

Richland Kennel Club



WAGG'N TAIL

Newsletter

December, 2021

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Mark Your Calendar

<p>All Member General Meeting</p> <p>Is combined with the RKC December Christmas party.</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>Dec 16 7:00PM</p> <p>Contact Mark Eby if you have business you would like added to the agenda.</p>	<p>Handling Class Wednesday, 7:30PM</p> <p><i>A message from Laurie Weed, Handling Class Coordinator.</i></p> <p>We will be at 4Paws Dog Works from Jan 5th - March 30, 2022. There will be a club table in the building for us to use. If class needs to be canceled due to weather and poor road conditions, I will be sure to post a cancelation notice on our RKC Facebook page by 5pm. I plan to stay in contact with 4Paws every Wednesday to help ensure that the building will be open. Please contact me if you are interested in being an instructor.</p> <p>Jan 5 Jamie Harshfield Jan 12 LaNae Sharp Jan 19 LaNae Sharp Jan 26 Alyssa Paxton</p>	<p>RKC CHRISTMAS PARTY</p> <p>December 2 6:00PM, Thursday</p> <p>Columbia Valley Grange 6300 W. Court St., Pasco</p> <p><i>A message from Cindi McInturf, Christmas Party Chair.</i></p> <p>Club members are showing their holiday spirit with donations to the much needed Benton Franklin Humane Society and/or Toys for Tots. Please contact me if you have items you wish to donate. Cash & checks will be collected at the Christmas party. Ham is our main dish and if you haven't already signed up to bring a side, please contact me at: knock_knock_31@yahoo.com. Activities also include an optional white elephant gift exchange (\$20 max).</p>	<p>2022 RKC DUES ARE DUE January 31.</p> <p>Don't risk losing your membership!</p> <p>If you haven't paid please do so now.</p> <p>\$25 for Couples Membership \$15 for Single Membership.</p> <p>Dues can be sent to: Richland Kennel Club PO Box 386 Richland, WA 99352</p> <p>Or: PayPal (Additional Charge of \$3.00): Richlandkc386@gmail.com</p>
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EDITOR'S CORNER



This month our club has selected the Benton Franklin Humane Society as one of two local charities we can donate to. I have to admit I am a bit partial to the BFHS as Bodie joined our family in 2014 as a rescue dachshund mix and undeniably has brought a ton of love and joy to our family. In researching BFHS, I believe they represent a high level of professional, ethical, and loving work that is untiringly carried out by a league of amazing volunteers. In times when charities can sometimes misuse or abuse charitable gifts it is important to do your homework and give careful consideration before giving to any organization. The following information offers but just a few snip-its of BFHS's philosophy, services, and financial stewardship. For more information be sure to check out the following websites:

<https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/benton-franklin-humane-society,910819423/>
<https://www.guidestar.org/profile/91-0819423>
<https://www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/geatwestpacifid/benton-franklin-humane-society-in-kennewick-wa-10000028923>

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STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE The Benton Franklin Humane Society serves as an emergency receiving shelter for HSUS, ASPCA and Best Friends Animal Society's national rescue efforts. The agency is a five time recipient of the prestigious American Human Association's "Standard of Excellence" award. IRS Form 990 is available through [GuideStar](https://www.guidestar.org), where BFHS has earned a Gold Seal of Transparency.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE Founded in 1966, converted to No-Kill philosophy in 1994. Strategically developed and built the Roger James Animal Adoption Center with zero debt load, tripling capacity to house animals.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY Built a surgical suite and added part-time veterinary staff to better serve animals in our care. Created a community food bank that helps hundreds of needy families keep their pets at home.

*****As Christmas fast approaches, please accept my sincere wishes to each and everyone that your family experiences a most blessed holiday season. It has been an honor and pleasure serving as your Newsletter Editor and I look forward to another exciting year of sharing Richland Kennel Club news and helpful information that supports our beloved canines.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



THE BRAG BOX



Cindi McInterf—"Rush" earned two more UKC titles while I was away at Nationals -I forgot about our trial in Spokane!

Lucinda Bersano— Jazz at 9 months received her championship and at 13 months received her grand championship!

Rylee Carlon—Qualified for the AKC National Championship in Junior Showmanship.

Janice Kusch—GCHB White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper, "Nosi" finished 2021 as the #1 AKC Owner Handled Norwich Terrier and received an invitation to Nationals in Orlando. Nosi also completed his Bronze Grand Championship in November with 3 BOB awards in Ridgefield and 2 BOB awards in Monroe.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEW CLUB BUSINESS MARK EBY

Congratulations to all of our new Richland Kennel Club officers! On behalf of RKC, we are deeply appreciative of your time and commitment and I personally am looking forward to a productive and fun year ahead working with each and every one of you.

