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## Upcoming Events

### **ACT tests (agility)**

Feb. 20

WKC Training Center

### **Scent Work Seminar**

February 27 & 28

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### **WKC Agility Trial**

March 5, 6, & 7

Grant County Fairgrounds  
Moses Lake, WA

### **WKC Tracking Test**

March 21

Palisades, WA

### **WKC Scent Work Trial**

March 26, 27 & 28

# THE PAWPRINT

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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**January  
2021**

## Does Your Dog Watch TV?

It's January. Chilly temperatures. Short days, icy sidewalks, and, this year, a lot of cold rain. Not the greatest time of the year for outdoor activities in the evening, but good movie weather.

I saw a survey a few years ago that said about half of pet owners say they watch TV with their dogs. The question I really wondered about was whether there was anybody else in the world who not only watches TV with their dog, but who also chooses shows that they think their dog will enjoy. The few people to whom I've cautiously confessed this habit seemed to think it was pretty weird.

But now I feel vindicated. The American Kennel Club has one of those little web surveys that you can use to decide what movie you and your dog might like: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/what-movie-should-you-and-your-dog-watch-together/>. I'm guessing that means that I'm not the only one out there with the habit of picking movies I think my dog will enjoy.

Dog, singular, not dogs. Iskie is pretty much indifferent to the TV. She may curl up alongside for a nap while the movie is playing, but she rarely looks at the screen or responds to the soundtrack.

Otter, in contrast, often watches movies intently, and she has clear preferences about which movies she likes to watch. The AKC quiz has questions asking about how you feel about sad movies, and animated movies, and your movie genre likes and dislikes. Those questions must be geared toward the human half of the movie watchers, because, if Otter is typical, there is only one question that really matters to the canine watcher: Does the movie have dogs in it?

## Does Your Dog Watch TV? (continued)



Above: "The Secret Life of Pets" is a favorite movie of Otter's. "Four paws up!" rating.

Animated or not, sad or happy, musical, drama, horror or comedy, it's all fine with Otter. Just: Are there dogs? Sure, she'll occasionally watch a dog-less movie with me, and cats or wildlife will cause her to perk up her ears, but for Otter the real test of quality in a movie is the amount of canine screen time.

So I often pick movies that I think she'll enjoy, which means movies with dogs. But I find myself wondering how much, if anything, she understands. We watched "The Hunt for the Wilderpeople" recently (two thumbs up from the human, but only two paws up from Otter) and I found myself turning off the sound during one scene so that it wouldn't upset her. (There is a bad encounter between a dog and a wild boar.) Then, wondering if she could still understand what was going on by the visuals, I ended up fast forwarding through that section of the movie. I was anthropomorphizing, I'm sure, but it felt like the right thing to do.

Otter's interest in animated movies about dogs makes me think that her interest must be largely driven by sound, and dogs barking in the movies do always get her attention. But even with animated movies she still stares intently at the screen and appears to track the characters at times.

Canine vision is a little different than ours, with less ability to detect color but faster processing of motion. There's speculation that the faster refresh rate of new flat screen TVs makes it easier for dogs to track the motion of movie images. I don't know if that's true, but I know Otter does seem to watch movies more intently now than I remember her doing with our old analog TV set.

I have no doubt she recognizes any barking, howling or whining from the dogs in the movies as dog sounds. But does she recognize the images of dogs as dogs? Researchers report dogs look longer at images of dog faces than images of human faces or objects, and dogs can be trained to choose pictures of dogs over pictures of other species. But when I watch Otter watch a movie, I wonder what she is thinking. Does she think she's watching small mouse-size creatures run across the surface of the TV or does she just sees blobs of light? If we could ask our dogs one question and get an answer, what she thinks about when she is watching a movie wouldn't be my top question. But it would be on my top ten list of questions to ask.

Do you watch movies with your dog(s)? Do they watch with you? Do they have favorite movies? And - what do you think they are thinking about?





## Louise's Corner

I am still home after major neck surgery and am being limited in what I can do until February. I was able to attend a board meeting this last month and proclaim our club officers for the year. They are:

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This year will be one of moving ahead with the outside of our training center. We as members cannot fall into the trap of thinking since we have so much done, we are finished. At the last Board meeting we discussed what still needed to be done to complete the rest of our landscaping on the east side and back of the building. We figure it will be an additional 50,000 to 60,000 dollars to just get the basics done. That is not counting the hours we will need to work on it as club members. The building committee will put together a list of projects and estimated costs to share with all of you.

