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RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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DERBY EARNED THE FIT DOG BRONZE TITLE
- VALERIE BROWN

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FETCH/FIT DOG FUN DAY

We will be having a day full of fun activities for RKC members, including Fetch, lunch and a community walk..

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THE BRAG BOX & MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Brags from Linda Kennedy, Linda Riedel, and Valerie Brown. A message from the Board of Directors.

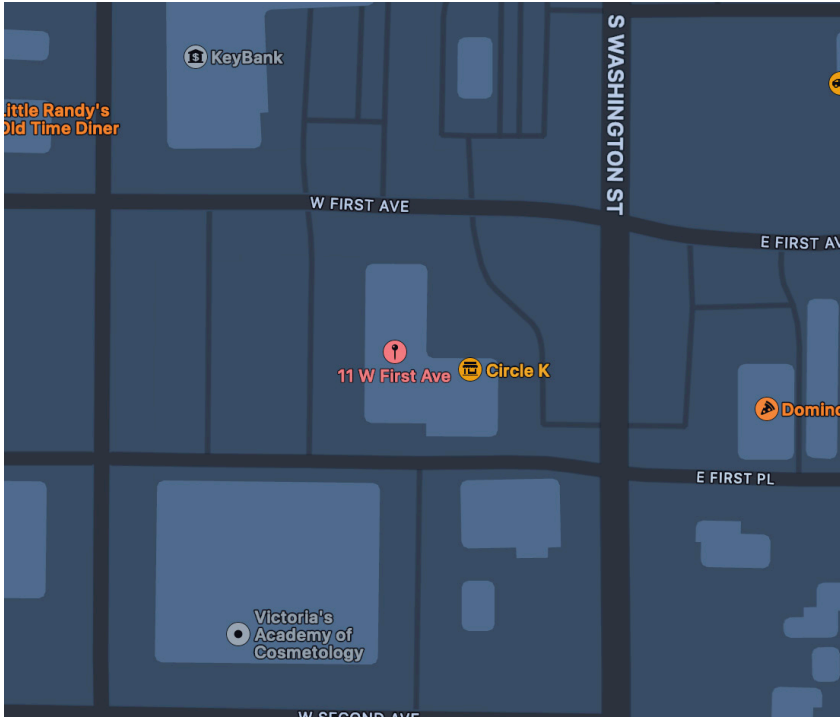
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SPRING FAST CAT 2024

Information about Fast CAT events being put on by the RKC & WWKC Fast CAT Committee this Spring.

Upcoming Events

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



GENERAL MEETING

March 7th, 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.

Next General Meetings:
April 4th, 2024
May 2nd, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 21st, 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.

Next Board Meetings:

April 18th, 2024
May 23rd, 2024

HANDLING CLASS

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

We will be at Sit Means Sit till March 27, 2024, which will be our last night there. 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 to see if class is canceled due to the weather.

On April 3, 2024 we will be moving to Howard Amon Park right behind Richland Community Center. We will be there till end of Sept. Oct 2, 2024 class will be moved indoors.

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

March 13th, 2024
7:00pm
Richland Public Library
Conference Room A
The Committee Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm. If interested in joining this meeting, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh.

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the February 2024 General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting.

RKC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2024
RICHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**



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

Roll Call: 18 members, 2 guests

Brags: Please send to Kelly for inclusion in Newsletter.

Minutes: Motion to approve as published by Stacey Davis
Second: Cindi McInturf. Carried.

President Report: Pres. Mark Eby presented President Awards to Cindi McInturf, Stacey Davis & The Groomery for their outstanding service to RKC over the years.

Secretary Report: Correspondence, Trailer Tabs bill, & new GESA checks.

Treasurer Report: Debbie reported on accounts. Paid Fast CAT site rent. WWKC gets Fast CAT trailer tabs bill.

Committee Reports

Handling Class: Laurie Weed led a discussion about the low participation. There was a consensus to keep the same schedule & reexamine next year.

Show: Paid Park grounds fee. Working on judges' assignments.

Old Business: Fetch & FIT Dog Fun Day will be March 24 at Stacey & Chris's home.
Motion to move \$48,000 to Money Market account by Stacey Davis. Second: Lucinda Bersano. Carried.

New Business: Stacey reported on the meeting with Kennewick Parks. It was marked by significant increases in fees in the rental agreement. There was a discussion regarding future shows at Columbia Park. The HAPO Center was discussed as an alternative. A Field Trip to the HAPO Center on Friday Feb. 9 was planned.

