



**Wenatchee  
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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).*

President: Louise Day  
Vice-President: Marshall Brown  
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Secretary: Jan Barclay

Directors: Chuck St. John,  
Mike Barclay, John Njus,  
Carla Duncan

## Upcoming Events

**WKC Members Meeting**  
Sunday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.  
WKC Training Center

**WKC Scent Work Trial**  
September 24-26, 2021

**WKC Agility Trial**  
October 15-17, 2021

**WKC All Breed Show**  
October 22-24, 2021  
Includes 3 days of Dog  
Shows along with  
Obedience, Rally, and  
Weight Pull  
Events  
Chelan County  
Fairgrounds

## Barn Hunt Clinic is Ratty Good Fun!



*"Look what I found, mom!" Aspen indicates a tube with a rat in it at the August 28 Barn Hunt Clinic.*

All who attended our Barn Hunt clinic taught by judge and instructor Barb Kraus seemed to learn a lot and gained confidence for upcoming Barn Hunt trials.

Thanks to our organizer Katie Hamilton, who in turn wishes to thank Betsy Metcalf, Jan Flatten, Linda Harbury and Judy Johnson for all the help in resetting the barn hunt ring.

## Barn Hunt Clinic (continued)

*Photos below clockwise from top left, (1) after a successful search Linda Harbury rewards Darby with a game of tug, (2) Barb Kraus with Scout, (3) Katie Hamilton releasing Toohey to start a search, and (4) the most important participants of all, the dog-tolerant Rats!*



Sorry we didn't get photos of all participants!

Barn hunt classes have been very popular and fill up quickly, but unfortunately WKC can no longer offer Barn Hunt classes until we find someone to house and care for the rats. If you know of anyone in the valley who would be interested, please have them contact Linda Harbury or Judy Johnson.

## Good News! Grants and Loans!

Last month, August 2021, WKC Grant Writer Carrie Colman received a call from the North Central Washington Community Foundation. She was asked if WKC would still like the \$14,300 grant requested and denied in 2020. WKC received and deposited the \$14,300 Non-Profit Reemergence Grant check in early September 2021.

Supplemental income has also come from other Grants and Loans. In July of 2021 WKC applied for and received a \$10,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) Advance. This advance does NOT need to be repaid.

In July of 2020 WKC applied for and received a \$5,000 Grant from the Douglas County Small Business Support Initiative. In June of 2020 WKC also received a loan from the SBA of \$61,500 under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL). This is a 30-year loan at an interest rate of 2.75%, and the payments were deferred for 12 months.

The WKC Board has approved a WKC Grant request for the Goodfellow Bros. \$50,000 “Centennial Celebration Grant to a charitable organization located in, or directly serving, a community in which we live and work”. Cross your fingers, toes and paws! (One of the seven WKC Founding Trustees, 1961, was Mrs. Robert C. **Goodfellow**.)

Even though WKC was closed to classes for 4 months last year due to Covid, generous member donations, grants and loans allowed us to contract Octavio Rodriguez to lay sod on the west outdoor training area last fall, the east training ring this summer and install additional irrigation sprinklers. Club members successfully managed the grounds through the heat wave. WKC is “Looking Good!”



East Training Ring



East Training Ring along McGee



West Training Ring



West Training Ring along detention pond

JAX



## German Shepherd

Per Jax:

"Hi everyone! AND Oh my gosh - the heat of this summer has gone. My grass is pretty brown, but the weeds have taken over everything - what a mess to play in. I am feeling so much better and it is sure fun to get outside, relax and have some fun. This now includes all of my birds again, and, oh yes, the squirrels have shown up and love to run my fence line. They seem to think that they own it or something. Hope all of you are surviving - I know I am thankful to all the attention my Mom is giving me.

Oh yes, forgot to mention that Mom has included me in her garden weeding. We do this very early in the morning and about an hour before dark. Those weeds have taken over so we get to dig them and pull them out - that is just so much fun - try it.

Have a great day - until next time.

JAX's Mom, Carol

### 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 August 29, 2021.

Tim and Shari Campbell - Golden Retriever

Troy and Sonya Peterson - Amstaff

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

Meghan Grochala - Australian Shepherd/Husky mix

At the next general membership meeting, her application will be presented for final vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman, Carol at (509) 665-9987. Don't hesitate to leave a message and I will call you back.

We love new members! If you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining or learning more about our Club, please ask them to attend the next General Membership Meeting, or please call Carol at (509) 665-9987 and leave a message and I will call you back.

## WKC Agricultural Detection Dog Project

### CONGRATULATIONS, AG DOGS!

This inspirational WKC Agricultural Detection Dog pilot project successfully completed its first phase in August. During the 14-week proof-of-concept study, dog/handler teams learned to identify in cherry wood samples the aromatic volatiles associated with specific disease pathogens of Little Cherry Disease. Amazingly, dogs are able to detect both viral and bacterial pathogens in LCD variants. The goal is that trained detection dogs might serve as an early warning tool for helping eradicate a disease that is decimating the Washington cherry industry.

