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## Upcoming Events

**WKC Members Meeting**  
Sunday, October 1  
6 p.m.  
WKC Training Center

**WKC Agility Trial**  
October 13-15  
Confluence State Park

**WKC Dog Show**  
October 20-22  
Chelan County  
Fairgrounds

# THE PAWPRINT

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).*

**September  
2023**

## A New Detective Duo!



*Rhodesian Ridgeback Zenyatta Dew earned her Scent Work Detective title on Sept. 24, 2023. Handler Betsy Metcalf is ready to start sleuthing, while Zenyatta gives a kiss to judge Patrice Dodd for setting such a fun course.*

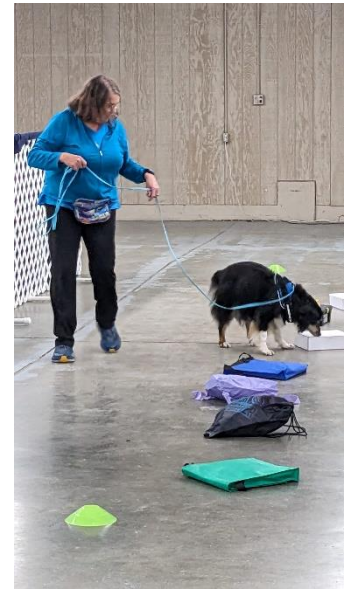
It was a historic moment for the Wenatchee Kennel Club – the first Detective title by a WKC dog and handler team. Detective runs are very, very challenging – and it takes 10 Qualifying runs to earn a title.

# Fall 2023 WKC Scent Work Trial is a Wrap!

*By Jan Flatten, Scent Work Trial Chair*

The Wenatchee Kennel Club Scent Work trial this last weekend was a wonderful success! We had perfect weather for both search conditions and keeping our dogs cool (the rain held off until the last items were packed on Sunday afternoon – how cool is that?). Of our 954 runs entered over the three days, 482 were qualifying, which is a little under 50% of the dogs who actually ran (my personal dogs were nowhere near that). We were so happy to have Karen Allen, Patrice Dodd, Judith Guthrie and Hallie McMullen as our judges. The congratulations after successful runs, and insights after NQs were appreciated by all.

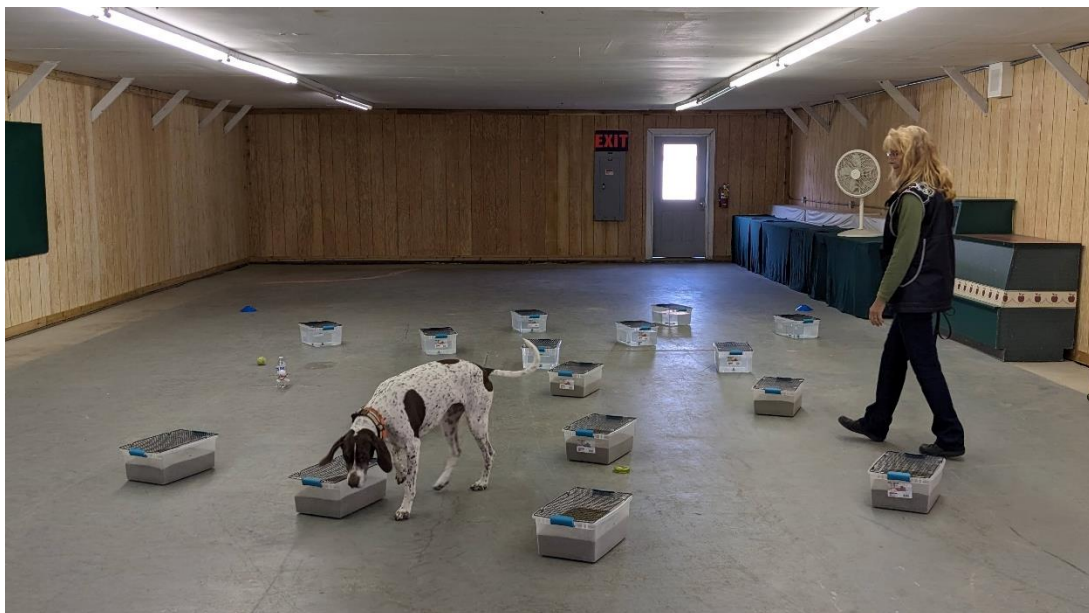
Something this big doesn't happen without a LOT of help. Thank you so much to our trial committee: Pamela Pettit (ribbons, containers and lots of other stuff!), Diane Gallatin (food, snacks, water and lots of other stuff!), Tara Barrett (lots of stuff!), and Rich and Janet Evans (lots of stuff!). All of them were involved in planning, set up, jumping in to do odd jobs throughout the trials, and tear down. They all worked long hours all 4 days, arriving at 6:30AM and leaving after the trial finished in the late afternoon/early evening each day - I hope you are all enjoying some well-earned down time!