Club annual dues are due the end of January, 2022 and RKC values each and every club member. We hope you will continue to support our education, scholarship, and dog show interests. Please note this year, if you renew via Paypal, there is an additional \$3.00 to cover handling fees.

This Thursday, December 2, is our Richland Kennel Club Christmas party. It is going to be a wonderful event with plenty of room for merry at the Grange in Pasco with decorations, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. Be sure to come and join in the fun!

Last, the club is working on a picnic and Fast CAT event for May that is going to be a great event for the club and for our Tri-Cities community. More information is coming next month so be sure to be on the look out for this very fun event that welcomes both pure bred and mixed breed dogs.

—Mark.

ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2018

Who We Are & What We're About.
 Benton Franklin Humane Society, established in 1966, is a private, non-profit adoption center located in Kennewick, WA. We are a no-kill shelter that receives no government funding. BFHS advocates for the humane treatment of animals through adoption counseling, educational outreach and community services. We promote exceptional pet ownership and work tirelessly to place our animals into loving, forever homes. Compassion and respect guide our actions as we strive to create a model humane community.

We've Been Busy...

- 689 Dogs/Puppies and 524 Cats/Kittens were adopted, each spayed/neutered and vaccinated prior to the adoption finalization
- Assisted in the transfer of animals from high-risk shelters to ensure the best care and success in finding their forever homes
- 3,256 Volunteer hours were donated to our shelter! A huge thank you to all who dedicate their time supporting these animals!
- Held numerous community outreach events, including the popular **Fest & Furest Run**

The Benton Franklin Humane Society graciously thanks the volunteers and donors who help us provide programs and services that simply would not be possible without their help. From helping with fundraising to assisting clients to serving on the Board of Trustees, we value the precious time each and every one of our volunteers honors us with. We hope you'll consider volunteering with us as well!

The Numbers...

BFHS underwent a significant self-requested, external financial and business practice audit to ensure best practices were being followed and donor funds properly and accurately accounted for. We continue to use any findings as a model moving forward for best practice in regard to record keeping, financial transactions, reporting.

Donations and Grants: \$588,187	Animal Care: \$145,154
Fundraising Event Revenue: \$23,790	Program Services: \$546,187
Animal Adoptions: \$159,930	Management & General Administration: \$60,974
Other Revenue: \$31,727	Fundraising: \$191,966
Total Revenue: \$803,634	Total Expenses: \$73,801
Ending Net Assets: \$4,664,894	

2018 Board of Directors

Maria Chastain, President	Don Pearson, Ex-Officio Trustee	Nichole Strangis, Trustee
Shannon Nordquist, Vice President	Meredith Henneaux, Trustee	Debi Leggett, Trustee
Kyle Harty, Secretary	Erin Mack, Trustee	Mike Mack, Trustee
Crystal Henderson-McMurry, Treasurer	Julianne Lopez, Trustee	



Richland Kennel Club Annual Meeting Minutes November 4, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Mark Eby at 7:30PM.

Roll Call: Members present- 30

Minutes : Approve as published in Newsletter. Motion by Cindi McInturf, Second Stacey Davis, Carried.

President's Report: Mark Eby reported that the final details from the show are wrapped up.

Secretary's Report: NA

Treasurer's Report: Stacey Davis reported on the income, expenses & revenue from the FastCAT held at WWKC & RKC shows.

Committees:

Show: Stacey Davis reported: 2022 AKC application is approved. 2 AB shows each for WWKC & RKC. Rally on Thursday.

Handling Class: Laurie Weed reported that the Jan. classes at 4Paws need instructors Wed nights at 7:30PM. She will post on FaceBook to ask for volunteers.

Match: Cindi McInturf reported that the Match will be on the weekend of May 7 & 8. Will also have FastCAT & Junior Show.

Election of Officers & Board of Directors Class of 2022

The Secretary, Valerie Brown, cast one ballot for the unopposed positions:

President- Mark Eby

Vice-President- Jamie Harshfield

Recording/ Corresponding Secretary- Valerie Brown

Treasurer- Linda Riedel

Ballots were distributed to members, collected & Counted by Cindi McInturf & Denise Bostrom.

The results were: Teresa Carlon- 26 Dave Criswell- 17

Janice Kusch- 29. Teresa Carlon & Jan Kusch were elected to the 2 Director positions.

