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RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**BENNY WAS 9 FOR 9 AT CBDTC'S RALLY/
OB TRIAL, EARNING LEGS 11, 12, AND
13 TOWARD RACH AS WELL AS HIGH
COMBINED AND HIGH TRIPLE ON SUNDAY.
- STACIA GUNDERSON**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Information for the General Meeting, Board Meeting, Fast CAT Committee Meeting and Handling Class.

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FETCH/FIT DOG REPORT

We will be having a day full of fun activities for RKC members, including Fetch, lunch and a community walk..

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THE BRAG BOX

Brag from Cindi McInturf, Denise Bostrom, Kelly Keophilavanh, and Stacia Gunderson.

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SPRING FAST CAT 2024

Information about Fast CAT events being put on by the RKC & WWKC Fast CAT Committee this Spring.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting, Fast CAT Committee meeting, Handling Class and any other upcoming RKC events.



GENERAL MEETING

April 4th, 2024
7:00pm

Richland Community Center
500 Amon Park Dr.,
Richland, WA 99352

The General Meeting will be held at the Richland Community Center at 7:00pm.

Next General Meetings:

May 2nd, 2024
June 6th, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 18th, 2024
7:00pm

Richland Public Library Conference Room A
955 Northgate Drive
Richland, WA 99301

The Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Richland Public Library in Conference Room A at 7:00pm. This meeting is open to all RKC members.

Next Board Meetings:

May 23rd, 2024
June 23rd, 2024

HANDLING CLASS

Howard Amon Park
500 Amon Park Dr.,
Richland, WA 99352

April 3rd & 10th - 6:30pm
April 17th - 7:00pm

We are now at Howard Amon Park right behind the Richland Community Center. We will be there till end of Sept. Oct 2, 2024 class will be moved indoors.

Note: Be on your toes if there is a thunderstorm or high wind (over 20mph) around class time. Class can be canceled on short notice. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page. No class if temperatures are 90 and above at the time class starts.

NO CLASS on July 24 due to traffic coming in for Boat Race Weekend and Art in the Park. More info will be coming as we get closer to September.

Puppies can start class at 4 months of age but must have ALL vaccines before starting class. Please have your dogs clean and NEAR show ready - **Laurie Weed**

FAST CAT COMMITTEE MEETING

April 23rd, 2024
7:00pm

Richland Public Library Conference Room A

The Committee Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm. If interested in joining this meeting, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh.

Next Fast CAT Meeting:
May 28th, 2024

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the March 2024 General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting.

RKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2024
RICHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**



Called to order: by President Mark Eby at 7:00pm.

Roll Call: 18 members, 3 guests

Brags: Please send to Kelly for inclusion in Newsletter.

Minutes: Motion to approve as published by Stacey Davis
Second: Debbie Brower. Carried.

President Report: Pres. Mark Eby presented RKC Club Award to Laurie Weed for her long-time stewardship of the Handling Classes.

Secretary Report: Correspondence; CHF thank you.

Treasurer Report: Debbie reported on accounts.

Committee Reports

Handling Class: Laurie Weed reported that we are still at Sit Means Sit, but will move to Howard Amon Park April 3 at 6:30 PM.

Show: All events are approved. Stacey Davis reported on her conference with AKC's Guy Fisher. To qualify for AKC's club promotion, we need 5 elements at our show. Since we are 1 short, we will have a Meet & Greet on the Fri & Sat shows. We will put together Welcome folders & have a spot at the club table.

Judges: Need more names for 2025 shows.

Membership: 1st reading of applications for Carol & Colin Levi, Brenda Knight.

Old Business: : Fetch & FIT Dog Fun Day will be March 24 at Stacey & Chris's home. Start time is 9AM. Valerie Brown reported on the planned events & encouraged

participants to watch the videos at AKC Fetch to get an understanding of this new event. WWKC Fun Run is April 6 at Pioneer Middle School Walla Walla, from noon to 4PM. Stacey reported that the HAPO Center is not available for our show dates. There was a discussion about changing dates and venues.

New Business: Debbie Brower reported that the Fast CAT account is being reconciled with WWKC. As Kelly is stepping down as Fast CAT Chairman, Mark Eby will be the new Chairman. Teresa Carlon brought up the topic of possibly sponsoring a Handling Seminar. A discussion about RKC sponsoring such an event followed. Cindi McInturf reported that according to BaRay, upgrading NOHS Group & BIS rosettes would be \$1298. Stacey Davis affirmed the Board's motion to upgrade the rosettes.