In August, Dr. Nathan Hall, director, Canine Olfaction Lab at Texas Tech University, evaluated the performance of Ag Dog teams at both Wenatchee, WA and Boise, ID. Each of the six dogs in Wenatchee and five dogs at Boise underwent an extensive double-blind test of five practice runs followed by ten test runs.

Dr. Hall described the results: “Six of eleven dogs showed successful discrimination of the diseased tree cutting from non-diseased tree cuttings exceeding that expected by chance. Two of the dogs showed proficiency at or exceeding 90% accuracy.” His assessment of the WKC project and companion project in Idaho: “Together, these results provide a positive proof of concept that citizen science trained dogs can successfully discriminate little cherry disease positive tree clipping from disease negative tree clippings, but that not all dogs meet proficiency to demonstrate above chance performance.”

Congratulations to all the participants in this novel citizen led research project involving development of canine agricultural detection skills for the ultimate benefit of the WA cherry industry. Special appreciation to instructors Mike and Jan Barclay, horticulturists Teah Smith and Hannah Walters, consulting detection dog trainer Hallie McMullen, along with videographers John and Helen Njus, and project coordinator Lynda Pheasant for so admirably accomplishing this first phase of the pilot project.

**Super “Qs” to all Ag Dog teams**, especially **Angel** (black German Shepherd Dog) and Linda McFarland; **Aspen** (Australian Shepherd) and Jan Flatten; **Cubby** (Entlebucher Mountain Dog) and Sue Edick; **Darby** (Border Collie) and Linda Harbury; **Otter** (yellow Labrador Retriever) and Tara Barrett; and **Zenyatta** (Rhodesian Ridgeback) and Betsy Metcalf. You are awesome!

While two first-phase members are choosing to focus on other interests, Ag Dogs are welcoming new members **Gigi** (Standard Poodle) and Linda Hessel and **Milly** (German Shorthaired Pointer) and Ellie Russell to the next phase. The WA Tree Fruit Research Commission has invited WKC to submit a research pre-proposal for 2022 funding, and several WSU researchers have eagerly expressed a commitment to cooperate with the WKC Agricultural Detection Dog project.

**Way to go, Ag Dogs!**



Wenatchee Kennel club would like to give a special thank you to Tarrah and Ryan for taking care of our barn hunt rats for the past year. Another thank you to Jim Kastel for taking care of Sandy's rats. They were well loved.

If anyone is interested in keeping rats for our barn hunt classes, please call Linda Harbury at 433-1188. We can't hold any more classes until we find a home for new rats.

A special thank you to Betsy and Suzanne Metcalf for hosting the barn hunt clinic in August at their farm. We all had a great time.

Katie Hamilton

### WKC AGILITY RAFFLE

Our WKC agility raffle will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Confluence State Park as a fun activity that raises money for our club during our agility show to be held October 15 - 17. We would appreciate any donations from our members for this great event. They can be dog related or other items you feel appropriate and either new or used. Please leave them in our crate room at our club facility with your name and phone number on the item(s). As you enter this room there are 3 shelves on the right marked for donations. We would appreciate receiving these items prior to October 1.

If you have any questions, please call Lynne Benton at (509) 630-2945 or email me at [randyandlynne@msn.com](mailto:randyandlynne@msn.com)

Trick Dog Update: Gail Roberts, WKC Trick Dog evaluator, says the Wenatchee Kennel Club just submitted another trick dog title to the American Kennel Club, this one for Elite Performer for a very clever and charming Corgi and his handler. In response, AKC Trick Dog sent a message "Thanks so much for the club for supporting AKC trick dog!" We wanted to pass on the message that all those tricky dog owners should know they are appreciated!





## WKC Members' News and Brags



Karen Haase: Again Bullet had too much fun at the ACT trial. He finished his ACTJ 1 & 2 titles and is signed up for novice fast at the clubs agility trial for more fun. Thank you Jan for putting up with us. 😁

Jan Flatten: Aspen was diagnosed with GI lymphoma 4 weeks ago with a terrible prognosis. She was extremely sick, but has bounced back with prednisone and chemo. The oncologist said to do the things she enjoys for however long she has left. She showed how much she loves hunting rats this past weekend at Argus, earning two titles, RATS (senior barn hunt) and Crazy 8s. All three senior Qs were first place and two were high in class (faster than any other dog in the class). She kept pulling me toward the ring all day long after visiting the paddocks to play. This picture is her haul for the weekend. Ginger earned another Q toward her RATSX title and Brandi earned a Q in open with a first place and high in class. Not bad for a sick dog and two elders (12yo)!





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