

Richland Kennel Club




WAGG'N TAIL Newsletter November, 2021

Officers & Club/Committee Positions

President	Vice-President	Recording Secretary	Corresponding Secretary	Treasurer
Mark Eby 851-2375 markebykc@gmail.com	Mark Glaman	Candee Foss 528-5743	Valerie Brown (filling in) & nominated	Linda Reidel (filling in) & nominated
Show Chairperson	Board of Directors	Judges Selection	Handling Class Coordinator	Newsletter Editor
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Mark Your Calendar

<p>All Member General Meeting November 4 7:30 PM Will be held in the <u>Meeting Room</u> Inside the <u>Richland Community Center</u> Masks are required.</p>	<p>Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 18 7:00PM</p>	<p>Handling Class Will resume in January, 2022.</p>	<p>VOTE VOTE VOTE!!! RKC Voting members, November General Meeting is our election. If you are unable to attend this important meeting, Absentee ballots are available. Please contact: Valerie Brown essentia@charter.net</p>	<p>MARK Your Calendar!</p>  <p>RKC CHRISTMAS PARTY Date: Thurs., Dec. 2nd Time: 6PM Location: Columbia Valley Grange, 6300 W. Court St. Pasco.</p>
<p>Richland Community Center is located at Howard Amon Park. Entrance to the Community Center faces George Washington Way.</p>	<p>Contact Mark Eby if you have Items you would like added to the agenda.</p>	<p>Contact Laurie Weed for more information.</p>	<p>Absentee ballots must be returned by USPS by 11/3/21 to be counted. Absentee voters must be sure to sign the back of their return envelope.</p>	<p>Club will provide one meat and everyone brings a side dish to pass. White elephant gift exchange (\$20 max). Cindi McInturf, Christmas Party Chair, will be providing beverages.</p>



EDITOR'S CORNER



Beautiful Fall colors, bright clear skies, and another successful harvest to help feed the world are among the many positives to celebrate in November and

honor the time valued tradition of Thanksgiving.

So, why is it important to be thankful? Clinical psychologists have studied the power of practicing gratitude and found significant evidence that daily gratitude can improve positive thinking and help individuals maintain an upbeat mood in how they view life, others and themselves. Practicing daily gratitude, however, can be challenging as we are often inundated with negative news (i.e., politics, economy, and health issues). As a result, it requires making a personal effort to look for and mindfully note the positives that actually exist all around us.

Putting this practice into place in my own life has made a huge difference. The trick is in paying attention and thinking about how blessed we actually are. For example, just last month one of our dogs developed a left eye irritation with symptoms of mucous and a small early morning white discharge in the corner of his eye. Of course, the problem became noticeable right before we're supposed to be leaving for a dog show in Greeley, Colorado coupled with a vacation and being gone for two weeks. On the weekend our veterinarian's clinic is closed so we drove to the emergency pet clinic in Pasco. He was prescribed an effective eye drop medication that quickly cleared up the problem.

Not only were we grateful to have his eye problem accurately diagnosed and treated on a Saturday, a little mindful observation of the veterinary team opened our eyes to another whole level of medical service in our community that I had been taking for granted. Because our dog's health issue was not critical we waited most of the day and watched crisis after crisis come in for help. Dog parents from Walla Walla in tears because their dog was in acute kidney failure, a dog mom trying to stay calm as the team figured out why her dog was having seizures, over a dozen cats and dogs getting picked up and needing to understand special post-operative care instructions because their animal had just completed emergency surgery. It was intense and you could visibly see the fatigue on each of the vet techs and the veterinarian's face by late afternoon when their shift was ending. Despite the non-stop triage, treatment, and interface with upset pet parents, our dog received loving care, concern, and excellent treatment.

How blessed are we to live in a community with two emergency pet services available? There are no words when your animal is in need. So, for us, it only makes sense to include our dogs' amazing veterinary care givers on our holiday appreciation list. Cards, notes, photos, cookies or whatever way that we can all say thank you is so important as we support and appreciate the incredible veterinarians and veterinary care teams that work tirelessly to provide exceptional pet health care in our community.



THE BRAG BOX



Rose Davis—Tri-City Cluster, Thursday, Essardi Love Gun CGC, took Winners Dog. 3 of the 4 days, Essardi Heaven's On Fire CGC, took Best of Winners. At Fast Cat, Rose Davis' Boston Terrier—Skittles In Beastmode CGC, ran 21 mph and pending AKC approval received her BCAT title.

Cindi McInterf—Rush earned his Excellent Exterior and Advance Container in Scentwork and at the Eastern Washington GSDC Specialty he was awarded Beste Veteran and Select male under Judge Kathy Castreel.

Rob Miller—Ginger won Best Opposite Sex at the Miniature American Shepherd Specialty, Tri-City Cluster, which had a competitive entry of 37.

