

# Richland Kennel Club



**WAGG'N TAIL**

**Newsletter**

**February, 2022**

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## Mark Your Calendar

<p><b>All Member General Meetings</b></p> <p>****</p> <p><b>February 3</b></p> <p>7PM</p> <p>This will be another Zoom Meeting.</p>	<p><b>Board of Directors Meetings</b></p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>February 17</b></p> <p>7:00PM</p> <p>Zoom Meeting</p>	<p><b>Handling Class</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, 7:30PM</b></p> <p><i>A message from Laurie Weed, Handling Class Coordinator.</i></p> <p>We will be at 4Paws Dog Works until March 30, 2022. We have a club table at the building for us to use. A posting will go out by 5pm if class has to be canceled due to weather/road conditions. <b>Please contact me if you are interested in being an instructor.</b></p> <p>Feb 2 Rose Davis Feb 9 Cindi McInturf Feb 16 Stacy Davis Feb 23 Kim and Bruce Glenn</p>	<p><b>2022 RKC DUES</b></p> <p><b>LAST CHANCE!!!</b></p> <p>Don't risk losing your membership!</p> <p><b>Please print, complete, &amp; mail the DUES FORM (See page 6)</b></p> <p>with your check to:</p> <p>Richland Kennel Club PO BOX 386 Richland, WA 99352</p> <p>*DUES FORM also includes instructions if paying by PayPal.</p>	<p><b>May 7th, 2022</b></p> <p><b>Richland Kennel Club</b></p> <p><b>Fast Cat &amp; Sanctioned B Match</b></p> <p><i>A message from Cindi McInturf, Event Coordinator.</i></p> <p>We are working on the layout and volunteers and will update when we have more information.</p> <p><b>(See page 5)</b></p> <p>For more information about these events and how you, your friends, and neighbors can participate!</p>
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## EDITOR'S CORNER

A very special thank you to this month's contributing Newsletter writers, **Nancy Eby** and **Cindi McInturf**. If you have an article or information you would like to share please email me at [jkusich2014@gmail.com](mailto:jkusich2014@gmail.com).

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and what better time to tell your honey how much you love them. I've had many folks tell me they don't celebrate cliché holidays and downright protest falling into the clutches of card stores and florist shops on February 14th. Having done plenty of couple's therapy over the course of my career I say phooey to that negativity! Unless you are that rare person who actually brings home "flowers for no reason" and still places love notes on your honey's pillow after 20 years, you definitely need Valentine's Day motivation. Plus, I've never met a woman yet who rejects a token of affection on Valentine's Day. So be smart, nurture your relationship, and say I LOVE YOU with style and authenticity.



Of course, not everyone has a special honey in their life, so thank goodness we have our beloved four-legged's that provide us with plenty of Valentine love and heartwarming moments all year long. Nancy Eby captures this beautifully in her authorship of "**Puppies!**" where she shares her genuine experiences with whelping that will not only melt your heart but also make you laugh. Happy reading and Happy Valentine's Day!



### Puppies!

By Nancy Eby

"Nothing quite matches the fascination of bringing new life into the world and watching it grow up."

After whelping a large number of litters for both myself and others, I confess to being somewhat dubious of such high flown statements. Somehow there is a sizable gap between what the books say and reality. According to most of the information available, everything, including the prospective mother, is of secondary importance to providing a suitable whelping box for the event. I'm fairly certain somewhere there is a PhD. thesis on whelping boxes.

Being a believer in the printed word, we've built them. Square, rectangular, oblong, four-sided, three-sided. You name it, we've built it. About the time the current Mother-To-Be begins to resemble the Goodyear blimp, we set to work. Actual construction was always preceded by my husband's question "What happened to the last one we built?". After several hours of sawing, hammering and really strong language, all is in readiness.

