



WAGG'N TAIL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><u>RKC GENERAL MEETING</u></p> <p>May 4th at 7:00pm</p> <p>Richland Community Center 500 Amon Park Drive Richland, WA</p> <p><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</u></p> <p>May 18th at 7:00pm</p> <p>Mark Eby's Home</p> <p><u>FAST CAT COMMITTEE MEETING</u></p> <p>June 6th at 7:00pm</p> <p>Richland Public Library Conference Room A / Zoom 955 Northgate Drive Richland, WA</p>	<p><u>HANDLING CLASS</u></p> <p>May — 7:00pm</p> <p>Howard Amon Park 500 Amon Park Drive Richland, WA</p> <p>May 3rd — Tiffani Garner</p> <p>May 10th — Rose Davis</p> <p>May 17th — Valerie Brown</p> <p>May 24th — Laurie Weed</p> <p>May 31st— Laurie Weed</p> <p>We are back down at Howard Amon Park, right behind the Community Center in Richland, for Handling Classes until October. Class starts at 7:00pm Wednesday nights. Sometime in September class will change from 7:00pm to 6:30pm or 6:00pm.</p> <p>We will not have class if we have thunder storms, high winds (20mph or more), dust storms, or temperatures over 90 degrees near time of class. — Laurie Weed</p>	<p><u>FAST CAT</u></p> <p>Come join us for Fast CAT!</p> <p>May 6-7, 2023 — Columbia Park</p> <p>Entries are still open with spots available. Day of entries accepted as well. The Premium can be found on the RKC website.</p> <p>Premium:</p> <p>https://richlandkennelclub.org/fast-cat</p> <p>Online Entry:</p> <p>https://forms.gle/m3h2Q5MoSmQsLCoZ9</p> <p>Questions? Reach out to tcfastcat@gmail.com Kelly or Teresa</p>
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RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB GENERAL MEETING

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APRIL 6, 2023

RICHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Minutes will be read by Valerie Brown at the upcoming General Meeting on May 4th, 2023.

Photos from April 2023 General Meeting:



RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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MARCH 23, 2023

MARK EBY'S RESIDENCE

Called to order: 7:00 PM by Pres. Mark Eby

Present: Mark Eby, Valerie Brown, Stacey Davis, Teresa Carlon, Linda Riedel, Kevin Davis & Jan Kusch. Delegate- Chris Abraham. Guests: Nancy Eby, Kelly Keophilavanh, Cindi McInturf.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as published by Linda, Second: Teresa. Carried

Secretary Report: Sent out welcome notes to non-member exhibitors from the Tri-Cities.

Treasurer's Report : Report on accounts. Fast CAT Fun Runs cleared \$541.00

Delegate Report: Nothing to report.

Show Chairman's Report : Will use new rental company, A to Z Rentals.

Handling Class: April 26, class will start 7:00pm

Unfinished Business: Mark & Stacey visited Sit Means Sit training facility & it is suitable for classes. Will meet again to discuss rent costs.

New Business: Fast CAT is ready to go for May 6 & 7 and taking entries. There was a wide-ranging discussion about Fast CAT; from finances, workers, to collaboration. Motion by Linda: RKC will go forward with the May & September events then reconsider continuations. Second: Kevin. Carried

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Linda. Second: Teresa. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Brown

RKC CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Richard Brady has several items available for sale.

Crates:

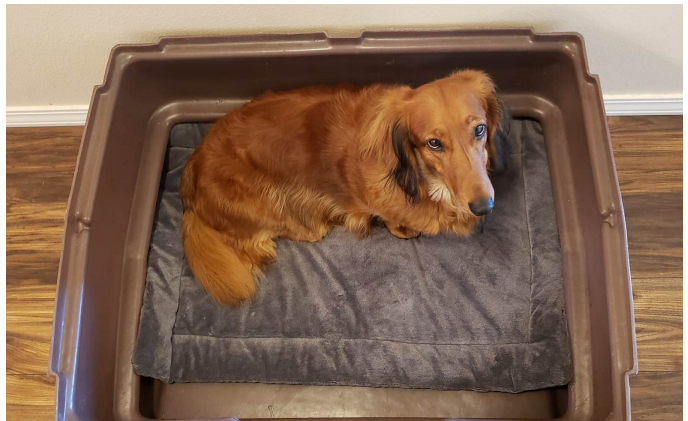
- Chrome Scott 5T Crates
 - Three — 37l x 30h x 24w
 - One — 42l x 30h x 24w
- Metal MidWest Crates
 - One — 36l x 24w
 - Six — 42l x 30h x 24w
 - One — 42l x 36h x 30h
- Vari Kennel Fiberglass w/doors
 - Three — 24l x 18w (small)
 - One — 30l x 20w (med)
 - Two — 34l x 22w (large)
 - One — 36l x 28w (big)

