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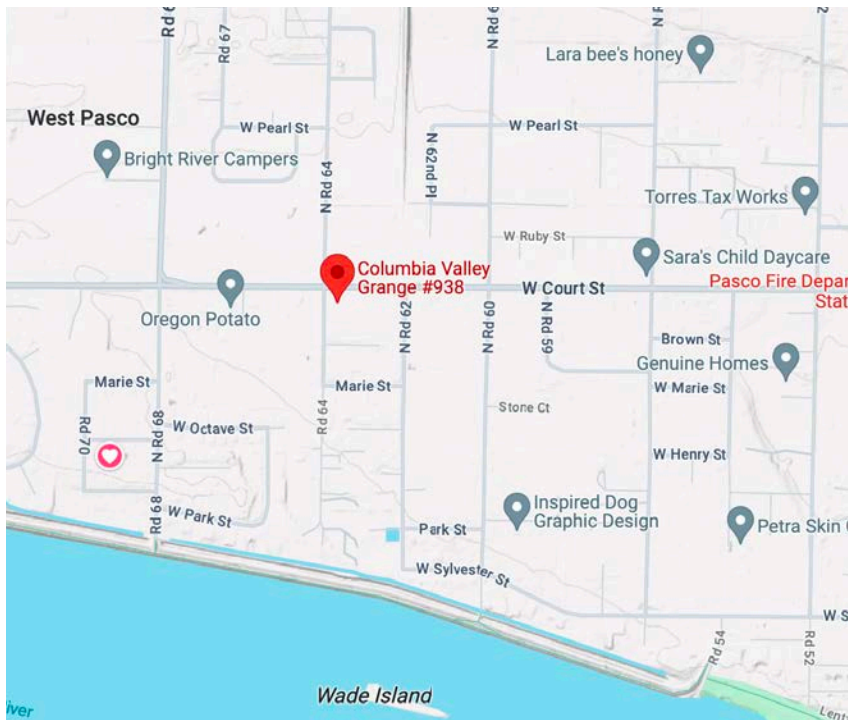
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NEW MEMBERS

Meet and welcome the new members to the club and the new board members and treasurer.

Upcoming Events

General meeting, Board of Directors meeting, Fast CAT Committee meeting, handling class and any other upcoming RKC events.



2023 RKC CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7th, 2023
6:00pm
Pasco Grange
6300 W Court St #64
Pasco, WA 99301

We will be having the RKC Christmas Party in place of the General Meeting. The party will be held at the Pasco Grange and start at 6:00 pm. There will be a drive for Toys for Tots and Benton Franklin Humane Society. We will also be having an Ugly Sweater Contest! Make sure to wear your ugliest sweater and bring a dish to share for the potluck. Come join us for delicious food, good company and fun games!

If you would like to bring a dish for the potluck, reach out to Cindi McInturf at knock_knock_31@yahoo.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 21st, 2023
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. If you have any questions, please reach out to President Mark Eby at 509-851-2375.

HANDLING CLASS

Sit Means Sit
11 W 1st Ave
Kennewick, WA 99336

There is no Handling Class for December.

We will Start back up January 3, 2024. Please keep an eye on Facebook or contact me to see if class is canceled

due to the weather, when we start back in Jan.

With the Dog Flu going around, please keep your dogs at home. We will be following the guidelines from AKC for the Canine Flu. Also, if you are not feeling well, please stay home too! Have your dog's immunizations up to date. 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

December 12th, 2023
7:00pm
Zoom

The Committee Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm.

Club Officers & Committee Positions

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Meeting Minutes & 2024 Membership Dues

Meeting minutes from the November 2023 General Meeting and payment information on 2024 membership dues.

RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2023 RICHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Roll Call: 22 members, 3 guests.

Braggs: Please send to Kelly for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Minutes: Motion to approve as published by Stacey Davis, Second by Denise Bostrom. Carried.

President Report: Thank you to all the members that helped with the show & Fast CAT.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Chris reported on accounts. Motion to move \$45,000 from checking to savings by Stacey Davis, Second by Chris Abraham. Carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Macadia Nay had her first reading by Mark Eby. Motion to accept Corrie Sue Harris & Sharon Harris election to membership by Stacey Davis, Second by Stacia Gunderson. Carried.

Show Committee: Stacey Davis gave the financial report for the 2023 shows. Proceeds from the show was \$35,000.

Fast CAT: Kelly reported on meeting 10/15/23. Lucinda Bersano will be new Field Secretary.

Unfinished Business: Christmas Party: Sign up for potluck dishes with Cindi McInturf. Get donations for Benton Franklin Humane Society & Toys For Tots.

New Business: Election, Mark Eby read the election results for 2024:

President: Mark Eby

Vice President: Teresa Carlon

Secretary: Valerie Brown

Treasurer: Debbie Brower

Board Member #1: Denise Bostrom

Board Member #2: Cindi McInturf

As a result of the election, Linda Riedel will be removed from all banking and business accounts of Richland Kennel Club. The new Treasurer of Richland Kennel Club, Debbie Brower, will be added to the banking and business accounts of Richland Kennel Club.