The books suggest she be gradually introduced, by being allowed to sleep in the box, to accustom her to her new surroundings. Madame has not read the book. Not only does she flatly refuse to get into the box, she beats a hasty retreat to her crummy blanket, in her favorite spot in the kitchen. So much for books and your good intentions. I'll never understand why every male I have had has a penchant for whelping boxes. Without hesitation they rush into it and curl up, perfectly content until forcibly ejected. Meanwhile Madame Queen is still clinging to her crummy blanket. There are two schools of thought on where this event will take place – yours and hers.

Don't be misled by her nonchalant attitude, she's picked her spot. No matter how often you prod and shove her into THAT box, she is equally determined that no offspring of hers will ever be born in that monstrosity! Remember, she has the jump on you. When the time comes, unlike humans, you cannot strap her to the delivery table. As the Great Day approaches, she begins to roll out her big guns. To assure a proper state of grogginess in you, she will have several false alarms. She will sleep soundly all day, then promptly, at your bedtime, she begins to show all the proper symptoms of imminent birth. Just as promptly as they appear, they disappear with dawns early light. Madame Queen returns to her blanket to sleep soundly, while you begin your daily routine. Two or three nights of this and you don't care if she whelps on the roof, just get it done!

True to form, Madame Queen went into her act on Thanksgiving Day. I sat in the whelping box, herself, stared defiantly at me from across the room. After a test of wills, Madame slid behind the chair and showed me how it was done. Only after six fat, healthy puppies were born was I permitted to leave the whelping box. That's class!

At the opposite end of the spectrum was a real know-it-all. She was the kennel ramrod. Every day she marched the length of the kennel reviewing the troops. No one ever dared question her authority. She submitted reluctantly to being bred, confident that she could think her way out of it if she decided it wasn't to her liking. When she finally realized she was on a one-way street, she whelped early, deciding to make it as unpleasant as possible. Christmas day was her witching hour. In the midst of dinner preparations, Miss-Know-It-All now begins her act. Pausing in her pacing, she deposits a puppy on the kitchen floor and casually strolls away. She is better than an egg-laying machine. While I am frantically doing all the necessary things, SHE sits comfortably, eyeing me with her knowing expression. "It was YOUR idea, now deal with it!". Hours later, bone-tired and hungry, the last puppy clean, warmed and fed, she curls up and gives me one last knowing look as she settles down to motherhood.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
NEW CLUB BUSINESS  
MARK EBY**

Happy Valentine's Day RKC members! May your February 14th be a day of feeling special and knowing that you are an appreciated club member.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, we thank each and every one of you for renewing your RKC membership and if you haven't yet done so, we encourage you to continue your support of our club in 2022.

Membership gives you access to our annual celebration events, club meetings, volunteer activities (with exciting new events i.e., FAST CAT coming in 2022), and readership of our RKC Newsletter.

If you have club questions, ideas, or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!

- Mark

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR REQUEST**



**DOG PHOTOS!!!**

Starting with the March, 2022, RKC Newsletter edition, your Editor would like to begin showcasing photos of our club member's beloved fur kids. What better way to share with one another the beautiful dogs we own, breed, compete with, play with, and love! PLEASE send me at least one photo (or up to five) of your favorite fur kid photos having fun, looking beautiful, being darling, demonstrating their expressiveness, or just hanging out.

Photos will be used to accompany stories, articles, or possibly be featured as the "*Member Dog of the Month*" if enough photos are received.

Send to:  
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**YOUR DOG'S PHOTO  
MAY BE IN THE NEXT  
EDITION!!**



**THE BRAG BOX**



**Congratulations Essardi Heavens's On Fire CGC!** On Thursday, at the Rose City Dog Show, Essardi Heaven's On Fire CGC went Winners Bitch for a 4 point major from the Bred By Exhibitor class, giving her her second major and her champion title, pending AKC approval. - **Rose Davis.**



