

Richland Kennel Club



WAGG'N TAIL Newsletter February, 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 DUE January 31!! If you haven't paid please do so now.
February 4, 2021	February 18, 2021	February 3 Candee Foss February 10 Kim & Bruce February 17 Cindi McInturf February 24 Linda Riedel	\$25 for Family Membership \$15 for Single Membership Dues can be sent to: PO Box 386 Richland, WA 99352 Or By PayPal: Richlandkc386@gmail.com



EDITOR'S CORNER

Many couples seize the opportunity to express their affection and fan the flames of romance on **Valentine's Day**. Beautiful cards, chocolates, lingerie, and jewelry may be just the thing to increase hugs and kisses from your honey but what about considering a different approach to the celebration of love this year? Instead of a short lived card or the calories of candy, consider the lasting snuggles and wet kisses that come from opening your heart to a dog or cat who is longing for a forever home.

Sadly, this time of year Christmas puppies and dogs are making their way to animal shelters because their novelty has worn off and the reality of pet responsibility has set in. Thank goodness for incredible people like my very dear friend, Terry Carlson. Terry and her husband live in Hermantown, Minnesota, and have opened their hearts and home this month to



“Huck” a beautiful, sweet, pure bred Great Dane puppy. Huck was surrendered because his owners thought he was too big! Although Huck suffered from such irresponsible owners, he is now living in his lottery dream home. Terry takes him to work with her everyday, he enjoys lots of play time in his huge private backyard, and he gets tons of love and attention from her whole family. Huck bonded quickly with Terry and behaves like a champ.

Pet adoption has been one of the most joyous and heart warming events in my life too. Bodie came home from the Yakima Animal Shelter six years ago an emaciated Dachshund mix with a 10 mile stare. Today, he is a proud, regal, loyal, protector who loves to play and snuggle with us and his little Norwich brothers.



On page 4, Nancy Eby shares her beautifully written story; “*Making Room For Just One More*” which details her experience of falling in love with a homeless and aging long haired Dachshund. This story book ending is truly magical and sure to capture your heart for Valentine's Day.

Happy Valentine's Day!



NEW CLUB BUSINESS

A message from Mark Eby, RKC President:

RKC is recruiting for an **AKC Delegate**. If you are interested in serving in this role and would like more information in what to expect, please contact Bob Brown and/or visit the AKC site: https://images.akc.org/pdf/about/delegate_importance.pdf If you are interested in applying please contact Mark Eby.

Thank you everyone for your charitable donations to the Benton Franklin Humane Society! RKC received a very nice “**Thank you**” from FIDO for the much needed items they received.

THE BRAG BOX



We need dog shows! Other brags? Please send to djmitchell5@charter.net

Handling Class COVID 19 Protocol At 4PAWS

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.

Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes January 7, 2021 (via Zoom)

Called to order at 7:40

Minutes of last meeting approved as printed in the newsletter. Motioned by Stacy, seconded by Mark Glaman.

Report of President:

Thanked club members for donations the Benton-Franklin County Humane Society, with special recognition to Stacy Davis and Nancy Eby for coordinating the effort.

Anyone interested in becoming the AKC Delegate contact Mark Eby.

Report of Secretary:

No Secretary report

Report of Treasurer

\$1102.44 in checking, \$27012.04 in Edward Jones. Scholarship payment to Rylee Carlon in the amount of \$400.00

Report of Committees:

Show committee things are on track for shows

Judges have been hired for fall shows

Handling class is underway Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Four Paws in Richland

No Unfinished business.

New Business: Expo Family Fair brought up; new information will be coming later. Anyone interested in what to expect as an AKC Delegate can talk to Bob Brown.

Adjourned at 7:54. Motioned Candee, seconded, Mark Glaman.

Report of the Treasurer: Michelle reported the balances in all accounts; 27 members have not paid their dues yet.

Membership: Discussion about how to accommodate those who wish to join RKC during COVID. Motion by Stacey & seconded, to put membership application on our website.

Report of the Show Chairman: Bruce has ordered the tents; we have trophies from 2020; Michelle reports the park has increased the overnight camping fee. Mark will call the park dept. for information; judges are hired; New facebook page for show listings – Western Dog Shows AKC. Moved by Linda, seconded by Valarie to post our show on the site; Mark Glaman inquired if we had heard anything back from CBDTC.

Unfinished Business: Expo will be held 5/21 & 5/22 this year. Discussion as to if we had previously voted not to attend; Credit cards: held by Michelle (treasurer) Bonnie (raffle chair) and Stacey (show chair). Discussion regarding changing to cards offering a cash back option. Mark will research; Michelle will call Banner Bank for appointment to change signature cards.