Motion to adjourn by Stacey Davis at 7:50pm, Second by Cindi McInturf. Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brown**



2024 RKC Membership Dues

Please submit your dues by January 31st using the renewal form. The renewal form can be downloaded and printed from RKC's website:

<https://richlandkennelclub.org/forms>

**\$25 for Family Membership
\$15 for Single Membership**

Dues can be sent to:

Mail:

Richland Kennel Club
P.O. Box 386
Richland, WA 99352

PayPal:

richlandKC386@gmail.com
(additional handling charge of \$2.50)

Or in-person at the next General Meeting.

Checks should be made payable to Richland Kennel Club.

Don't risk losing your membership. If you haven't paid yet, please make sure you do so to keep your membership!

Canine Flu 2023

Information about Canine Flu and Canine Flu 2023 guidelines from Diane Schultz, the Director of AKC Obedience, Rally & Tracking.



There are a lot of unknowns about this newest canine illness. We should all do our best to work to avoid the spread of this disease by following some basic recommendations:

- Keep your dog up to date on vaccines, including but not limited to Bordetella, Parainfluenza, and Canine Influenza, and avoid direct contact with other dogs.
- If your dog has been exposed to a dog with an upper respiratory illness, but is showing no symptoms, it is recommended you quarantine that dog for a minimum of 2 weeks. Do not take it to any areas where other dogs will be.
- If your dog has been exposed to a dog with an upper respiratory illness, and is showing symptoms, it is recommended you quarantine that dog for a minimum of 4 weeks after all symptoms have passed. Do not take it to any areas where dogs will be.

- Absolutely do not take your dog to any events if it is showing signs of respiratory illness such as coughing, sneezing, wheezing, any nasal discharge, lack of energy, or difficulty breathing.

Out of an abundance of caution, for Obedience events, clubs should provide hand wipes for judges and stewards to use between dogs. Stewards may wear gloves to handle individual dog equipment including dumbbells, gloves, and scent articles.

Sincerely,

Diane Schultz
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB**

Reposted from AKC: <https://news.akc.org/u/gm.php?prm=KhRS>

What is Canine Influenza?

Dog flu, or canine influenza virus, is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by an influenza A virus, similar to the viral strains that cause influenza in people. There are two known strains of dog flu found in the United States: H3N8, H3N2.

How Is Canine Influenza Spread?

Respiratory secretions escape into the environment in the form of coughing, barking, and sneezing, where they are then inhaled by a new canine host. It is also spread through contaminated objects and environments, like water bowls, collars, and kennel surfaces, or through contact with people who have had direct contact with an infected dog.

Symptoms of Dog Flu

Cases range from mild to severe and, unlike human influenzas, are not seasonal. Keep an eye out for the following symptoms year-round:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Nasal discharge
- Purulent nasal discharge
- Runny eyes
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Difficulty breathing

Dog flu symptoms resemble kennel cough symptoms.

There are vaccines available for both the H3N8 and H3N2 strains of canine influenza. Your vet may recommend the vaccine based on your lifestyle.

Reposted from AKC: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dog-flu-canine-influenza/>

The Brag Box

Braggs from Richland Kennel Club members: Debbie Brower, Kelly Keophilavnh, Linda & Mark Glaman, Linda Kennedy, Lucinda Bersano, Stacey Davis & Chris Abraham, Stacia Gunderson, and Taylor Esvelt.



Voici Cocolare Have Mercy earned her Grand Champion at Enumclaw — **Linda Kennedy**

Sunny Skies Black Opal Maze, Maze, passed her OFAs with Normal Elbows and Excellent Hips. — **Taylor Esvelt**

Peter and Honey finished their FCATs at Cashmere. — **Stacey Davis & Chris Abraham**

Jazzy earned her DCAT and Trick Dog Novice title. — **Lucinda Bersano**

Elton saw ducks for the first time ever

and herding came very natural to him. — **Kelly Keophilavnh**

“Benny” CH Slygate-Phoenix Rising Taking A Chance On Love RM RAE THD CGCA CGCU TKA RATI RATN

- RKC Thursday — first GCH major
- WWKC Thursday — Rally Triple Q
- CBDTC Friday, Saturday, & Sunday — 3 Rally Triple Q, and High Triple on Saturday
- Spokane — Rally Advanced Excellent and Master titles finished — **Stacia Gunderson**

Wylie earned two BN legs and one RA leg at the CBDTC trial and finished his BN title at the Bearded Collie Club of America National Specialty. He is now **Nonesuch Third Times A Charm Lanark CGC CGCA TKN RN RI BN** — **Linda & Mark Glaman**

Drew at Cashmere went BOB on Friday, Select Dog on Saturday, BOS on Sunday, and NHOS Best of Breed all three days. **GCh Ch Jesmysters Tux and Tails CGC BCAT TKI** — **Debbie Brower**

Meet The New Members!

Meet and welcome new members, Corrie and Sharon, to the club. Please also welcome the new Board Members and Treasurer.

