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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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The Wenatchee Kennel Club (WKC) is a 501(c)(3) 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).

President: Louise Day
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Directors: Chuck St. John,
Mike Barclay, John Njus,
Marshall Brown

Upcoming Events

**WKC Membership
Meeting**
Monday, May 27 at 7 p.m.
Wenatchee Masonic
Temple
811 N. Chelan Ave.

**Ephrata - Moses Lake
Kennel Club Agility Trial**
June 7-9
Grant County Fairgrounds

Dog Days of Summer
Saturday, June 29, 10-3
Town Toyota Center

Kids Day in the Park



Sunday April 28th was Youth Day in the Park, part of the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival, and the Wenatchee Kennel Club was there. Above, families stop in at the WKC booth. Below, Miska, Pakuk, Getzy and Hayden wait their turns to meet kids.





Hunt Test

The 2019 Wenatchee Kennel Club Hunt Test had beautiful weather. Lots of fun, good food, and happy dogs and people.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER - Saturday, June 29th

WKC's biggest promotional opportunity of the year happens in June at the Town Toyota Center. Dog Days of Summer is an amazing day in which WKC commands the central arena floor plus vendor space. There's ample opportunity to showcase our marvelous dogs while we share a full program of activities—agility, rally, junior handling, show handling, tricks, scent work, weight pulling, and therapy dog. WKC has 30 feet of vendor space for the always popular "Meet the Breeds" and to feature our new training center and other exciting activities (barn hunt, lure coursing, weight pulling, and "my dog can do that!") More than 1,000 dogs with people attached are expected to attend this family-friendly community event.

Plan to participate in all your favorite activities, and sharpen your dog's tricks. The schedule and volunteer sign-up info will be available soon.

Promote WKC—Dog Days of Summer—10:00am to 3:00pm, Saturday, June 29th.





Louise's Corner

Another busy month for the Wenatchee Kennel Club. We had Youth Day in the Park during Apple Blossom. Thank you to all the members who came and helped with this event. The kids really love it and our members love to show people our dogs. And what dog can resist getting all those pets and hugs.

The Hunt tests are behind us for another year. Unfortunately, our entries were down, and we did not make money on the tests this year. Thanks to all those who came out to help. We really need more of our members to come out and help with this event next year. We end up paying people to come and help which really affects our bottom line each year. People come from as far away as South Dakota and Utah to attend. Everyone remarks it is the best hunt test anywhere. Please consider helping next year.

Letters have gone out to all students that have taken our classes over the years and donations are coming in from them. We still need to be working on fund raising. Our building is almost completed, and we still need more funds to finish it.

There will be work parties for the moving in of our equipment and landscaping etc. Dates for that will follow later.

We will have our Dog Days of Summer at the Town Toyota Center June 29th. We must set up and be ready to go that morning so we will need many hands to get the mats down and rings set up as well as our booth. Lynda Pheasant is Chairperson of that event - please let her know if you can help. I cannot tell how proud I am to be a member and President of this club. Thanks to all of you for making it the greatest.

Louise



CHAMPION THE WENATCHEE KENNEL CLUB!

Lynda Pheasant

“WKC builds champions; Champions build WKC”—the challenge continues. The Wenatchee Kennel Club produces many champions. Members enjoy success in the conformation ring and in an exciting spectrum of dog sports. Skilled instructors, our training facility, and the camaraderie of supportive members all contribute to creating successful champions.

Let’s honor these special canines and their accomplishments by making a \$1,000 donation to our training center. WKC needs to raise \$50,000 to complete phase I of our building project this spring. Please join in honoring the canine champions of your heart—**champion the Wenatchee Kennel Club!**





What's Going On In the Training Center Building?



Shannon Farnham and Gabriel inspect the spacious arena



The carpenters soon will have the cabinets installed. The double doors open to the East.



Three windows provide a view into the arena.

It is beginning to look a lot like WKC's home. The office is wired for electric and waiting for Internet. The bathrooms are ready for the important fixtures. The viewing area has cabinets and a space for a refrigerator on one side and windows into the arena on the other side. The insulation in the arena is covered with 8' $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood that will be painted. Walk and overhead doors are hung.