Unfinished Business

Mark Eby reported that the revisions to the ByLaws are ongoing.

Dave Criswell discussed that club members should not engage in unsubstantiated allegations.

Christmas Party- Cindi McInturf reported that the party will be at the Columbia Valley Grange on Court St, Pasco on Dec. 2 at 6:00 PM. The membership decided on a traditional menu with the club supplying the ham. Members will bring a dish & Cindi will assemble the menu items. It was decided to bring donations for the Benton Franklin Humane Society & Toys for Tots instead of a gift exchange. WWKC was invited to the party.

New Business

Mark Eby reported that our small trailer is empty & not needed for storage any longer. The large trailer has space to spare for our needs. The small trailer's value is approximately \$2500. He proposed that we sell it, if the membership agrees. Dave Criswell brought up that the small trailer was useful for the JS Raffle & not be in a rush to sell it.

The subject of whether the raffle should continue was discussed. The question was asked regarding the raffle's financial records to help determine its future. Stacey Davis stated that its cost and revenue is unable to be determined since there are no records. Chris Abraham reported that although the tax returns are available, the returns don't specify the raffle's cost or revenue. Mark reported that the JS Scholarship fund is solvent for the next 8 years.

Brag Box- Cindi McInturf won & donated her winnings to the club.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Abraham, Second Mark Glaman Carried

Meeting adjourned 8:13PM

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Brown

Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes November 18 2021



An Important Message From the AKC regarding "phishing"

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Pres. Mark Eby.

Present: Mark Eby, Valerie Brown, Linda Riedel, Janice Kusch, Stacey Davis, Jamie Harshfield.

Delegate: Chris Abraham.

Guests: Cindi McInturf, Dan Mitchell, Nancy Eby.

Minutes approved as published. Moved S. Davis, Second L. Riedel Carried.

Secretary Report: Stacey Davis will update the new Board of Directors with the AKC.

Treasurer's Report: We have paid the final show expenses & will move appropriate funds to the designated accounts.

Show Chairman's Report: The final expenses of the tables & chairs, PortaPottis & Golf Carts were split with WWKC. We will opt out of the pilot program Canine Partner for JS . Valerie will send Events the opt out notice.

Judges Selection: Linda is still working on 2022's panel & should be finished by Dec.

Christmas Party: Cindi reported on the donations for Toys for Tots & BFHS & menu items. Cindi & Stacey will decorate the room.

Handling Classes: Starting up at 4 Paws on Jan. 5 at 7:30PM. There are instructors for Jan. Laurie Weed will post on FB by 5PM the status of the class regarding bad weather.

Unfinished Business: Motion: The small trailer will be sold for \$2500. Moved Linda Riedel Second Jamie Harshfield Carried. Mark & Linda will close the Credit Card account at Banner Bank. Stacey proposed that we give the scholarship fund \$1 per entry from our shows.

New Business: Janice reported that the Newsletter will now only be available by email. Dues are now due & there will be a notice in the newsletter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Moved Linda Second Stacey Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brown



Dear Club Officers and Delegates,

During the pandemic, there has been an increase in phishing attempts across every industry. Once again, we are reminding you that it is very common for Clubs to receive "phishing" and "spear phishing" attacks. Several Clubs have notified us of recent attempts by phishers to fraudulently attain large sums of money from Club funds.

Spear phishing attempts are customized emails that target a specific individual (often executives) and can be made to appear to come from another specific individual. They usually convey a sense of urgency and are requesting a specific action to be done. For example, the email may appear to come from the Club President to the Treasurer requesting a wire transfer to a third party.

If you receive any emails of this nature, you should immediately confirm the authenticity of the email with the person from whom the email appears to be sent. Do not do this by replying to the email, as it may go right back to the phisher and can subject you to the possibility of further cyber-attacks. Instead, call the person directly who allegedly sent the email. If you are unable to reach them, wait until you do, prior to transferring any money or completing any action (i.e. clicking links in the email). Sophisticated hackers access the calendars of their targets and will often send the attack email when they know the person that they are impersonating is traveling or otherwise difficult to reach.

It is very important to know the warning signs of a fraudulent email. These emails may not only ask for funds, but they may provide links or attachments that install malware or coerce the recipient into providing their login information. If you receive any suspicious email, we recommend you a) do not click any links in the email; and b) do not reply to the email. Delete it immediately and advise your fellow officers in a separate email. [This document highlights social engineering "red flags"](#) that you may find helpful. Feel free to distribute to other club officers and members as you see fit.

