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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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).

**December
2021**

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

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

Upcoming Events

WKC Member Meetings

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

Photos with Santa!

WKC Training Center

Healthy and Happy Holidays Keeping Our Furry Friends Safe



Our dogs are often an essential part of our holiday celebrations, but it can be a stressful time for them too. You probably already know most of the foods that are fine for people but dangerous for dogs: chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, and bones. But do your holiday guests know them?

Healthy and Happy Holidays (continued)

A few years ago my cousin was not thrilled to find that Otter had snuck into the room she was staying in, unzipped her suitcase, and helped herself to a bag of macademia nuts. But that quickly changed to worry after finding out macadamias could be poisonous to dogs, and we spent an unhappy hour on the phone with the vet and then the poison center, trying to figure out how much Otter had eaten relative to her body weight.

Whose fault was it? Mine! Mine for forgetting that my cousin had never owned a dog and could not be expected to know about either the extreme resourcefulness of a certain hungry yellow lab, or the foods that could be toxic to her.

It's a little embarrassing to have to start out family visits with instructions to keep doors closed and food items at least 6 feet off the floor, but it's far better than having a sick pet. Although, I have to say, my embarrassment is sometimes mixed with a little reluctant pride at just how adept my dogs are with zippers, latches, and opening doors, drawers, and cabinets. And just how good their noses are at sniffing out what interests them. Those macademia nuts were upstairs, inside a room with a closed door, wrapped in plastic, secured deep in a zippered suitcase. And we had left the house for no more than an hour. Aren't dogs amazing?

Other holiday hazards include Christmas plants: poinsettas, holly, mistletoe, ivy, and Christmas trees can all create digestive upset.

One growing threat is the increasing use of xylitol in a variety of products, including sugar free candy, chewing gum, mouthwash, toothpaste, breath mints, some baked goods, cough syrup, chewable vitamins, some peanut and nut butters, sugar free desserts including 'skinny' ice cream, and dietary supplements. It's also known as birch sugar. Even a very small amount can cause liver damage or death for canines. Symptoms include decreased activity, weakness, staggering, incoordination, collapse and seizures - if you think your dog has eaten xylitol, take them to a vet immediately. So check labels - I was dismayed to find it in my favorite toothpaste, and since I don't trust myself to remember to lock it up after every use, I ended up switching to another brand.

My cousin and her husband will be visiting for Christmas this year, and unfortunately now that "welcome, welcome, welcome" speech is also going to have to include some discussion about what types of products could contain xylitol and making sure they are included in the "at least 6 feet off the ground" rule. If the ubiquity of xylitol in common household products continues, I think I may have to add a little safe to the guestroom, like the ones you find sometimes in hotels. I think that would defeat even Otter's ingenuity, although with Iskie, I'd probably also have to explain that it would be best not to say the combination to the safe out loud or open it in her view.

Wishing you, your family, and your pets, a safe and very merry Christmas!





Louise's Corner

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season.

As this year is close to closing and a new one beginning, I want to take a few minutes to look back on our club's year.

It has been a year of challenges and successes dealing with the continued COVID restrictions for our classes and events. The success of our club has depended on you, the members, and you have stepped forward in supporting our club.

It has been a year of outstanding profit in many of our events and this has kept our club and building in an outstanding position for the upcoming year. Thank you to all those who have served on committees and worked at the classes and events.

It has been a year of progress on the landscaping for our building; both side lawns are in and will be ready to use this next year. This will add new venues for training and activities in the future. The building committee has worked hard to get this done this year. Thank you, Chuck St. John, John Njus, Doug and Jan Merriman, and Carla Duncan for organizing the work parties and getting our property looking great.

This has been a year of sadness as we have lost two club members, Mike Barclay, and Walt Gearhart. Walt's and Mike's contributions and love for our club will be remembered by each of us.

I am looking toward a wonderful new year filled with wonderful dog stories and friendships.

Till next month

Louise



Training Center Phase I Donors

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'Tis the Season of Giving

Our Training Center is an alive and a joyous place because our members and others give their time, talents and financial contributions. The contributions of 228 donors toward Phase I of the Training Center now total \$828,847.

The Wenatchee Kennel Club is a non-profit, 501(c)3, and qualifies for a charitable gift tax credit within the IRS guidelines. Even if you take the standard deduction, you can claim a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for a single filer and \$600 for a joint return in 2021. Please consider making a donation to this wonderful community service organization.

If you have any questions, contact Helen Njus (509-630-8530) or Chuck St. John (509-421-8585).



Artist Cordi Bradburn 2019



Wenatchee Kennel Club Members:

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Holiday Event

 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th** 
FROM 7:00 PM TO 9 PM
Wenatchee Kennel Club Training Center



Children and Pets can get in the holiday spirit and meet Santa Claus.
(Ed Womack)

\$ BY DONATION

Short business meeting.
Bring your favorite dessert finger food to share!