Outside the gas, sewer and water lines have been dug in as well as conduit for irrigation and electricity to the front of the property. The PUD will be running power from McGee St. Stay tuned for updates about further site prep, boulder placement, and required landscaping.



Scent Work Class Needs Your Help

Due to recent rule changes, some of the articles we have been using in our Scent Work classes are no longer appropriate. We need to replace them with the following type articles. If you have any of these lying around that you would donate to our Scent Work classes, please contact Mike Barclay (907-252-3327) mbarclay2816@gmail.com or Jan Barclay (907-252-3364) jbarclay041648@gmail.com. We need 20-25 articles.

Suitcases (various sizes and shapes)

Briefcases

Backpacks

Musical instrument cases

Purses

Duffel bags

Shipping boxes





**Phase I CAMPAIGN LEADERS
\$5,000 or more**

Anonymous
Sue & Gene Severson
Betsy Metcalf
Lynda & Jack Pheasant
Suzanne Metcalf
John & Helen Njus
Ephrata Moses Lake Kennel Club

**DONOR RECOGNITION
\$2,500 to \$4,999**

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**DONOR RECOGNITION
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CANINE CHAMPION TRIBUTES
Awesome Annie (Pheasant)
Miss Idgie (Fuhrer-Juvet)

**DONOR RECOGNITION
\$250 to \$999**

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Maggy Susman & Dale Huber
Vicky Anderson
Tom & Mary Orcutt
Alan & Pamela Sage
Donna L. Brown

An additional 77 Donors have collectively contributed \$5,682.

The Race Is On...The End Is In Sight!

Hats off to EVERYONE who has contributed to the WKC Building Fund. We've seen a number of creative ways members have donated: Monthly automatic "bill pay" from banks and credit unions, designated funds from investment firms, agility practices at Metcalf's, agility trial raffles, retailer rewards programs, Facebook Birthday fundraisers to reach friends across the country, garage sale, direct mail appeal to former class attendees, and more!

Beginning this year our fundraising goal is \$50,000 for Phase I of the building. To date this year \$18,900 from all sources has come in. When the goal is met we'll "close the books" on Phase I fundraising. A donor recognition plaque will be prepared and hung in the building. The chart on the left is a working model of the plaque. Facebook Birthday fundraisers are credited to the designee. Instructor class credits are a lateral transfer of funds from one budgeted account to another, and will be acknowledged in other ways. Please direct questions or comments to Chuck St. John, 509-421-8585 or Helen Njus, 509-630-8530.

WKC will continue to receive donations, and those donations are tax deductible to the extent of IRS regulations. We still have more projects to complete once we're in and operating...required landscaping, irrigation, fencing, the outdoor training areas, shelving and storage. We have obtained a bank loan to cover the last part of the construction.

Stay Tuned for Ribbon Cutting

The Training Center progress is impressive:

- Overhead and walk doors are installed
- We have keys
- Water, sewer and gas are connected
- Cabinets are in place
- Light fixtures are installed
- Power is in process!

Drive by and you'll see continuous site work. Soon the parking lot will be leveled and paved. Landscaping and fencing will occur when feasible.

--Building Committee Co-Chairs Chuck St. John and John Njus





Do Fence Me In!



Front row: Helen Njus and Co-Chair Susan Summers. Back row: Carrie Coleman, Co-Chair Judy Johnson, John Njus, Katie Hamilton, Adele Juvet-Fuhrer and Frank Fuhrer-Juvet.

Our second order of plaques has been received, bringing the total to 57. To date, the *Do Fence Me In* campaign has raised \$15,800. Thrivent Financial again provided seed money, \$250, for printing the plaques. The "Live Generously" T-shirts are available to all who participate in a work party.

If you want a plaque when the fence goes up, please order now. You may make your donation(s) of \$200 and order a tribute plaque(s) on the WKC website under the "donate" button. If you have any questions, contact: Judy Johnson, judyj@uw.edu 206-364-9368 or Susan Summers, summerss@earthlink.net 509-888-2133. (Johnson and Summers will continue managing this project while on a road trip.)





Sniffing out diseases

By Shannon Dininny

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Dogs have long been known for their dazzling sense of smell, and the right dogs can be trained to sniff out everything from drugs and explosives to bugs and native plants.

