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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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).

**March
2020**

President: Louise Day
Vice-President: Marshall Brown
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Mike Barclay, John Njus

Wenatchee Kennel Club Tracking Test

The Wenatchee Kennel Club Tracking Test was held March 15, 2020 at the KV Ranch in the Palisades. As we all know, without a great group of volunteers, no trial can get off the ground. Once again WKC volunteers did a great job. It was very cold and windy on Saturday and Sunday. Tracking volunteers soon realized it is a lot of hurry up and wait! Our judges were Jim Hallett and Jan Wesen.

Entrants came from Wenatchee, Cashmere, Mount Vernon, Ferndale, Ridgefield, and Hall, Montana and Abbotsford, British Columbia. Our crew included: Willard Fields as Chief Track Layer, John Njus handling transportation, Mike Liles, Pat Vetter and Marshall Brown worked with the judges and laid some awesome Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tracks. Betsy Metcalf, Ellie Russel and Linda Hessel crossed those tracks, per the AKC regulations. The Tracking Dog tracks (TD) were laid by Gail Roberts and Paul Wickline. Sunday Bev and Bob Jones arrived in their RV and provided lots of hot and delicious food to keep our entrants and volunteers fueled for the day. Pictured below are Linda Hessel and Betsy Metcalf laying the cross track.



WKC Tracking Test, continued

Gail and Paul clearly win the "stinky foot" tracklayer award. All their work paid off, 4 new Tracking Dog titles



including two of our members; **Suzanne Metcalf and Astrid (Vizsla)** and **Michelle TeVelde and Boon (Greyhound)**. I've had the pleasure of tracking with these teams during the past year, and it was so exciting to watch them earn these titles! The two other new Tracking dogs are Roxie Millsap with her All American and Ingrid Grant with her Belgian Tervuren.

Unfortunately, none of the Tracking Dog Excellent teams passed. All 4 teams traveled to North Central Washington and had put a lot of training into their work, and while all 4 TDX teams did a good job, it wasn't their day to earn a title.

Maggy Susman
Chairperson/Secretary , WKC Tracking Test 202

Upcoming Events

As of press time, the Board of Officers and Directors of the Wenatchee Kennel Club have decided to **suspend all classes and practices and to close the training building for classes and personal use from March 16-29, 2020.** They will reevaluate the situation on Mar 27 and make an announcement to the membership at that time.

The WKC Scent Work Trial scheduled for March 20-22 was also cancelled, as was the Ephrata – Moses Lake dog show and barn hunt scheduled for April.

If the club reopens, the next members meeting is:

WKC Member Business Meeting
Mon., March 30 at 7 p.m.
WKC Training Center
Program – Megan M. Kelley, DVM
Core Exercises for Puppies to Senior Dogs
Refreshments provided by Carla Duncan

Please plan to check email or the club's web site or Facebook page closer to the date of the meeting to make sure it will be held before planning to attend.

Louise's Corner

I have been putting off writing this corner this month so I could inform you, the membership, on the status of the Training Center with the coronavirus outbreak.

Hopefully, all of you have gotten the email message that the center is closed to all members for the purpose of classes and personal training. The codes on the door will be changed so no one can use the building during this time. When the building reopens if you have a code now you will need to get a new one issued to you. The WKC board met at my home on Sunday and made this decision to protect our members and students.

The Scent Work Trial has also been canceled at this time and will be rescheduled for a date when this is all over.

Currently our March 30th meeting is still an unknown. We will see what two weeks brings and what if any restrictions are lifted. The WKC board will be reviewing these closures on March 27th and will let the members know at that time via email.

We will still be having the work parties outdoors as we must have the outside done before the irrigation water is turned on and our temporary occupancy permit expires. Outside we can maintain safe space for the volunteers.

The hunt tests in May are currently a go. This is an outdoor event so it will be easier to limit contact between people. We will see what the passage of time dictates on this event. We have 300 birds that we will have to take delivery of whether we have it or not, because they have been wintered over for us. So, Norm and I are working trying to find buyers (which will not be easy) if it becomes necessary to cancel the event.

I want to thank Judy Paris for stepping up and answering our voice mails at the center for the next two months. We have several other volunteers who will also take turns for two-month periods. This is an important job for the club.