*Jan Flatten and Brandy*

Finally, none of this could have happened without a highly organized and efficient member of the trial committee: Trial secretary Carla Slabaugh rocked that job ensuring accuracy and quick result posting. Assisted by volunteers (who aren't even members of our club) Laura Taylor and Whitney Wilson, she worked late into the evening doing move-ups, the most time-consuming job after each trial day - thank you to all the judges for agreeing to accommodate move-ups even if it put them over on their hours. Carla spearheaded us testing the beta MyK9t program, which had mixed success, but we are looking forward to glitch fixes and getting the full version. The program provided users with real time gate information, so they didn't have to get in line until their turn and real time results. Our volunteer timers went through some short training and generally liked it when it worked properly. The judges really helped in testing this

program and hopefully everyone can provide feedback to the developer to help improve the final version. Carla also saved me by suggesting that we get extra golf carts. Our grounds are so large that they were an absolute necessity and my ankle and knee especially thank her!



*Ellie Russell and Milly*



Thank you to all the people who volunteered throughout the trial. It simply couldn't have happened without you. Special mentions go to Cassandra Paxton for coordinating the volunteers, Tracy Lloyd for bringing her horse trailer to make transporting equipment easier and leaving it for searches (even if the high hide stumped many teams in Master Exterior), and Lori Day for preparing great lunches for the committee and judges. As always, our unsung hero (except to those of us who are in the know) is Willard Fields. This is a club member who quietly puts in a ton of time at all our trials, arrives before we do to unlock the grounds, and stays until the last person has left to lock the gates. I don't know what we would do without him.

Finally, it was so much fun seeing the joy of our students' successes. When not successful, I hope everyone learned something new. I know I did! Several people let me know throughout the trial how much they were enjoying it and I've received emails post-trial about the same. I hope people will plan on returning in May for our spring trial!

*Janet Evans and Cedar*

#### Postscript from Editor:

Thanks also to Stemilt (apple slices) and Aplets and Cotlets (fruit candies) for some delicious (and local!) donations to the snack supply for volunteers and judges. And a huge thank you to all the people who volunteered as gatekeeper, timekeeper, or stewards, including: The Evans, Lynne B., Shanna D., Melissa L. (and her family Tori, Nels, Maria, Natalia), Judy L., Sue E., Leslie G., Laurie D., Callie C., Bev D., Cindy T., Karen H., Therese J., Sara S., Kelly B., Ashley W., Hideo. And then there were those who stepped up to fill in holes during the "day of" – we don't have all of your names but the trial could not have gone on without you! One of the things I love about our club is how often people are willing to just jump in and help out where needed.



*Judge Hallie McMullen with Austin and Pam Pettit*



## Louise's Corner

Wow! What a wonderful weekend WKC had with our Scent Work Trials. Our Scent Work Committee made us proud as usual. Jan Flatten did an excellent job as Chairman and Carla Slaubaugh and her crew worked efficiently with all the entries and paperwork. Jan has thanked the many volunteers that it took to put on this great event and I would like to add my thanks.

The month of October is now just a few days away and that means our club needs again to begin the work of our Agility Trial and the Dog Show with the Obedience, Rally and Fast Cat.

First up is Agility on October 13<sup>th</sup>-15. The committee will need help loading items from the training center and taking them down to the park for the trial. Then the many volunteers for the set-up, the trial itself, and take down. Please volunteer even if for a few hours because many hands make the job a lot easier.

Lynn Bennett says they have a lot of items for the raffle. If you promised something, please get it to her right-away. They do not need any more items if it has not been promised. Thank you, members, for your many donations.

The next weekend is the Big Dog Show with Obedience, Rally, and Fast Cat events. Again, loading and unloading will be needed as well as set up and take down. We will also need to have ring stewards for all three days. Please let Amy Denton know if you can help us out. Our Autumn trials in Scent Work, Agility and the Dog Show are big ticket fund raisers every year. These events enable us to do the many things that are necessary for the training center. Thank you members for your commitment to these events.

Our October meeting will be the Halloween Party. So, start planning your costumes for you and your dog and come join the fun.

Election of Officers will take place at the annual meeting. Anyone who is interested in an officer position or Board Position please let me or Marshall Brown know.

*Louise*





## WKC Membership Meeting

No Meeting in September.

\*Next Meeting is Sunday, **October 1st**.\*

**6 pm** - Intro to **BARN HUNT** - A game of hide & seek for Dogs.

Special Guests - Meet the Rats!