I hope all of you have turned in your awards to Judy Johnson so we can finish that up for the year. The awards will be put into the Pawprint and then we hope to hand them out when we can all be together again.

Willard gave a financial report at the Board Meeting. The two scent work trials making money really helped us out, but we lost about 20,000 in revenue from training this last year. A lot of that occurred when we had to shut down completely. With running smaller classes and only one class at a time we have been able to help slow the drain on our finances.

A new year of classes have started, and I want to thank the instructors for their many hours of work. If anyone is interested in teaching a class or helping to be an instructor, please contact Linda Harbury.

Wenatchee Kennel Club is putting on the Moses Lake Agility Trial in March in Moses Lake. We will need a lot of our members to help with the event. Please get a hold of Betsy or Suzanne Metcalf to volunteer. This is a one-time thing I understand as that club is unable to do it this year. It will also help our club out with revenue and let our agility competitors get out to run their dogs. It is fun to watch and help even if it is only as a leash runner, and they will tell you what to do, so do not be shy even if it is for part of a day.

*Louise*



## Decisions! Decisions!



*Generous donors have insured that sod will be installed for the east ring first thing in the spring. Other decisions about the outside of the Training Center are yet to be made.*

Winter just officially arrived about a month ago, and here we are needing to talk about SPRING already!! It's time to be planting seeds! Not seeds in the ground necessarily, but seeds of planning for the finishing stages of our landscaping and grounds development.

As far as we have come with our "outside," we still have a long way to go...and lots of decisions to make along the way. But first we need YOUR input on what kinds of things we want in our outdoor training areas and the surrounding grounds. There are plenty of ideas, thoughts and input...and we would like them all. We can't necessarily implement all of them right now, but we need a roadmap for our projects throughout this year.

Thanks to the generosity of a several donors last fall, we were able to get one outdoor area finished with dirt leveling, irrigation installed, and sod laid on the west side of the building. We had an irrigation/landscape contractor who was able to start almost immediately, so a large square was measured out for the "ring" and they started essentially the next day. It was a "quick and dirty" design process to just get that first level outdoor training area done...just a big square grass area.

Now we need to develop the areas all the way around the property...from fence to fence. We received our permanent occupancy permit in December, so now we have a somewhat freer reign in our finished project.

Over the next months we will email you about opportunities to tour the property, ask questions, and offer input on what YOU envision for the property; recognizing that some projects might be "right now" and others might be on the wish list for the future.

In the meantime, feel free to contact us with questions or input.

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## The Ups and Downs of Competition

By Sue Edick

Competing with an Entlebucher is not new to me. I got my first agility title with my first Entle in 1998. I don't train to place. I'm not a perfectionist, I wish I was.

So no one was more surprised than me when my three year old Cubby won High in Trial both days he was entered in the October 2020 Wenatchee Kennel Club Scent Work Trial. On his first day he took first place in Novice Exterior and Novice Interior, a second place in Novice Container, and a third in Novice Buried. I was almost afraid to come back the second day because I thought we could only do worse. But we didn't, Cubby got first place in all four novice elements.

The previous year at this same trial, Cubby and I had only one qualifying run, Novice Container. I think we placed 16<sup>th</sup>. I did expect to do better this year, I did take a number of on-line nose work classes and when COVID restrictions allowed WKC

classes. Cubby was also a little more mature. Most of all Cubby loves doing scent work. When I put his scent work harness on him he gets so excited. He knows his job and is driven to find the scent.



I admit that after Cubby's performance at the October WKC trial my head was so big I could barely get in my car for the drive home. I acknowledge that Cubby and my stars were lined up that weekend and that I shouldn't expect the same stellar performance at future scent work trials. I needed a reality check. One month after the WKC trial I entered Cubby in the American Belgian Tervuren Club AKC Scent Work Trial held in Chehalis, WA. Our performance was mixed. The first day Cubby placed first in Novice Exterior and Novice Buried, and he got 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advanced Container. Just qualifying in our first ever advance element was a big deal for me. Then we finished the day with an incorrect call in Novice Interior. Cubby and Sue, the "A" team, failed Novice Interior. How could that be, that was more reality than I cared for. The next day I was somewhat relieved to find out our first event would be Novice Interior. For sure we'd get our Novice Interior qualification out of the way and whatever happened the rest of the day I could handle. But no, we had another incorrect call for Novice Interior. That really shook me up. Again, how could that be? I really just wanted to go home, but I pulled my socks up and went on to the next event. Cubby went on to get first place in Advance Buried and third place in Advance Exterior. But ended the day with an incorrect call in Advance Containers.

