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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
 Vice-President: Marshall Brown
 Treasurer: Willard Fields
 Secretary: Jan Barclay

Directors: Chuck St. John,
 Mike Barclay, John Njus,
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Upcoming Events

WKC Agility Trial: October 9-11, Confluence State Park

WKC Dog Show: October 16-18, Chelan County Fairgrounds



WKC Scent Work Trial A Success!

The Wenatchee Kennel Club had a very successful AKC Scent Work Trial in our Training Center on July 31 and August 1 and 2. The Saturday and Sunday trials were filled and our "Q" rate (number of qualifying runs) was just over 50%. It was a fun and challenging trial, the biggest challenge being the temperatures. Friday was over 100 degrees!

Many thanks go out to our great volunteers. Most everyone present was running a dog and yet all worker positions were smoothly covered. Our hard-working scent work participants also helped with set up on Thursday and tear down on Sunday, which was done quickly and efficiently. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Jan Barclay, Trial Secretary



A number board helps keep participants distanced while letting them know who runs next..



The parking lot at the training center during the Scent Work Trial. Only every other parking space is used to provide participants with extra room as part of the COVID-19 precautions.



Louise's Corner

We will not be able to have a kennel club meeting again this month. I miss seeing all of you each month. Our classes have been going well with all our Covid-19 rules and everyone is happy to be back doing fun things with their dogs.

I want to spend a few minutes and thank our instructors that have been doing classes online. This has been a successful venue keeping the students engaged and working with their dogs. I know it takes longer to prepare the videos each time and then time reviewing the videos that come back. Thank you for your dedication to our club.

The scent work trial was a huge success - thank you to everyone who worked to put this event on. People obeyed our rules and were so happy to be competing. Thank you, Mike and Jan Barclay and Betsy Metcalf, for chairing this event.

The next two events are the agility trial and dog show. The Governor has approved agricultural events to take place in phase two. This also includes companion animal events. There are rules and guidelines to follow but all are doable. So please sign up to help because there are lots of things to be done and everyone can help.

The building committee is meeting to start the long-range plans for the landscaping and use areas outside. There are markers set up outside where the different phases of building expansion will be. Please go walk the property and give Chuck and John or me any ideas you may have. This process is much like the one we went through for building the center. What are your wishes for the outside? We want to do this in a logical manner, as this will be an expensive project. So it will need to be done in stages, but if we have the result in mind, we can get it done.

Louise



Meeting in COVID-19 times

The Building Committee met for the first time since, well, a loong time ago. We reviewed the status of the required landscaping, fence installation, irrigation, and other site prep work.

The planting areas have been completed as required by our approved building site plan. We likely will need to complete the “lawn” areas as indicated in the landscape plan and the swails for the drainage plan. This includes the two outdoor training areas.

The committee did a walking tour of the outside areas and discussed how to prioritize and tackle the work that needs to be completed – leveling, rock removal, irrigation installation, topsoil for sod, grass planting/sod, etc. We weren’t anticipating needing to complete the lawn/grass areas as part of our temporary occupancy permit, but the City of East Wenatchee has indicated that we must as those were indicated on the plans submitted. Our temporary occupancy permit has been extended to the end of the year.

In order to do this, we need input from club members about our needs, wants, expectations for the outdoor areas. We know we need the large relatively level grass areas, but we want to know what club members would like to have elsewhere...such things as designated potty areas, what kind of potty areas (grass, pea gravel, etc.), shade areas, fencing around the “rings”, designated crating areas, off leash exercise area, equipment storage, landscaping equipment storage, vehicle access to the outdoor areas, designated areas for Scent Work or other activities, additional landscaping, picnic/seating, tree placement, finish coverings for landscape fabric (bark, rock, etc.), implications on maintenance, etc.

Essentially, we need to develop a list of must haves, wants and dreams for using our outdoor space from “Fence to Fence” not just the large grass training areas. We likely won’t be able to do everything on the list, but we can certainly plan for things for the future. To facilitate this process, the Building Committee will host a number of guided tours/talk/discussion times in the near future to walk the grounds and gather ideas from members. COVID-19 makes the planning a bit more complicated, so we will email/post the details as we finalize the plans.

