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THE PAWPRINT

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).

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Mike Barclay, John Njus,
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Upcoming Events

WKC Tracking Test
March 21
Palisades, WA

WKC Scent Work Trial
March 26, 27 & 28
WKC Training Center

WKC Hunt Tests
May 8-9
Almira, WA



WKC Agility Trial in Moses Lake

Jan Flatten, Co-Chief Ring Steward

Running an agility trial 1.5 hours away from our training center, and under COVID, was challenging, but with the help of many, many club members, and other volunteers, we pulled it off! Saturday was full with 350 runs, and Friday was almost full with 341 runs. Although there were only 271 runs on Sunday, we didn't offer either FAST or Premier classes that day (for which many of us were grateful since we had to drive home!).

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WKC Agility Trial in Moses Lake (continued)

We worked hard to get people to sign up ahead of time for the myriad of jobs required to run this trial (even more than usual because of COVID) and almost all jobs were filled prior to the trial. Grateful thanks to all of those who scribed, timed, gated, ran leashes, crewed the ring, ran scribe sheets, took temperatures, dispensed wrist bands, cleaned surfaces, built courses, and set up and tore down at the end of the trial. It was a huge effort by all! And thanks to our judge Paula Ratoza for the challenging courses and her kindness to all of our teams, but in particular to our novice handlers. She also helped all of us understand Fix N Go, which aided novice teams in getting over or through challenging equipment. Thanks also to our fantastic Secretary Barb Benner for getting the results to us so quickly. Willard estimates that the club made about \$3,000 with this trial.

I think we agility instructors were most proud of how well our novice students did at the trial - most of them came home with at least one, and some several, qualifying ribbons! Many of these students "lost out" on what would have been their initial year of trialing in 2020, but really came through with this, their first trial. In a tip of the hat to our club, about 32 percent of the almost 100 participants have taken classes from us.

The trial committee: Betsy Metcalf (chair), Jan Flatten, Linda Harbury, Pam Pettit, Gail Dow and Michelle Te Velde thank everyone for helping to make this trial such a success.



Sunry runs in her first Agility Trial with owner Sara Elzey. Moses Lake, WA.





Louise's Corner

Happy Spring!! I am always a little hesitant to say that as we can always get that late snow. But I am already seeing the spring flowers starting to peek through the ground so I am going to chance it.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped at the agility trail in Moses Lake we made \$3,100.00 and change on this event. I enjoyed seeing everyone and meeting new people while taking temperatures. It was great just being among dog enthusiasts.

We have a lot more coming up - see my list below. Mike and Jan are signing up volunteers for the scent work trial starting March 26th at the training center. They will be setting up on Thursday so give them a call and help.

We also have the following events that would love to have you help:

- 4 Hunt Tests on May 8-9 in Almira
- Scent work trial in September at Fairgrounds
- 1 Agility Trial in October
- 3 Dog Shows and Obedience and Rally Trials in October. We also do Fast Cat and Weight pulling at the shows.

If you want to help on :

Scent Work then please contact Jan Barclay.

Hunt Tests then please contact Louise Day

Agility trials then please contact Betsy Metcalf in October

Dog Show then contact Louise Day for Conformation. For Obedience and Rally, contact Suzanne Metcalf.

There will also be several work parties to get the landscaping done at the training center. Please keep checking the Facebook page because sometimes they are called on short notice to get the best weather conditions.

With the Governor moving us into Phase Three we are hoping to have a club meeting real soon. We will notify the club members when we can do this. We are excited to be able to meet again and enjoy each other's company.

Louise



AGRICULTURAL DETECTION DOG PROGRAM



Participants (L to R): Sue Edick, Instructor Mike Barclay, Jan Flatten, Instructor Jan Barclay, Linda Harbury, Betsy Metcalf, Tara Barrett and Linda McFarland

The Wenatchee Kennel Club is happy to announce the successful launch of the Agricultural Detection Dog program. Instructed by Mike and Jan Barclay, the first round of pilot classes for “ag dogs” is being conducted at the WKC Training Center, a site familiar to the instructors and dog/handler teams. Eventually the class will transition to orchard sites to put their scent work skills to work detecting specific diseases prevalent in cherry orchards.