Hopefully, the situation will not go on too long.

Many clubs dog sport events have been canceled at this time. It will hard on many dog clubs, and some may never recover from the loss of their large event revenue. For those who are worried about our club we can take this setback financially for the time being.

Louise



Building Committee Update

BIG work party Saturday, March 28 10:00 AM to plant the two beds at the ends of the parking lot, install the 4" irrigation line, and continue "derocking" the grounds to begin prepping for grass. Watch your email in-box for details!



What do you get when a dozen WKC volunteers work to clean up fill dirt?

A Big Pile of Rocks!



KRCI Construction will take away these rocks and do some heavy cleanup along McGee Street.

The two top priorities now are:

1. Finish required landscaping so the City of East Wenatchee can issue the permanent Occupancy Permit.
2. Install irrigation lines above ground and hook them up before the Reclamation District turns on the irrigation.



WKC volunteers will continue to spread top soil in preparation for grass.



WKC volunteers have now laid sod on the East side of the entrance. Thanks to Louise and Norm Day for donating this sod.

Please help remind anyone to use the potty areas for their dogs. Or, as Linda Harbury so eloquently proclaimed: ***Any handler who allows their dog to pee or poo on the grass will be subject to our group wrath!***

Stay tuned for camaraderie opportunities! We will practice social distancing.

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





Wenatchee Kennel Club
Agility Course Test
Jan Flatten

On February 29th, the Wenatchee Kennel Club held its first AKC sanctioned event at our new facility, the Agility Course Tests. The Agility Course Test (ACT) is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility. In January, I had become an AKC ACT Evaluator and decided to offer the ACTs at the end of the January – February session. We offered 2 ACT1 and 2 ACT2 classes and had 14 dogs, 41 runs, 31 qualifying runs and a whopping 13 new titles (7 ACT1s, and 6 ACT2s).

Congratulations to the new title holders: Karen Haase and Bullet (ACT1; also earned one Q in ACT2); Maggy Susman and Hermione (ACT 1 and ACT2); Linda Harbury and Darby Do (ACT1 and ACT2); Arlene Neal (ACT1 and ACT2); Sara Elzey and Sunry (ACT1 and ACT2); Judi Voris and Charlie (ACT1 and ACT2); Peggy Grant and Cloe (ACT 1); Paige Brown and Kai (ACT2), who also earned a Q with Strip (ACT1) and a Q with Kona (ACT2); additional Qs were earned by Tami Woolsey and Tolli (ACT1) and Judi Voris running Lorri Shelton’s dog Laila (ACT2), all of course to be verified by AKC (not sure how ACK will handle the ties; timing was done to the second; next time we’ll get it to the 100th!).

Placements were as follows:

ACT1-1	8"	12"	16"	ACT1-2	8"	12"	16"
First	Gibbs	Cloe	Darby Do	First	Gibbs	Cloe	Sunry
Second			Sunry	Second		Tolli	Hermione
Third			Charlie	Third			Bullet
Fourth			Hermione	Fourth			Darby Do
ACT2-1	8"	12"	16"	ACT2-2	8"	12"	16"
First	Gibbs	Laila	Hermione/Sunry	First	Gibbs		Bullet/Sunry
Second			Charlie/Darby Do	Second			Hermione/Charlie
Third			Kai	Third			Darby Do/Kai
Fourth			Kona	Fourth			



< Sara Elzey and Sunry
Maggy Sussman and Hermione >



Thanks to everyone who helped pull this together: Registrar and Secretary Pam Pettit; Scribe Judy Johnson; Timer Judy Lindahl; Gate Keeper Pam Jenkins; Ring Crew: Betsy Metcalf and participants; and all the people who chipped in to build and rebuild courses. Pam Pettit did triple duty by taking pictures! It takes a village! Congratulations everyone!





JAX



German Shepherd

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Per Jax:

"Hi everyone!..I just have to say what fun it is to run on my lawn and go after all the birds that have come just to me (I'm sure) to say HI JAX> and I get to chase them all I want to.

. Not much to report. I am just helping Mom with playing more inside with all my great toys - she really likes it when I think she is not looking and I just calmly go off in the house and hide the toy. Until next time!
Carol

MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman (509) 665-9987

Please welcome our new members to the Club who were voted in at the General Membership meeting on February 24, 2020.

