

Richland Kennel Club



WAGG'N TAIL
Newsletter
March, 2022

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Mark Your Calendar

All Member General Meetings	Board of Directors Meetings	Handling Class Wednesday, 7:30PM	May 7th, 2022 Richland Kennel Club Fast Cat & Sanctioned B Match
**** March 3 7PM This will be another Zoom Meeting.	***** March 24 7:00PM Zoom Meeting	Handling class will continue at 4Paws Dog Works until March 30, 2022. We have class instructors identified for each week in March but could really use some help for April. Please contact Laurie Weed if you are available for any upcoming Wednesday in April. Wildsageshelties@hotmail.com Also, please note time and location will be changing in April. Starting in April, class will be outdoors again right behind the Richland Community Center at Howard Amon Park. Class time will start at 6:30PM then move to 7:00PM on April 20th as the days get longer.	For more information on this event, including ways you can support it, or participate, please contact Cindi McInturf, Event Coordinator. knock_knock_31@yahoo.com
April 7 7PM	April 21 7PM	March 2 March 9 March 16 March 23 March 30	



EDITOR'S CORNER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEW CLUB BUSINESS MARK EBY

Most people think of March Madness as the month to watch exciting basketball play-offs. Of course, living in Eastern Washington with our local Gonzaga team, playoffs are even more exciting. The Zags are looking awesome again this year and what a record they hold having been conference regular season champions 25 times and conference tournament champions 17 times—pretty darn amazing!



Indeed the games will be on at our house but unfortunately March Madness doesn't only include sneakers and fun. It actually marks the kick-off of another really important event—Annual Spring House Cleaning! Yes, indeed, the Annual Spring House Cleaning tradition dates back generations on my mom's side and continues to be alive and well at our house too. I enjoy referring to it as March Madness because it so nicely captures the spirit of digging into the many horrible jobs that have been avoided all year and having to work for days on end until your arms and hands feel like they are going to fall off. Certainly not sexy or fun like watching athletes maneuver on the court or the cheer team doing cool moves, but a definite necessity when you own dogs. Four dirty little feet times three reek havoc on the floors, carpet, and furniture. But, if you're not into Spring house cleaning and you prefer to watch Drew Timme shoot a hoop from center court, please consider sending a little pity as the Bissell Pet Pro has a lot of carpet court to cover this year. Check out page 5 for a few canine cleaning tips in this month's Canine Health section.

If my writing doesn't make you chuckle, this cartoon submitted



by Nancy Eby surely will.

Please send me your best funny for next month's RKC Newsletter!

"Public drinking fountains with complimentary splash guards. ... Is this a great country or what?!"

March 1 is Mardi Gras or "Fat Tuesday" and although it is a day rich with many customs, I would like to point out its association with marking the beginning of Spring. Weather in the Tri-Cities is warming up, the trees are starting to bud, and the days are getting longer.



As a result, we can soon look forward to re-establishing our RKC General Meetings outdoors at Howard Amon Park. A big aspect of what makes our club so special is its wonderful fellowship and I truly look forward to connecting with each of you in person again. In the meantime, I want to thank our club members for their excellent participation in our Zoom General meetings. Because of your commitment, we have been able to continue making excellent progress in moving club business forward.

- Mark

YOUR DOG'S PHOTO PLEASE

RKC Dog of the Month!!



Each month let's showcase our club's beloved dogs!!

PLEASE send me at least one photo (or up to five) of your dog or dogs doing whatever it is that makes you laugh, feel proud, or melt your heart. They don't have to be fancy! Fun, casual and taken on the fly!

Let's share adorable pictures of our dogs and spread some dog joy!

I WANT TO PUT YOUR DOG'S PHOTO IN THE NEXT EDITION!!

Send to: jkus2014@gmail.com

THE BRAG BOX



Greg Lehman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

Go Team Therapy Dogs' Lucinda Bersano poses with therapy dogs Bono, left, and Harper, Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022.

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1C Study: Super-sizing sturgeon in Hells Canyon

1D Bridging the gap: An update on CP levy funds

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WE BRING THE VALLEY TO YOU

DOGS

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Santa Barbara Counties, California, in 2017.

"We went to the Ventura Fairgrounds (where the fire camp was setup) with our dogs," Bersano said. "The firefighters coming off the lines and resting would pet them and talk to them."

Bersano said later, during the fire, her dogs got closer to the flames.

"My husband took the dogs up to the front lines," she said. "The firefighters on the front line were able to spend time with them then. There were firefighters from all over the country fighting this fire."

The dogs have also trained for and have served in other crises, Bersano said.

"There was a shooting at high school, so we took the dogs there," she said.

Bono and Harper have gone to colleges to visit with students wanting to de-stress during finals week.

"For freshman, their first time away from home, it's nice to help them try to adjust," Bersano said. "So we would just bring the dogs



Lucinda Bersano, courtesy

Harper and a firefighter recently.