Motion to adjourn at 8PM by Chris Abraham. Second: Cindi McInturf. Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brown**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 21, 2024
RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Called to order: by President Mark Eby at 7:10pm.

Present: Mark Eby, Valerie Brown, Teresa Carlon, Denise Bostrom, Cindi McInturf, Stacey Davis, Chris Abraham. Guests: Kelly Keophilavanh, Alyssa Paxton, Laurie Weed, Colin & Carol Levi.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as published by Stacey, Second: Cindi. Carried.

Secretary Report: Received roster from Teresa. Will do final update March 31.

Treasurer's Report: Absent.

Meeting Minutes Cont. Fetch & FIT Dog Report

Meeting minutes from the March 2024 Board of Directors Meeting continued and a report on the Fetch & FIT Dog Fun Day.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES CONT.

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 21, 2024
RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Committee Reports

Handling Class: Last class at Sit Means Sit is 3/27. 4/3 starts at 6:30PM at Howard Amon Park, Richland.

Unfinished Business: Mark reported on the need for Club merchandise & club info handouts for our, AKC required, Meet & Greet. NOHS rosettes will be upgraded. Valerie reported on the Fetch/ FIT Dog Fun Day on March 24, at Stacy's & Chris's. Valerie polled those in attendance for RSVP for lunch.

Show Committee: Stacey reported that the show prep is on schedule. She is waiting on a bid for tables, chairs & tent rental. There was a discussion about vendors & other Show committee sub-committee duties.

Cindi questioned the constitutional legitimacy of the Show Chairman as the new board did not approve her position at the 12/21/24 BOD. Stacey left the meeting. Mark apologized for neglecting to bring Stacey's appointment to the board for approval.

Cindi complained about the show chairman's management style & requested that the show chairman change her management style.

Teresa complained that she had been treated disrespectfully at the General meeting. There was a discussion about participation re: roles of committees & chairs of committees.

New Business: There was a discussion regarding agenda items. Mark will send out BOD meeting agendas.

Cindi reported that she will make a presentation on County City dog ordinances.

Picnic 8/8 at Columbia Point. Will host FIT Dog walk before & Fun Match to follow. Match budget is \$100.00. Awards: Best adult, Best Puppy, Best JS.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. By Teresa. Second: Cindi. Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brown**

FETCH & FIT DOG FUN DAY REPORT

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB
FETCH & FIT DOG FUN DAY
MARCH 24, 2024
CHRIS & STACEY'S HOME**



I have to say that our Club Fun Day featuring these two new AKC sports was quite successful. Despite starting out rather dreary, we ended the day with a bright sunny walk.

Fetch

Mark & Chris set up the Novice Course & the pop ups (very welcome!). We had 7 dogs give the course a try & 3 dogs passed. Congratulations Earl, Jazz & Marlin! All the dogs enjoyed an extracurricular romp in the spacious yard, some a little too much. Thanks to my helper Glen, who retrieved more balls than the dogs!



FIT Dog

After a well-deserved lunch, the 1.25mile FIT Dog Spring Training walk commenced. There were 16 walkers, from 9 months to 20 yrs. There were whippets, Welsh Springers, Dachshunds, Ridgebacks, Podengo, Portie, Cavalier, Border collie & a Chiweenie!



Great big thanks to Stacey & Chris for opening their home & their hospitality extended to fellow club members. Also, thanks to Nancy for putting up posters & help with organizing FIT Dog.

RKC has more FIT Dog walks planned this year, so come & join in the fun.

Valerie Brown

The Brag Box

Braggs from Cindi McInturf, Denise Bostrom, Kelly Keophilavanh, and Stacia Gunderson.