Motion to adjourn by Cindi McInturf at 7:50PM Second:

Teresa Carlon. Carried.

Chris Abraham gave a presentation on AKC Dealing with Misconduct.

**Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brown**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**RICHLAND KENNEL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 22, 2024
COURT STREET - PASCO STARBUCKS**

Called to order: by President Mark Eby at 6:30pm.

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

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as published by Cindi, Second: Denise. Carried.

Secretary Report: Report on accounts. Transferred \$45,000 to Money Market.

Handling Class: Last night's class was well attended. Thank you Laurie Weed.

Unfinished Business: There was a discussion about the need for a Membership Committee & others. Motion to publish Committees, Chairmen & Members with their contact info including the committee functions in the Newsletter & Website by Denise. Second: Teresa Carried. Denise reported on RKC's Vision & Goals & will publish it in Newsletter.

New Business: There was a discussion about the need to document the functions of the Show Committee, Board of Directors. Motion to upgrade the size of the NOHS Group & BIS rosettes to regular group/ BIS rosettes for RKC shows, with consultation with BaRay by Cindi. Second: Teresa. Carried. Cindi reported on the Trophy policies & need to establish a committee. Debbie reported that she is working with WWKC to reconcile the Fast CAT account. Kelly is going to step down from Fast CAT chair when she starts college in September. Cindi needs a deposit for the Grange Christmas Party. Date: 12/5/2024. Valerie reported on the Fetch/ FIT Dog Fun Day on March 24, 9AM at Stacey & Chris's. Will need a head count for lunch. Next Board meeting March 21.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. By Stacey. Second: Teresa. Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brown**

Fetch & FIT Dog Fun Day

It's spring training time! Richland Kennel Club is excited to announce Fetch & FIT Dog Fun day on Sunday, March 24th, 2024 at 9:00am.



We have a lot of fun activities planned! We will have a Fetch Novice course set up for you to practice retrieving skills & learn the rules of this new sport. Debbie Brower will have training tips to help you be successful. Bring your own ball, bumper, or toy to throw. After the RKC hosted lunch, there will be a community walk. This will qualify as a FIT Dog title requirement (minimum of 1-mile). Remember that rests, for dog or man, are allowed! Invite your friends, family & neighbors to come along!



Thank you, Stacey & Chris, for providing your beautiful property for this event.



WARM UP YOUR THROWING ARM & JOIN IN THE FUN!

To RSVP for lunch & more information email Valerie Brown at essentiadogs@gmail.com.

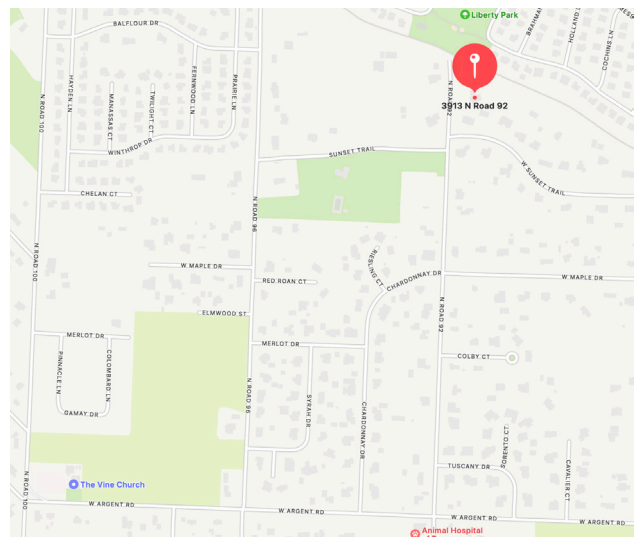
EVENT INFORMATION

Location: 3913 Rd 92, Pasco, WA 99301

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024

Time: 9:00am

Contact Info: Valerie Brown, essentiadogs@gmail.com



The Brag Box & Message from Board of Directors

Brags from Linda Kennedy, Linda Riedel, and Valerie Brown. A message from Board of Directors Member, Denise Bostrom.

BRAGS

Had a litter of puppies out of a 15 year old stud. - **Linda Kennedy**

Luke got group 1 and group 2 in Phoenix and is ranked #5 in the Top Ten. - **Linda Riedel**



Derby earned the FIT Dog Bronze Title. - **Valerie Brown**



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Dear **RKC Members**,

As I start 2024 as a new board member, my question to the general membership is, what do you want to accomplish with your dog/s this year? Do you have any goals set that you might need help achieving?