Project participants include: Tara Barrett & Otter (Labrador Retriever), Sue Edick & Cubby (Entlebucher), Jan Flatten & Aspen (Australian Shepherd), Linda Harbury & Darby (Border Collie), Linda McFarland & Angel (German Shepherd), and Betsy Metcalf & Zenyatta (Rhodesian Ridgeback). Each team has earned AKC titles in advanced levels of scent work, with some teams also highly accomplished in related sports of barn hunt and tracking.

Handlers often use command words specific to an activity; therefore, it was decided a universal “action word” for the dog to locate a specific plant disease (in this case Little Cherry Disease or Western X) at orchard sites should be “cherry.” Dogs were introduced to scent jars containing healthy and infected plant materials, and are learning to select the correct sample from a variety of arrangements spaced around the room.

The Wenatchee Kennel Club is fortunate to have as partners in this Agricultural Detection Dog project the USDA, WSU Tree Fruit Research & Extension Center, WA State Research Commission, Stemilt Growers, Zirkle Fruit, and Chelan-Douglas Farm Bureau. Representatives of the tree-fruit industry will be visiting the Ag Dog class in March and setting the stage for later training experiences at orchard sites.

Lynda Pheasant, Ag Dog project coordinator, Marcia Greenwood, Scent Work instructor, and John Njus, board member and videographer, along with advisory committee members Alan Sage, Pam Sage, and Erin Anderson are monitoring the class. Detection Dog trainer Hallie McMullen is also sharing her expertise.



Happy Hydrangea Planting Party



WKCers know how to make it happen. More than 40 gallon-size hydrangeas have been planted along the McGee **fence**! Spring tasks have included tree pruning, shrub and ornamental grass trimming, installing weed cloth, digging holes, adding compost and seating hydrangeas. The majority of the hydrangeas are positioned between the serviceberries along McGee Street. Of course, there has been the ongoing rock pickup; some rocks were moved to the rock pile, others will be used to stabilize the steep side of the detention pond and placed for scent work exercises. The March workers have included Chuck St. John, John Njus, Mike & Jan Barclay, Carla Duncan, Doug Merriman, Gail Roberts, Betsy Metcalf, Louise Day and two great grandkids.

Valencia Fencing has completed the installation of chain link fence on the east, south and north perimeters, and KRCI Construction removed the big rock pile. There is always more to do! Earthwork and topsoil are needed for the east side of the facility, then sod, or grass seed (depending on donations). On recommendation of the East Wenatchee Police, the Board Agenda includes the selection of security camera installation.

Please direct comments, suggestions, and/or questions to Chuck St. John or John Njus, Building Committee Co-chairs.



*I tried to teach my dog with books, she gave me only puzzled looks.....
I tried to teach my dog with words, they passed her by oft unheard.
Despairingly, I turned aside, "How shall I teach this dog?", I cried.
Into my hand, she put the key. "Come" she said "Come play with me".
- Author Unknown*



JAX



German Shepherd

Per Jax:

"Hi every one! AND Oh my gosh - all of my bushes and trees are full of birds and the woodpecker has even attacked our roof about 7 AM each day (and I am not a climber so I can't get to him).

My next adventure is the kitchen - so many treasures to pick from, throw around and get out of town when Mom finds out what I have been into. First was the homemade pizza that she made and great toppings. She had already had a slice or two, then she took a nap and thought she had the pizza on the back side of the counter which was not so, so I was able to grab it and knock it on the floor -and it was all mine. I decided to have it all to myself so there were no messes of pizza sauce to clean up and the area looked real good. When Mom saw it, she got mad and I had to hide - then she went to clean it up and there was nothing to clean up. Better yet, she realized that she had caused this wonderful treat for me and she laughed and laughed. My latest find was her homemade apple cake which I thought was great, but it was too big to eat it all at once, so she cleaned it up and kept smiling.