Miscellaneous:

- Scott Ex Pen (well used) \$25.00 — 42", 20 feet round
- Three Grooming tables
- Four Box Fans \$10.00 each
- Weathervane \$20.00
- One Sheep Dog

If interested, reach out to Richard at **509-582-6107**.

Plastic Whelping box with side rails and removable door. Easy to clean. Standard Dachshund size. L 30" x W 22" x T12" \$75. **Becky England 509-581-7798 or bjengland2012@gmail.com**



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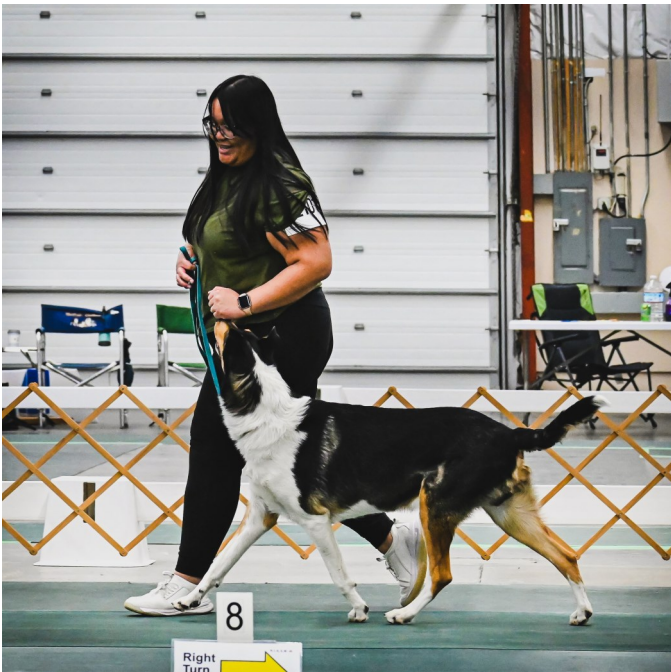
Reach out to Kelly at keophilavanh@gmail.com

THE BRAG BOX

Rondo's Earl of Benway aka Earl, went Best of Winners, earning a 4 point major and finishing his Championship, as well as Owner Handler Hound Group Second at the Silver State Kennel Club in Henderson, NV. — **Colette Rundle**



SnoValley Captain Fantastic, “Elton”, earned his Rally Novice title under judge Alvin Eng at the Inland Empire Collie Club Specialty in Moses Lake. — **Kelly Keophilavanh**



Chelsea's Sharp Desert Baci's Russett CGC RN, “Russett”, earned his Rally Novice title Saturday at the Yakima Valley Kennel Club dog show under judge Marina Pavlovsky. Huge thanks to A1 Dog Training and 4 Paws Training facility! — **LaNae Sharp**



WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB 2023 VET OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TRUPANION ANNOUNCES 2023 VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

Dr. Marthina Greer of Lomira, Wisconsin Wins Second Annual Online Award

New York, NY (April 25, 2023) — The Westminster Kennel Club (WKC), in partnership with Trupanion, a leader in pet medical insurance, named Dr. Marthina “Marty” Greer as the recipient of the second annual **Veterinarian of the Year Award**. Last year, the two organizations launched the online award to recognize and celebrate the dedicated veterinarians who make a difference in our pets’ lives. Dr. Greer has gone above and beyond caring for the animals of her community with the opening of her first clinic in 1982 with her husband, Dr. Daniel Griffiths. Westminster is donating \$10,000 in the name of Dr. Greer to MightyVet, a non-profit industry-wide online platform founded to support veterinarians, students, and vet techs tackling mental well-being issues and continuing education in the veterinary profession.

Dr. Greer received her DVM from Iowa State University. She currently owns three practices with her husband in Lomira, Wisconsin. She is a true trailblazer in animal medicine with a special interest in Pediatrics and Reproduction. Not only have her efforts contributed to pharmaceutical and nutritional research advances, but she’s authored numerous books and serves on various veterinary committees and dog clubs. She is also a valued member of the community raising 5 puppies for Canine Companions for Independence, a service dog organization. Her love for canines extends far beyond her profession to her homelife as she shows Pembroke Welsh Corgis and Danish Swedish Farmdogs in her spare time.