At the start of the six hour drive home, I didn't think about the events Cubby did well in, I was only focused on the elements we failed. After a while I started thinking about how much fun Cubby had during the trial. He wasn't fazed by any placings or incorrect calls. He just had a great weekend of doing one of his favorite things, finding the scent.

Since our mixed results at the Chehalis trial, Cubby and I have done some nose work fun matches. We did fine. We had fun. We can't wait until the scent work trials start up in 2021!



JAX



## German Shepherd

Per Jax:

"Hi every one! Oh, what weather we are still having - way too cold for me with all that ice and snow to deal with every morning - then raining or muddy by the afternoon - and we can't forget about the wind that likes to visit once in a while..

Let's see. I am still learning the Recall Command in the house, and I wonder if I will ever get it. We have a long, narrow hallway and we are using it for some training - and I really love the treats that I get for doing it right. And then there is the "Easy and Wait" commands which sometimes are OK and them sometimes I just ignore them. And with all this crazy weather to put up with, I get to go with Mom in the car a lot these days - and I really love it. People pass by our car and then come close to look at me and I do not like that - so I bark and bark at them until they leave. Then Mom returns and we get to drive on.

Until next time!

JAX's Mom, Carol

## MEMBERSHIP

### NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman (509) 665-9987

Several people have expressed an interest in joining our club, and we have received just a couple of applications. I am working with them to do some volunteer work with us so that they can join under Option B (working two 4 hour shifts at events scheduled by our Club). They worked at the Scent Work Trials last October and perhaps you had a chance to meet them. They will be out with us soon again as our events get started for the year and we ask for volunteers.

As you know, 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 more information.



### WKC History Notes for 2021:

- Sixty years ago, our new club purchased an embosser for the "Wenatchee Kennel Club, Inc."
- Forty years ago, Eileen Pearl started the Pawprint newsletter.
- Twenty years ago, the club scrambled for judges for the dog show, held just four days after 9/11.



## Upcoming March Events

WKC has three upcoming trials in March:

- The premium is out for the **WKC Agility Trial** March 5-7, to be held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake.
- The premium for the **WKC Tracking Test** on March 21 will come out this week.
- The premium for the **WKC Scent Work Trial** March 26-28 will come out February 17.

Premiums, volunteer opportunities, and additional information for WKC events are posted to the WKC web site and Facebook page.

## Upcoming Agility Course Tests!

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, AKC evaluator Jan Flatten will be offering ACT2 and ACT Jumpers 1 and 2, two runs of each. ACT2 tests teams' ability to navigate a simple standard course that includes 11-13 obstacles including 6 weaves and a teeter (no ACT1 test at this evaluation). Both ACT Jumpers 1 and 2 will be offered. ACT-J1 is just jumps and may include a tunnel; ACT-J2 adds weaves. This will be a judged, not virtual, event so that our students can get a taste for what it's like to go to a real trial just before the Moses Lake trial. Like a real trial you will need to fill out an application and submit it with payment ahead of time; Jan will do a judge's briefing and you'll get to walk and learn the course; then you get to run it! But like a real trial, only once. The cost will be \$10 per run, with half going to AKC and half going to WKC. If you don't yet have an AKC number you can get one online at [akc.org](http://akc.org). AKC registered dogs already have a number. Others can register their dog under Preferred Alternative Listing (PAL) if their dog is an AKC recognized breed but doesn't have papers (warning this can take a month and you have to submit photos!), as a Canine Partner (All American Dog), or enter with no number and AKC will keep track of Qs and titles for when you apply for a number in the future. If you'd like to run or help, please contact Jan at [jbflatten@charter.net](mailto:jbflatten@charter.net) (I have already started a list of those who wanted to run and/or help).



## WKC Members' News and Brags

It's been slow at the Flatten house with Jan recovering from ACL replacement surgery. Recovery has been going well but she got the unwelcome news that she can't do pivot turns for another 7 months!!! No front crosses because it risks blowing the new ACL. However, she's been competing in NADAC virtual runs with her puppies in December, picking up Qs in Regular and Touch and Go with all three dogs; Brandi earned her Elite Regular title and Ginger earned her Open Touch and Go Title. Look for Jan at Moses Lake using blind crosses in inappropriate places!





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- **Board Meeting, First Monday of each month at 7 PM**
- **No general membership meetings due to COVID-19**
- **Current class schedules** and more info at [www.wenatcheekennelclub.com](http://www.wenatcheekennelclub.com).

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