Have a great day - 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 have been given applications. Two of those applications have been returned to me. Both have worked very hard with our Club's activities and have, or are completing Option B (working two 4 hour shifts at events scheduled by our Club). Our two new applicants are:

Amanda Wilsey - Australian Shepherd

Ruth Carpenter - Golden Retriever


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 Display at Firehouse Pet Shop



Firehouse asked WKC to put up a display and provide business cards in the shop. We appreciate their support! A similar display is posted in the WKC Training Center to highlight the many club activities.



COMPETITION

TRAINING


EDUCATION

CLASSES:
See descriptions & schedules at www.wenatchee Kennel Club.com

- Puppy Class (12-20 weeks old)**
- Beginner Dog (5+ months old)**
- Basic Obedience and Rally Obedience**
- Show Handling**
- Agility**
- Tracking**
- Barn Hunt**
- Scent Work**

COMING EVENTS:

- Tracking Test** March 21 Palisades, WA
- Scent Work** March 26-28 WKC Training Center in East Wenatchee
- Hunt Test** May 8-9 Ranch near Almira, WA
- Scent Work Trial** Sept. 24-26 Chelan County Fairgrounds
- Agility Trial** Oct. 15-17 Confluence State Park in Wenatchee
- Dog Show (All breed)** Oct. 22-24 Chelan County Fairgrounds



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WKC Members' News and Brags



Hermione (at left): We have earned our Puget Sound Labrador Retrievers Association (PSLRA) Versatility Award! Proudly owned and loved by Maggy Susman



WKC Members' News and Brags (continued)



Sara Elzey: I am SO proud of my baby girl! Alaska's Red Sunrise aka Sunry earned her ACT/J title in February and was a total star at her first agility trial in Moses Lake. Not only did she go on her very first road trip, stay in a hotel for the first time, and spend HOURS in the truck by herself every day; she earned her first agility title in Novice Standard and two Q's each in Time to Beat, Novice Fast and Novice JWW! If only her handler were better, she would

have earned her Novice JWW title. Lol. She handled all of the new things with grace & calm and kept her focus for each run each day. She seemed to really enjoy it! We are both looking forward to our next trial. Thanks to everyone at the club for their support and a HUGE thanks to Lisa Vaughn, my agility instructor in Fairbanks, Alaska, and to my first agility dog, Dylan (RIP) for getting me hooked onto this crazy sport.

Jan Flatten: What fun the Flatten crew had at our agility trial in Moses Lake! New kid on the block Aspen earned her Novice Jumps with Weaves title, and a couple Qs in Novice FAST. Brandi has been working on her Time 2 Beat title for several years (well, not last year), and earned her title at our trial at the tender age of 11 $\frac{3}{4}$. She's had the points for a while, but needed that 15th Q (she earned another one the next day!). She also earned her Master Jumps with Weaves Bronze title (25 Qs) with a couple qualifying runs, and one Master Standard Q. It was sure fun being with all our friends doing what we love! In virtual NADAC Ginger earned her Elite Weavers title and Novice Tunnelers title. Brandi and Aspen both earned their Open Weavers titles, and Brandi earned her Novice Tunnelers title. The virtual tunnelers was run by Linda Harbury and Jan in Jan's back yard and everyone had a blast!

Suzanne Metcalf: Moses Lake WKC agility trials.

Astrid in her first trial since March of 2020

Friday she surprised me with 3 qualifying scores,
Novice FAST, Novice Standard & Novice Jumpers with Weaves.

Sat & Sun she had moments of brilliance between moments of hunting!

Thanks to all the club members who made these trials possible.



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CALENDAR

- WKC Scent Work Trial, March 26, 27, & 28
- 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.



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