PUP PICK-ME-UP

New resident brings her therapy dogs to the Valley

Bono and Harper, two Portuguese water dogs, have experience bringing comfort to those in crisis

JEREMY BURNHAM
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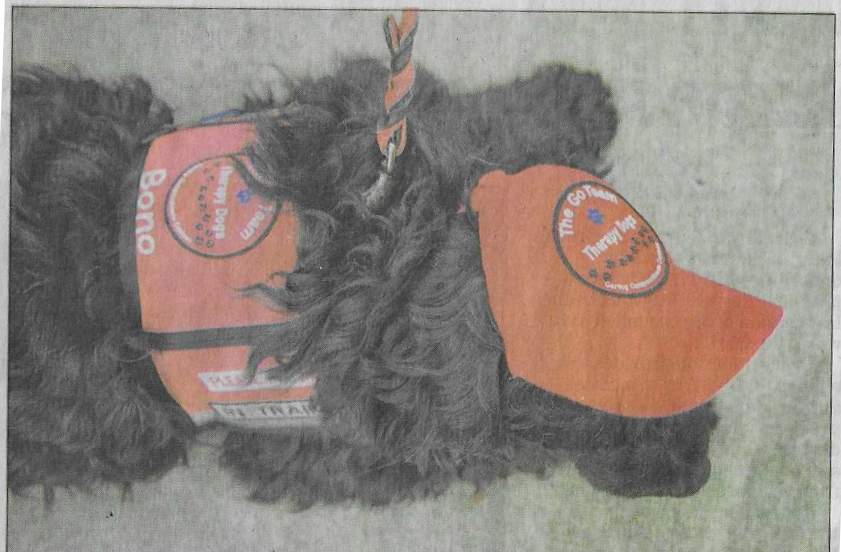
When wildfire season hits the Walla Walla Valley this summer, two local dogs will be available to provide comfort and therapy to firefighters.

Bono and Harper, two Portuguese water dogs, are trained and certified by Go Team Therapy, Crisis and Airport Dogs, an organization based in Colorado.

Bono and Harper belong to Lucinda Bersano, who recently moved to Walla Walla with her dogs from California.

When Bersano lived in California, she trained the canines to be therapy and crisis dogs.

Bono and Harper aided firefighters as they fought the Thomas Fire in Ventura and



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Go Team therapy dog Bono models his uniform vest and hat, Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022.

and have them sit there, and the kids could visit with them."

Bersano said Go Team is not a business and that she doesn't get paid for the dogs' services.

When she moved to Walla Walla in 2020, she wanted

to keep working with Go Team, and she learned they have a branch in the Tri-Cities. Bersano hopes to get her dogs involved in her new community and make connections that will allow her to put the dogs to work. Any group, organization

or others who could use the services of Bono and Harper can contact Bersano at lucinda.bersano@gmail.com.

• Jeremy Burnham can be reached at jeremyburnham@wwub.com or 509-526-8321.

MORE AWESOME BRAGS!



Congratulations Catherine Stewart and Lucinda Bersano!

San Fernando Kennel Club,
Saturday, January 29, 2022.

GCH Freestyle Jazzed Up
Tonight CGC received a
Working Group 1.

Luke Baggenstos Handler
Judge Donelle Richards.

*******Don't forget to send
the Editor your brags for
the April RKC edition!!**



Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022 (via Zoom)

Called to order: By Pres. Mark Eby at 7:05 PM

Roll Call: 22 members 1 guest

Minutes: Motion to approve as published by Stacey Davis
Second : Linda Riedel Carried

President Report : Nothing new to report.

Secretary Report: Only correspondence was dues remittances, Tab renewal for the trailer & WSU Endowment report. A list of volunteers from membership renewal form is being compiled

Treasurer Report: Dues are coming in. Report of accounts. Remittance from Handling class.

Committee Reports:

Show: Stacey is compiling an inventory of supplies in the trailer. RKC has opted out of the Canine Partners for JS pilot program. We have a commitment for a coffee truck for our show dates. The May Match has been approved & flyers are made.

Handling Class: Classes are going well with good attendance

Membership: Second reading for the Dotta Family. Unanimously approved by membership. Motion to approve membership by Mark Glaman Second Stacey Davis. Carried.

Unfinished Business: The copy of proposed By-Laws has been sent to Chris. Next step to be reviewed by membership. The date to clear out the WWKC trailer is set for 2/21. Volunteers are needed.

New Business Entry fees for the match will be \$5. Rylee Carlon will judge JS.

Motion to adjourn by Mark Glaman Second Stacey Davis Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Brown.

Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes February 17, 2022 (via Zoom)



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

Present: Mark Eby, Valerie Brown, Linda Riedel, Jamie Harshfield, Teresa Carlon Stacey Davis.

Delegate: Chris Abraham. Guests: Cindi McInturf, Lucinda Bersano.

