

# WAGG'N TAIL

## RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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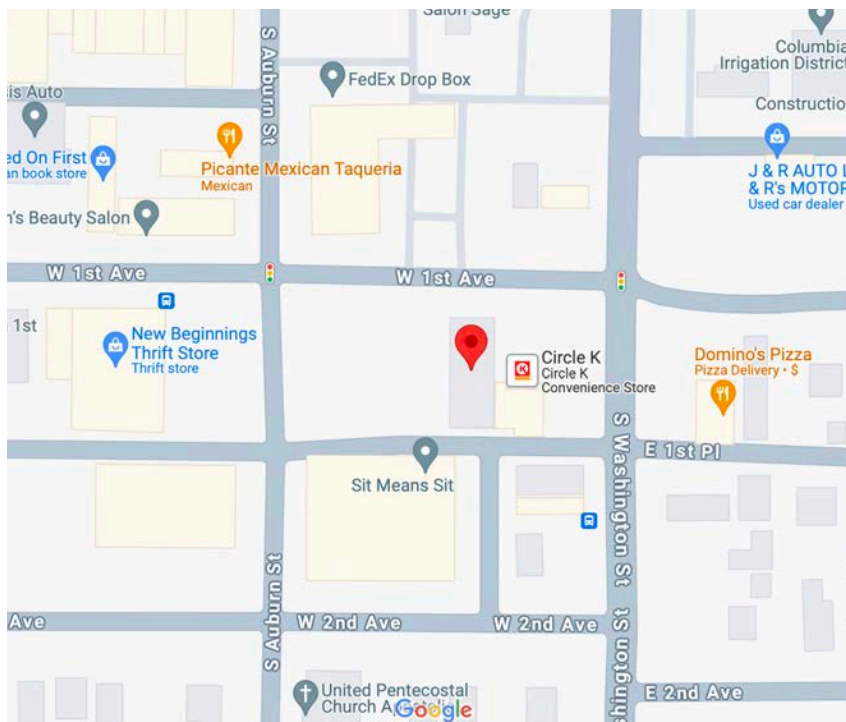
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# Upcoming Events

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



## GENERAL MEETING

January 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. If you have any questions, please reach out to President Mark Eby at 509-851-2375.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 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. 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  
Happy New Year!

Richland Kennel Club is starting Handling Class back up! We will be at Sit Means Sit. The address is 11 W 1st Ave in Kennewick, WA. Class starts at 7pm. Please keep an eye on Facebook or contact me at [wildsageshelties@hotmail.com](mailto:wildsageshelties@hotmail.com) to see if class is canceled due to the weather

With the Dog Flu going around, please keep your dogs at home if they are displaying any symptoms. We will be following the guidelines from AKC for the Canine

Flu. Also, if you are not feeling well, please stay home too! Please 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

January 17th, 2024  
7:00pm  
Zoom

The Committee Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm. If you are interested in joining this meeting, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh at [keophilavanh@gmail.com](mailto:keophilavanh@gmail.com).

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# Meeting Minutes & President's Message

Meeting minutes from the December 2023 Board of Directors Meeting and payment information on 2024 membership dues.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2023  
RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

**Present:** Mark Eby, Valerie Brown, Debbie Brower, Cindi McInturf, Denise Bostrom. Guest: Kelly Keophilavanh.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve as published by Cindi McInturf, Second by Debbie Brower. Carried.

**Secretary Report:** Received dues, scholarship funds request, and report from WSU endowment.

**Treasurer Report** of accounts. Ordered new checks from GESA. Debbie Brower is now officially on all accounts. She is in possession of all dues, checks, and membership renewals.

**Membership:** Read Macadia Nay's application. Motion to send to the General Meeting for a vote on 01/04 by Denise Bostrom, Second by Cindi McInturf. Carried.

**New Business:** Cindi McInturf made the motion that the Handling Class instructors are not published in the newsletter or website, Second by Denise Bostrom. Carried.

Valerie reported that she has reached out to the membership, through the newsletter, to find out the level of interest in FIT Dog and Fetch. Cindi suggested that the club sponsor a Fun Day, combining them.

Denise will ask the membership about their vision & goals for the club, again through the newsletter.

Chris will give a presentation on AKC Sportsmanship & Dealing with Misconduct at the January meeting. There was a discussion of other topics for presentations.

**Motion to adjourn** by Cindi McInturf at 7:45pm, Second by Debbie Brower. Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Brown**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**R**eflecting on 2023 and the beginning of a new year, it is time to refresh our various committees: Handling Class, Newsletter, Christmas Party/Picnic, Membership, Programs, Fast CAT, Show Chairman, Parking, Health Clinics, Hospitality, Grounds, Judges Selection, Trophies & Vendors. If you have never been a Chairman, but wish to learn the responsibilities of a Committee, mentoring will be available. Chairmen currently in place that wish to continue with their committee, please let me know. - **Mark Eby**

Mark can be reached at [markebyrkc@gmail.com](mailto:markebyrkc@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto:richlandKC386@gmail.com)  
(additional handling charge of \$2.50)

Or in-person at the upcoming 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!

# 2023 Richland Kennel Club Christmas Party

Photos from the annual RKC Christmas Party taken by the Eby's.





