

Wenatchee Kennel Club Training Center



Rendering of the WKC Training Center superimposed on a photo of the site looking southwest with Mission Ridge in the background.

The Wenatchee Kennel Club (WKC) broke ground October 22, 2018 for a training center at 200 1st Street S.E. in East Wenatchee. It is anticipated that the 7,880 sq. ft. building will be complete in spring 2019. The center will include a 75' x 88' indoor training area, office, bathrooms, storage and two 100' x 100' outdoor rings. The club has a 30-year lease with option to buy the approximately 2.5 acre site. The projected cost of the project is \$900,000 including the \$550,000 steel building, \$250,000 site preparation, permits and hook-up fees, landscaping and fencing.

Partners in the project include: Forte Architects, General Contractor Western Ranch, Civil Engineer Forsgren Associates, Pipkin Construction, and Landscape Designers Doug and Jan Merriman. The City of East Wenatchee, businesses, and neighbors have been most encouraging of the project.

WKC Building Committee Co-Chair John Njus commented at Ground Breaking:

The Wenatchee Kennel Club is 57 years young and still growing. From its beginning WKC has promoted responsible pet ownership through Education, Training and Competition.

Some 16 years ago the club took a leap of faith and rented an old storage building for their own training facility on Valley Mall Parkway. Club membership increased with the addition of more classes and events. Over the ensuing 10 years members recognized our need for a bigger training center. A little over three years ago the thought of a bigger training center became more than just whimsy. The building we were leasing was sold. A building committee was formed. Plans for a new training center were developed in parallel with finding a location to build it.

After an extensive, and sometimes frustrating, search for property that met the needs of WKC but also fit with jurisdictional requirements, we found this gorgeous location in welcoming East Wenatchee – just about a mile south of our old location. It is exciting to launch Phase I of our new “forever home”.



Past president Walt and Marilyn Gearhart at ground breaking.

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The mission of the Wenatchee Kennel Club is to promote responsible pet ownership and to engage handlers and dogs in learning activities that exercise the brains and muscles of both handlers and dogs. We welcome all purebred and mixed breed dogs and their handlers who want to build great canine companionships. WKC was established as a non-profit organization in 1961, and was granted 501(c)(3) status in 2015. www.wenatcheekennelclub.com