I'm asking this to gather information that will help the club come up with activities that will assist you in having fun and achieving those goals.

What would you like to learn? Are you new to breeding and would like information on whelping a litter? Dog grooming tips? Would you be interested in the club putting on more events? (ie., a fun match)?

Please e-mail me suggestions and requests at richlandkc386@gmail.com and I will put together a list for the club to vote on and we will see what we can make happen.

Here's to a fun filled 2024.

Respectfully,

Denise Bostrom
RKC Board Member 2024

GSD LOOKING FOR HER FOREVER HOME

No luck finding her humans and the cats in her potential new home did not approve of her so Miss. **Harley** is looking for her forever home!



Harley is very sweet and intelligent German Shepherd Dog. Our best guess is that she is around 8-9 months old. She has excellent house manners and is 90 percent potty trained. She loves being close to her human, has a strong sense of empathy, is gentle, loves to be touched and petted. She is easy to train and is so easily and softly redirected. She loves to please and interact with people.

She plays well with other dogs but cats can find her interest and puppy

energy off putting. She is working on crate training and protests for about 10 minutes until settling in. She is learning to walk on a leash without pulling and is working through some leash reactivity. On walks she can be redirected with a toy or treats.

She will be spayed before adoption. She may have a food allergy that we working on figuring out.

Please reach out to Corrie at corriesueharris@hotmail.com if you or anyone you know, are interested in meeting her.

SPRING FAST CAT 2024

RKC & WWKC Fast CAT Committee will be holding events this Spring!



RKC & WWKC FUN RUN

Richland Kennel Club and Walla Kennel Club Fast CAT Committee will be holding a fun run in Walla Walla at Pioneer Middle School. It is \$10 per run. Come on down and support the clubs! We also need volunteers! Lunch will be provided for workers. If interested or if you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh or Lucinda Bersano.

Location: Pioneer Middle School - 450 Bridge St, Walla Walla, WA

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Contact Info: Kelly Keophilavanh, keophilavanh@gmail.com
& Lucinda Bersano, lucinda.bersano@gmail.com

RKC & WWKC May Fast CAT

Richland Kennel Club and Walla Kennel Club will be holding their annual Spring Fast CAT event. We will be holding three events total: two tests on Saturday and one test on Sunday. There will be a limit of 75 dogs per test. Entries open March 6 at 8:00am and close May 1 at 6:00pm. Online entries are \$26 per entry. Day of entries will be available if test the entry limits are not reached and will be \$30 an entry, cash or check only.

The premium is available now on AKC's website. The very talented photographer, Whisker Tango Foxtrot, will be back for this event to take photos. The photo above was taken by Whisker Tango Foxtrot at our Fall Fast CAT event last year.

We still need volunteers! Lunch will be provided for workers. If interested or if you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Keophilavanh or Lucinda Bersano.

Location: Columbia Park (River Front East) - 5111 SE Columbia Drive, Kennewick, WA. It is located close to the Playground of Dreams.

Date: May 4 & May 5, 2024

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm (Test #1 and #3), 1:00pm until complete (Test #2)

Contact Info: Kelly Keophilavanh, keophilavanh@gmail.com
& Lucinda Bersano, lucinda.bersano@gmail.com

AKC FAST CAT

Fast CAT® – which stands for Coursing Ability Test – is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. If your dog is really fast, you might earn bragging rights if their name makes onto our list of top 20 fastest dogs by breed! All dogs can participate in Fast CAT, whether purebred or mixed breed.

Although it is a relatively new sport, its popularity has spread like wildfire. No wonder. According to one AKC official, "The Fast CAT® provides a terrific opportunity to introduce new participants to the world of AKC sports as one of the few events where all that is needed to compete is a dog's natural instincts."

Eligibility

To participate in FAST CAT®, your dog must be:

- At least 12 months of age.
- Have an AKC number via one of the following:
 - AKC Registration
 - AKC Canine Partners
 - Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program
 - Foundation Stock Service®(FSS)

In addition:

- Spayed and neutered dogs are eligible to compete in these events and are welcome.
- Females in season are not eligible to participate.
- An inspection committee will also inspect each dog for lameness and fitness to compete.

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