Susan Purcell—Sassy won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners both Thursday and Saturday earning one point each day.

Janice Kusch—GCH White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper, "Nosi" was in NJ and PA for Montgomery week. In 3 of the 5 consecutive shows, he made the cut and at the Montgomery Norwich Special, he was in the final 7 just missing an Award of Merit. The shows were a competitive field of over 80 Norwich Terriers that included 33 male specials.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEW CLUB BUSINESS MARK EBY

On behalf of the Richland Kennel Club, I want to extend a personal thank you to each of the club members who worked tirelessly to make this year's Tri-City Cluster dog show a wonderful success. I want to particularly thank Stacey Davis, Show Chair, and Linda Reidel, Judges Selection Chair, for their leadership and organization of this event. The show was very well attended and much appreciated by the exhibitors. The weather was certainly in our favor which also helped in making this one of our best shows ever!

Please attend our upcoming November General Meeting. We will be voting for the 2021-2022 RKC Officers and Board Members. If you are unable attend, be sure to contact, Valerie Brown, for an absentee ballot.

The RKC Nominating Committee, chaired by Cindi McInturf, submitted the following nominees. In addition, Dave Criswell was nominated from the floor at the October meeting for a Board Position and has been added to the ballot.

President: Mark Eby
Vice President: Jamie Harshfield
Secretary Recording/Corresponding: Valerie Brown
Treasurer: Linda Reidel
Board position #1 – Teresa Carlon
Board position #2 – Janice Kusch

- Mark

TRI-CITY CLUSTER DOG SHOW MESSAGE FROM OUR SHOW CHAIR

Richland Kennel Club
Walla Walla Kennel Club



Our 2021 Richland Kennel Club Dog Show is now but a memory. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the RKC members who assisted in making our show a success. We could not have done this without you. Now we begin planning for 2022 and our 75th Anniversary show. We hope that you will once again join us to plan and put on this event.

Stacey Davis
Show Chair
Tri-City Cluster





Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes October 7, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Mark Eby. Member introductions were made and brag box was passed. Minutes of last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Report of the President: The show is over. All went well despite a few problems.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee - Stacey thanked all the members that worked on the show. Other than the 3 specialties that we always have, Cardigan Welsh Corgi's, Great Dane's and German Shepherd's, there will be no other Specialties next year. Chris Abraham gave a profit & loss report for the show. We had a great turnout for our Fast Cat trial. We will be having another Fast Cat trial in conjunction with Walla Walla on May 7 & 8th along with a meet & greet and pot luck.

Handling Class - Handling class will resume on January 1st, at Four Paws Dog Works in Richland. We will meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. until March 30th, then return to the park.

Judges Selection - All our judges were happy with our show. Linda is now hiring for 2022. If you have any suggestions for judges, contact Linda Reidel at ramblewood.ess@gmail.com.

Election of Officers - There were no additional nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. Dave Criswell was nominated for a board position by Bonnie Ames. Nominations were then closed.

New Business - No new business.

Unfinished Business - Constitution & By-Laws and change of tax status were on hold due to the show. Dave Criswell asked a question regarding the resignation letters printed in the newsletter. The subject of the raffle was brought up and a discussion ensued.

Christmas Party - Committee Chair - Cindy McInturf. The party will be held at the Grange building on Court Street in Pasco the first Thursday in December.

Chris Abraham moved to adjourn, seconded by Mark Glaman at 8:15 p.m.

Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2021



The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Pres. Mark Eby

Present: Mark Eby, Valerie Brown, Linda Riedel, Bruce Glenn, Stacey Davis.

Delegate: Chris Abraham. Guests: Cindi McInturf, Rose Davis, Denise Bostrom, Teresa Carlon, Nancy Eby.

Minutes approved as published. Moved S. Davis, Second L. Riedel Carried.

Secretary Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: A preliminary P & L Report was submitted for the 2021 shows. There are still some minor adjustments to be made. As of 10/21/21 Total income is \$27,106.95.

Show Chairman's Report: Stacey thanked all the members who worked at the show. Many worked very long hours for all 4 days.

She will be reviewing various problems with the clinics & BaRay to come up with improvements. Nancy Eby reported on clinics & plans to do cross training with volunteers. 176 Eye exams, 45 Echos & 27 auscultations were done over 2 days. Clinic income was \$1897.24. She also reported how vital these clinics are for fellow breeders in these CoVid times.

A trip to retrieve the rest of useable equipment from Walla Walla is planned.

Next year's shows will be RKC's 75th anniversary & suggestions for a theme were entertained.

Judges Selection: This year's Judges expenses was \$13,198.00. The judges' contract is being revised. Linda is still working on 2022's panel & invites suggestions from the membership. The 2022 GWP National will be held at our site.