Also, please note that AKC is unable to monitor and cannot control phishing emails sent to any Clubs by a third-party actor. This is true even when such emails appear to come from an AKC employee. In such instances, the individual mailbox owner is the primary line of defense and must remain ever vigilant.

Best Regards,

Dennis B. Sprung

CANINE HEALTH & CARE

Can My Dog Compete in Fast CAT?

Article Review by Janice Kusch

With RKC planning a Fast CAT competition this coming May, it's a good time to start looking at eligibility and health factors for getting your dog in tip top shape for running the course.

Resources include:

www.akc.org/sports/coursing/fast-cat/

Preventing Injuries in Canine Athletes by Lynn Nalepa <https://ivejournal.com/preventing-injuries-canine-athletes/>

Berning Up the Course by Wendy Hess, AKC Family Dog Magazine, November/December 2021 edition.

Fast CAT is a relatively new AKC event so if you're like me, and don't know a lot about it, here's some basics to get you started.

- Fast CAT stands for Coursing Ability Test which is a timed 100 yard dash where dogs run one at a time.
- The dog's time to complete the 100-yard dash is converted into MPHs.
- A handicap system is applied to a dog's MPH to determine the number of points earned. The handicap system is based on the height of the dog at its withers:
- 18" or greater = handicap is 1.0
- 12" up to less than 18" = handicap is 1.5
- Below 12" = handicap is 2.0
- Points = MPH multiplied by the dog's handicap
- Fast CAT titles suffix titles are earned at designated milestones:

BCAT = 150 points

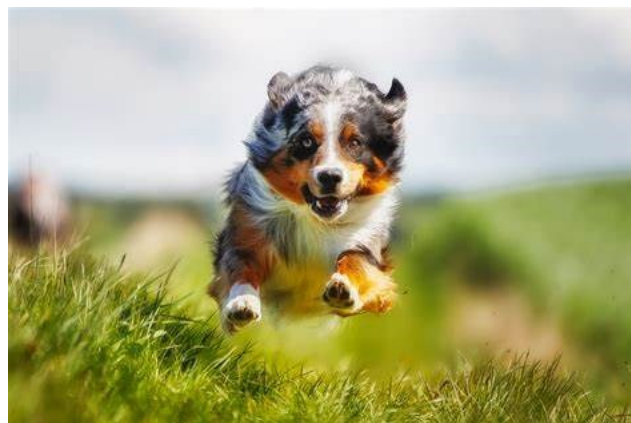
DCAT = 500 points

FCAT = 1,000 points

FCAT# = every additional 500 points

The world's fastest running man, Usain Bolt, has been clocked at 28 mph. In considering his speed and watching my Norwich chase squirrels, I can't help but wonder if there may be an opportunity here. So what is needed to compete? AKC eligibility criteria include:

- At least 12 months of age.
- In both excellent physical and mental condition and up-to-date on all inoculations and health check-ups.
- Have an AKC number via **one** of the following:
- AKC Registration as one of the AKC's recognized breeds.
- AKC Canine Partners, which is for mixed-breed dogs and dogs ineligible for AKC registration.



- Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program, which is for purebred dogs that cannot be fully registered with the AKC to participate in AKC events.
- Foundation Stock Service®(FSS), which is for recorded breeds on the road to full AKC recognition.
- Spayed and neutered dogs are eligible to compete.
- Blind dogs are not eligible.
- No dog can compete if it is taped or bandaged or in any way has anything attached to it for medical purposes.

So, if you are serious about wanting to give Fast CAT a shot, here's a health and safety to-do list recommended by Dr. Nalepa for getting started.

- Physical exam, including lab work (CBC, Serum chemistry).
- Radiographs for hips, elbows, check patellas.
- Consider referrals to check eyesight and/or heart as needed.
- Gait and postural assessments: stance, sitting, walk, and trot.
- Fitness level and conformation assessment (evaluate risks for injury).
- Consider referral to sports medicine or rehabilitation professional.

Once baseline health has been established, you and your veterinarian can develop an appropriate conditioning program to be practiced on a regular basis—not just weekends. Components of a solid program include:

- Warm up such as a five to ten minute walk and activities to encourage active range of motion or movements.
- Exercise that build strength, (core strength, front limb, hind limb), endurance, flexibility, skill training, balance and proprioception.
- Cool down phase with a slow trot or walk for five to ten minutes, and active stretching exercises.
- Periods of rest that give time for physical recovery of high impact muscles and joints.
- Practice in locations that provide non-slip surfaces and are compressive during training.
- Always exercise caution to avoid overheating and dehydration.