*Business Meeting* will follow with reports about the September *Scent Work Trial* and the upcoming October *Agility Trial* and *Dog Show*.



## Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

### New Members Approved by the BOD and June General Membership

Casey Hanson - Husky/Pit Mix; Bulldog/Boxer Mix

Kaylee Pearsons - All American Dog (Poodle/Old English Sheepdog)

### Family Membership Approved by the BOD and to be voted on at next meeting:

Patti Shigouri and Laura Webb - Irish Wolfhound

Patty is "retired now and would like to volunteer my time and knowledge to help others with their dogs." They are interested in obedience, conformation and scent work. For those of you that know Pat Putnam, Patti was an assistant leader. Laura bred, showed and finished Irish Terriers with the 4H Doggonits.

### New applications moving forward to the next board meeting for approval:

Therese Jardine - Golden Retriever and Border Collie

Callie Craig - German Shepherd

Sara Serra - All American

Do you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining the Wenatchee Kennel Club? Information is available at the membership tab on our web site:

[www.wenatcheekennelclub.com](http://www.wenatcheekennelclub.com)



The answer to last month's riddle: Carl has a Poodle named Dan, and Bob has a Poodle named Andy.

Andy with an Australian Shepherd named Bob, and a Papillon named Carl.

Bob with a Poodle named Andy, and an Australian Shepherd named Dan

Carl with a Papillon named Bob and a Poodle named Dan

Dan with a Australian Shepherd named Carl and Papillon named Andy


Australian Shepherds - Bob, Dan, Carl

Papillons - Carl, Andy, Bob

Poodles - Dan, Andy



## WKC Members News

Karen Haase: And he's back!!!! 13 weeks after major knee surgery Bullet shows his human he's still got IT! He earned a Q in Advanced Interior and 2nd place finding both hides in 30 seconds. Now he's excited about continuing his quest for a Masters Rally Title. The human is overjoyed and so impressed by this big chocolate thing. 

Maggy Susman: Magic earned her RATN title at Argus. She has two passes towards her open title.

Two weeks ago she earned her BCAT title in Springfield OR.

She is now: Kolfyre MALEFICENT of Blewett ACT1  
ACT2J CGC RATN BCAT

Brian Bourgeois and Sara Norris: A very successful three-day Scent Work Trial weekend. Sara and Sassy qualified in 9 trials out of 12 earning 2 first place ribbons (9.33 seconds in Exterior Novice and 6.2 seconds in Container Novice); 2 fourth place ribbons (34.23 seconds in Exterior Novice and 1:18.06 in Buried Novice) and the awarding of 2 new titles in Exterior Novice and Interior Novice. They moved up into the advanced category of Exterior and Interior on the last day and qualified in both.





Jan Flatten's girls all played happily at our local scent work trial this weekend. Ginger earned her Exterior Master title, Aspen earned her Elite Container Master title (she also found all but one hide in one of her Detective runs), and 14 year old Brandi (at left) pulled out all the stops by earning both her Excellent Container and Excellent Buried titles. Brandi also earned Qs in Excellent Interior and Excellent Exterior and even got to try her paws in Master for the first time. Footing was difficult for this 14 year old girlie so I'm going to try booties next time. Love my girls!

Sue Edick: Cubby competed on Saturday and Sunday at the WKC Scent Work Trial. He got two Qs in Interior Masters, one third place. Finally, Cubby has his Interior Masters title.

Lego got off the waitlist on Sunday and competed in Novice Containers. He Q'd with a third place. Not a big deal, except this was the first time he showed in anything plus he had never seen the type of boxes that were used much less 10 of them. Lego really stepped up to the plate for me. I was proud of him.

Judy Lindahl: Kit got a Q in Exterior, Interior and Containers Novice. Lots of learning going on. Was a beautiful weekend for a trial! Great judges and friends.

Sara Wickline: Stormy and Dashiell have new titles, Novice Containers, Novice Exterior, 2 Q's in Advanced Containers for Stormy and Dash, and Exterior. They had a great weekend.



Linda Hessel: Gigi and Linda Hessel had a wonderful time at the scent show! Lotsa "Good Luck Kisses" before a run (at left).

Shanna Davies: Ethel Grace (at right) got her last Q for Excellent Container, earning her title.



Tara Barrett: At the Spokane and Wenatchee Scent Work trials this month, Otter earned Q's toward her Master Elite titles (2 Exterior, 1 Interior) and added a Q toward her Master Container title, and had 2 Detective runs where she found all but 1 hide. Her nose is not quite as keen and she has trouble standing on her back paws, but at 12 years old she still thinks Scent Work is just the most marvelous game ever and approaches the start line with vocal enthusiasm. (Well, a marvelous game except for Buried, which I think she may think of as 'Stupid Boring Boxes.')