Match: May 7 & 8, 2022 at Columbia Park. Sat: Match, including JS, 2 Fast CAT runs. Potluck picnic with WWKC. Meet the Breeds. Sun: 1 Fast CAT run.

Nancy Eby is also looking into possibility of a Clinic & Membership Outreach.

New Business: The small trailer is empty & there's still room in the big trailer for more supplies/equipment. Since the market is quite good for used trailers, Mark will bring a motion to the General Meeting to sell the small trailer.

There was a discussion about the correct procedure for Absentee Ballots for the Board election at the Nov. meeting. Valerie will send out the ballots upon written request. The ballots must be returned per USPS by Nov. 3, 2021. Cindi will post this on RKC's FB page.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Moved S. Davis Second L. Riedel Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Brown

CANINE HEALTH & CARE

CANINE EYE CARE

Article Review by Janice Kusch

With all the forest fire smoke and extreme dry heat of last Summer, many dogs in the Pacific Northwest were identified as suffering with eye irritation according to two local veterinarians here in the Tri-Cities who were involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and aftercare of our Norwich Terrier who developed irritated eyes last September.

In order to prevent future eye irritation we explored over the counter products coupled with advise from our veterinarian to develop a daily canine eye hygiene program. Developing such a program can not only reduce tear stains, “eye boogers,” and red eyes, but really increase the comfort of your dog’s eyes while reducing his/her risk for developing conjunctivitis.

At some point we have all had to wipe/clean some gunky material from the corner of our dog’s eyes. But what is considered normal or abnormal and what causes this gunk to form in the first place? According to one on-line article by Kate Barrington, 2015, (<https://www.petguide.com/health/dog/what-the-heck-are-dog-eye-boogers/>) typical dog eye gunk is a combination of dirt, dust, and pollen. This makes sense given dogs are close to the ground and play in grass which makes their eyes susceptible to picking up foreign materials and possibly having some allergic reactions to all the pollens they come into contact with. A small amount of such discharge is considered normal and conducting daily or weekly cleaning is not considered out of the ordinary.

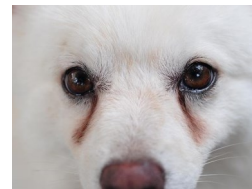
A more current article by Adrienne Kruzer, 2021, (<https://www.thesprucepets.com/eye-boogers-in-dogs-5191293>) identifies dog eye gunk as “*rheum*” which she defines as a mixture of tears, mucous, and dead skin cells that can be clear, white, yellow, red, dark brown, or black in color. Consistent with the Petguide article, small amounts are considered normal, however, large amounts or colors indicative of pus such as green or yellow are indicative of an eye problem.

Abnormal eye gunk may be a symptom of any of the following eye disorders which require immediate veterinary evaluation and care:

- ✓ Allergies
- ✓ Blocked Tear Ducts
- ✓ Dry Eye
- ✓ Conjunctivitis
- ✓ Eye Injury
- ✓ Glaucoma
- ✓ Tumor

Ruling out foreign debri is a reasonable approach to a first line home examination. Start by opening your dog’s eyes wide using your fingers to hold his/her top and lower lids open with good lighting to detect any signs of hair, lint, or other foreign bodies in the eye. If possible, you may want to try and remove the debri via flushing with a buffered saline eye wash developed specifically

for dog’s eyes. (See product list below.) You may also want to try trimming and cleaning the hair around your dog’s eyes to reduce further irritation.



If you are not comfortable with executing these types of interventions and/or you are concerned of a more serious eye condition, consult with your veterinarian immediately. Your veterinarian will examine the pink, fleshy part around your dog’s eye called the conjunctiva. Inflamed conjunctiva is indicative of an eye infection and will require antibiotic eye medication prescribed by your veterinarian.

Not only will your veterinarian check for eye infection, injuries, and foreign bodies, they will likely rule out blocked tear ducts which requires giving your dog a tear test to determine if they are producing sufficient tears. Some breeds are more susceptible to blocked tear ducts and according to “thesprucepets” other underpinnings can include allergens, debri, and tumor. Tear ducts are tiny pathways through which tears leave the eyes. If these little tubes become blocked, excessive eye boogers can result and treatment begins by flushing the tear ducts—a procedure conducted by your veterinarian.

More concerning problems include ruling out tumors and glaucoma. Glaucoma is diagnosed by measuring eye pressure and elevated pressures are extremely painful. Although glaucoma can cause excessive eye discharge it is not always evident. Veterinary examination is necessary to rule out this disorder.

These are some of the highest rated over-the-counter eye products on Amazon for developing a canine eye care hygiene program. However, BE SURE TO CONSULT with your veterinarian before starting or using any product in your dog’s precious eyes!



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