

# Richland Kennel Club



**WAGG'N TAIL**


**Newsletter**

**July, 2022**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

<p><b>All Member General Meeting</b></p> <p>****</p> <p>Howard Amon Park <b>July 7 @ 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>Board of Directors Meeting</b></p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>July 21 7PM</b></p> <p>Mark Eby's home</p>	<p><b>Handling Class</b></p> <p><b>Suspended for the month of July</b></p> <p><b>&amp; will return in August!</b></p> <p>Located behind Richland Community Center, at 500 Amon Park Dr, Richland, - south end of the park next to Hampton Inn. August maybe a question mark for holding class as temperatures of 90+, strong wind, dust storms and/or thunderstorms are all causes for a cancellation. Be sure to check the RKC Facebook page for potential class closures or contact Laurie Weed at-wildsageshelties@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>Tri-City Cluster Dog Shows</b></p> <p><b>September 29—October 2, 2022</b></p>  <p><b>75TH ANNIVERSARY</b> Richland Kennel Club</p>
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## EDITOR'S CORNER



Celebrating the 4th of July is an American tradition filled with fun, family, friends, great food, warm sunny weather, and fireworks. It is an important day of remembrance for our nation's forefathers and the many Americans who lost their lives to gain America's freedom from Great Britain. Moreover, Independence Day reminds us of the very principals and ideas that our country was built on – liberty, freedom and opportunity. May these principals continue to guide us and be the foundation that our nation continues to grow from. Wishing you all a safe and wonderful 4th of July!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEW CLUB BUSINESS



This year we have prioritized review of our Richland Kennel Club's Constitution and By-Laws in order to provide an up-to-date and fully aligned set of documents for the AKC. This process

has aimed not only to update, but to expand, clarify, and revise language needed to accurately reflect current club business and demonstrate our consistency in meeting all of the AKC requirements for club organization. Although this project has taken significant time, I am grateful for the support of our Board of Directors in helping to move this process forward and I am particularly grateful for everyone's patience and support as we work together to ensure our club's continued growth and success.

Happy 4th of July Richland Kennel Club members!

~Mark Eby

## CARING THOUGHTS

Please keep Chris Abraham in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to heal from a significant health complication incurred earlier this Summer.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Calvin & Sharon Dykes  
Stacia Gunderson  
Jamie Eggleston  
Becky England

## TRI-CITY CLUSTER 2022

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Please contact Lucinda Bersano or Stacy Davis for volunteer opportunities for our upcoming Tri-City Cluster Dog Shows, September 29—October 2, 2022

We are particularly in need of Ring Stewards and volunteers for the FAST CAT.

If you have never volunteered for a dog show this is the time to do it!! WE NEED YOUR HELP to make our 75th Anniversary dog show the best ever.

What better way to have a whole lot of fun and fulfill your club membership commitment to support club activities! If you are unfamiliar with dog show volunteer positions, information and training will be provided.



## THE BRAG BOX



**Rylee Carlon:** April 24, 2022 - Lewis-Clark Kennel Club dog show, AKC/ASCA CH Kiji A Star Is Born TKN "Bradley" took BOB/BOBOH and earned his Grand Champion title this weekend. Our sweet little girl Limelite Afterglow Disco Inferno "Fern" took WB and BOS of Bradley same show. Fern earned her first couple of points and this is a moment we won't soon forget.

**Alyssa Paxton:** LimeLife's Master Key "KeyKey" showed in Lewiston on Monday and took BOB from the classes, then went on to get a Group 4.

**Lucinda Bersano:** GCHB Freestyle Jazzed Up tonight took a Group 4 in Lewiston and Ashford's Sweetwater Taffy took a Group 4 in Coeur d'Alene. Jazzed passed Go Team Therapy Crisis and Airport Dogs.

**Linda Riedel:** BIS, BISS GCH Ramblewood Time In A Bottle took BIS at the first show on the Montana circuit. "Emmy" 4 point Major, CH "Jack" High In Trial Combined Obedience.

**Beck Davis:** Caldwell, ID, Mastiff Group 1 on Friday, April 8. His group one put him #10 Mastiff in All Breed points. Only his 4<sup>th</sup> show day in 2 years. He is 3 years old. "Nikko" CH Weiler's Sharp Dressed Man At River Valley CGC.



**Janice Kusch:** GCHB CH White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper "Nosi" made the breed cut at the 146<sup>th</sup> Westminster Kennel Club dog show and continues to be the #1 Owner Handled Norwich Terrier as well as #6 in All-Breed.