New Business: Mark inquired if Michelle was bonded, she is not at present. Conover Insurance was suggested for this as they do lots of bonding; Mark inquired about our taxes. Michelle has everything ready and will make an appointment with H & R Block. No further business was indicated.

Motion by Stacey, seconded by Mark Glaman to adjourn.

Submitted by Nancy Eby for Candee Foss

Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2021 (via Zoom)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mark Eby. Those in attendance were: Mark & Nancy Eby, Mark Glaman, Michelle Murray, Valarie Brown, Bruce Glenn, Stacey Davis, Chris Abraham, Linda Reidel.

Report of the Secretary: Thank you was received from FIDO for our donation.

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.

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)

MAKING ROOM FOR JUST ONE MORE

BY NANCY EBY

She stood at the door of the facility dog room, searching the faces of the many people who walked by. Her advancing age was clearly evident from her white muzzle and eye brows, the white feet and a generous sprinkling of grey through her red coat. Her expression was one of gentleness, kindness and patience.

I first noticed her as I hurried by, volunteering time at our local animal control facility. I stopped to give her a gentle scratch under the chin, a little something that I reserve exclusively for the aged. She looked up into my face through cloudy eyes and acknowledged my attention with a sweep of her tail and moved

stiffly on. She showed no interest what so ever in any of the other dogs and was obviously a dog on a mission.

Later I returned to her, anxious to know more about this aged longhair. Her quality was obvious, a beautiful head, lovely arch of neck, level topline and the bone structure of nobility. Her coat, once lustrous, was dull and dry and she appeared quite thin. She wore no collar and had no microchip. No one seemed to know anything about this old dog. Her plight disturbed me. Was she there because of the death of her owner? Or had her owner been moved to a retirement home that excluded dogs? Was she abandoned because of her age, or the extra work and expense involved in caring for an aged animal? It was frustrating not to know the answer, for this was her last allotted day at the facility. No one had claimed her, this gracious old dog, carrying out her search, all the while maintaining her dignity.

Once again her beautiful eyes searched mine, and with a gentle wag of her tail, she stepped past me. I watched as others approached. If they did not notice her, she'd nudge their leg, look up into their faces, and then, with a sweep of her tail, move on, still looking for someone.

I so wanted her search to be successful, but that was not to be. The thought of that lovely old dog haunted me all day. Her plight wrenched my heart. I just could not leave her. So, with no hesitation, when I left that day, she came home with me. In our family, and in our hearts, there's always room for "Just One More".

P.S. This gentle old dog, we aptly named "Grace", insisted on becoming my mothers constant companion, refusing to leave after her first visit. Under the watchful care of her loving owner, she has flourished in her new environment.

Its nice to know she feels her search has finally ended.



CANINE HEALTH & CARE

Getting Rid of Skunk Smell

Thank you Cindi McInturf for submitting this excellent and very timely article idea for Canine Health & Care! Skunk mating season starts in February and who would have known that bathing your sprayed dog would seal in the smell? This information and recipe for treatment is reported to come from an animal control professional who swears it works.



The AKC site offers similar guidance but with the added ingredient of Hydrogen Peroxide. In considering the efficacy of non-water based treatment it is helpful to know that the spray from skunks is oil based, thereby dish soap and an enhancer like hydrogen peroxide is going to be a powerful combination for breaking it down.

Recipes that use tomato juice or Bloody Mary mix will simply “mask” the smell. These ingredients do not remove the skunk oil from the coat.

Another consideration is where to apply skunk treatment. Your dog will be in misery and likely rolling and rubbing in an effort to get the skunk oil off. As a result it is safest to keep your dog from entering back into the house and apply treatment outdoors to protect rugs and furniture.

1. ¼ cup of baking soda.
2. 1-2 teaspoons of mild dishwashing detergent like Ivory Snow.
1. 1 quart of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide solution.
2. Mix in a bucket and use immediately.
3. Work the foaming mixture well into the coat.
4. Leave on for five minutes.
5. Rinse with warm water.
6. Follow with **dog** shampoo if desired.

CAUTIONS:

1. Avoid your dog’s eyes
2. Don’t use a mixture greater than 3% hydrogen peroxide as it could cause burning.
3. Do not store left over mixture in a closed container—it will explode!
4. Hydrogen peroxide can bleach/lighten your dog’s coat if kept on for too long.

For more information on treating skunk spray visit AKC at: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/home-living/get-rid-of-skunk-smell-on-dog/>

Article summary by Janice Kusch. 1/26/2021.