Minutes approved as published. Moved Stacey Davis, Second Jamie Harshfield Carried.

Secretary Report: Correspondence, Trailer Tabs received The Membership roster is being compiled with Nancy Eby.

Treasurer's Report : Paid City of Kennewick \$1300 for the grounds for the May events & Dog Show. Collected \$240 in dues but more is coming in. There is \$8500 in checking & the balances in the Money Market & E Jones accounts have remained the same.

Show Chairman's Report: We have an appointment with the Park to do a virtual walk thru for the May Events. The flyers & posters for the May events are ready. The WWKC trailer is cleared out. There are ring gates, long tables, grooming tables & an 8 X 8 pen. Will decide what they want to sell or donate.

Judges Selection: Linda is still working on 2022's panel. She is deciding about the host hotel. Panera will do the catering.

Handling Class: Thanks to Laurie Weed for running the well attended class at 4Paws.

Match: Need to check on the available ribbons. We are trying to encourage more Juniors to enter.

Unfinished Business: Teresa asked for comments about the new Membership Application & Renewal form. She will resend the proposed forms for the board to review.

New Business: We have a couple of new Food Vendors for the show; a Coffee Truck & Kettle Korn.

Next Meetings: General March 3 (Zoom) BoD March 24

General April 7, BoD April 21

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Moved Linda Riedel Second Jamie Harshfield Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Brown.

The Battle With Dog Hair

Article Review by Janice Kusch

Resources include:

American Lung Association website. Article “Pet Dander.” <https://www.lung.org/clean-air/at-home/indoor-air-pollutants/pet-dander>, online article, page updated February 8, 2022.

Annual Spring Cleaning is a great opportunity to reduce dog hair and dander in your home which are a source of irritants to our lungs. In fact, regular and thorough dusting, vacuuming, carpet, and bedding cleaning are all good habits to maintain routinely in order to reduce the potential for allergic reactions to our pets.

Although some pet owners can build some tolerance to their dog’s dander over time, guests coming to your home cannot which results in discomfort and sometimes a reduction in the amount of time spent with family and friends.



According to the American Lung Association and their on-line article, “Pet Dander,” the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology has found that almost 62% of all households in the U.S. have pets, with over 161 million of those pets being cats and dogs. That’s a pretty staggering number!

Other pets that make up that 62% include reptiles, amphibians and fish, which obviously don’t shed but then there are homes with guinea pigs, rabbits, and hamsters which can also be culprits for allergies due to their shedding of dead skin cells just like dogs and cats.

Skin shedding is called “dander” which is a major underpinning to allergic reactions; however, allergies can also be triggered by proteins that are found in pet saliva, urine, and feces. What is particularly interesting, is that pet dander and other pet allergens can “linger in the air” and for longer periods of time than other allergens. What!! Why would that be? According to American Lung Association pet allergens are not only microscopic in size but they are also “jagged in shape” which means they can easily stick to fabrics. Yuck.....

So, if pet dander is really super tiny can it really pack that big of a punch? It sure can particularly, if you already suffer with asthma or other respiratory diseases. Symptoms can include a runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, itchy or watery eyes, shortness of breath, and/or trigger an asthma attack.

Keeping your pet clean, your home clean, and creating pet free zones are all ways to combat pet dander. There are

medications that can be used such as antihistamines and decongestants and in severe cases, corticosteroids or leukotriene. The American Lung Association recommends talking to an allergist and getting an allergy test as the best means for developing a treatment plan.

Personally, I have not found a magic bullet for easily getting dog hair out of soft fabric blankets, furniture, or clothing. But.... Here a few products that may improve your battle with dog hair. Please note, I do not endorse any of these products nor do I receive reimbursements, monies, or gifts from these companies. Just simply sharing some on-line research to possibly help us all in our battle with dog hair.

Would love to hear more tips, strategies, and/or merchandise ideas from our RKC members. Please share your wisdom! Send to the RKC Editor at jkusch2014@gmail.com.

1. Half a cup of white vinegar added to the rinse cycle of your wash—acts as a natural fabric softener which helps to release stuck on dog hair.
2. Add laundry dryer sheets to your load (i.e., 3x Bounce Pet Hair & Lint Guard) which reduces static and allows pet hair to come off your clothes and collect in the lint trap.
3. Non-toxic, reusable dryer balls that can be used in the washer and dryer but are more designed for catching long hair. Find them on Amazon—pack of 12—approximately \$10.
4. Fur Zapper—add to washer and dryer. \$10.99 on Chewy—3 star rating.
5. Allerpet dog dander remover (12 oz) bottle for \$9.95 found on Chewy. 4.5 star rating.
6. HEPA Air purifiers can be found on Amazon. Large range anywhere from approximately \$100 to \$900. Different ratings and different room sizes they handle
7. Bissell Pet Pro Cross Wave. Multi surface wet dry vac. Over \$400 with earlier models starting at just over \$200.



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