Tyler Adams - (husband of Shanna Davies) - lab/retriever

Peggy Grant - American Cocker Spaniel

and English/American Cocker Spaniel

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

Judi Voris - Weimaraner

Nora Cross - Miniture American Shepherd

Lurie Dawson - Lab and Cattle Dog mix

Tracy Soreano - Golden Retriever and French Bulldog

Cody Beeson and Jordan Harwood - Miniature Poodle and Samoyed

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, 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.





Sad news. Shari Shepherd, former long-time member of Wenatchee Kennel Club, passed away on February 26. She was a Siberian owner, musher, trainer with 21 Companion Dog and numerous Rally titles on her Siberians, and then she went into Conformation with her last group of dogs and, I think, earned 2 or 3 championships with them. She was a long-time contributor to the club as an instructor and as Obedience Chairperson, who contributed trophies for the dog show, too. She had health challenges for many years, and friends and I placed the last of her dogs in 2013. She still had great stories though! She will be missed. I'm thinking about the happy reunion she must be having with her dogs who went on before. Shari and her dog (with First Place win) is on left in this picture. *(Thanks to Gail Roberts for sharing.)*



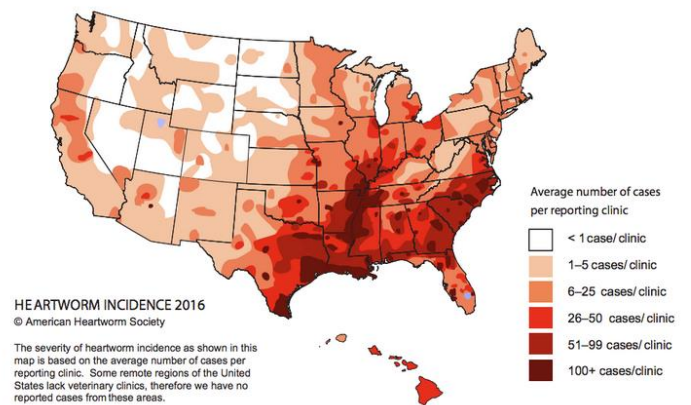
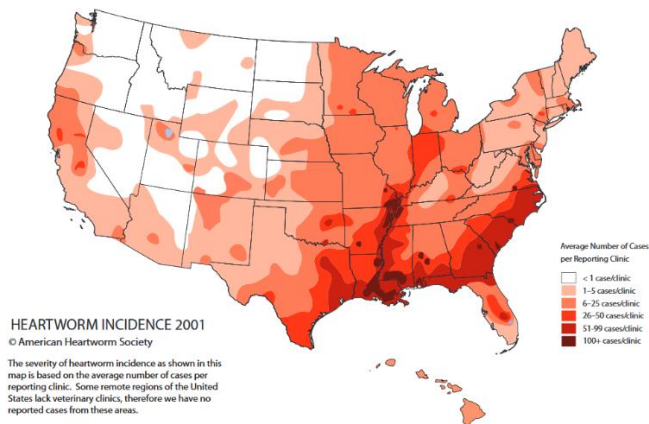
Heartworm in the PNW
Jan Flatten

In 2015, before I began as a volunteer for Aussie Rescue and Placement Helpline (ARPH or Aussie Rescue), the official rescue of the Australian Shepherd Club of America, I had never heard of heartworm. Originally, as a general volunteer, I helped to call veterinarians and one of the questions on our form was to ask the vet whether all dogs in the home were on heartworm preventative. I had to ask my partners what that was! According to the American Heartworm Society

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets in the United States and many other parts of the world. It is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body.

Back in 2015 and 2016, almost every single vet I talked to said they didn't recommend preventative because we didn't have heartworm here. The American Heartworm Society is a great resource about this deadly disease. As you can see on the maps below the incidence was low in Washington state in 2001 and it was still pretty low in 2016, particularly where we live (note these are not total numbers but per clinic numbers). The new heartworm map will come out this year (it's published every three years, so they are working on the data for the 2019 map which will be published soon).