**Congratulations Stolz Sassy Cindy V Syringa!** December 10 to 12 there were a couple of shows in Ridgefield Washington. We registered for the Dachshund Special on December 10 and although there were three all-breed shows (December 10, 11, and 12) we only registered for the show on December 11. While we did not get any points for the special, we did get



our final major on December 11. **Stolz Sassy Cindy V Syringa is now a Champion!** The judge was so thrilled when we told her at the picture taking. I think it was the first time anyone actually told her that the dog/bitch she was taking a picture

with was a new champion as a result of her award. - **Stacy Davis.**

**Congratulations White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper -Nosi!** 4 point major Best of Breed under Judge David R. Miller at the Rose City Classic in Portland, Oregon. Nosi also picked up Owner Handled Series points with Terrier Group 4, Terrier Group 3, and another Terrier Group 3 on Friday, January 21st. - **Janice Kusch.**



## INCREASES IN DOG SHOW CRIME — A MUST READ!

As dog show season gets under-way for 2022, I thought I would share some issues that came to our attention at the Rose City Classic in Portland Oregon. Myself and a few other club members attended the Portland show and we saw a lot of homeless camps and garbage throughout the neighborhood of the expo center. The amount of trash and filth was much worse than I had ever seen in past shows for the area. I go to Portland every year and for the last 10 years it has become worse and it's bad—kinda sad really. I love this show.

The dog show and its vendors have been one of my favorites, but I must say, I really will think hard about whether to go next year. We heard and talked to a number of people who had real trouble attending this year's show. Although we all understand that things can go wrong, and they sometimes do, this year seemed exceptionally bad. Two people's cars had been broken into with all their show stuff robbed at the host hotel. In addition, we heard of two more stories from vendors who had their vans broken into and items taken. We saw a very intoxicated man at the grooming building doors, leaned up against the building, and talking jibberish. Not only did he scare some people, but a homeless looking lady was going through the trash bins making a mess of the parking lot. When we were ready to check out of our hotel, we went downstairs and talked to the front desk about break-in's at the hotel and the front desk lady said nothing has happened in the last couple of weeks. This was due to the hotel having added more lighting outside, more cameras, and more hired security officers at night to combat the increase in crime. Prior to those changes, she said car break-in's were a weekly occurrence. Well at least this hotel had made some improvements for the issue, but she also expressed another concern about people breaking into empty rooms for a place to sleep which has been a very alarming problem for the cleaning staff. So just a reminder....do not leave stuff in your cars (**or your dogs in your cars**) as we head out for another show season. You never know what can happen, and things really happened at the Portland show!

- Cindi McInturf

## Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes January 6, 2021 (via Zoom)

**Called to order:** By Pres. Mark Eby at 7:35 PM

**Roll Call:** 18 members 1 guest

**Minutes:** Motion to approve as published by Cindi McInturf  
Second : Rose Davis Carried



**President Report :** Mark Eby offered RKC's thanks to Cindi for organizing the very nice Christmas Party

**Secretary Report:** Only correspondence was due remittances & a receipt for 2022 PO Box rental.

**Treasurer Report:** Accounts have been moved to Gesa. Dues are coming in. There was a discussion about PayPal security.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Show:** Application for May Match is filed. An ad for the match will be created. Waiting for response from CBTC regarding Rally availability for Fri of the show weekend.

**Handling Class:** This Wed class was canceled due to weather. Next week's time will be 7:30.

**Membership:** First reading for the Dotta Family.

**Judges:** We will be sharing judges with 5 Specialities

**Unfinished Business:** The proposed By-Laws will be reviewed by Chris Abraham & Mark Eby

**New Business** RKC meetings will be by Zoom until we can meet outdoors. CoVid restrictions for outside events was discussed.

**Motion to adjourn** by Mark Glaman Second Jan Kusch Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Valerie Brown**

## Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021 (via Zoom)



Meeting called to order by President Mark Eby at 7:03 PM. In attendance Jamie Harshfield, Teresa Carlon, Jan Kusch, Chris Abraham, and Nancy Eby.

Jan moved, Jamie seconded and the motion passed to except the minutes from the last Board Meeting as published in the Newsletter.

No Secretary Report.

No Treasurer Report other than the RKC banking is now at GESA.