And Iskie? Here's what I wrote last June, after Iskie's first Scent Work Trial:

*It is Iskie's first day of her first scentwork trial and we are standing at the start line. Iskie's tail is tucked down between her legs and she is the classic picture of a dog in Woe. "You may go when ready," says the judge. "Find it," I say and Iskie and I take a few steps forward, through the two cones that mark the starting line, heading toward the buried boxes. Iskie decides that was a bit too much. She creeps left, circles around behind me, and comes to sit between my legs.*

*This is actually better than her alternative "I'm scared" behavior, which is to jump up at me frantically, trying to recreate the conditions of being a puppy who can be cradled in the arms, held high above all the scary things.*

*I gently shoo her forward, trying to extricate myself from the loop of leash she has put around my left leg, with another "Find it." She takes a few steps forward, decides it is too much again, and creeps right to circle around behind me and once again come to sit between my legs. It is usually a good thing that the leash for scent work is long, typically 10 or 12 feet, to allow the dog to work at a distance from you. But it's not a good thing today, as I am now neatly trussed like a chicken. As I try to extricate myself and struggle with balance, I repeat mentally "not into the boxes, not into the boxes" and hope I can direct my impending fall to the side. If you are going to disrupt a search area, buried boxes are the worst place to do it. In the best case, you spill either sand or water on the floor, creating a mess where the event will have to be paused for cleanup. In the worse case, the box you disturb is "hot," meaning the water or sand will have become full of scent from the hidden q-tip that has odor on it, and it is going to contaminate the area as soon as it spills. In that case, the judge and helpers are going to have to set a completely new area for the search, creating a long delay for all of the other competitors.*

*I manage to recover my balance and extricate myself from the leash and I start forward toward the boxes in a strange little shuffle, knees and feet pressed tightly together and taking tiny steps so Iskie can't tangle us up again. With no place to hide, a third "find it" sends her forward toward the boxes. She passes the first one and stops at the second to sniff at it, sits and gently places a paw on top while she watches me.*

Iskie had anxiety during most of her spring searches, including one NQ in Buried where I just couldn't coax her out from trying to hide behind me. But this fall? Huge change for us - while she still had some anxiety at the trials, she had much more confidence during each search. Tail up and body posture saying "this is my job and I know how to do it" - see picture at right. She is still slow - we usually don't place - but she was clearly much more comfortable. And she astonished me by Q'ing all 6 of her runs at the Spokane Trial (9/16-9/17) and all 12 of her runs at the Wenatchee trial (9/22-9/24). That run of 18 straight Qs finished her Novice Exterior and Buried titles (and overall Novice title) and her Advanced titles in Interior, Exterior, and Containers. While I am very happy with the new titles, the growth in her confidence is by far the biggest reward for us.





Michelle TeVelde: Boone, Timme, Icon and Obsidian went to Greyhound Nationals Sept 8-11<sup>th</sup>.

Timme (left) received a conformation Award of Merit. Obsidian won reserve winners' dog on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



Boone (at left) earned his Obedience CD title and was High in Trial.

Icon got a perfect 100 in Rally Novice and Timme got 99. Both earned their titles there. Icon (below right) also went lure coursing and did well running with his littermates (Best Qualified dog and 5th place).





Louise and Norm Day: CH Set'r Ridge's Eternal Desire of Set Point JH "Desi" Earning Level titles in Novice Container, Exterior and Interior This was her first scent work trial (at left).

GCH CH Bull Mtns Set'r Ridge's Eternity JH CGC TKN TDN (Tabitha, at right) finished her Novice title qualifying in all 4 runs. Then also qualified in Advance containers.



GCHB CH Stagedoor Set'r Ridges Walk In The Word JH SKN "Spirit" (at left). Finished all her advance levels and received her Advance title. She had Q's in Excellent Containers also.



GCHS CH Set'r Ridge's Benelli of Set-Point JH BCAT (Tessa, at right) received 4 Best of Breeds and a Group 4 at the Montana shows this last month. Handled by Christy Marley-Johnson.

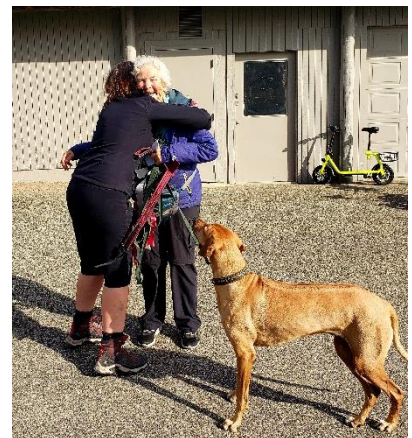


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