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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).

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Upcoming Events

WKC Members Meeting
May 23, 2021 at 1 p.m.
WKC Training Center

WKC Hunt Test a Success!

May 8-9 at Almira, WA



WKC General Membership Meeting

It's been a long time - our last in-person WKC members meeting was in February of 2020. Please join your fellow Wenatchee Kennel Club members at the training center at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 23rd. We will meet outside, weather permitting, so bring your own chair or a blanket to sit on. Movie showing: a video of our new Ag Dog Detection Program.

For general clarification: face masks will continue to be required inside the training facility at all times by everyone. This policy is expected to be in place through June, unless it is announced otherwise. Outdoors, masks are optional.



Louise's Corner

We just finished a highly successful hunt test, and a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped. It was great to have so many of you come to Almira to help and see what a hunt test is all about. We made around \$4800 profit this year.

We still have the following events coming up this year and need volunteers:

- Scent work trial in September at Fairgrounds - contact Jan and Mike Barclay
- 1 Agility Trial in October - contact Suzanne and Betsy Metcalf
- 3 Dog Shows and Obedience and Rally Trials in October, where we also do Fast Cat and Weight Pulling - contact Louise Day.

We have started a new round of classes. Thanks to Marshall who has shared the registration duties with me. Tami Woolsey will be taking it over starting with the next session. I really appreciate her volunteering to take over. A big thank you to the instructors for understanding when I made an error. This last class had me doing total days at the computer with both Hunt Test entries and WKC class registrations.

I am excited that we are having our meeting this month at the training center - please bring your lawn chair and join us!



Be Patient - Training can take YEARS

Sometimes training can happen really quickly. When I started working with Otter on her Tricks titles a few years back, we found some of the AKC tricks only took a few short practice sessions to master: stand in a box, spin in a circle, put front paws on a short stool.

But some training seems to take forever, and some things we've tried over and over again without much success.

This last week was really a breakthrough week in our house. One of those moments when you realize that the one you have been training has totally gotten the concept, at last.

So what happened? Well this is the sequence of events:

In 2011, when Otter was a puppy, I established a firm "no dogs on the furniture" rule for the household.

A few months later, Otter so clearly enjoyed watching TV that I designated an old sofa sectional as "Otter's place" so that she could watch without having to strain her neck.

In 2012, when we moved to Wenatchee, all the sofa sectionals were looking pretty worn, so I went ahead and amended the rule to "no dogs on the beds, other furniture is o.k."

In 2018, when Iskie joined the household, she took over Otter's sleeping kennel. With Otter looking a little frazzled over all the new puppy hubbub, I decided it was time to just let her sleep on the bed.

Then this last week, on May 16 of 2021, Otter had a little trouble climbing up on the bed - too much frisbee practice that day I think. So I went and bought her a special set of pet stairs, to make it easier for her to climb up and down from the bed.



This is clearly one of those epiphanies, a true moment of learning. Otter would like the other WKC dogs to know:

It is NEVER too late to train your human.

Yes, they can be very slow on getting the concept. Just be patient. Reward the good behavior (tail wags and nose boops work well). Ignore the bad behavior (or just use your best "big sad eyes" expression).

They will get there eventually. Even if it takes years.



AG DOGS

The **Agricultural Detection Dog** pilot project is eagerly beginning its second session of classes. On May 1st, a marvelous workshop was presented by professional detection dog trainer Hallie McMullen of Idaho, capping the first session of building agricultural detection skills for Little Cherry Disease. The workshop focused on odor recognition as a process of elimination for the dog to select and alert on the desired smell. Our Ag Dog teams were joined by four soon-to-become Ag Dog teams from Idaho. Contributing significantly to the workshop were tree fruit industry leaders Ines Hanrahan, Executive Director of the WA Tree Fruit Research Commission; Teah Smith, entomologist with Zirkle Fruit and Research commissioner; and Hannah Walters, horticulturist representing Stemilt Growers. Through the combined efforts of Smith and Walters certified cherry wood (clean and diseased) has been provided on a bi-weekly basis for building detection skills in the Ag Dog pilot program. Supported by Zirkle Fruit and Stemilt Growers, arrangements were made to extend this valuable service to McMullen's agricultural detection dog training in Idaho.

The WKC Ag Dog project is most fortunate to be at the hub of this collaborative effort, surrounded by Hallie McMullen, Idaho, in coordination with university detection dog programs directed by Dr. Erica Kreuerbacher at Virginia Tech, and by Dr. Nathan Hall at Texas Tech University. And most exciting is the realization that just seven weeks into the pilot project all six Ag Dogs are consistently demonstrating they get it!