In the meantime, think about what you envision for our outdoor areas. Don’t be afraid to think outside the box or share things you have liked at other events or facilities. BIG Dreams are what brought us to open our training center years ago...BIG Dreams will help us plan for our first outdoor training areas, too!



It's Class Registration Time Again

Hi, it's me, your friendly Class Registrar! My job is to accept, process, and keep track of the class registrations each session. Willard (my husband and the club treasurer) goes to the post office every day and then hands me the envelopes that contain registration forms. I type all the relevant data into spreadsheets then I type the name of each dog into the "Registrations Received" page on the website. For new students, I email a confirmation that gives all the information they need including the day and time their class starts, our location, contact info for their instructor, what to bring, building rules including Covid-19 instructions, etc. I also make up the class rosters and folders that each instructor needs.

There are literally thousands of details to keep track of each session and it takes a surprising amount of time. I do make mistakes sometimes and for that I want to apologize. Please read on for more info:

Be aware that the "Registrations Received" page on the website is not up-to-the-minute. I update it after receiving that day's mail but sometimes people send me emails to move their dog from this class to that class. Or someone cancels. Or I receive additional registrations later that day. I try to update it as soon as possible but I may not get to it for hours.

Please think twice before leaving your registration and/or check at the building or bring it with you the first night. You might be saving yourself a postage stamp but then I have to drive across town just to pick it up. It could also result in a delay in getting into the class you wanted because I don't go there every day just to see if someone left something for me. I go once a week (or Willard does).

Please do not tell me in person that you want me to sign up Fluffy for Class X and expect me to remember. Put your registration in the mail so I have something in writing.

Some people (you know who you are) are too lazy to bother writing their name on the form. If you don't do it, I have to. And when I have to do that on a dozen forms and I'm pressed for time, it can get a little irritating, as you can imagine. At a minimum, I need you to print the following: your name and contact information, your dog's name, gender, and breed, and of course, the name of the class you want, along with the day and time. The sections on behavior problems and training history are *primarily* for new students. But if you have information that you feel will help the instructor, by all means, include it.

Please take the time to write clearly, *especially* phone numbers and email addresses.

Please don't staple your check to the form and make me un-staple it. If your check is in the envelope, it will get to me.

Club Members: Every session I receive almost two dozen class checks for the wrong amount, which makes a lot of extra work for me. Now, Linda Harbury, our Class Coordinator, always takes the time and trouble to send an email with a chart showing the member discounted price for each class IF we receive your registration by the deadline. Please read it before you write your check. Don't just guess at the price. It may not be the same as the price you paid the previous session. **NOTE!** This problem was recently brought to the attention of the board, and they have decided that if you pay the full price when you were entitled to the discounted price, the club will keep the "extra" amount as a donation to the club. So remember: read the email from Linda Harbury so you know how much to pay and what the deadline is. If you don't receive that information, contact Linda.

Thanks for your help, stay healthy, enjoy your class! -- Eileen Pearl, wkc.classes@charter.net

A BIG "SHOUT OUT" FOR WKC INSTRUCTORS!!!

Much appreciation goes to WKC Board members, to Eileen Pearl, registrar, to Linda Harbury, class coordinator, and especially to each of our incredible instructors for providing classwork opportunities during this July-August session.

WKC has made considerable effort to comply with stringent COVID-19 regulations, assuring as safe an environment as possible for all participants. Class size and instructional time were reduced as required, with strict protocols established for parking, entry/exit, hand sanitation and temperature check—standards carefully maintained throughout the session. Mandatory face coverings have caused some interesting communicative challenges for instructors, dogs and handlers—one more thing to learn while doing something fun with our dogs.

After several months shut-down with our canine companions, it has been a great joy and marvelous inspiration for dogs and handlers to be back in class.

THANK YOU WKC INSTRUCTORS!!! WE LOVE YOU!!!

--Lynda Pheasant & Jett



WKC Members' News and Brags



Emily Harbury: Q (at left) passed her CGC AND her novice trick dog test. This is her first ever titles yay!!!
Olive submitted 2 novice rally virtual runs, awaiting results.



Shanna Davies: Ethel Grace (at right) got one Q in Novice Handler Discrimination and one Q in Novice Containers at her very first scent work trial.

