

Richland Kennel Club



WAGG'N TAIL Newsletter March, 2021

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Mark Your Calendar

All Member General Meeting March 4, 2021 7:30PM Via Zoom	Handling Class SEE THE COVID PROTOCOL On Page 2 Location: 4 Paws Time: 7PM	2021 RKC DUES If you haven't paid please do so now. March 31 is the final date to renew your membership.	Cancellations
Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2021 7:00PM Via Zoom	March 3: Skeeter Benton March 10: Stacy Davis March 17: Mark Eby March 24: Erin Story March 31: Chuck/Bonnie Ames	\$25 for Family Membership \$15 for Single Membership Dues can be sent to: PO Box 386 Richland, WA 99352 Or By PayPal: Richlandkc386@gmail.com	Tri-City Family Expo Cancelled for May 21, 2021 & Scheduled again for January, 2022



EDITOR'S CORNER

In February, Texas experienced a catastrophic freeze with heavy snow that left thousands of residents without heat and water for days. Tri-Cities experienced a heavy snow fall during that same week, and many of us were stuck indoors while roads and sidewalks waited to get plowed or melt. Thank goodness we did not suffer the fate of Texas with mass water lines bursting but many of us did have to sit tight while roads and sidewalks were plowed and/or melted. At our house, we were grateful to have just received a shipment of dog kibble and our human food pantry had plenty of reserve.

Although March typically offers glimmers of Spring, what better time than right now to develop a pet and/or kennel disaster plan. If not for that one last March ice storm, certainly for the hot weather and fire season that is fast approaching in July.

It's important to start planning and practicing now because dogs are super sensitive to our anxiety. If they feel our panic, they are more likely to run and/or hide.



Why is it so easy to panic? When we identify danger, our fight or flight response kicks in with the release of adrenalin. Adrenalin activates our vascular and respiratory systems and makes it hard to slow our thoughts. By having memorized and practiced your evacuation plan, your brain has a better chance of overcoming fight or flight. Take several big deep breaths and talk positively to yourself (i.e., "We can do this." "Everything we need is"). These interventions will reduce your anxiety and help you recall and deploy your evacuation plan.

Another tip is assembling a "Go Bag." The American Kennel Club recommends always having it ready with items such as; bottled water, food in waterproof containers, prescription medications, a first aid kit, clean-up supplies, familiar items (i.e., toys, bedding, blanket), and stress relieving items (i.e., vest, spray). [Create an Emergency Evacuation Plan for You and Your Dog – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](#)



Be sure to check out the excellent **Kennel Evacuation Planning Guide** developed and submitted by **Bonnie Ames** on pages 4 and 5. A well developed evacuation plan can make all the difference for you and your animal family to survive a disaster!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEW CLUB BUSINESS BY MARK EBY

Audit Committee: The RKC constitution calls for occasional auditing of the club's accounting by an outside group/agency. The last audit was roughly ten years ago, thereby, the president has appointed Candee Foss to serve as Chair to the RKC Audit Committee and establish its members. The committee will ensure a timely and accurate accounting audit following RKC by-laws. If you are interested in serving on the AUDIT committee please contact Candee at 528-5743.

AKC Delegate: RKC continues to seek an AKC Delegate. If you would like more information on how to serve as an AKC delegate for RKC, please contact Bob Brown, visit the AKC site: https://images.akc.org/pdf/about/delegate_importance.pdf and be sure to contact Mark Eby at 851-2375.

THE BRAG BOX



Wylie, NonesuchThird Times A Charm Lanark, CGCA and Linda Glaman earned an RN virtually in December.
Congratulations Linda!

