016: TBA; refreshments needed

October 31, 2016: Halloween Party; Refreshments: everyone!

November 28, 2016: TBA; refreshments needed

December 2016: no meeting

Have a good idea for a program (vets, activities, interesting things)? Call Karen Hall and let her know! We need volunteers to provide refreshments for the above meetings. If you are willing to do so, please let Jan Flatten know.



Members Brags and Announcements

Lots of congratulations to all the winners this past month! Wenatchee Kennel Club was well represented at many events throughout the PNW! Read all about the accomplishments of these dogs and their handlers on the next couple pages.



Ron and Carla Slabaugh are proud to share that their "Riker" (Vizsla ←) has followed up his very nice wins in January with some fantastic wins in February and March. During the Albany, OR shows he took Select Dog and Award of Merit at the Trails End Vizsla Club of Oregon's Specialty Show, and two Best of Breeds where he then went on to earn a Sporting Group 4 and an owner handler Sporting Group 4. All this after completing his Novice FAST Agility title with someone else handling him (Carla had a conflict). At the Seattle Kennel Club he also took a Select Dog the first day and followed that up with a Best of Breed where he

then took an Owner Handler Group 1! We know he will not be able to hold this position since he isn't being campaigned but it was exciting to see he is currently ranked #3 in the nation for breed wins and #5 for all breeds at the end of February. Riker is also known as MBISS GCHS Am/Can/Int'l CH Dezertfyre's Captain's First Mate CDX RN JH OA AXJ NF CGC

Ron and Carla Slabaugh are also excited to announce their latest edition to the family "Locket" (Pointer →) attended her very first show at the tender age of 4 months in Albany, OR in their 4-6 month puppy competition. How exciting it was for her to obtain her very first Sporting Group One placement! "Locket" is also known as Heathercreek Three Down & Locked and is co-owned with Judy Paris and Lisa Merki.



Pat Garrison shares that **Murphy** (GWP shown by club member Shannon Edinger ←) did very well at the Albany, Oregon show last month. On Saturday he went Reserve Winners and on Sunday AND Monday he went Winners Dog and Best of Winners for two 3 point majors! He now has a grand total of 14 points and 4 majors! We are in search of that final point for his championship!! Pat is so proud of her boy!

Robin Boles' CH Lobsang Fame N' Fortune (Kitsi →, Tibetan Spaniel) had a fantastic weekend at Covered Bridge Cluster in Albany Oregon. On Saturday February 27th, Kitsi went Best of Breed for a 4 point major under Judge Sharon Krogh. Although they went on to group, they didn't get pulled but Kitsi did great and Robin is very proud of her. Sunday February 28th Kitsi went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex for a 4 point under Judge David Krogh to finish her AKC Championship.



Susan Estes shares that **Beckham** (Brittany →) had a great day in Seattle on Sunday the 13th going Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex.



Jan Flatten attended an Australian Shepherd Club of America trial at Argus, February 19-21 with **Cody** ←, **Ginger** and **Brandi** (Australian Shepherds). Cody earned High in Trial for Open, after earning five Qs over the weekend and two titles. Ginger and Brandi were running in Novice and actually earned more Qs than Cody; both earned seven Qs, and Ginger earned

two titles and Brandi three. Almost all Qs for the three dogs were first places. It was a fun weekend!

Judy Paris shares that *GCH Coralwood N Crying In Baseball* (#1 Pointer, #1 NOHS) went Group 2 at the Seattle Kennel Club show in March. "**Geena**" → is owned by Judy Paris, Lisa Merki, Vicki McGire and Sally Barton.



Membership

Please welcome our new members to the Club who were voted in at the General Membership meeting on January 30, 2016.

Jean O'Reilly

Jesse Keith, Stephanie Rhea and Aidan Heath - Border Collie

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

Tracey Reese - Miniature American Shepherd

Pam Jenkins - Border Collie

Upon their attendance at the next general membership meeting, their applications will be presented for final vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman. We love new members! If you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining or learning more about our Club, please call Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman at (509) 665-9987 for further information.



Membership Meeting Minutes

Please review the February meeting minutes; the link to the minutes is attached to the email sending out this PawPrint. We will be voting on them at the meeting at the Training Center on March 28th.



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Mailing Label

CALENDAR

- **Board Meeting, 1st Monday of each month, 7 PM at the Club.** All members are welcome to attend
- **Membership Meeting: March 28, 7PM, at the Training Center**
- **Instructor's Meeting, 1st Monday every second month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec), 6PM at the Club**
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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