In the tree fruit industry, dogs have been trained and tested to detect plum pox virus and citrus canker in East Coast fruit trees. Could man's best friend aid in the fight against little cherry disease as well? It's a question the Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission is throwing a little support behind, in a small pilot project aimed at determining two things:

Does the disease itself emit any olfactory cues, and, if so, can dogs detect them? Philip Berger, executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, sees potential for a lot of agricultural systems, including possibly little cherry disease. Grapevine red blotch marks another. "In the most common situation with woody plants, where the pathogen can be latent or undetectable for a long time, the evidence I've seen indicates that the canines can pick up something much earlier than we can," he said.

To be trained for detection, dogs are offered odors from the specific item that is to be detected and rewarded either with food or play when they sniff it out. For decades, USDA's Plant Protection and Quarantine program has been training canines to detect fruits, vegetables and certain meat products that are restricted or prohibited agricultural imports. The center opened its National Detector Dog Training Center in 1984 with just one dog and one trainer. Today, the center, located in Newnan, Georgia, sits on 17 acres with eight buildings and 100 kennels, and those dogs have since been trained and deployed to detect multiple agricultural and forestry diseases and pests across the country.

According to the center, dogs found citrus canker disease more than 99 percent of the time during training exercises in Florida, and dog teams are also training to detect citrus greening disease. In Hawaii, the dogs searched for the invasive coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) in mulch piles, a choice breeding site for the palm-killing insect. Their detection rate: nearly 90 percent for CRB larvae living 2- to 10-inches deep in mulch. They could also confirm that mulch piles were CRB-free in half the time it takes a four-person survey crew.

Tim Gottwald, research leader and plant pathologist at USDA's Horticultural Research Laboratory in Fort Pierce, Florida, first began working with dogs to detect citrus canker in the mid-1990s, as the disease was souring international trade, prompting huge eradication programs and quarantines. He has since been involved in canine detection efforts for citrus greening and plum pox.

Ten dogs had an accuracy rate of 99.1 percent at identifying trees inoculated with citrus greening in a 10,000-tree test. "There's no assay in the world, molecular or otherwise, that comes with that level of accuracy," he said. He's seen similar results for citrus canker and continues to research the dogs' ability on plum pox — and expects equivalent results. The research can be difficult if the pathogen is a quarantine virus. In the case of plum pox, working with the dogs in the field required taking them to Canada.

Already, though, the dogs have shown they can detect several different strains of plum pox virus, and they can pick it up equally as well in dormant trees, with no foliage, as they can leafy trees in season, Gottwald said. Dogs also help to address the issue of perennial sampling, Berger said. "In many cases, the pathogen is unevenly distributed in the tree, certainly in the early stages of infection. With our current issues of indexing, having to take leaf samples,

process in a lab, in a larger tree the success of picking the correct sample site is limited,” he said. “A dog sniffs the entire tree — doesn’t tell where it is in the tree, but alerts that it is likely there.”

The costs of establishing a canine detection program for long-term eradication can be high, depending on the goals. For example, Berger estimates that establishing a program where two dogs and one handler are used primarily in foundation plantings as part of a clean stock program might cost \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year for the first couple of years, though such a program could probably be up and running in two years.

“On the other hand, I doubt they have an opportunity to take little cherry out of their system, to eradicate it, so it’s a bargain. The dogs can actually do that,” he said. “Again, that depends on the goals of the program.” Rob Curtiss, special projects coordinator for the Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission, won’t call the costs “cheap,” but said he believes it can be done for less money than the large federal program, which includes staff, facilities and dozens of dogs. A commodity group that wanted a dog program would simply have to pay the salary of and provide a vehicle for the handler and house a dog for a year, after the set-up and training — likely around \$100,000 annually, he said.

Compared to current test methods, which Curtiss estimated at \$25 per sample, the dogs show great potential. However, Curtiss acknowledged that he struggled to maintain funding for similar research he did on the rhinoceros beetle pilot project in Hawaii, despite the dogs’ strong results.

“It’s not even that it’s really that expensive. It’s just that there’s a perception that the dogs are just pets and they’re not a tool, and in order to change that perception, I think a lot of outreach needs to happen to the people who are making these funding decisions,” he said. “There’s definitely a stigma that needs to be overcome.”

