

# Richland Kennel Club



## WAGG'N TAIL Newsletter January, 2021

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### Mark Your Calendar

All Member General Meeting 7:30PM Via Zoom	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00PM Via Zoom	Handling Class SEE THE COVID PROTOCOL On Page 2 Location: 4 Paws Time: 7PM	2021 RKC DUES ARE NOW DUE!!
(No meeting was held in December)  January 7, 2021	(No meeting was held in December)  January 21, 2021	January 6 Bonnie/Chuck Ames  January 13 Erin Story  January 20 Rose Davis  January 27 Alyssa Paxton	\$25 for Family Membership \$15 for Single Membership  Dues can be sent to: PO Box 386 Richland, WA 99352  Or By PayPal: <a href="mailto:Richlandkc386@gmail.com">Richlandkc386@gmail.com</a>



## EDITOR'S CORNER



Yes, it's that time of year again to make a New Years resolution! Out with the old and in with the new . What better time than right now to take a little self inventory and consider goals for improving health, relationships, finances, or any other area of your life that has been a bit neglected.

Reflecting on what we learned from the prior year helps us envision what we might want to be different. So, as you raise your favorite glass of sparkly at the stroke of midnight, consider giving your self some much needed credit for all that you accomplished and survived this last year while also setting a tone of hope and renewal for what's to come. Remember, hope structures your life in anticipation of the future and influences how you feel in the present.

Sending you all the very best of wishes for a healthy and happy 2021 filled with optimism, excitement, and adventure!

For more inspiration on the positivity of change, check out the delightful excerpt from Nancy Eby's; "*The Traveling Dachshund*" on page 4.

## THE BRAG BOX



GCH White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper "Nosi" won an Award Of Excellence at the AKC National Championship in Orlando. Tough competition with 23 top-notch Norwich Terriers from across the U.S. Owner handled by Janice Kusch.

## NEW CLUB BUSINESS

### **A message from Mark Eby, RKC President:**

A presidential gmail address has been created for contacting Mark for all Kennel Club related business. The new address is: [markebyrkc@gmail.com](mailto:markebyrkc@gmail.com)

End of the year is a great time to make a **charitable donation!** This year RKC has donated much needed supplies to our local Benton/Franklin Humane Society. There still may be time to make a contribution via RKC. For more information contact Stacy Davis (531-6402) or Nancy Eby (851-2403).

RKC is pleased to offer conformation practice classes starting again on January 6. We are lucky to have the indoor use of **4 PAWS but must maintain strict compliance with their COVID 19 safety protocol.** See below for details.

## Handling Class COVID 19 Protocol At 4PAWS

As classes resume, following are the guidelines for the facility:

1. **Please comply with all masking/face covering and social distancing guidelines.**
2. If you feel ill, OR HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE, **PLEASE** stay home and stay safe. Follow the current CDC guidelines for quarantining.
3. **PLEASE DO NOT** congregate near the entry or any of the exits to the building.
4. Instructors will be taking attendance to minimize contact points.
5. Hand sanitizer is located on the front desk and at various places around the facility. Please use it as appropriate.
6. Bathrooms will be available. **PLEASE WASH HANDS AND/OR USE PROVIDED SANITIZER WHEN FINISHED.**
7. To further encourage distancing, parking spots may be marked off in the lot so that every other space is available. Overflow student parking in the gravel should approximate the distancing in the paved lot.
8. While we normally encourage families to attend classes, at this time, we will continue to allow only one handler with one dog. As soon as we can safely do so, we will relax this restriction.
9. There will only be 8 chairs ringside for each active ring. The chairs shall be placed a minimum of 6 feet apart.
10. The matted working area features mats that are a little over 3' square. For moving exercises, teams will work in smaller groups or one at a time for distancing.
11. Each night, the cleaning folks will come in after classes and wipe down tables, chairs, door handles (and other utilized surfaces) and sanitize the bathrooms.
12. The mats will be sanitized weekly.

## CALL FOR AN AKC DELEGATE

RKC would like to appoint an AKC delegate again. At this time, AKC delegate meetings are being conducted via zoom. You can learn more about the importance of becoming an AKC Delegate by visiting this AKC site: [https://images.akc.org/pdf/about/delegate\\_importance.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/about/delegate_importance.pdf)

If you are interested in applying, please contact Mark Eby at (509) 851-2375.

## ZOOM TRAINING

Want to join the RKC General Meetings but not quite sure how to dial in using Zoom? Erin Story is offering free help in how to download and use the zoom teleplatform. Erin's email is: [storyse@hotmail.com](mailto:storyse@hotmail.com).