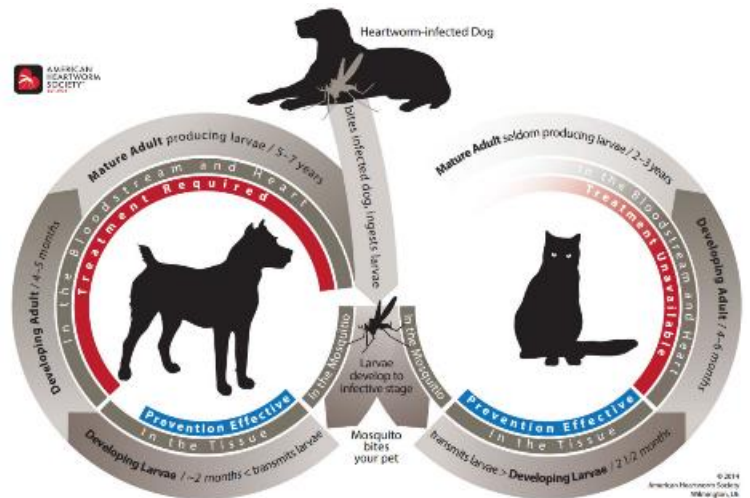
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Times have changed with veterinary recommendations on heartworm preventative though. As the PNW Rescue Rep for Aussie Rescue I do all of my own vet calls because this is the most frequent failure point for any potential adopter. All potential adopters have to show that their dogs are spayed or neutered (unless show dogs or have a medical reason for being unaltered), are up to date on core vaccinations (rabies and distemper/parvo) and have had annual exams. I always ask vets whether their client's dogs are on heartworm preventative and have been surprised in the last two years that more and more vets are now recommending it, probably 90% including my own vet at the Cascade group (although it's still rare for pet owners to heed that recommendation).

Why are we seeing this increase in heartworm? Heartworm is spread by mosquitos. Again, from the Heartworm Society:

Adult female heartworms living in an infected dog, fox, coyote, or wolf produce microscopic baby worms called microfilaria that circulate in the bloodstream. When a mosquito bites and takes a blood meal from an infected animal, it picks up these baby worms, which develop and mature into "infective stage" larvae over a period of 10 to 14 days. Then, when the infected mosquito bites another dog, cat, or susceptible wild animal, the infective larvae are deposited onto the surface of the animal's skin and enter the new host through the mosquito's bite wound. Once inside a new host, it takes approximately 6 months for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms. Once mature, heartworms can live for 5 to 7 years in dogs and up to 2 or 3 years in cats. Because of the longevity of these worms, each mosquito season can lead to an increasing number of worms in an infected pet.



Note the nationwide spread on the incidence maps from 2001 to 2016. Many people speculate that it's because of rescues being brought in from other areas of the country, but that didn't start in earnest until just a few years ago (my rescue only started in 2016 with a few dogs). The Heartworm Society doesn't really speak to this but it's important to note that it is spreading everywhere. People also speculate that climate plays a role, but both the 2001 and 2016 incidence maps show a lot of heartworm in the northeast and northern tier states. People traveling to or from, or relocating from a heartworm area can bring it with their dog if they aren't on preventative.

Reputable rescues, like Aussie Rescue, follow the law. Washington State law requires each imported dog to have a health certificate issued by the originating state, and each dog has to be current on rabies (unless under 90 days old) and dogs over six months old must have a current heartworm test with either a negative result or be on heartworm preventative. Dogs won't usually show as positive under six months old since it takes a while for the worms to develop and register on a test. My rescue takes this a step further however and does not import any dogs that are heartworm positive. Part of this is because of the additional and lengthy care needed to treat dogs for heartworm, but the other is that I don't want to be responsible for bringing heartworm positive dogs into the PNW. I recently corresponded with the Heartworm Society asking whether heartworm positive dogs who were on preventative could spread heartworm, and the answer was a qualified yes:

It's possible for a heartworm positive dog on prevention to transmit infection, if they have circulating microfilaria. However, HW prevention does reduce the number of circulating microfilaria, and eventually should eliminate them.