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CAROL S. @ 509.679.4927



German Shepherd

Per Jax:



"Hi every one! AND Happy Holidays. Oh my gosh - there is just so much to smell, pick up around my kitchen and then taste - and some of it is very good. All the droppings on our kitchen floor - and you know that is one of my very good jobs is to keep that floor clean and I intend to do just that. Are you ready for the first snow which has already happened, but it left as soon as it arrived. I just to love to get out there in my backyard and kick the snow all over - it should not be too long now. The squirrels have shown up way too much and love to run my fence line and get into the bottom of my vehicles. My van had a leak so it went in for inspection. Then Mom got the phone call with what needs to be fixed and they asked about squirrels - get rid of them - they are causing you problems. I am thankful to all the attention my Mom is giving me, and I am feeling so much better and just want to play and play.

And I know (because she tells me) of the plans Mom is making for the Club's December meeting and our visit with Santa. Hope to see you at our Club meeting on December 19 when we will be taking pictures with Santa and I am planning on being first in line - just in case you were wondering.

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 our Club who were voted in at the General Membership meeting on November 28, 2021.

Jordan Pilgeram - Pitbull

Cassie Paxton - Border Collie/Heeler and Red Heeler

Beth Blair - Maltipoo

Several people have expressed an interest in joining our club and have not been able to attend our meetings to receive an application. 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.





Last Reminder: 2021 Bars and Certificates Info

It is time to report your earned Title Bar information to Judy Johnson for 2021. Whether the Wenatchee Kennel Club has an awards dinner in January, or not, your earned titles will have been collected and ready to submit to Haglund's Trophies. Please send your information to "judyj@uw.edu" before Jan 8th, 2022. Haglund's Trophies requested to have the majority of the information by mid-December, but we can submit up until January 8th. WKC will provide each member with one initial Apple Plaque on which to hang your bars. The plaque is engraved with the owner's name and will accommodate multiple dogs. If you would like to purchase additional Apple Plaques they are \$50.00/each. Please indicate in your email if you need your first plaque or want to order additional ones. (I will have to reconfirm the Apple Plaque pricing with Haglund Trophies.)

- Titles earned in the year 2021.
- Your name
- The exact spelling of your dog's full name
- Dog's call name
- 2021 titles earned. Please state the full title of the award. Indicate if you want only a certificate and save the cost to the club.
- First plaque?
- Purchase additional plaque?

Send to judyj@uw.edu before Jan 8th, 2022.

If you do not get an acknowledgement back, please resubmit or call Judy.





WKC AGRICULTURAL DETECTION DOGS

Remembering Mike Barclay, our friend, enthusiastic supporter and co-instructor of the WKC Agricultural Detection Dog program, participants continue training the detection skills required to identify Little Cherry Disease in nursery and orchard settings.

The Ag Dog project is developing next-step protocols for transition into field experiences. Training aid delivery devices (TADDs) developed with space age technology will be used for the introduction of cherry tree root and bark samples and assist with transfer of detection skills to field settings.

The eight Ag Dog teams look forward to testing their LCD detection skills at fruit tree nurseries and in orchards early next year. The dogs will check four separate environments: trees in storage, rootstock stool beds, fields of nursery stock, and cherry scion orchards.

The WKC goal is to demonstrate the benefit of trained LCD detection dogs as early detection tools in the control and eradication of Little Cherry Disease.

--Lynda Pheasant, WKC project coordinator



WKC Members' News and Brags



Gail Roberts: In November, **Pakuk** (Siberian Husky) earned his AKC Companion Dog (CD) title in obedience at the Whidbey Island KC dog show.

Happy Holidays!

Linda Harbury: It's been a very fun last month with my dogsters. Within the last month,

Lyric (below right) earned her Barnhunt Instinct Title RATI, and a 2nd place Q in Novice

Darby (below left) earned 2 more Master's B Q's in Barnhunt

Darby also earned his Elite Versatility Medallion

In a combination of Video runs and IRL Agility Trials:

Darby also earned

- NADAC Elite Versatility title - meaning he has Elite Titles in 6 of the NADAC classes
- Elite Chances Title and 1 more Q towards his Chances Elite NATCH requirement
- Elite Tunnellers Title plus 2 more Q's towards his Tunnelers Elite NATCH requirement
- Novice Gamblers Title
- Elite Touch N Go - 1 more Q toward TNG Elite NATCH requirement
- Elite Weavers - 2 more Q's towards his Elite Weavers NATCH requirement





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CALENDAR

- Board Meeting, First Sunday of each month at 7 PM
- Current class schedules and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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