The Westminster Kennel Club is proud to continue its longstanding tradition of prioritizing the veterinary community and canine health through the Veterinarian of the Year Award. In 1987, the Club began its WKC Veterinary Scholarship program, an initiative that has offered scholarships to students totaling over \$4.8 million to date. Trupanion’s commitment to help devoted, responsible pet owners budget and care for their pets for life and tremendous support for the veterinary community through its founding of Veterinary Appreciation Day™, TruCuddle™, and countless other give-back initiatives is a natural match for Westminster’s mission. Launched in 2022, WKC and Trupanion are thrilled to continue this initiative to celebrate these passionate professionals and create awareness for the mental well-being support needed by them and their teams.

Regional finalists include Dr. Lisa Soyka, of the Veterinary Emergency Group, Tampa, Florida, Dr. Daniel Stobie, of Northstar VETS, in Robbinsville, NJ and Maple Shade, NJ, and Dr. Anders J. Thoreson, of the Klahaya Animal Hospital, Snohomish Washington. Videos of the regional finalists were shared across Westminster’s social media platforms. The winner received the most cumulative likes/favorites across platforms.



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PUPPIES MAKE CHILDREN BETTER

FROM BREEDING BETTER DOGS NEWSLETTER (PERMISSION TO RESHARE)

Many of you have asked about children and the benefits that puppies and dogs have on their lives. Here are some answers based on research findings. Pass them on to parents and to those who love children..

Finding # 1. Children who lived with a pup during their first year of life had better immune systems than those who did not.

Finding # 2. Playing and petting a puppy decreases cortisol and increases Oxytocin, a body chemical that promotes happiness, calms the mind and increases mood.

Finding # 4. Allowing a 3-year-old to put the food and water bowl down helps them develop self-esteem.

Finding # 5. Teachers who studied children and pet ownership reported that dogs and puppies are an invaluable aid to developing a child's empathy and self-esteem for others.

Finding # 6. Autism. One in 45 children in the US are diagnosed with autism (ASD), which is nearly 2% of the entire population of children ages 2-17. Dog and puppies were found to offer the following benefits:

- Provided them a sense of security
- Decreased meltdowns
- Decreased anxiety and acts of aggression
- Increased a willingness to try new things
- Increased the ability to face fearful situations
- Increased social interactions and shifted the focus away from the child's disability
- Encouraged verbal communication

THREE THINGS BREEDERS NEED TO KNOW

FROM BREEDING BETTER DOGS NEWSLETTER (PERMISSION TO RESHARE)

1. How to use Early Neurological Stimulation (ENS) when pups are **between 3 to 16 days** of life.

The benefits:

1. Stronger heart rates
2. More adrenaline when needed
3. Greater tolerance of stress
4. Greater resistance to disease

2. How to Choose the best puppy. An unpublished study found breeders were wrong 70% of time. The solutions are addressed in the DVD called [Choosing the Best Puppy](#). It has helped many breeders change the odds of being wrong. A bonus was added to this DVD which demonstrates how to use [EARLY NEUROLOGICAL STIMULATION](#) .

3. ***Bloat or GDV*** kills hundreds of dogs each year. Bloat has a lifetime risk of 24% in large-breeds and 22% in giant-breeds. The mortality rate ranges up to 33%. No tests are available. The best solution has been pedigree analysis and knowing the risk factors:

1. Play
2. Fence running after meals
3. Fish and egg dietary supplements
4. Time spent indoors vs outdoors

MAY IS PET CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

May is Pet Cancer Awareness Month

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs, marks Pet Cancer Awareness Month each May to highlight the impact of its funded canine cancer research. Since 1995, CHF and its donors have invested \$17.7 million in the study of bone cancer, lymphoma, mast cell tumors, hemangiosarcoma, mammary tumors, and more.

Support Canine Cancer Research



STEWARDING AT THE DOG SHOW

FROM THE AKC CANINE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER—THE CHEW ISSUE 6

Stewarding at the Dog Show

Introducing AKC Canine College's Newest Stewarding Course

Stewards are an essential part of the success of a dog show. In addition to being representatives of the dog show community, they are responsible for their assigned ring and assisting judges in their duties.