MEET THE NEW RKC MEMBERS



Corrie Sue Harris and her mother Sharon Harris are our newest members! They are from Richland and their breeds of interests are Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Border Collies and All Americans. They are interested in Field Trials, Agility, Rally, and Fast CAT. Corrie is also a member of CBDTC. Corrie states that she has been participating in AKC sports since Oct 2017. She teaches agility for fun and “Try It” classes at Fetch Sam. She also volunteers with Love On A Leash. Both Corrie and Sharon volunteered at our Fast CAT this Fall. Welcome to the Richland Kennel Club Corrie and Sharon!

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Treasurer: **Debbie Brower**
“I was a member many years ago, but just rejoined this last year.
I purchased my first show dog in 1986 (a Rottie). Due to some breed health issues, I switched over to Rhodesian Ridgebacks in 1992. Since that time I have participated in conformation, obedience, rally, lure coursing, agility, fast CAT and trick dog. I have or currently belong to RKC, NW Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, and CBDTC. I am an AKC Breeder of Merit, a judges education ringside mentor for the national

club, serviced on club boards and produced 6 generations of Ridgeback champions; all breeder/owner handled.

I live in S. Kennewick with my husband, Jim, 4 Ridgebacks, and a flock of sheep. Currently retired from an accounting career of 35 years.”**Debbie Brower**
Jesmyster Ridgebacks



Board Member: Denise Bostrom

“I’m Denise Bostrom and I have German shepherds. I got my first purebred GSD in about 1996. I started showing conformation with my second GSD in about 1998 and have continued since with few breaks now and then. I’ve mostly owner handled early on then went on to do some handling for friends.

While I plan to continue with conformation, I’ve also tried ast CAT, herding, and now am attending nosework classes with hope of competing in AKC events in the future.”

Board Member: Cindi McInturf

“My name is Cindi McInturf and I’ve been involved with the German Shepherd breed for 25 years. I started out early in life with Arabian horses; my parents bred and raised them. I showed in Western Pleasure and also did gaming, pole bending and barrel racing. I found a mentor that bred dogs when I was around 20 years old and quickly became attached to the German Shepherds. I’ve owned 9 dogs and bred 3 litters. I have been in multiple breed clubs and specialty clubs over the years and sat on as past President and board positions. I currently compete in conformation, rally, obedience, herding, and scentwork/nosework. I look forward to serving on the RKC board and doing my best to strive on making it the best club for years to come!



UnderDog Agility League

Love Agility? Come check out the Agility League! Winter season enrollment opens on December 14th and will remain open through January 7th. Winter Season will run Jan 15, 2024 - April 9, 2024.



What is Agility League? The AKC Agility League adds a fun and exciting way for agility enthusiasts to train and compete on teams, giving a new aspect to what is an individual sport. The league provides an opportunity to compete safely in a recreational format on your home training field while sharing the experience with competitors around the country and earning regional and national rankings.

How does it work?

Tri-Cities Agility Barn is looking to form 3 or more League/teams. League/teams size is three to eight dogs. League/teams may be a mix of Regular, Preferred and Veterans dogs and a mix of jump heights.

Skill divisions are offered in Freshman (dogs who have not earned titles yet); Sophomore (dogs that have earned Novice or Open titles); and Senior (dogs with Excellent or above titles).

League/teams may have a mix of levels on the same team because dogs may compete up in level. For instance, a Freshman dog may compete on a Senior team, but a Senior dog cannot compete on a Freshman team. But all dogs on the team must be judged and scored by the level which the team is enrolled. So, all dogs on a Senior team are judged and scored by the Senior fault system, regardless of individual skill level of the dogs.

Tri-Cities Agility Barn will set up a course every two weeks. Teams will come to run the course at 2720 S 38th Ave, West Richland, WA 99353. Courses will be available the Wed after they are released by 4 pm and will stay up until

the following Monday at 8 pm. Scores for each course must be reported by 11:59 pm EST by the team's scribe on the Sunday before the next Round's course map is released.

If we get more than 3 teams, we may open additional dates to run the course. In past the past season we have had runs on the first Wed and Sunday of a round. We have allowed folks to work together to schedule additional times as needed.

How will I know if my dog and I are ready to compete?

The League is designed for dogs that are competing or just about ready to make their trial debut.

Not quite ready?

That is what **UnderDog League** is all about. Many folks are learning the last few obstacles they need to enter a trial. None of our teams are trying to climb the rankings. We are all about learning, having fun, and enjoying the sport!

The following equipment/skills are helpful for a successful season of League participation: Tunnel Tire, Jump Board, Jumps, Dog Walk, Flat work Teeter, Pause Table, A-frame, Weave Poles, Single Bar Jumps, Double Bar Jumps, Triple Bar Jumps.

Cost: AKC Charges \$25 for participation for the year and then \$30 each 12 week season. Tri-Cities Agility Barn charges \$12 per course one course per 2 week round. The cost for the season would be \$72. Total cost to both AKC and Tri-Cities Agility Barn is between \$97-\$127.

For more information contact Corrie at corriesueharris@hotmail.com.