HANDLING CLASS COVID 19 Protocol At 4PAWS

1. Please comply with all masking/face covering and social distancing guidelines.
2. If you feel ill, OR HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE, PLEASE stay home and stay safe. Follow the current CDC guidelines for quarantining.
3. PLEASE DO NOT congregate near the entry or any of the exits to the building.
4. Instructors will be taking attendance to minimize contact points.
5. Hand sanitizer is located on the front desk and at various places around the facility. Please use it as appropriate.
6. Bathrooms will be available. PLEASE WASH HANDS AND/OR USE PROVIDED SANITIZER WHEN FINISHED.
7. To further encourage distancing, parking spots may be marked off in the lot so that every other space is available. Overflow student parking in the gravel should approximate the distancing in the paved lot.
8. While we normally encourage families to attend classes, at this time, we will continue to allow only one handler with one dog. As soon as we can safely do so, we will relax this restriction.
9. There will only be 8 chairs ringside for each active ring. The chairs shall be placed a minimum of 6 feet apart.
10. The matted working area features mats that are a little over 3' square. For moving exercises, teams will work in smaller groups or one at a time for distancing.
11. Each night, the cleaning folks will come in after classes and wipe down tables, chairs, door handles (and other utilized surfaces) and sanitize the bathrooms.
12. The mats will be sanitized weekly.

Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes February 4, 2021 (Zoom)

Minutes from the last general membership meeting. Stacy made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter, Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

Report of the President – no report.

Secretary report – none.

Treasurer report – Michele gave the balances of the accounts.

Report of Committees:

Membership – Debbie Brower – Rhodesian Ridgebacks
Michele Mensonides – Bouvier des
Flandres – B&B Kennel owners.

These are the first readings for these members.

Show Committee – Stacy has the fast cat agreement which will go to the board to discuss. She also has several requests for new specialties. Linda is working on the judges and she will talk to other hotels. Michele has some information on parking – previously the overnight parking was \$15 – the city is now asking \$24 for a non-parking – a power parking spot will be \$25 this year, but next year will be \$30. The parking will be raised for both power and non-power. They will see what the other clubs are charging. Mark will catch us up on vendors after March.

Handling class: A decent show up – 3-5 people and everyone is social distancing.

Unfinished Business: Family EXPO – will be May 21 and 22 – there are 50 vendors confirmed. The fee is transferable \$275.00 – and can be used next year in case there isn't one this year. Discussion was had about helping Bonnie and participation with the club members. This is a good public interest venue and it's a great way to do a community. Bonnie will be sending an application and check. Mark Glamen made a motion, Bruce seconded it.

Membership dues are still due – if they could please send them in – we need them by March 2021. Chuck said he thought there was a 90-day grace period so dues are due at the end of March.

AKC delegate – so we have some kind of representation – the cost would be high – maybe they will be doing Zoom meetings – then we could have a delegate represent us at the meeting. More than likely we will continue to have Zoom meetings – Mark thinks we need to have a delegate to attend the meetings if and when they decide they decide to have meetings, it will more than likely stay with Zoom. Mark suggested putting a blurb in the newsletter and see if they would want to be a delegate.

New Business:

Mark made a bit of a mistake at the Board meeting – so Linda made a motion to list our shows on the NW Dog Show group on Face Book (social media). Valerie seconded. The motion passed.

In going through the by-laws there was a part that said the books should be audited. They would like a committee formed and take the books to an accountant and get them done. Candee is the committee chair. She will get her committee and get back to Mark.

Debbie Milks has been to a couple of Eric Salis workshops –

he has approached her to have another seminar and see if RKC will host it. He charges \$1500 per day for 7 days (\$10,500) – he goes over the basics for handlers – the first ½ is lecture and the second ½ is hands on. He also goes over grooming. She will email Mark the information so that some information can go into the newsletter. Debbie felt that there would be a lot of interest -

Walla Walla is still planning on their fast cat on 5/8/2021.

Candee motioned to adjourn – Stacey seconded. Meeting ended at 8:05pm

Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021 (Zoom)

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Minutes accepted as written. Stacey made a Motion, Val seconded. Motion carried.

Report of the Secretary: Bonnie just has received a couple of dues. The Expo has been cancelled as they felt it wouldn't be attended. The fee will carry over to next year.

Report of the Treasurer: Michelle gave the balances of the accounts.

Reports of the Committees:

New membership –

Michele Minzanite and Debra Bower – were read at the General membership – no comments were made. They will go to the second reading. Michele made a motion to take these to the general meeting, Mark seconded. Motion carried. Cindi said she has a lady who has English mastiffs and she wants to join the club.