This eLearning program is ideal for individuals interested in stewarding and those currently working as stewards who want to enhance their knowledge and skills. It is also suitable for anyone who wants to learn more about the world of dog shows and the role of stewards in ensuring their success.

AKC Canine College's latest program is divided into three main courses:

Course 1: Stewarding 101, you will learn the positive attributes of a good ring steward, general assignment and duty information, and how to find a stewarding assignment when you are ready to assist.

Course 2: Preparing for the Ring will cover obligations and etiquette, ring bag, table organization and setup, and key tasks that should be completed before judging begins.

Course 3: Running the Ring, we'll take a closer look at how to handle check-ins, maintain ring awareness, and assist with ring management.

Additionally, users can post to the "Ask AKC" discussion board, sign-up for free webinars, and find links to valuable resources.

Learn more: https://www.caninecollege.akc.org/visitor_catalog_class/show/1064760

BALL

By Nancy Eby

I am not tennis minded. I venture onto the courts only under the cover of night, yet my house is filled with yellow and green tennis balls. They belong to the dogs.

I have always enjoyed throwing the ball for my dogs. I note with amusement the variety of retrieving styles which reflect strongly the personalities of the players. Talent and interest have ranged from the Very-Swift-But-Only-Inside Dachsie to the present Joke-Loving Dachsie who goes along with the gag for a few throws, then scampers gleefully around the house, ball in mouth, trying to work up a game of "chase". Sometimes the ball will be dropped at my feet. Sometimes it has to be wrenched from the jaws of a dog who likes to produce a soft popping sound by crushing it. One bitch consistently used to stuff the ball into the outstretched palm of The Thrower. And, of course, there are always those who delight in skinning off the fuzz. (A naked ball gets slimy very quickly).

But all this is more or less routine ball playing when it comes to my dogs. Our current group of three athletes have become fanatics. The word "ball" brings forth a patter of paws and purposeful searching until "the round object" is produced and a game begins. Spelling B-A-L-L is no good. They cannot be fooled. Any time and any place, day or night, they are anxious to play.

It all begins when the puppies are very young, about six weeks old. Among their toys are balls, some plain, some with bells inside and some with fur. Most of the litter will stumble over them and show but a passing interest, but some find it's rolling endlessly fascinating and take to snooting the ball about. Eventually this love of the ball becomes a full-blown obsession. It has helped somewhat retiring little souls develop self-confidence and a bright personality.

I think that Wager has a tennis ball brain. He apparently thinks of little else. When playing with The Thrower alone, he brings the ball to within three feet and, with a quick flip of his head, tosses it back for another throw. He has devised ways to play by himself when The Thrower is otherwise occupied.

He drops the ball down steps or over the small bank outside, and retrieves it. He digs a hole, places the ball in it, and then pounces. It gets pushed into crevices, under rocks and pawed at. Or, he just carries it about. I can get him to come running just by making a thumpity-thump sound like a bouncing ball on the floor with my feet (I cheat a lot).

Wager leads the team. He is the self-appointed provider of the sports equipment. One step out the back door with a prospective Thrower and he is off rounding up a ball, tucked away in some secret place. The Thrower is "told" when the ball is inaccessible. Sometimes it takes awhile to find what he seeks.

The game is played this way: The Thrower pitches the ball out a good ways. Off rush Wager, Libby, Carmen and Iris. Wager or Iris makes a spectacular catch, exhibiting great skill. Libby usually misses, she's a bit klutzy. The ball is returned all the way to The Throwers feet by Wager, but only half way by Libby, who then gives it to Iris, but NEVER Carmen. Wager, the chief ball carrier, always brings it in. The other dogs usually join in the fun, adding more noise than aptitude.

Wager is the fastest. Libby, naturally, is the most diligent and effective in heavy cover or at night. What Carmen lacks in ability, she makes up for in enthusiasm. She is the roundest and bounces the highest. Once in a long while Iris proudly returns most of the way with her prize, but usually adds her touch by shuffling the ball out of The Throwers reach as she dashes "down the field for a pass", or "helps" by carrying Wager or Libby's hind leg on the return trip.

And so it continues, day after day, a happy game with a smiling group. The game is usually called when the pink tongues become long or when The Throwers fingers are covered with gooey grit from the ball whisking through the now grass-less lawn.

My perspective was illustrated by my husbands comment to friends during a recent baseball game. "Aw common, Wager could have done better than that!".