Reading for Dan Dotta membership. Moved, seconded and passed that the membership application be sent to the general membership for the second reading and vote.

Discussion held related to updating the membership application and renewal forms. Talked about a members only section on the RKC website and control of media files.

An adjournment motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Jan, and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM

## Fast Cat & Sanctioned B Match will be held on May 7th, 2022 in Tri-Cities

### FAST CAT:

Well, you no longer have to wonder how fast your dog can run. Fast CAT® – which stands for Coursing Ability Test – is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs run one at a time, chasing a lure. It's over before you know it — and it's nothing short of awe-inspiring to watch your dog run at top speed, ears back, eyes focused, legs strong. 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."

### Sanctioned B Match:

A sanctioned B match is an informal event at which neither Championship points nor credit towards any title can be awarded, they are events at which dog clubs, judges, stewards and exhibitors and their dogs gain experience for the breed ring, and licensing for upcoming new clubs. Sanctioned matches are great for brand new puppies to gain positive experience and prepare them for upcoming show careers in what ever sport you choose to follow. We will be offering a 4-6 puppy and regular puppy classes and for dogs the open class, you can not enter any dog that is a champion, we will be offering prizes. We will have entry sheets available at the match location and no advertising may be done until we get approved for both the fast cat and the Sanctioned Match from AKC..any questions on fast cat please contact Stacey Davis or for the match contact

-Cindi McInturf

## CANINE HEALTH & CARE

### Annual Health Check-Up Time

Article Review by Janice Kusch

#### Resources include:

PawPrint Magazine Special Edition; Easier Vet Visits: Simple steps to make doctor's appointments more pleasant for you and you're your animal. Juno Demelo. Page 88.

Just like humans, it is recommended to schedule your dog for an annual health check up with their veterinarian. If your dog is anything like mine, the minute they smell the outside of the clinic or the smell of the waiting room inside, the trembling begins. Dogs have a keen memory for the sting of

a shot and the discomfort of a rectal thermometer. So, here's a few tips for easing your dog's anxiety at their next veterinary visit.

- Coordinate the scheduling of your dog's annual physical with required immunizations to reduce number of visits and increase efficiency.
- Write down concerns or questions you have about changes in your dog's health and/or behavior since their last visit.
- Do your research. Look up symptoms or concerns in advance and have solid questions ready to pose. Veterinarians are well trained professionals who will take a greater interest in your dog's health when they see that you have knowledge and serious interest in your dog's health.
- Take photos or videos at home of symptoms or behaviors that are of concern and present that information during your visit.
- Be sure to bring medications or medical records from other veterinarians who have seen your dog while on vacation or living at a second residence.
- Use a calming pheromone spray, like Adaptil, to help reduce your dog's anxiety on the way to their appointment. Spray your car, their dog seat, dog carrier, harness, and lead 15 minutes before departure.
- Capitalize on COVID protocols and request staying in your car until your dog is ready to be examined in order to shorten time spent getting anxious in the waiting room.
- Give treats before and after your visit to associate a positive experience for having been cooperative with the veterinarian.



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**Please print out a copy of this form, fill in each of your selections, and include this form with your check.**

Family Membership (\$25.00) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership (\$15.00) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2022 Trophy Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[2022 is our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show; please help us make this our best show ever!]

2022 Junior Showmanship Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed Total Check Amount** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**In accordance with club membership volunteer requirements, I am interested/willing to participate in the following club activities for 2022. (Place a  $\checkmark$  mark for each selection).**

**Tri City Cluster Dog Show**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> RKC Newsletter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds     | <input type="checkbox"/> RKC Handling Class Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewards    | <input type="checkbox"/> RKC Christmas Party      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Match       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |

**Please help us update our membership records:**

Your Membership Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying via **PayPal**, please add an additional **\$3.00** handling charge and include any donation information, volunteer selection(s), and current contact information in the comments section: [RichlandKC386@gmail.com](mailto:RichlandKC386@gmail.com)