# The Brag Box

Brags from Richland Kennel Club members: Kelly Keophilavnh, LaNae Sharp, Linda Riedel, Roseanne Davis, Stacey Davis, Valerie Brown.



**G**CH SILVER Chelsea's Sharp Gran Desert Pearl, "Pearlie Bright", my first home bred, singleton, earned her Grand Champion Silver this past week in Ridgefield, WA shows, by going Best Opposite to best of breed twice and 4 Select Bitch, every point (200+) owner handled. Also, her nephew, little black pug, **Chelsea's Sharp Wild and Free Under the**



**Sea, "Sebastian"** earned his first points by going Winners Dog/Best of Winners at the Columbia River Pug Fanciers Specialty Show in Ridgefield as well! I am very proud of my pugs. Thank you judge Gordon Hayburn for choosing my pugs in the 1st Columbia River Pug Fanciers Specialty.  
- LaNae Sharp



**S**noValley Captain Fantastic, "Elton", had a successful weekend at Columbia Basin Dog Training Club's scent work trial. He earned his Interior Novice (SIN) and Exterior (SEN) title, which then earned him the Scent Work Novice (SWN) title. He also got his first leg in Interior Advanced. - Kelly Keophilavnh



**L**uke finished this year as #3 Top Springer, winner of 10 BISS, RWBIS and multi-group winner. Puppy "Sam" picked up a major plus Best in Sweeps at Ridgefield shows.  
- Linda Riedel



Debbie for showing her. - Roseanne & Kevin Davis

**J**esmyster Hide and Seek, "Heidi", shown by Debbie Brower, took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed for a 5 point Major at the Monroe Show. Thank you



**D**erby Brown completed the AKC FIT Dog Turkey Trot 2023.  
- Valerie & Bob Brown



**O**bailee Kap's Surprise, "Suri", went Winners Bitch at her first show.  
- Stacey Davis

# AKC FIT DOG & Fetch

Learn about the two new AKC dog sports that offer multiple titles!



## MEMO TO MEMBERS

As we look forward to 2024, AKC has two new dog sports that RKC members can participate in: FIT Dog and Fetch! Both are noncompetitive and offer multiple titles.

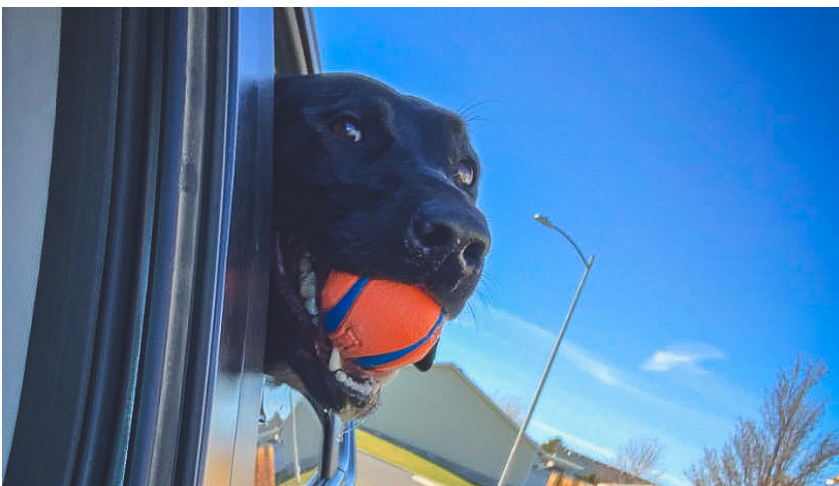
FIT DOG is based on daily walks with your dog(s). There are other categories of activities that you can choose from. This includes a group walk/run that RKC can sponsor. Go to AKC FIT DOG titles for more information and forms: <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>.

AKC Fetch is a new retrieving test for all breeds and offers four titles. Each title has more distractions involved for your dog. Fetch materials are available now at AKC Fetch, with tests starting January 2024.

Website: <https://www.akc.org/fetch/>

Please take a look at these new activities and let me know of your interest in them. Any group activity or organized test will need volunteers to help with the event. - **Valerie Brown**

Valerie can be reached at [essentiadogs@gmail.com](mailto:essentiadogs@gmail.com).



## AKC FIT DOG TITLES

There are 3 levels of AKC fitness titles - Bronze (FITB), Silver (FITS), and Gold (FITG). Each title requires a specific number of activity points to be completed, which varies based on title level.

- **Bronze - 5 Points**
- **Silver - 10 Points**
- **Gold - 20 Points**

Within each level, there are 6 categories of activities to choose from to earn your points. Detail for each category appear in the [Participant Guide](#).

### AKC Fitness Title Categories:

1. AKC FIT DOG Course
2. Runs (community runs such as a Turkey Trot, Spring Scurry, etc.)
3. Walks and hikes (independent or group)
4. Unique to you and your dog (e.g., swimming, parkour)
5. AKC title that is fitness related (e.g., Fast CAT, agility)
6. AKC Parent Club Performance Titles (e.g., pack dog, sledding)

For each of the 3 levels of titles, a minimum number of points must be earned in at least two categories for the title to be awarded.

AKC FIT DOG titles are noncompetitive, and dog owners may choose different activities to earn titles.

*Reposted from AKC*



# 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.



**W**hat 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](mailto:corriesueharris@hotmail.com).