Heartworm may already be here to stay, as noted by PNW veterinarians, and it may already be so prevalent in the PNW that our dogs are at risk (probably less so on our side of the mountains). Most owners have neither tested their dogs or even heard of it so it's hard to get people to put their dogs on a pesticide (I'm one of those – I have a hard enough time giving my dogs tick meds because I'm worried about cancer, but I do because we hike a lot with our dogs and pull ticks off them regularly. To add heartworm meds to that is a bit scary but I'm to the point I will if the 2019 heartworm map shows anything other than white for our area, because just like tick borne diseases, heartworm is worse). If the 2019 map shows an increase in the PNW, I will put all Aussie Rescue dogs in the PNW on preventative, not just those from out of state (after a heartworm test). All out of state Aussie Rescue dogs are kept on heartworm preventative while in rescue and adopters are required to keep those dogs on preventative for 6 months and retest then (I contact each adopter at the six-month check to make sure the test is done). At that point their contract requires them to consult with their vet about whether to keep their dog on preventative.

You can learn more about heartworm and prevention at the American Heartworm Association's website:

<https://www.heartwormsociety.org/>



Editor's Corner: A Conversation with the Dogs about Covid-19

Otter: Woof? Me: No, Otter, you can't get sick from this. Dogs don't get this disease. There was one case of a dog in China that had a little bit of the virus, but dogs aren't getting sick from it.

Otter: Woof, woof? Me: No, the scientists are pretty sure that you can't get it and pass it on to humans either, for the same reason you won't get sick – the virus doesn't build up in dogs.

Otter: Woof! Me: No, that doesn't mean you can run around jumping up on people to give kisses and collect pats – it may not be all that likely that you'd get germs on your fur and pass it that way, but just to be on the safe side, we need to practice social distancing from other people as much as we can.

Iskie: Arf, arf, arf!! Me: Yes, Iskie, I know you already excel at social distancing – but barking ferociously at people or other dogs really isn't the best way to go about that. Elbow bumps and paw waves might not work for you to use as your distance greeting, but how about we work on polite tail wags, huh?

Otter: Woof?!?!?!? Me: Yes, stop worrying. We have two weeks of dog food, medicine, and other dog supplies for both you and Iskie in case we need to self-quarantine.

Otter: Woof! Woof! Woof! Me: No, Otter, that doesn't mean we're going to go to Costco and buy you a year's supply of dog treats. That's called 'hoarding', and it's very bad manners because it means other dogs aren't going to be able to get their treats.

Otter: Woof, woof! Woof! Me: OK, you might be able to eat a year's supply of dog treats in two weeks, but you're kind of missing the point there, Otts.

Otter: Woof, woof! Me: Not going to happen, Otter.

Iskie: Arf? Me: Sure, there's a lot of things you and other dogs can do to help out. The humans are going to be a little stressed for a while. So dogs can take their humans out for walks, get them outside to play a game, or make the humans feel valued by asking them to teach you some new tricks.

Otter and Iskie: Woof! Arf! Me: Great idea! Let me just grab the frisbee





News and Brags

Ephrata - Moses Lake Agility Trial

After two years of being held in summer, the Ephrata - Moses Lake Agility Trial moved back to March, and a successful trial was held March 6-8. The sole judge was kept busy, as in addition to the standard and jumpers courses, the club also offered the Fast, T2B, and premier courses each day. All the runs were filled all three of the days!

It was great to see several of WKC's new novice dogs at the trial. At left, Arlene's Gibbs was all tired out by his first place runs in the novice class!

As always, it was a fun trial, with some challenging courses, a very well organized set-up crew, good food, and lots of old friends.



Tami Woolsey: Tolli (at right) got her last two "legs" of novice containers at the Spokane Scenwork trial. She got her first leg last fall at our October trial, so she has moved to advanced for containers! YAY!!



Linda Harbury: Darby Do did his first AKC trial at Moses Lake. I was surprised at his arousal and difficulty in keeping criteria! I guess 11 years since I've had a novice dog helped me forget their baby minds. Nonetheless, we earned novice jumpers and standard Q's. I can't wait until our next trial!

Betsy Metcalf: Zenyatta got her first 2 Excellent Jumpers Qs in the Moses Lake Agility Trial.



Michelle Te Velde: Boone (at left) finished his championship at the Linn County Kennel Club Show in Albany, Or. He also passed his Tracking Test at our WKC tracking event today!

Suzanne Metcalf and her Vizsla Astrid also earned their Tracking Dog title:



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