Show Committee – Stacy said everything is good. The judges are all approved. Mark and Nancy will work on the grounds and Linda is working on next years judges. Deadline for trophy donation is 6/15/21. We did get the Alaskan malamute club to join us.

Training Director/Handling Class – we have been having a small workout and people are showing up.

Judges Selection – nothing new. Linda will be working on a new host hotel.

Match -

AKC Delegate -

5. Unfinished Business: Expo has been cancelled for this year. Signature cards for Banner bank will be done this weekend. Michele is bonded. She will talk to Payne West with regards to bonding the club/board. Taxes were completed and done on the 29th. Cost \$400 – as there was a loss to the club. Stacey brought up about the “audit” and Candee stated that in the by-laws it wasn't required. Candee will get a price to have someone review the books.

Bill asked if we are going to “amend” the by-laws with regards to reviewing the books with the treasurer. Mark is working on making sure the Bylaws are brought up to date.

6. New Business – The handling seminar was brought up and Linda felt that the cost was a little high. There was discussion about doing it and it was decided that we are not really in a financial situation to do this. Val moved that we do not sponsor the 7-day seminar of Eric Salas. Stacey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bonnie would like to have a meeting with people – Val mentioned that it builds a relationship with the members.... we need the weather to be nicer in order to have an outdoor meeting. Bill Murry will investigate the community to see if we can have indoor meetings. He's with the Knights of Columbus and may be able to get the hall for meetings. Val asked Michele how many people who did not renew their dues – she has between 4-8 people that may not rejoin. Cindi said the news editor was looking for some articles – she will bring that up at the general meeting.

7. Adjournment - meeting was motioned to adjourned - Candee motioned - Michelle seconded Meeting ended at 8:08pm.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Please stay on the lookout for the following items and help us build our inventory for raffle surprise bags. Funds go directly to the Junior Showmanship Scholarship. Contact: **Bonnie Ames (509) 588-6430.**

Poopoo Bags * Shower Gel * First Aid Kits

Travel Packs * Kleenex * Clorox Wipes *

Paper Towels * Dog Toys * Shampoo * Body

Wash * Granola Bars * Hand Sanitizer *

Conditioner * Body Spray * Dog Bowls *

Dog Beds * Lint Rollers * Dog Sweaters *

Microwave Popcorn * Dog Chews * Full

Size First Aid Kits * Small Appliances *

Hand Towels (1/2 cut with button on top)

KENNEL EVACUATION PLANNING GUIDE BY BONNIE AMES

Developing an Emergency or Disaster Preparedness Plan

There is no one size, fits all for emergency and disaster preparedness, but this outline will help raise questions and issues to consider in formulating one that is right for each individual kennel.

Step 1: Organize your kennel and equipment to deal with an emergency:

1. How many dogs do I have to provide for?
2. Do I have safe and adequate enclosure for all my dogs?
3. Could I, family, friends, colleagues, or community volunteers move my dogs to a safer location if necessary?
4. Where would that safe location be?

5. Do I have a 5-day supply of medication, food, water, and supplies to be self-sufficient or to take with me if necessary?

6. Have I made copies, both digital and hard copies of all important documents and photos for my dogs and have them stored in a secure location?

7. What type of identification do I have for my dogs should one get loose or should be taken to a site where they could get mixed up with other dogs?

8. Do I have cleaning and sanitizing supplies on hand?

9. Do I have other pets or animals that would also need to be moved and how?

10. Would my employer allow me to leave in an emergency situation to return to home?

Step 2: Develop a written emergency plan with consideration of the following elements that will help you maintain continuity of kennel operations:

1. Ability to maintain communications (do not rely on landlines, cell phones, or pagers).

2. Alternate power source (i.e., generators with regular maintenance and training for staff; ideally professionally installed and able to provide long-term power to entire facility).