Berger specifically sees potential to apply canine detection for little cherry disease at the nursery level. “That’s where they could be most effective,” he said. “They could aid to clean up foundation stock, and, not to mention, they could obviously be used in certification systems and even in whole commercial orchards.” But, he said, growers have to deal with this caveat: “Are they willing to take action on the results of the canine, when they’re unable to confirm the results with another method?” he asked. “If the validation tells you they’re 95 percent accurate, and recognizing they will likely be alerting on trees that are asymptomatic, are you willing to trust the dogs?”

Pilot project details

The Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission has approved a \$6,462 pilot project to determine if dogs can discern little cherry disease-infected plants from clean plants. The pilot project will initially run five days, with the option to extend up to an additional 10 days if needed. The preliminary work involves offering odors from infected and clean plant materials to the dogs to evaluate their responses. Positive responses and the display of the desired behavior will be rewarded as part of the dog’s operant conditioning program. The Clean Plant Center Northwest is providing disease-free plant materials (leaves, branches, seedlings, etc.), as well as materials inoculated with little cherry virus 2 and Western X.

The project is aiming for 80 percent proficiency by the dogs. If they are found to reliably detect infected cherry parts or plants, then the pilot will be considered a success and funding will be sought for a full-scale program.

The Tree Fruit Research Commission is working with Rogue Detection Teams of Cusick, Washington, which will provide one research scientist and detection dog team for the program. —S. Dininny





MEMBERSHIP

JAX, German Shepherd:

"See you at the new club soon!"



NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman (509) 665-9987

Please welcome our new member to the Club who was voted in at the General Membership meeting on April 29, 2019.

Diane Gallatin - Tibetan Terrier

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

Tami Woolsey - Mini Aussie

At the next general membership meeting, her application will be presented for final vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman, Carol at (509) 665-9987.

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 at (509) 665-9987 for further information.



WKC Members' News and Brags



Jan Flatten's Australian Shepherds, Brandi and Ginger, had a stellar two days at the Spokane Dog Training Club's agility trial May 10-11 in Nine Mile Falls.

Brandi (at left) **double Q'd in Masters** both days, added a **Time to Beat Q** on Saturday, and came within 6/10th of a second of **Qing** in Premier Standard on Friday.

Ginger (at right) double Q'd in **Masters** on Friday, and Q'd in **Time to Beat** and **Master Standard** on Saturday. All their runs were clean, and Jan was very happy both dogs made course time and got points on most runs since it was pretty warm! The previous weekend, both Ginger and Cody Q'd and got points in **Barn Hunt Crazy 8s** in Snohomish.



Jett (Lynda Pheasant/Australian Shepherd) - earned Qs in **Master-P Standard Agility** and **Time2Beat** at Argus Ranch in April; and this past weekend at Sontag Park in Spokane, a 1st place Q in **Master-P Standard Agility** and a Q in **Time2Beat**. Bees were a big challenge for Jett—from the first run when a bee greeted her at entry of weaves through the final day when she encountered a bee inside the tunnel!



Linda Harbury: **Enrico Guapo (Rico)** earned his **RATCH, Barn Hunt Champion**, at Argus Ranch on May 11 under judge Ann Marie Pember, who was our judge at Rico's very first entry into Barn Hunt's Instinct Test.

At right: Linda's new guy, **Darby Do**, earned his **Open Barn Hunt Title** at the same trial. It was a great weekend for me and the Border Boys!





Bull Mtn's Set'r Ridge's Eternity JH (**Tabitha**), shown above with Norm Day, finished her **Junior Hunter Title** at the **WKC Hunt Test**. She went on to get two of her five Q's needed to finish her Advance title that weekend. Tabitha is owned by Louise Day, NormanDay, Melissa Newman.

Spirit GCH Ch Stagedoor Set'r Ridge's Walk in The Word earned three of her Q's needed for her advanced Junior Hunter Title at the WKC Hunt Test.





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- **Dog Days of Summer is Saturday, June 29, at Town Toyota Center**
- **Board Meeting, First Monday of each month at 7 PM;** all members welcome
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.

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