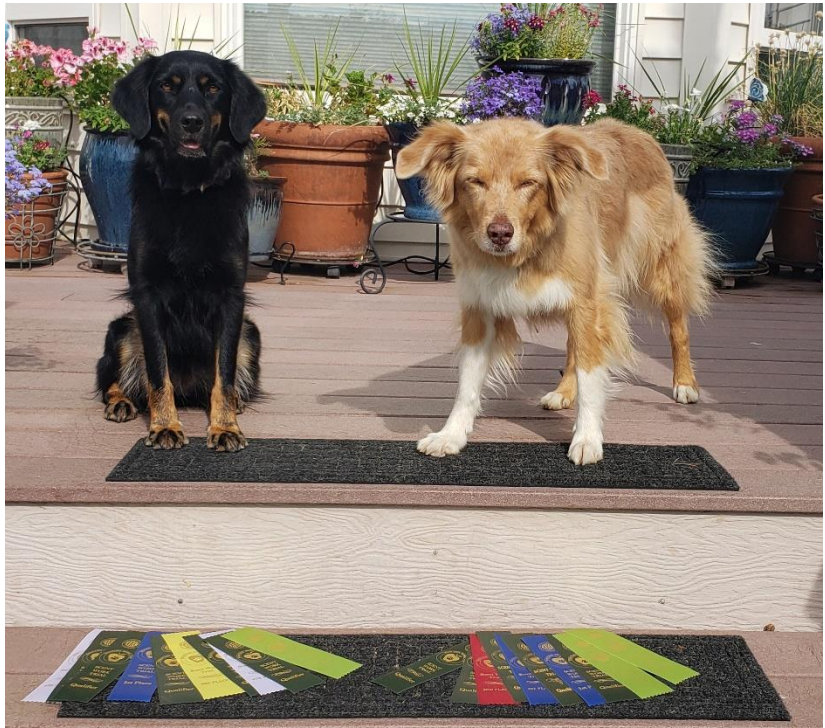
Jan Flatten: Where do we start? With my old boy who *loves* agility! 13+ year old Cody earned his NADAC Novice Weavers title (he had one Q in novice in 2015 and earned 4 Qs last week)! I love that this format doesn't require him to jump - he showed he still has his stuff and is still really enthusiastic about agility. Ginger earned her Open Weavers and Hoopers titles, Brandi earned her Novice Barrelers and Hoopers titles, and Aspen earned her Novice Regular and Weavers titles. Before switching to the Open class in Jumpers, Aspen earned her Outstanding Novice title in Jumpers, and Aspen also earned her virtual ACT2 title from AKC.

At our scentwork trial earlier this month, Aspen and Ginger (at right) rolled in the Qs! Ginger earned her Novice Handler

Discrimination and Buried titles, plus a couple first place Excellent Containers Qs. Aspen, in her scentwork debut, earned her Novice Containers Title (with one first place), and a couple Qs in Novice Handler

Discrimination and Novice Buried (she couldn't be in

Novice Buried til Ginger earned her title). Lots of placement ribbons too!



Carla Duncan: Zulu went to his first Scent Work trial at the WKC and earned his first Novice title - Novice Container. He got two 3rd place ribbons. He is now AM Can CH Sky Acres Time To Fly RATN SCN.

Betsy Metcalf:

The Scentwork Trial in Wenatchee was the first event since the March Agility Trial in Moses Lake for us. It felt really good to be at an event.

My Rhodesian Ridgebacks did me proud, although handler errors abounded. Zenyatta earned her Handler Discrimination Novice title with 2 Qs. Also her Advanced Buried title, and a Q in Advanced Containers.

Zanadew earned her Excellent Containers title and a Q in Excellent Buried.

Karen Haase: Bullet successfully earned his Scent Work Novice container title as well as 2 Q's in owner discrimination at our club trial. His mama is so proud of him.



Ps. This was his first scent work trial and both he and his mama had fun.

Louise Day: GCH CH Set-Point Dreaming in Chocolate (Hayden) earned his Novice Container and Novice Buried titles at the Wenatchee Scent Work trial. He placed with 3 seconds and a third in his events. I am proud of Hayden as he had only worked one class with me in a year and half and still performed well in spite of me. Hayden is working on his interior and exterior finds now to finish his Novice group.



Hayden: Dog tired but loving every minute of scent work.





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