Although not affiliated with RKC, we extend a hearty Congratulations to

**"Trumpet!"** - The very first Bloodhound to receive the distinguished Best In Show win at Westminster. GCHB CH Flessner's Toot My Own Horn. Bred and owned by Heather Helmer. Photo credit J Grassa for WKC. (edited/resized for RKC July, 2022 news-



**Cindi McInturf:** Congratulations on her new 12 week old German Shepherd puppy who is 16 weeks now!

Introducing Silhouette's My Heart Is On The Rebound at Vada-ra..aka "Ricochet." Ricochet is currently doing star puppy class. Also, Cindi's "Rush" earned his Excellent title and his Handler Discrimination title at the AKC Scentwork trial in Mt. Vernon, Washington. At the 4-Paws Nosework Trial, "Rush" also earned his Master Exterior title leveling him up to Elite!



## NEWSLETTER EDITOR



**Seeking a new Volunteer RKC Newsletter Editor to start January 1, 2023!!!**

Please contact Mark Eby, RKC President, at [markebykc@gmail.com](mailto:markebykc@gmail.com) or Janice Kusch, Newsletter Editor, at [jkusch2014@gmail.com](mailto:jkusch2014@gmail.com) if you are interested in this very rewarding opportunity.

Creating and writing the RKC Newsletter is a great way to make new friends, develop writing and publishing skills, and fulfill your membership commitment to support the club!



## RKC 75TH ANNIVERSARY GEAR

**Don't forget to purchase your commemorative Richland Kennel Club 75th Anniversary t-shirt!!!!**



Email Stacey Davis at [obailee@aol.com](mailto:obailee@aol.com).

**T-shirts \$15.00**

**Long Sleeved shirts \$25.00**

**Sweat Shirts \$30.00**

Opportunities are still available for making a **trophy donation for your breed**. Trophies for individual breeds will be at your discretion. If you wish, we will have the Tri-Cities cluster coffee mugs available for \$20 each. Anyone who wants to donate a trophy for their breed please contact Nancy Eby (509) 851-2403, [nancyleby@gmail.com](mailto:nancyleby@gmail.com)

## Richland Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes

### Richland Kennel Club General Meeting June 2, 2022

(Meeting was preceded by a Pizza party at 6:30 PM)

**Called to order:** By Pres. Mark Eby at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call:** 18 members 3 guests

**Brags:** Please send to Jan for inclusion in Newsletter

**Minutes:** Motion to approve as read by Stacy Davis  
Second: Cindi McInturf. Carried

**President Report :** Thanks to all who helped at the Fast CAT & Match.

**Secretary Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report:** Paid Kennewick Parks for show site grounds.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Show:** Will dedicate RKC show to memory of Fred Riedel with a page in the catalog. Will also have a page acknowledging Randy Roberts' retirement. The Groomery will be a corporate sponsor for Fast CAT. Will have banners made for them & Cricket RV . Workers are needed for ring set up, etc on Tuesday & Wednesday before our shows. Workers will receive a Parking pass for all 4 shows.

**Fast CAT:** We are negotiating the cost of the grounds with Kennewick Parks.

**Membership:** First reading of membership applications for Terry Caicedo & Kat Worley. Motion to elect Becky England & Jamie Eggleston as members by Linda Riedel Second: Lucinda Bersano Carried.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Mark reported on the procedure to amend the club's constitution. The process is expected to take about 8 months. Stacy reported on the needed Fast CAT equipment & the proposed shared purchase with WWKC. Motion for RKC to contribute to the purchase of Fast CAT equipment for up to \$3000.00 by Cindi McInturf. Second: Lucinda Bersano .Carried.

**Motion to adjourn** by Cindi McInturf at 7:45 PM  
Second: Lucinda Bersano. Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valerie Brown**

# Richland Kennel Club Board Meeting Minutes



## Richland Kennel Club

### Special Board of Directors Meeting June 16, 2022 at Mark Eby's

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

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

Guests: Nancy Eby,

Minutes approved as published. Moved Stacey Davis,  
Second: Linda Riedel Carried.

**Secretary Report:** Received Club insurance policy.

**Treasurer's Report :** Report on accounts .

**Show Chairman's Report:** Catering, Rally & Vizsla Specialties were discussed. We have found Fast CAT timing equipment & fencing with estimate of \$3900.00. Still need to find the chair.

**Membership:** Applications for Terry Caicido & Kat Worley were read. Motion to send the applications to the membership By Jamie Harshfield Second: Linda Riedel. Carried.

**Meeting Room:** With the new lower rate, we have scheduled a room at the Richland CC for July, September, October & November 22.

**Constitution & By-laws:** Discussed the proposed changes from the 1982 version. Mark will send out the proposal to be reviewed by the board

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM by Linda Riedel Second: Stacey Davis Carried

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Valerie Brown**

## BREAKING AKC NEWS

Thank you Stacey Davis for sharing this exciting news from AKC!

### Modification to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows

At their June 2022 meeting the AKC Delegate body approved changes to Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The changes provide exhibitors more flexibility in transferring an entry between classes that are defined by age.