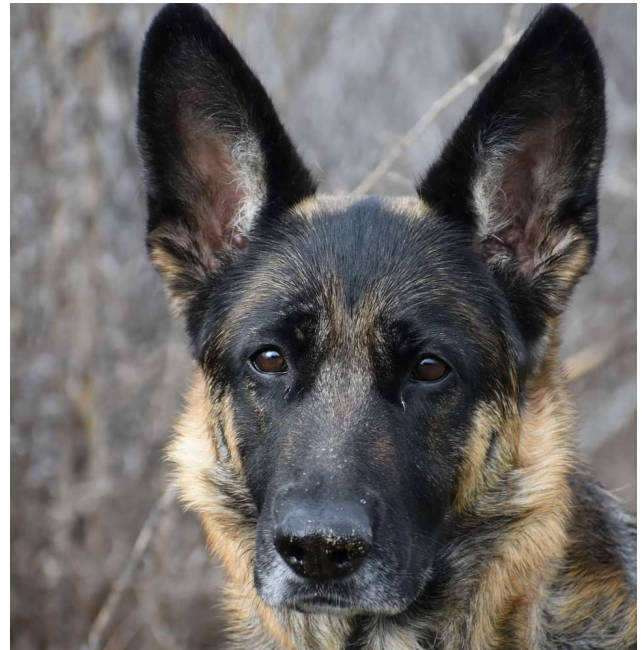
Mia and **Benny** earned their AKC Farm Dog Certification in February. **Benny** was 9 for 9 at CBDTC's Rally/OB trial, earning legs 11, 12, and 13 toward RACH as well as High Combined and High Triple on Sunday. - **Stacia Gunderson**



Ricochet earned his Farm Dog Certification. - **Cindi McInturf**



Sharobi's Sunrise on Jaya Peak TC earned her Farm Dog Certification on Feb 24th at the Columbia Basin Dog Training Club trial. - **Denise Bostrom**



SnoValley Blue Moon Rising, Flurry, earned her Farm Dog Certification in February and her Rally Novice title in March at the CBDTC's trials.

SnoValley Captain Fantastic, Elton, earned a leg towards his FDC and Beginner Novice Obedience titles at CBDTC's trials. - **Kelly Keophilavanh**



SPRING FAST CAT 2024

RKC & WWKC Fast CAT Committee will be holding events this Spring!



RKC & WWKC FUN RUN

Richland Kennel Club and Walla Kennel Club Fast CAT Committee will be holding a fun run in Walla Walla at Pioneer Middle School. It is \$10 per run. Come on down and support the clubs! We also need volunteers! Lunch will be provided for workers. If interested or if you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh or Lucinda Bersano.

Location: Pioneer Middle School - 450 Bridge St, Walla Walla, WA

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Contact Info: Kelly Keophilavanh, keophilavanh@gmail.com
& Lucinda Bersano, lucinda.bersano@gmail.com

RKC & WWKC May Fast CAT

Richland Kennel Club and Walla Kennel Club will be holding their annual Spring Fast CAT event. We will be holding three events total: two tests on Saturday and one test on Sunday. There will be a limit of 75 dogs per test. Entries open March 6 at 8:00am and close May 1 at 6:00pm. Online entries are \$26 per entry. Day of entries will be available if test the entry limits are not reached and will be \$30 an entry, cash or check only.

The premium is available now on AKC's website. The very talented photographer, Whisker Tango Foxtrot, will be back for this event to take photos. The photo above was taken by Whisker Tango Foxtrot at our Fall Fast CAT event last year.

We still need volunteers! Lunch will be provided for workers. If interested or if you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh or Lucinda Bersano.

Location: Columbia Park (River Front East) - 5111 SE Columbia Drive, Kennewick, WA. It is located close to the Playground of Dreams.

Date: May 4 & May 5, 2024

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm (Test #1 and #3), 1:00pm until complete (Test #2)

Contact Info: Kelly Keophilavanh, keophilavanh@gmail.com
& Lucinda Bersano, lucinda.bersano@gmail.com

AKC FAST CAT

Fast CAT® – which stands for Coursing Ability Test – is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. If your dog is really fast, you might earn bragging rights if their name makes onto our list of top 20 fastest dogs by breed! All dogs can participate in Fast CAT, whether purebred or mixed breed.

Although it is a relatively new sport, its popularity has spread like wildfire. No wonder. According to one AKC official, "The Fast CAT® provides a terrific opportunity to introduce new participants to the world of AKC sports as one of the few events where all that is needed to compete is a dog's natural instincts."

Eligibility

To participate in FAST CAT®, your dog must be:

- At least 12 months of age.
- Have an AKC number via one of the following:
 - AKC Registration
 - AKC Canine Partners
 - Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program
 - Foundation Stock Service®(FSS)

In addition:

- Spayed and neutered dogs are eligible to compete in these events and are welcome.
- Females in season are not eligible to participate.
- An inspection committee will also inspect each dog for lameness and fitness to compete.

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