If your dog has a health condition such as arthritis, heart disease, or diabetes his/her health evaluation should also include pain scoring and consideration of medication impact. Health conditioning will also need to be adjusted.

Dr. Nalepa also states that an unhealthy weight can contribute to sports injury and recommends working with a veterinary nutritionist to help ensure that your dog maintains an ideal weight and nutritional intake.

The weight:height ratio can be obtained by dividing your dog's weight by his height (measured at the withers or top of shoulder blades to the floor). "Dogs with ratios higher than 2.5 experience greater amounts of stress on the musculoskeletal system during running, jumping, and turning." You may also want to discuss fat and protein recommendations and the use of supplements such as Omega-3 fatty acids and chondroprotectants for joint health. Last, it is recommended that dogs should avoid large meals prior to activity. Instead, go with a light meal and plenty of access to water.

So now that we have checked off health and have a great conditioning and nutrition program in place, what really are the chances of winning in Fast CAT if you have a couch potato or short legged breed? Is this really the sport to get involved in when there's going to be Greyhounds, Standard Poodles, and a myriad of other long legged runners on the course? Well, according to Wendy Hess in her article, "Uncommon CATS" you can't always judge a dog book by his/her cover.

Ms. Hess wrote about "Tara" a Bernese Mountain Dog in her article as a prime example of an atypical runner. Tara's owners never thought of their big cuddly breed to be a racer but knew they had a unique personality with Tara as she would go into a "frenzy" at the sight of a squirrel or rabbit. After trying Tara out on a 600 yard CAT course and having major success, they moved her into Fast CAT where she achieved speeds of 22 mph. Tara now has racked up enough points to earn several titles. Tara's strong drive for prey is the name of the game for being a major competitor in Fast CAT and each dog has their own unique level of that drive.

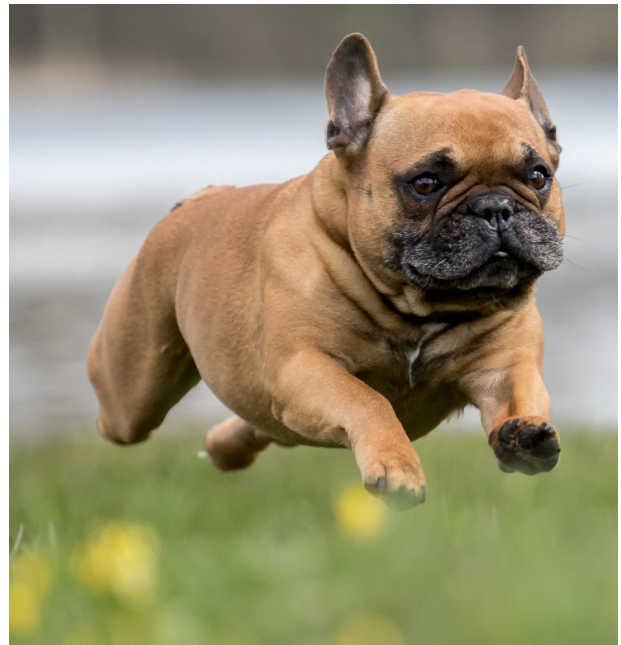
Although it is unlikely that a 22 mph Bernese Mountain Dog will out run a well conditioned Greyhound, there is a lot more to the sport than just speed. Cindy Lutien captures this point beautifully in her article, "Running of the Turtles" also found in Family Dog Magazine's November/December 2021 issue.

Ms. Lutien wrote about "Buster" a full coated Pekinese who was the fastest of his breed in 2019 and went on to compete in Orlando against the fastest dog of every breed. ESPN broadcasted the event and Buster was seen by millions of people and given the nickname "The Turtle." In contrast to the long legged breeds, he did look slow but what a looker he was in his long coat and people were still surprised by his short stature being able to run that fast. Buster has come to

be loved and admired by many and has even been asked to participate in Fast CAT demonstrations. He has inspired other Pekinese owners to get involved in the sport. Of note, a 2020 Pekinese Fast CAT competitor reached speeds of 18 mph—not too shabby!

Even more special is the enjoyment that Buster and his other Peke pack members experience by running and chasing. His owner summed it up nicely stating, "The 'joy' on her face said it all. She had such a cute stalking style as she would slowly creep up on the bag."

See you at Fast CAT in May!



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