The changes include:

- Allow transfer between the divisions (if offered) of the Bred-by-Exhibitor class (Puppy/Adult)
- Adds verbiage to specify transfer between the divisions of the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month class
- Adds verbiage to specify transfer between the divisions of the Veterans class
- Inserts language to recognize that transfer between Puppy and Twelve-to-Eighteen Month classes may involve divisions of either
- Adds language for clarity as to when a transfer between classes must be completed at an individual event with multiple days of judging

This change is effective at events occurring on or after July 6, 2022.

### Investing in AKC's Future - Updating the Competition Management System

The AKC has launched a multi-year project to modernize one of its core computer systems called the Competition Management System (CMS). CMS is used to manage a wide variety of information that pertain to AKC sports. This includes event applications and results, club information, judge information, dog placements and titles, owner information and event site information. This is a joint effort between the Sports & Events Department and the Information Technology (IT) Department.

The goals of this multi-year project are to make it easier for clubs to manage their events, support the internal staff in efficiently managing event related processes such as event application and result processing, and enhance reporting capabilities by providing flexible to access and utilize data.

Some of the early deliverables from this effort are -

1. Automated Letters for Companion Events - The automation of standard letters that are mailed to exhibitors related to the processing of results will improve staff efficiency and consistency.
2. Cluster Coordination Report - A report has been developed to assist cluster coordinators in monitoring the status of the applications and judges panels for the events participating in the cluster. Currently the approval status is only communicated to each individual club in the cluster. A premium for the cluster cannot be published until all events in the cluster have been approved.

This report has been tested by a group of cluster coordinators and is now available to assist all cluster coordinators. The Cluster Coordination report can be found at <https://www.apps.akc.org/cluster-coordination/>.

3. Updating the Judge Panel Management (JPM) tool - This tool will allow event secretaries and superintendents to better manage judge panels for a club/cluster. The tool allows users to manage judge panels for multiple events in a cluster at the same time. It will replace the current tool that is limited in managing judging assignments to one judge and one event at a time.

AKC has dedicated a team specifically to work on this project. This team includes members of the Sports & Events staff, an IT project manager, internal and contract developers, a user interface designer, and quality assurance engineers (testing). The CMS Update Project will be on-going for a number of years, with changes being implemented as they are finalized.

## CANINE & OWNER HEALTH CARE

### Managing the Stress of Conformation

Article written by Janice Kusch

Photos Credits Nancy Eby

Today, I received a photo from a friend and colleague who just received her first point on her Norwich Terrier puppy in conformation. The glee, the joy, the excitement was clear and palpable in her photos and discussion. Her sharing her win story jogged memories of my own first show with Nosi in Puyallup, and yes, it really was on the weekend of the 4th of July! The two of us drove to the West side and stayed in a crusty motel and the temperatures were hot. To make matters worse, we listened to fireworks go off most of the night and there was a steady stream of foot traffic on our motel ramp all of which made me very nervous.

Then came the day of the show. Our first time in the ring and I had no idea what we were doing. Sleep deprived and overwhelmed we pushed forward and got our armband number and stood ringside. My nerves were on high alert which made my stomach and head hurt. Thank goodness for the RKC Handling Class practices we did every Wednesday evening and the wonderful RKC volunteers who provided mentorship to us and the opportunity to condition. A HUGE THANK YOU to all our Handling Class Judge Volunteers!!! You all were and continue to be awesome!

The outcome was good that weekend. Nosi received his first puppy class blue ribbons and we were hooked. Looking back at our journey there were a few lessons that that may help new members coming into the sport today. Number 1 is learning to keep calm. The best breeders and owner handlers showing their dog(s) look cool as a cucumber. Even when their dog stalls or goes potty in the ring they don't quiver a bit. Wow! That's the goal because your anxiety really does travel down the leash and when your dog feels your anxiety they simply will not perform as well.

So how do you stay calm? I used a number of strategies. One, aroma therapy. Lavender oil is calming and spraying myself (particularly, my neck and chest) helped a bunch. Two, I sucked on mints—in fact, I still do. Having something to do with my mouth calms me down—kind of like smoking a cigarette only a whole lot more healthy. Three, you have to use positive self talk. Important to tell yourself -"I've got this" "We can do it" "This upset is nothing the judge hasn't seen before."

Last, keeping your nerves under control requires keeping the whole experience in proper perspective. It's a dog show!!! Not surgery, not your daughter's wedding—Just a dog show. Judges have different opinions and dogs have good and bad days.

I absolutely LOVE these photos that Nancy Eby sent me from a show she went to this last Spring. They beautifully highlight a colleague who had the guts to just go, have FUN, and lighten up the dog show experience. Unfortunately, many of us get too caught up in the winning, points, and competition and we forget to have FUN!! I certainly have been in the camp!

So...be sure to engage your positive self-talk, spritz on some lavender, and remember these fun and cute photos of an exhibitor who knows



how to make dog shows a whole lot less stressful!

Good luck everyone!

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