A 30-minute video about the Ag Dog pilot project will be featured at the WKC Member Meeting on Sunday, May 23 at 1:00pm.



JAX



German Shepherd

Per Jax:

"Hi every one! AND Oh my gash - all of my bushes and trees are full of birds and our 2 backyard cats who don't like me. And then I have to worry about our sprinkler system going off in the late afternoon and then again after I go to bed. The late night does not bother me because I am sound asleep, but that afternoon is another matter. When it is hot, it is not too bad getting wet, but when it is not hot I do not enjoy all that water - that is just me.

My adventure in the cabana with the refrigerator is going well - seems like that refrigerator door is always very closed. So I like to take advantage of the cool concrete floor and just lay around in the heat. My new half back yard is coming along well. I have learned how to get through Mom's temporary fence and have a look around, especially at my bushes and all the bird's nest that are in there.

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 these applications have been received and we are working with them in volunteering to join under Option B (working two 4 hour shifts at events scheduled by our Club). If people are interested in joining our Club, they can join under Option B (working two 4 hour shifts at events scheduled by our Club). Please call me and I will explain this application process to you.

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 Members' News and Brags

Katie Hamilton: Toohey got his Master's title in Barnhunt at Stanwood last week.

Betsy Metcalf: We attended a Scentwork Trial in Kaiser OR, lots of fun at a baseball park. FCh Arr Zenyatta Dew (Rhodesian Ridgeback) finished her Advanced Human Detection title and got 2 Qs in Excellent HD. She also got two Qs in Excellent Interior, a Q in Excellent Buried, a Q in Masters Containers and a Q in Masters Exterior.

From Susan Estes:

Tango and Jake got Junior Hunter titles at WKC hunt test last weekend:



Suzanne Metcalf:

This past weekend we went to PNWSWC scent work trials in Keiser, OR, Astrid and Suzanne earned their Interior Novice title + 1 Q in Interior Advanced, Exterior Novice title, and 2Qs in Container Advanced. Also got 2 Qs in Virtual Rally Advanced.

And at the Ratatat Barn Hunt in Snohomish on April 16-18, Astrid & Suzanne did 4 trials of Open Barn Hunt. Qualified in 3 trials for a new title.

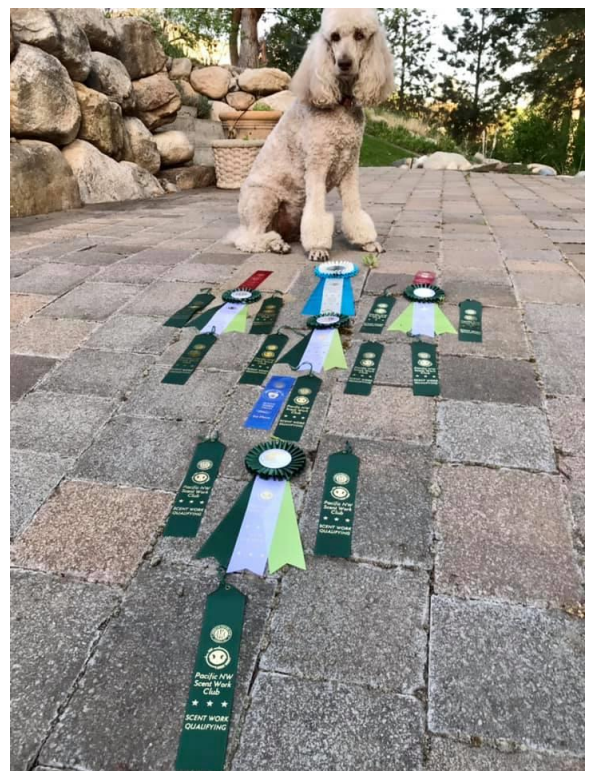
Thanks to local instructors Judy Johnson, Katie Hamilton and Linda Harbury!

Tracey Lewis: Tilby and Wahoo earned their Rally Advanced titles.

Judy Johnson: Shelby (*below*) earned the highest Barn Hunt title: Championship Ratter (RATCH) and was 3rd place in that Masters class at Ratatat Barn Hunt trial in Snohomish WA:



Mary Melissa Larson: At the scent work club trial over Mother's Day weekend Ruby (*at right*) got her Novice Scent Work title, her Advanced Containers element title, and legs toward her Advanced Interior and Exterior titles. Thanks to all the dedicated instructors at WKC!





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CALENDAR

- **Board Meeting, First Monday of each month at 7 PM**
- **General membership meeting 5/23 at 1 PM at the WKC training center**
- **Current class schedules and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.**

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