## TIPS FOR MEETING ON ZOOM

Thank you Mark Glaman for these great tips to keep our RKC meetings running smooth in 2021!

[Mute your microphone](#) To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.

✦ Be mindful of background noise When your microphone is not muted, avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as shuffling papers.

✦ Position your camera properly If you choose to use a web camera, be sure it is in a stable position and focused at eye level, if possible. Doing so helps create a more direct sense of engagement with other participants.

✦ Limit distractions You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and muting your smartphone.

✦ Avoid multi-tasking You'll retain the discussion better if you refrain from replying to emails or text messages during the meeting and wait to work on that PowerPoint presentation until after the meeting ends.

✦ Prepare materials in advance If you will be sharing content during the meeting, make sure you have the files and/or links ready to go before the meeting begins.

✦ If you can, hold off on eating full meals during your meeting. Imagine how unappealing it would be to watch someone up close slurping a plate of spaghetti on a big screen. If you can, chow down when your meeting is over.

✦ You don't have to be overly prepared for a meeting you're not hosting, but try to be on time, having glanced at the agenda.

Use the raise your hand button if you want to contribute or raise your hand in your video.

Remember we can all see you!

## CARING THOUGHTS

No reports of illness or loss this last month.

## Junior Showmanship Scholarship

Please stay on the lookout for the following items and help us build our inventory for raffle surprise bags. Funds go directly to the Junior Showmanship Scholarship. Contact: **Bonnie Ames (509) 588-6430**.

Poopoo Bags \* Shower Gel \* First Aid Kits  
Travel Packs \* Kleenex \* Clorox Wipes \*  
Paper Towels \* Dog Toys \* Shampoo \* Body  
Wash \* Granola Bars \* Hand Sanitizer \*  
Conditioner \* Body Spray \* Dog Bowls \*  
Dog Beds \* Lint Rollers \* Dog Sweaters \*  
Microwave Popcorn \* Dog Chews \* Full  
Size First Aid Kits \* Small Appliances \*  
Hand Towels (1/2 cut with button on top)

## DIARY OF A TRAVELING DACHSHUND

BY NANCY EBY

Dear Diary - Our first full day at our new home! The mornings are pleasantly warm so we spend them in our backyard. The Father has fixed the fence good so we find all our tricks to get out to no avail. Our resident hunter, Savannah, flushed a little bunny from the bushes and we bark with excitement as we chase it around the yard. The Mother and The Father join in the fun, but are after us instead. We are exiled to the house while the poor, frightened bunny regains his freedom. We must spend the afternoons inside, as the sun is really hot here. This proves to be lots of fun, especially when The Mother is busy with the unpacking. We find neat treasures to pack around and lots of nooks and crannies to hide them in. (The Mother will be looking for months for these!) The jig is soon up when The Mother catches Tina ripping apart a feather pillow with Keeper and Libby helping. The Mother was mumbling something about not being able to take her eyes off of us for even a minute, as she tried to corral the flying feathers. She says we are up to no good, so we must take a nap in our crates.

Dear Diary - The weeks have settled down into our daily routine of morning outside playtime, mid-day siesta, afternoon house-time mischief and evening yard games. Tiffany presented us with four little girls to add to our family of fun. And so we continue, a happy group with smiling faces. EVERY DAY PROVES TO BE AN ADVENTURE!

## CANINE HEALTH & CARE

### Being on the Watch for Canine Bone Cancer

An excellent article by UC Davis Veterinary Medicine explains **Canine Appendicular Osteosarcoma** which is an invasive type of bone tumor in dogs. The article identifies most common cases occurring in larger breed dogs and dogs over the age of 7, however, the disease can affect dogs of

all sizes, breeds, and ages. It is an aggressive cancer that can be found in any bone but typically attacks “weight-bearing” bones that support the legs (i.e., shoulder, wrist, and knee). Untreated, the cancer quickly spreads to the lungs thereby it is very important to monitor the health of your dog’s front and hind limbs.

Symptoms to watch for include swelling and/or a hard painful mass and fractures may develop due to weakening of the bone. Dogs with a history of limb lameness that does not easily clear with a short bout of medication may be of risk. An accurate rule out requires x-rays and physical exam as well as a biopsy. In cases where the cancer may have spread a bone scan will further determine the degree of affected area .

Catching Canine Appendicular Osteosarcoma is important because it spreads quickly and aggressive treatment is required to stop it. Surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and amputation are options that may be discussed by your veterinarian.

For more information on Canine Appendicular Osteosarcoma visit:

<https://healthtopics.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/health-topics/canine/appendicular-osteosarcoma-dogs> and the **UC Davis Oncology Department**.

Article summary by Janice Kusch. 12/26/2020.