3. Generator fuel source

4. Continued refrigeration

5. List of suppliers with current 24-hour contact info.

6. Alternate food and water sources in case of contamination.

7. Have 5-7 days of food, water, and medications for dogs.

8. Arrange a possible alternate kennel location within your vicinity.

9. Consider a relationship with a "sister" or "buddy" kennel outside your vicinity.

10. Practice disaster drills.

Step 3: Develop and emergency relocation plan for your animals:

1. Leashes, carriers and other species specific supplies necessary for transport.

2. Appropriate, pre-arranged animal transport vehicle.

3. Temporary animal holding location.

Step 4: Ensure retention of important documents:

1. Off-site computer back up (fireproof safe will not prevent melting).

2. Off-site copies of important documents.

3. Dog identification by photo and permanent id.

4. Digital storage.

Step 5: Establish a buddy system:

Choose one or more people to exchange information about your kennel. Someone who would know your dogs, and kennel set-up, and be able to help you during an emergency disaster. Give them a copy of your information. Share their information with someone else so this person could be con-

Emergency Preparedness Checklist:

- √ Dog truck ready to go.
- √ Leashes and collars—at least one per dog.
- √ Medications
- √ Food, bowls, scoops, etc.
- √ Water
- √ Poop bucket, shovel, heavy duty plastic bags
- √ Cleaning supplies—bleach, cleanser, rags, paper towels
- √ First aid kit
- √ Shot records
- √ Dog I.D., - chip #s, photos of dogs w/you, collar i.d..
- √ List of dogs on medications—dose and frequency
- √ Notes on each dog's characteristics (shy, aggressive, blind, deaf, intact for breeding, and physical ailments).
- √ Notes on physical description of each dog (size, weight, color, age).
- √ Contact info for you and Buddy Kennels
- √ Map of kennel, kennel layout, dog location, names of dogs, location of supplies.
- √ Information is always easily accessible.
- √ Kennel Buddy has a copy of all information.
- √ Relative, or 2nd Kennel Buddy has a 3rd copy of all Information.

CANINE HEALTH & CARE

Winter is mating season for coyotes and that means April pups are on the way with an increase in demand for food. Moreover, coyotes have been spreading into heavily populated areas as competition for habitat continues to increase with urban sprawl.

According to Dr. Shari Rodriguez, Asst., Professor of Human Dimensions of Wildlife, Clemson University, coyotes are “generalists” which means they are able to “adapt to eating a wide variety of foods that include natural prey (i.e., rabbits, squirrels, rodents, birds, and amphibians) as well as prey on domestic pets, small livestock, human refuse and agricultural crops.”

Tri-cities is no exception for experiencing coyotes both in the city and in the more rural shrub steppe. So what are

some basics for keeping our dogs and cats safe? Don't leave or let your pet outside alone is first and foremost. Cats being allowed to prowl at night is a good way for Fluffy to never make it home. A second big no is walking pets at night in urban centers. If you are going to walk at night, wear a headlamp, don't use a leash longer than six feet, and be sure to only walk one dog so you can quickly respond and keep a strong hold if your dog's chase response is triggered.

Other high risk behaviors to avoid include:

1. Feeding wildlife in your yard. Attracting birds and squirrels will also attract coyotes.
2. Not cleaning barbecue grills.
3. Not securing garbage cans.
4. Not picking up fallen fruit from trees.
5. Feeding and/or leaving dog/cat food outside.
6. Not keeping trees and shrubbery well trimmed.

Prevention tips include:

1. Use of motion triggered deterrents (i.e., lights, sprinklers).
2. Fence that is minimum of 6 feet high and 6 inches underground.
3. Use of a mesh apron on the outside of the fence.

If you see a coyote in your yard, make every effort to scare them off (i.e., yell, clap, make loud noises, throw rocks/sticks, etc). And if you encounter a coyote while dog walking, be sure to maintain eye contact with it and back up slowly until you are a safe distance.



For more information on protecting your pets from coyotes go to PETMD at <https://www.petmd.com/dog/care/how-protect-your-pet-coyotes>.

Thank you **Cindi McInturf** for recommending this important and timely Canine Health & Care topic!

Article summary by Janice Kusch. 2/21/2021.